

Sustainability indicators for the coast

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Famous Indicators...

-Body Temperature:

Too high: fever -> body gives a signal

-Viewers of a television program:

Too Low-> cancel the program

Decisions based on significant and scientific correct data: one of the key principles of ICZM











'Recommendation concerning the implementation of Integrated Coastal Zone Management in Europe' - '30 may 2002'

National strategies to implement the principles for integrated management of the coastal zone should include adequate systems for monitoring and disseminating information to the public about their coastal zone. These systems should collect and provide information in appropriate and compatible formats to decision makers at national, regional and local levels to facilitate integrated management.











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Approach in Belgium

Coastal barometer & Coastal Compass





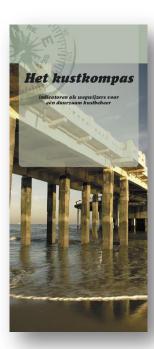


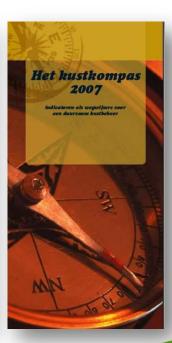












Dutch & English



Goal

- Using data, measurements and indicators as a communication tool
- Stimulate them as management support system
- Distribute the indicators to a broad interested public

Not an evaluation of the coast and the coastal policies



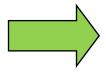








Development process



People involved in development process: +/- 90 persons

- The consultative group on ICZM: 11 participants
- The thematically meetings: 29 participants
- Workshop 1: 26 participants
- Workshop 2: 44 participants

The scientific community

- •Flanders Marine Institute
- •Higher Institute for Labour Studies

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Bottom up approach!

Local authorities

- Environmental development
- Spatial planning
- Servants on mobility

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Nature associations

NGO

Tourism

- Tourism Flanders
- The hotel, restaurant and café sector

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Culture

Heritage

- The harbors
- Trade Union

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Result:

- A list of 20 indicators
- 6 priorities

 The list was just the beginning...
 - Providing the indicators from data
 - Communication tools
 - Factsheets
 - Website
 - Publication













Data and technical factsheets

- Data is preserved in an access database
- Updated every year with the available data
- •Scale of the data: as local as possible: local communities, measurements points
- Presentation in maps, graphs and publications

Technical factsheets: detailed information on each indicator.





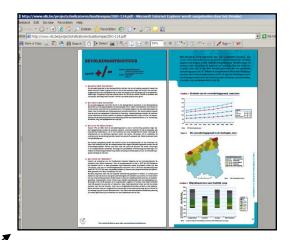


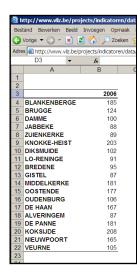




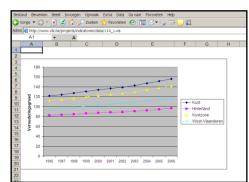
Website: Interactive











Internet site: www.kustbeheer.be/indicatoren
Free access to the data













Impact

Year/period	Estimated average number	Estimated average number
	of unique visitors per month	of unique visitors per day
	(based on 4 pages/visit)	(based on 4 pages/visit)
2006	1781	58,6
2007	1166	38,4
2008 (Jan- Oct)	1306	42,9





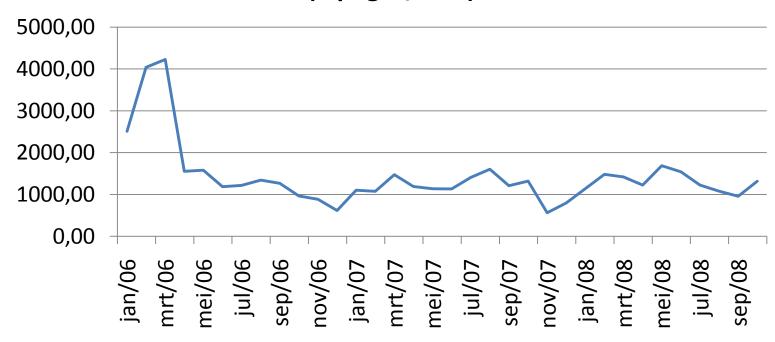






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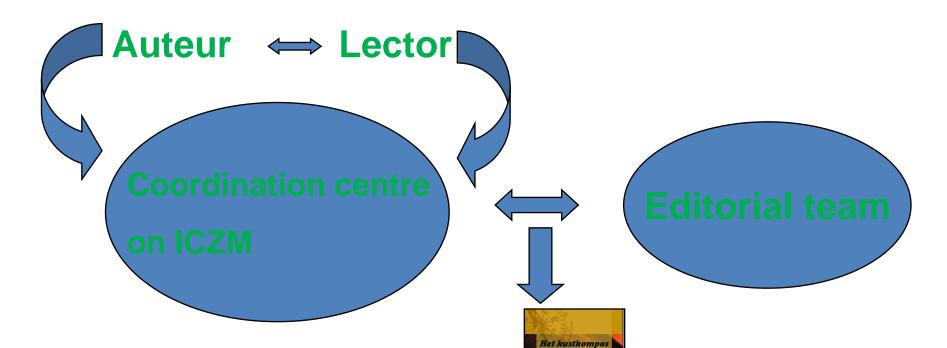








The publication: The coastal compass



Result is work of more then 50 persons: Teamwork!







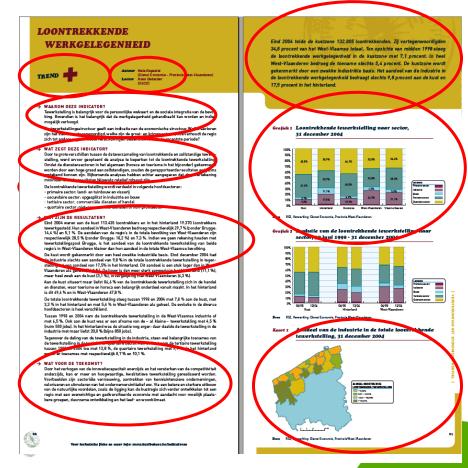






The publication: the composition!

- Each chapter
 - A covering text
 - Where do we want to go?
 - Where are we today?
 - What can we do?
 - 5 indicators
 - Key Message
 - Trend
 - 4 questions
 - Why this indicator
 - What says this indicator
 - What are the results
 - What for the future















-Oplage: -Dutch 1450 (2005+2007)

-English: 300



The publication

- First edition in 2005 Second edition in 2007
- Difference between 2005-2007
 Review of the indicators
 - Review on the working with indicators
 - More attention to local scale
 - More integrated indicators
 - Concrete promoting and use of the indicators
 - Review on the indicators
 - Exclusion of indicators without a meaning
 - Redefining indicators to be closer to standard definitions
 - Extra chapter: Climate change and Coastal defense











Impact

- Widely circulated:
 - Dutch 1450 (2005+2007)
 - English: 300
- Persons present at launch of two coastal compasses
 - 46 politicians (local alderman and mayors, deputies' one federal minister)
 - 167 administrations (local, provincial, Flemish or federal level
- Media attention: All the national papers, news of the big radio-stations and broadcast companies











Impact

- Referred to in several publications such as long term planning for tourism, reports on coastal flood risk and trends for the future in the north sea, courses on sustainable tourism and lectures about ICZM
- 2 official questions to the parliament based on the results of the coastal compass
- Average of 18 questions a year, mostly from different governmental services, asking for specific data











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SAIL: The Southern North Sea

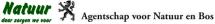
SAIL: Schéma d'Aménagement Intégré du Littoral

SAIL partnerschap





































SAIL: The Southern North Sea

- 7 goals!
- A set of 27 indicators and 45 measurments
- Developed and calculated by Flanders Marine Instituut (VLIZ)
- Selecting of indicators: by team of experts
 - TOP DOWN APPROACH









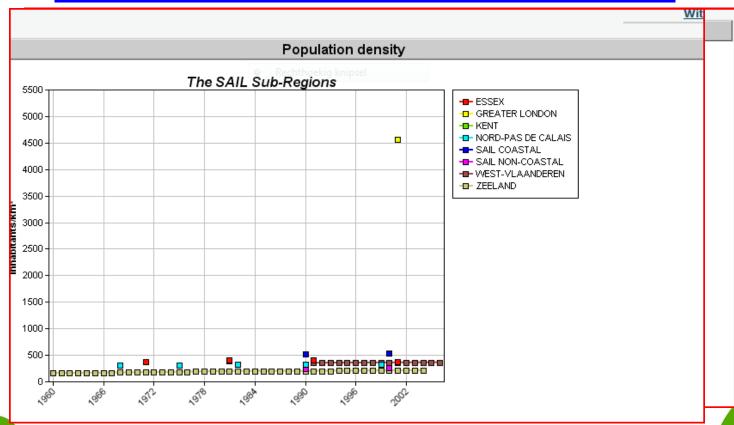


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Outreach

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– http://www.vliz.be/projects/SAIL/db.php











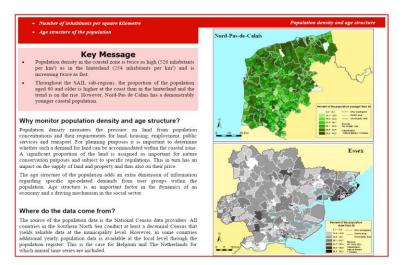


Outreach

Publications: State of the Coast of the Southern North Sea







First indicators-based regional scale assessment in the southern North Sea











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Working group on indicators and data

EU expertgroup on the ICZM (result of the recommendation)

- Working group on Indicators and Data (WG-ID)
 - Developed 27 indicators
 - Mainly based on SAIL set











DEDUCE

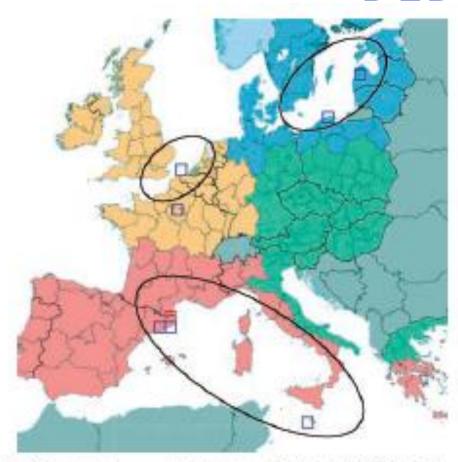


Fig. 2: Map representing geographical coverage of partners of DEDUCE project.

- Calculation of 27 indicators for a sustainable development of the coast
- Strengths and weaknesses of an integrated information system based on a GIS
- Model of the state-of-the-coast report (IFS)
- Guides on the use of the indicators for decision making
- Study of the possibilities of creating a European coastal observatory











Results: Standard indicator forms

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Indicator			
4	4 Demand for road travel at the coast.		
Measurement			
4.1	4.1 Volume of traffic on coastal motorways and major roads.		
What should the measurement tell us?			

Perhaps the largest consequence of development at the coast is an increase in the demand for road travel, which leads to pressure on existing road space and in turn to the provision of new infrastructure. Road traffic expands to fill the space allocated to it and hence over time congestion, air pollution, noise and the costs associated with maintaining the road network will all rise exponentially. The measurement should alert us to the pace at which the demand for road travel is rising and also tell us whether the issue is greater on coastal motorways and major roads than on those inland.

Parameters

Average number of vehicles per day on motorways and major roads (or the most important alternative

The opposite, of course, holds true. Sluggish traffic growth is an indicator of a lack of development!

		roads) within coastal NUTS 3.		
	(ii)	ii) Average number of vehicles per day on motorways and major roads (or the most important alternative roads) within coastal NUTS 3 by distance from the coastline.		
		Con	Coverage	
Spatial		Spatial	Temporal	
	Motorways and major roads (or the most important		Every five years from 2000 but earlier if possible (1).	

Data sources

All countries monitor traffic flows by counting the number of vehicles passing a measuring station. There is no definitive rule but motorways tend to be administered by national highways agencies (or central government ministries of transport) whereas major roads are the responsibility of regional authorities. Datasets are available, often sub-divided into daily or weekend averages or by type of vehicle. Seasonal data is particularly instructive for coastal planning because of its association with tourism and holidaymaking. Many of the computations necessary to calculate the parameters will have been done already — in particular, check with your regional (or provincial) authority.

Motorways are broad highways designed for high-speed traffic, whereas 'Major' roads are the next tier down and are principal roads of national or regional importance. However, remember that we want to measure the impact of traffic at the coast. Consequently, in coastal areas where there are no motorways or national roads, you should use data for the most important alternative road.

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Metho Steps			dology Products
1	In GIS (or other cartographic tools) sample the co- ordinates of monitoring stations located in coastal NUTS 3 and select those which measure traffic flows on motorways and major roads.		List of all monitoring stations located in coastal NUTS 3 and which measure traffic flows on motorways and major roads.
2	Measure the distance from the coastline of each monitoring station identified in step 1.		Distance from the coastline of all monitoring stations identified in step 1.
3	3 Obtain 'annual average daily flow' datasets for all vehicles for every monitoring station identified in step 1.		Average number of vehicles per day on motorways and major roads by distance from the coastline (graph 1).
4	4 Add the average number of vehicles per day passing all monitoring stations on each motorway and major road identified in step 1 and divide by the number of monitoring stations.		Average number of vehicles per day on each motorway and major road within coastal NUTS 3 (map 1).
5	Add the average number of vehicles per day on all motorways and major roads and divide by the number of routes.		Average number of vehicles per day on all motorways and major roads within coastal NUTS 3 (graph 2).
		Presentation	n of the data
Map 1 Map of coastal NUTS 3 showing average daily traffic fi width of each route depicted should approximate to the station.		width of each route depicted should approxi	ally traffic flows for all motorway and major roads. The mate to the volume of traffic between each monitoring
Graph 1		Scatter graph illustrating the relationship between average daily traffic flow and distance of monitoring station from the coastline.	Average shifty families. Now by distance from the coastilles, 2605 (99%) 20020 15500 5 10 15 20 25 Monitoring distance
Graph 2		Bar chart showing the average number of vehicles per day on all motorways and major roads in the wider reference region since at least 2000 and earlier if possible.	Average number of vehicles per day on all motorways and major roads in coastal NUTS 3, 1995-1900 100000 10000 10000 10000 10000 10000 10000 10000 10000 10000 10000 10000 10000 10000 10000 10000 10000 10000 10000 100000 10000 100000 100000 10000 100000 10000 10000 10000 10000 10000 100000 10000











Results:

model of the state of the coast report

2.- Area of built-up land

Key message

- . Over recent decades, built-up areas have been steadily increasing all over Europe.
- In Western European countries, built-up areas have been increasing faster than the population.
- There is intensive development near the coastline which is touching the most interesting coastal biotones that represent an important harrier to the fluxes between land and sea.
- The proximity of these developments to the sea implies extreme vulnerability of settlements with regard to sea storms, floods and other exceptional events.



Cala del Mal Pas, Benidorm (Alacant), Spail

Why monitor the area of built-up land?

The increase in built-up areas has the highest impact on the environment due to the sealing of soil as well as disturbance resulting from transport, noise, resource use, waste dumping and pollution. Transport networks that connect cities add to the fragmentation and depradation of the natural landscape. The intensity and patterns of urban sprawl are the result of three main factors - economic development, demand for housing and extension of transport networks. Although subsidiarily rules assign land and urban planning responsibilities to national and regional levels, most European politicies have a direct or indirect effect on urban development.

This indicator belongs to the set of six indicators that monitor progress towards achieving the first goal for coastal sustainability set out in the EU Recommendation concerning the implementation of ICZM - to control further development of undeveloped coast as appropriate.

The indicator has one measurement - the percentage of built-up land by distance from the coastline

















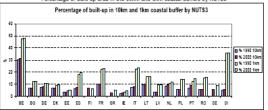


Policy and management for a sustainable coast

What does the indicator show from European to local level?

During the last decade, significant land use and land cover changes can be observed in the 10 kilometer coastal strip in the five European regional seas. In general terms, the artificial use of the coastal zone has grown intensively especially on the Meditlerranean (60-kim²) and on the Atlantic (600km²) coasts. The North Sea coast shows a smaller growth of built up area (230km²), together with the Batic Sea (142km²) coast and the Black Sea coast, with the lowest value of change (11km²). However, in relative terms, in relation to the total area of the assessed coastal zone, the change to artificial surfaces is almost 15% on the Atlantic coast, 70% on the Mediterranean, 8% on the North Sea and 5% on the Batic Sea coast, changes to built-up land represent ca 2.5%. Gains in built up area represent the highest individual and cover change in the coastal zones of regional sea catchments.

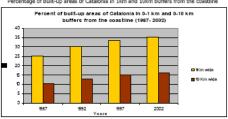
Percentage of built-up area in the 10km and 1km coastal buffers by NUTS3



Source: EEA, ETC-TE (2009

Growth of urban artificial surfaces on the coastal zone of Europe has continued. Projected on the basis of annual growth rate observed during 1990-2000, by 2004 the 1990 levels are exceeded by 12%, in this period, the fastest development has occurred in Portugal (34%), Ireland (27%), Spain (18%), followed by France, Italy and Greece. The most affected regional sea coast is the Vestern Mediterranean. Inside the 10km coastal zone, urban surfaces are dominant in the first kilometer from the shoreline. In several coastal regions of Belgium, Italy, France and Spain the coverage of built-up areas in the first kilometer coastal strip exceeds 45%. In these areas further development is sprewing to the coastal interfand. In 2000 the share of area covered by artificial surfaces was 25% higher on coasts than inland. During 1990-2000, trends in European coastal zones show that the growth rate of built up areas at the coast have been about 1/3 faster than inland.

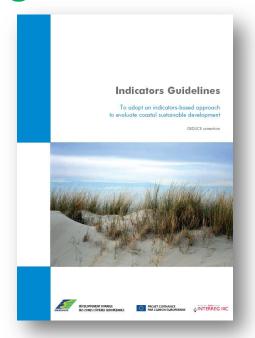
Percentage of built-up areas of Catalonia in 1km and 10km buffers from the coastline



Source: Generalitat de Catalunya (2005)

Results

Guides on the use of the indicators for decision making















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For the future...













Comparison between the C-scope partners:

- Coastal Compass and Dorset Data book
 - 18 almost identical indicators
 - No indicators or data on:
 - Sea side: oil pollution, fish stocks, iczm
 - Coastal protection Climate change
- SD indicators proposed by the WG ID-EU ICZM and Dorset Data book
 - 28 almost identical measurements (out of 46)











Comparison between the C-scope partners:

- Much more data on one subject
- Very detailed data

- Trends
- Conclusions out of the data
- The importance of the data for sustainable management point of view













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Future for the indicators?

Priorities:

- Further develop the indicators closer to local governments
- Research to increase the correlation between different indicators
- Link the atlas to the sustainability indicators











Coastal atlas vs Indicators





www.kustatlas.be

- -Maps, graphs
- -Not easy to update













-Graphs, data

-Easy to update

















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