

# Stakeholder participation in Dorset

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Background to DCF and capacity to deliver projects

Stakeholder engagement strategy for CSCOPE

Task & Finish Groups
Interactions Matrix
DCF Membership
Coastal communities

Generation Will be used

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#### Who are the Dorset Coast Forum?

The Dorset Coast Forum was founded in 1995 by a group of people, with a variety of interests, but with a united desire to take steps to protect and enhance the well-being of the Dorset Coast

It is a voluntary partnership of 240 organisations from which there are around 650 individuals with various skills and expertise. Organisations include Government Departments and Agencies, Local Authorities, commercial organisations and the voluntary sector.













## What does the Dorset Coast Forum do?

We are a Coastal Partnership who:

Can act as facilitators Influence Policy Disseminate relevant information Provide opportunities for networking Deliver innovative projects

•Two well attended Forum meetings are organised each year which provide an opportunity to present, discuss and debate topical local, national and international issues of broad interest to Dorset's coastal stakeholders.

•We also have an informative website www.dorsetcoast.com





#### Some DCF projects...

Dorset Coast Strategy was produced in 1999, internationally recognised and received a commendation from the Royal Town Planning Institute in 2000

**©**The Dorset & East Devon Coast was granted World Heritage Site Status by UNESCO in December 2001







Our next big project...



Combining Sea and Coastal Planning in Europe





## **C-SCOPE** has three key activities:

**1.** Creating a Marine Spatial Plan for a pilot Marine Management Area (MMA) in Dorset.

2. Developing a unique mapping tool (Coastal Explorer Planning) for planners, developers and other decision makers.

**3.** Producing a map-based website for locals and tourists to access coastal and marine information, and which encourages sustainable use of the coast.







**Stakeholder Engagement** 

Key engagement activities:

- i) Primary engagement is via the C-SCOPE Steering Group and 4 Task & Finish Groups.
- ii) Interactions Matrix completed via face-to-face interviews with approximately 50 key sectoral representatives.
- iii) Community engagement, via a series of presentations and information gathering events at coastal villages and towns
- iv) Project conferences and workshops
- v) The project team will take advantage of any ad-hoc opportunities to present to local businesses/interest groups/organisations/universities etc.





# **Dorset Project Structure**



# **MSP Task & Finish Group**

- Are not (and can not) be fully representative
- Work is expected
- Review evidence base & documents, MMA document, consultant output, develop and debate marine plan objectives and policy for wider consultation with DCF membership and general public
- Help guide the process through each step, debate best course of action













## **Interactions Matrix**

 Capturing information on the nature, extent and intensity of interactions among sectors within the MMA (user-user interactions)
 Results will help to inform policies aimed at enhancing safety, reducing conflict and optimising compatibilities
 Face-to-face interviews – 50+ key stakeholders; allowed for correct interpretation and to map interactions













# **Methods**



Identified sectors for Dorset.
Identified potential interviewees. Getting the right level of strategic overview versus local knowledge, DCF membership key in this
Some interviewees can represent several subsectors.
Used DCF members as guinea-pigs to test interviews (correct any problems with the process)
Comments/additional information as important as the interaction - gives

spatial/temporal context and will help to inform policy











# **Mapping Methods**

© Created different scale maps (inshore & offshore) with key features – bathymetry, wrecks, towns/villages etc.

Acetate over the top allows people to draw polygons to indicate where a specific interaction takes place

Solve of the spread sheet – could then capture frequency and temporal aspects of the interaction

Maps were digitised and used to create a GIS layer







**In addition to stakeholder maps, GIS officer has** created a programme which expresses the interactions matrix spatially. Will be developing this further to include sensitivity map

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#### **DCF Topic Papers**

- Historic Environment
- Coastal Defence
- Coastal Communities
- Education
- Fisheries
- Landscape and Seascape
- Coastal Policy
- Maritime Industries
- Military Activity
- Oil, Gas and Minerals
- Pollution & Water Quality
- Ports & Shipping
- Access & Recreation
- Renewable Energy
- Visitor Management
- Biodiversity and Geodiversity
- Coastal Planning & Development
- Climate Change
- Coast & Marine Designations
- Coastal Policy





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# Marine Planning in Dorset

#### Managing our seas for the future



The Government will be setting up marine plans around the country over the next 20 years. These plans will manage activities and developments that take place on the coast and out to sea. The Dorset Coast Forum is currently working on C-SCOPE (Combining Sea and Coastal Planning in Europe), a marine planning project which will create a pilot marine plan for part the Dorset coast (Portland Bill to Durlston Head, out to 12 nautical miles).

To find out more and get involved in this project residents are invited to a road show event where they can:

- Find out what a marine plan is
- "Fly along the seabed" to see the Dorset coast in amazing detail from the ancient riverbeds to historic shipwrecks
- Feed into the marine plan by saying what activities happen where in Dorset waters.

All events will start at 6.00 pm and will finish at 7.30pm. The Road Show Events Dates are:

- Weymouth Pavillion Sundeck Room on Thursday 2 December 2010
- Corfe Castle First School on Wednesday 8 December 2010
- West Lulworth Village Hall on Monday 24 January 2011
- Easton Methodist Church Hall, Portland on Thursday 27 January 2011
- Swanage Middle School on Tuesday | February 2011
- Owermoigne Village Hall on Wednesday 2 February 2011

#### Tea and cakes will be served at each and everyone is welcome. Please call 01305 224833 or email m.bark@dorsetcc.gov.uk to register your interest.



# How are we engaging the public?

# Through DCF membership spreading the word

#### Directly through Parish Councils

#### Press releases & posters



# **Community Roadshows**

Six communities along coast of MMA

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The year is 2030 -

# What activities and developments would you like to see as you look along Dorset's coast and out to sea?







I would like to see jet skis banned, either altogether or within one mile of shore.

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Much the same as now, maybe some 'green energy' initiatives – wind turbines, wave.....

In 2030 I would like to be able to see <u>nothing</u> but sea from the Heritage coast. The natural beauty should be preserved, all leisure activities allowed, but segregated (ie jet skis do not mix with sailing/diving etc).

Sensuring that one can still feel connected to a wild place and not lose any spiritual significance.

Free open access are for low impact use but without destroying habitats disturbing wildlife, eg nesting birds. Sailing, snorkelling etc. Some areas and vistas free from built structures. Free from pollution, full of life/nature and unimpeded natural processes.





Contact te	phone number and/or email:		
Reason for	interest in the Dorset Coast i.e. recreation	al user, commercial fisherman, ports an	d harbours
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What activity	ty does the tab you have attached to the n	nap relate to?	nere.
What time	of the year do you carry out this activity, o	r when do you see this activity taking pl	ace?
Are you av	are of any management issues with this ac	tivity, or whether this activity conflicts v	vith anoth
Can you th	nk of any simple solutions to these manag	ement issues or conflicts?	
Do you hav	e any other ideas or any aspirations for the	e future management of the Dorset Coa	st?

#### Activities

- Management issues/conflicts
- Solutions

#### **Other ideas**







# How is stakeholder input being used?

#### **Interactions matrix**

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#### **Public input**

Provides spatial information we may not already have
 Provides and insight into what concerns coastal communities
 Indicates possible management issues which could be covered in codes of conduct

#### Task & Finish Group

Provides direct expert input to process, help shape objective and policy developmentConsensus on policy may lead to acceptance of plan





What will Stakeholders gain from involvement?

- Section 2 Potentially greater certainty for developers
- Better more transparent and consistent decision making
- Communities more informed and can input into process
- Access to a significant amount of information
- More enjoyable and safer use of the coast





#### In summary:

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