

SARDINIA CHARTER INTEGRATED COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT MEDITERRANEAN DIALOGUE

We, the participants of the meeting in Alghero, Sardinia, Italy, from 19 to 21 May 2008,

Aware that healthy coasts of the Mediterranean countries are the assets we are obliged to save for the future generations,

Convinced that the awareness raising of the value of the coast and of the need for its integrated management is the key of successful Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM) policies creation and implementation,

Aware of the need for improved collaboration between the relevant national and local level authorities, NGOs, academia, private sector and international organisations and networks for the efficient ICZM,

Further acknowledging that more empowerment in the field of ICZM should be given to the local authorities,

Convinced that the new Mediterranean Protocol on ICZM, the EU Marine Strategy Directive and the new Strategic Partnership for the Mediterranean Large Marine Ecosystem between UNEP/MAP and the World Bank will be a basis for collaboration and creation of synergy between main stakeholders in the Region,

We propose to create a network on ICZM Mediterranean Dialogue, which will serve as a sustainable network of local practitioners, parties and actors across the Region, who along with other stakeholders shall promote the application of the Mediterranean Protocol on ICZM as an effective management framework to achieve sustainable coastal development.

With that aim, we share a common charter as follows:

VISION

Mediterranean coastal zones are managed in a sustainable manner in line with the Mediterranean Protocol on ICZM in order to ensure that they remain resilient, productive, diverse, distinctive, attractive, healthy and natural.

GOAL

To promote sustainable development and environmental conservation of marine and coastal resources of countries and their coastal regions, including in the face of global drivers like climate change, through advocacy, awareness raising, knowledge-sharing, forging multi-stakeholders partnerships among local governments, public agencies, civil society groups including non-governmental organisations, academia and the private sector.

OBJECTIVES

- ❖ To enhance the capacity of local governments and other stakeholders to plan, develop, and manage their coastal and marine resources for sustainable use;
- ❖ To promote the application of ICZM approaches, Local Agendas 21 and other coastal initiatives, co-management, public-private partnerships, processes and tools in coastal planning, development and management;
- ❖ To facilitate the linkage between local governments, scientific/technical institutions and community organisations in order to provide capacity building and scientific input to local governance, policies and programmes;
- ❖ To create and implement innovative financing mechanisms and partnership arrangements for environmental investments with international and national financial institutions, private investors and operating companies, where appropriate;
- ❖ To strengthen multi-stakeholder involvement in managing coastal and marine resources, in order to enhance societal and corporate responsibility for sustainable development of natural resources;
- ❖ To enhance local coastal governance, as well as inter-agency and multi-sectoral co-ordination mechanism, in dealing with coastal and marine management issues;
- ❖ To seek and enhance synergies with existing regional networks promoting integrated management of coastal and marine zones; and
- ❖ To ensure synergy with relevant global and regional initiatives including the EU Maritime Policy.

MEMBERSHIP

- ❖ Projects/initiatives;
- ❖ Community organisations;

- ❖ Local authorities;
- ❖ Scientific community;
- ❖ Donors;
- ❖ National and international ICZM organisations and networks; and
- ❖ National public authorities, agencies, etc.

BENEFITS OF THE PARTICIPATION IN ICZM MEDITERRANEAN DIALOGUE

- ❖ Assistance in the implementation of the Mediterranean ICZM Protocol;
- ❖ Participation in network meetings/workshops;
- ❖ Information exchange concerning specific knowledge, skills and good practices related to ICZM implementation, including participation to the biennial sub-regional training workshops;
- ❖ Invitation to participate to regional events including the annual Coast Day as promoted by PAP/RAC;
- ❖ Linkage with the Mediterranean Ambassadors for the Coast;
- ❖ Website linkage through PAP/RAC and Coast Day websites;
- ❖ Policy, technical support and training services of the PAP/RAC resource facilities;
- ❖ Alerting on call for proposals; and
- ❖ Facilitating links with donors.

ROLES OF MEMBERS

The Mediterranean ICZM Dialogue Members shall:

- ❖ Contribute with their participation to the meetings/workshops;
- ❖ Exchange information, publications and experiences;
- ❖ Link with other members through PAP/RAC website or any other means of communication;
- ❖ Mobilize new Mediterranean ICZM Dialogue members at local, regional and national levels;
- ❖ Identify issues and fora for promoting ICZM;
- ❖ To work towards the implementation of the Mediterranean ICZM Protocol;
- ❖ To work towards the development and implementation of institutional arrangements for ICZM;
- ❖ To formulate and implement strategies and action plans;
- ❖ To implement public-awareness programmes and to promote a shared responsibility among stakeholders;
- ❖ To mainstream ICZM initiatives and co-management into the government's planning and socio-economic development programme and to allocate adequate financial and human resources for its implementation; and
- ❖ To conduct community-based monitoring for the purpose of measuring the status, progress, and impacts of management projects.