

Coastal Guide ICZM Information System

1. Key data

Project title:	Co-operation, integrated management and sustainable development in the coastal zones of the European Union; La Gironde
Country:	France
Project phase:	prep. / study / planning / implementation / no progress
Launch:	[year]
National funding:	[periods, in euros]
EC-funding:	[periods, in euros]
EC project references:	TERRA/no.138 Concercost
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Project website:	[URL]
Project area:	La Gironde. The Gironde General Council represents 542 communes with to the West, the basin of Arcachon with its three cantons, Arcachon, La Teste and Audenge. The 50 km coastline is very popular with tourists.
Area size (land):	50 km coastline [in hectare]
(water):	[in hectare, or yes/no]
Population size:	1 257 660 inhabitants.
Policy background:	The coastal and inland areas are particularly fragile, and have suffered as a result of human activity (fire, tourist pressure, agricultural and industrial activities, etc.) and poorly organised urbanisation.
Important sectors in the project set-up:	Tourism, Aquaculture, Public health, Ports and Marine Industry, Landscapes and Cultural Heritage, Dredging and Aggregate Extraction, Habitats and Biodiversity, Natural Catastrophes and Climate Change and Coastal Erosion.
Main aim:	the General Council and its partners want to adopt and implement a policy to repair the damage to the environment and promote projects to protect the environment.
Expected results:	introducing new development methods to the area through voluntary action capable of reconciling tourism and nature. La Gironde is seeking to elaborate solutions for problems identified in the Schèmas de Mise en Valeur de la Mer (SMVM) drafted in 1993 which has no associated action plan. The SMVM are zoning plans for areas of sea and adjacent coast, adopted by the State on the submission of the Prefet du Departement, after consultation with local authorities and interests.

2. Collaboration & integration

Objectives re collaboration & integration:

Ministries formally involved*: Ministère de l'équipement, Ministère de l'aménagement du Territoire et de l'Environnement, Ministère de l'Agriculture et de la Pêche.

Regions (county, province) formally involved*:
Arcachon, La Teste and Audenge.

Municipalities (towns) formally involved*: [names]

Problems encountered: Uncertainties regarding precedence of different Land Use plans, made at each level, if these are not amended in a co-ordinated manner.

Main achievements: La Gironde project offers a good example of co-operation between different administrative levels and having the responsibility over different activities in the mixed port management; the administrations, traditionally used to doing it alone, must be convinced with the benefits of a consensual approach. Establishment of an Association of local authorities.

Inter-communal body: Syndicat Intercommunal a Vocation Multiple/ Unique, SIVOM/SIVU represent an important structure for collaboration with respect to a range of single or more complex issues between neighbouring local authorities

3. Participation

Objectives re participation:

Environment stakeholders formally involved*: yes,
Consultation process held between February and November of 1998, in which 200 individuals or organisations were approached. 15 broad areas of work were defined.

Economic development stakeholders formally involved*: yes, idem

Public hearings: [number]

Public access to project data: yes / no

Main achievements:

Problems encountered: The importance of local political will and support is stressed in La Gironde as local Politics and political will might adversely affect ICZM initiatives.

4. Information

Objectives re environment: A special edition of le Cahier des Enfants for Students on Integrated Management

Main achievements: the working group approach provides the information needed to support a flexible, issue based approach

Problems encountered:

5. Policy aspects, relevance and success:

Legal Jurisdictional issues

Project objectives:

Main achievements:

Problems encountered: Complexity of sectoral regulations affecting activities in the project area

Environment:

Project objectives:

Main achievements:

Problems encountered: Boats for pleasure fishing are frequently treated with TBT ??, which has had a negative impact on aquaculture. Sport fishing, which have had a negative effect on coastal fishing and fishing

stocks, is a problem to cope with to ensure an appropriate ecosystem management.

Biodiversity conservation:

Project objectives:

Main achievements:

Problems encountered:

Economic development:

Project objectives:

Main achievements:

Problems encountered:

Spatial planning & zoning:

Project objectives:

Main achievements:

Problems encountered:

Coastal defence:

Project objectives:

Main achievements:

Problems encountered:

6. Progress & Continuity

Follow-up:

No progress since: [month, year]

Main reason for lack of progress:

7. Sources

Project Report online: [attached in MS word or PDF]

*) formally involved means: as a project partner or represented in a project committee.

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