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EU indicators to monitor the progress in ICZM

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Abstract

The current presentation describes the results of the indicator being used to measure the progress of ICZM implementation by the Member States. This will allow Member States to determine the extent of their national implementation of ICZM. Used together with indicators to measure sustainable development of the coastal zone, this Progress Indicator will determine whether there is any correlation, over time, between the ICZM decision-making process and improvement in the sustainability of coastal communities and coastal ecosystems and biodiversity.

The indicator to show progress in the implementation of ICZM breaks down the cyclical, but step-wise, process into a series of successive actions which are needed to pass from a situation where no ICZM is being used to one where it is being fully implemented. This methodology allows the trend in implementation within any one country to be compared at regional and local levels. It can also be used to compare local, regional and national implementation. Measuring progress in ICZM implementation against improved sustainability of the coastal zone at all spatial levels is a necessary component to promote a collective and mutually supportive approach to tackling the challenges posed by coastal and marine issues. Results are presented from different countries in Europe at local, regional and national levels.