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Towards a transboundary CAMP project for Cyprus and Israel

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Introduction

2018:

Following the consultation of National Focal Points in Cyprus and Israel, UN Environment/MAP and PAP/RAC decided to explore the possibility and opportunity of preparing and implementing a Transboundary CAMP project.

2019:

The Cyprus Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development and Environment and Israel Ministry of Environmental Protection expressed the interest to prepare a Feasibility Study to investigate the opportunity of developing a project of transboundary cooperation between the countries.



Coastal Area Management Programme (CAMP)



CAMP is a programme which is part of the Mediterranean Sea protection activities undertaken by the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention. It is focused on the implementation of coastal management projects developed for pilot areas located in the Mediterranean.

Transboundary CAMP aims to “promote cross-border harmonisation of coastal management and common approaches towards implementation of obligations” under the provisions of the Integrated Coastal Zone Management Protocol (article 28) and EU Directives.



CAMP Cyprus 2006-2008

CAMP Cyprus implemented by UNEP/MAP and the Government of Cyprus (DoE) and was the first national coastal strategy.

It covers the whole coast of Cyprus and incorporates a local spatial dimension of the southern peri-urban coastal area of Larnaca.

The main characteristics of CAMP Cyprus include:

- priority to the specific problems and the institutional and policy context of Cyprus.
- focus on policy problems that account for existing gaps in the management in coastal areas.
- propose solutions and changes towards making coastal areas management integrated and effective.





Outcomes of the CAMP Cyprus 2006-2008

- Adoption and application of the proposed ICAM Strategic Framework within the context of the Island Plan.
- Use of environmental awareness methods similar to Imagine by the Departments involved in coastal management.
- Development and application of a coastal and marine Biodiversity Strategy as part of the ICAM.
- Incorporation of the SEA process in the spatial planning system.
- Incorporation of the tool of Carrying Capacity Assessment in the spatial planning system and tourism policies / strategies.
- Incorporation of Environmental Economics in the spatial planning process, tourism measures and environmental policy.

Workshops





Brochure

Πρόγραμμα Διαχείρισης Παράκτιων Περιοχών

ΣΥΛΛΗΨΗ
Το Πρόγραμμα CAMP-Cyprus, που αφορά τη διαχείριση των παράκτιων περιοχών της Κύπρου, προωθείται στο πλαίσιο των εμπεδωμένων δραστηριοτήτων του Μεσογειακού Σχεδίου Δράσης του Προγράμματος Περιβάλλοντος των Ηνωμένων Εθνών (UNEP-MAP). Το Πρόγραμμα εφφορείται από το Περιφερειακό Κέντρο Διάδοτων Προστασιών του Μεσογειακού Σχεδίου Δράσης (PAP/RAC), σε συνεργασία με την Υπηρεσία Περιβάλλοντος του Υπουργείου Γεωργίας, Φυσικών Πόρων και Περιβάλλοντος.

ΔΙΑΚΕΙΑ ΠΡΟΓΡΑΜΜΑΤΟΣ ΚΑΙ ΔΡΑΣΕΙΣ
Με την υπογραφή της σχετικής Συμφωνίας στις 21 Ιουνίου, 2005, άρχισε η εφαρμογή του Προγράμματος που έike διάρκεια δύο χρόνων. Ο στόχος του Προγράμματος επικεντρώνεται στην ενδυνάμωση των υφιστάμενων πολιτικών και προγραμμάτων που εμπεδώνονται και επιβραβεύονται τη διαχείριση των παράκτιων περιοχών. Ο στόχος αυτός προωθείται μέσα από δράσεις που αφορούν μεθοδολογικές και εργαλεία, όπως η Ενοποιημένη Διαχείριση Παράκτιων Περιοχών, η Περιβαλλοντική Επιτήρηση και Διαρκής Συμμετοχή, τα Θέματα Βιωσιμότητας, η Αξιολόγηση της Φύσεως Ικανότητας, η Στρατηγική Περιβαλλοντική Αξιολόγηση και το Ολοκληρωμένο Έργο.

ΧΩΡΙΚΗ ΔΙΑΤΑΞΗ ΚΑΙ ΔΗΜΟΣΙΑ ΣΥΜΜΕΤΟΧΗ
Το Πρόγραμμα αφορά τη διαχείριση των παράκτιων περιοχών σε εθνικό επίπεδο. Η τοπική χωρική διάταξη προωθήθηκε μέσω της εφαρμογής δράσεων στην κενά παράκτια περιοχή της Λάρνακας. Η αντιμετώπιση του Δήμου Λάρνακας και των Κοινοτήτων Περivol, Μενούσι και Κίσι ήταν καθοριστική.

Η υλοποίηση του Προγράμματος βασίστηκε στην ενεργό συνεργασία και συμμετοχή όλων των υπηρεσιών και φορέων που διασφαλίζουν και ασκούν πολιτική η οποία επηρεάζει την παράκτια ανάπτυξη. Οι συμβουλευτικές υπηρεσίες των

Διεθνών Συμβούλων και Εθνικών Εμπειρογνομητών, βοήθησαν στην ανάλυση της υφιστάμενης κατάστασης και στην εξεργη πρόταση για την ολοκληρωμένη διαχείριση παράκτιων περιοχών.

ΑΜΕΣΑ ΚΑΙ ΕΜΜΕΣΑ ΟΦΕΛΗ
Το αποτέλεσμα του Προγράμματος αναδείχθηκε μεθοδολογικές υπηρεσίες και εργαλεία για τη διαχείριση παράκτιων περιοχών, την καλύτερη πληροφόρηση και δημιουργία συνεννόησης μεταξύ των εμπλεκόμενων φορέων, προβλήματα και πρακτικές προτάσεις των παράκτιων πόρων και επίσης κατάλληλων μέτρων και εργαλείων στο θεσμικό πλαίσιο της Κύπρου.

Επιμέρους προτάσεις από την εφαρμογή των δράσεων:

- Ένταξη του κλάδου στρατηγική «Ολοκληρωμένη Διαχείριση Παράκτιων Περιοχών (ICAM) στο Σχέδιο για τη Νήσο.
- Ένταξη των εργαλείων "Ποσειδών", που αφορά τη θηρίβια συμμετοχή, στο πλαίσιο της πολιτικής στην Κύπρο που επικεντρώνεται στην ενδυνάμωση της αντίστροφης προβλήματος μέσω διαφόρων συμμετοχικών και στη χρήση ποσοτικών δεικτών περιβαλλοντικών μεταβολών.
- Ένταξη της βιωσιμότητας στο Σχέδιο Ανάπτυξης και δημιουργία μηχανισμού παρακολούθησης προόδου της κεντρικής και δεξιάς βιωσιμότητας.
- Συνολικό σκοπός του εργαλείου «Αξιολόγηση της Φύσεως Ικανότητας στο Πολυεθνικό Σύστημα και στην Τουριστική Πολιτική».
- Ένταξη οικονομικών εργαλείων υποστήριξης του περιβάλλοντος και συγκεκριμένων εφαρμογών μετρώ, στο Σχέδιο Ανάπτυξης.

Το Πρόγραμμα αποτελεί τη στρατηγική του Προσκόλλου της Ενοποιημένης Διαχείρισης Παράκτιων Περιοχών της UNEP-MAP και της Σύστασης για την Ολοκληρωμένη Διαχείριση Παράκτιων Περιοχών της Ευρωπαϊκής Ένωσης.

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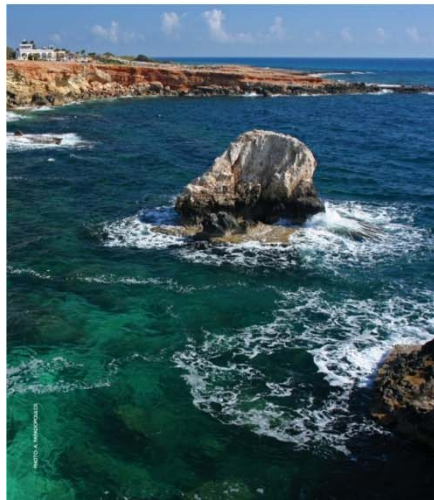
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Coastal Area Management Programme

THE ORIGIN

Coastal areas in Cyprus are a Programme implemented jointly by United Nations Environment Programme – Mediterranean Action Plan (UNEP-MAP) and the Government of Cyprus through the Environment Service of the Ministry of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environment. The Programme has been initiated following an application by the Government of Cyprus and approval by UNEP-MAP. The signature of the agreement was held in Athens on 21 June 2005.

THE NEED

Coastal areas in Cyprus are under strong development pressures by diverse and sometimes conflicting activities and policy priorities. Existing coastal management tools and policies, despite many other merits, are sectoral lacking a long term vision for coastal areas and fall short of responding effectively to the challenges of Integrated Coastal Area Management. CAMP Cyprus sets out to address problems and issues of sustainable development coastal areas with a view to improving further existing policies and practices.

PROGRAMME DURATION AND ACTIVITIES
Programme implementation spanned over two years (2005-07), a period when the following activities were implemented:

- Methodology of Integrated Coastal Area Management
- Integrated Coastal Area Management (ICAM)
- Sustainability Analysis and Indicators
- Biodiversity concerns in ICAM

TOOLS OF INTEGRATED COASTAL AREA MANAGEMENT:

- Strategic Environmental Assessment
- Carrying Capacity Assessment
- Environmental Economics (Resource Valuation and Economic Instruments)

For each activity an International Consultant and a National Specialist were employed for analysing the current status of the coastal policies, plans, programmes and projects and with the aim to set guidelines, identify problems and propose actions on enhancing the current legal framework. In carrying out these activities, the support of the Steering Committee and the Team Leaders and Team Members was enforced.

PARTICIPATION / CONSULTATION

The Programme engaged the participation and consultation of all main Government Ministries / Departments, Non Governmental Organizations, Associations and interested private sector organizations.

LOCAL SPATIAL DIMENSION IN COOPERATION AT REGIONAL / LOCAL LEVELS

The CAMP Cyprus covers the coast of Cyprus as a whole. Within the broad island-wide scope of CAMP Cyprus, a local spatial dimension was incorporated, through the proposed Pilot Case Study Application at the southern periphery coastal area of Larnaca Town. Thus, particular mention is made of the cooperation of CAMP Cyprus with the Municipality of Larnaca and the Communities of Pervolia, Menoussi and Kisi.

CAMP CYPRUS MAIN CHARACTERISTICS

The main characteristics of CAMP Cyprus are:

- It is a Cyprus driven project giving priority to the specific problems and the institutional and policy context of Cyprus.
- It focuses on policy problems that account for existing gaps in the management in coastal areas.
- It proposes solutions and changes towards making coastal areas management integrated and effective.

OUTPUTS

The CAMP Cyprus main outputs are:

- A proposed Integrated Coastal Area Management Strategic Framework.
- Proposed management tools including Carrying Capacity Assessment, Strategic Environmental Assessment, Environmental Instruments and Marine Protection Guidelines.
- Links up Integrated Coastal Area Management with the new Island Plan.
- Pilot application Case Studies on Carrying Capacity Assessment, Strategic Environmental Assessment, Environmental Economics and Biodiversity (terrestrial and marine resources) Management.



PHOTO A: PANDORPOLIS

PHOTO A: SEBETHOPOLIS

PHOTO C: COASTWATERS

BENEFITS

CAMP Cyprus is expected to deliver the following longer term beneficial results and improvements for sustainable coastal management in Cyprus:

- Policy changes in key fields of decision-making supporting an Integrated Coastal and Marine Area Management.
- Cooperation between the competent authorities and private stakeholders.
- Awareness of the value of coastal and marine resources.
- Capacity for implementation of the ICZM Protocol of UNEP-MAP.
- Strategy of the ICZM Recommendation in Europe.



Follow up of CAMP: ICZM Strategy for Cyprus 2018-2030



ICZM Strategy for Cyprus 2018-2030 is the second strategy for the coastal management, which incorporated the outcomes of CAMP Cyprus. It's vision is:

Development of the coastal zone of Cyprus, with a time horizon of 2030, within the framework of the principles of sustainable development, ensuring:

social well-being and security;

balanced economic development;

preservation of its ecosystems and their capacity to provide goods and services;

highlighting its historical and cultural wealth.

ICZM Strategy for Cyprus 2018-2030



CAMP Israel (1996-2000)



CAMP Israel (1996 – 2000)

CAMP Israel was oriented at the creation and promotion of the process of integrated planning and management through six interrelated activities, as follows:

- **First National Strategy for Sustainable Development;**
- **Assessment and control of pollution;**
- **Management of coastal resources and hazards;**
- **Economic instruments;**
- **Remote sensing; and**
- **Coastal area management.**

CAMP Israel (1996-2000)

Several of the CAMP activities proposed relate to the country as a whole, not just to the coastal area or a part of the coastal area.

Policies for effective coastal management were proposed, which should be based on a holistic approach and specific expertise in a wide variety of disciplines, and backed up by effective information processing and by investigations of potential regulative and economic instruments for implementation

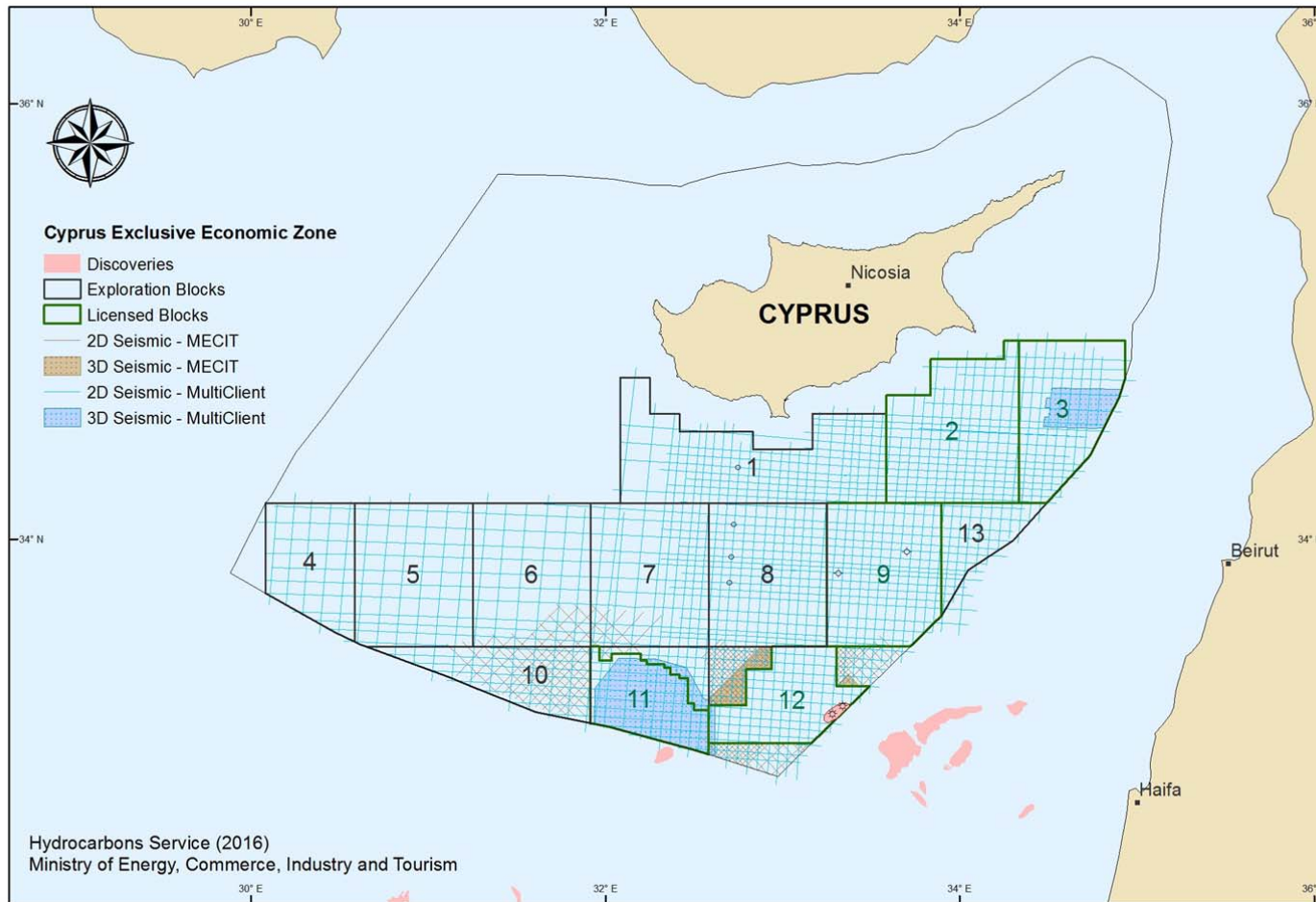


Legal aspects of the sea of Cyprus and Israel

- Both countries have a 12 nm Territorial Sea and established an Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) and Continental Shelf among them (2010)
- Memorandum of Understanding in the energy (2013)
- Agreement on cooperation in the development of cross border resources discovered (oil & gas reservoirs)
- Agreement in the field of environmental protection (2014)
- Two more agreements were signed on electricity project (EuroAsia Interconnector) and gas pipelines (EastMed)
- Implementation Agreement on the Sub-Regional Marine Oil Pollution Contingency Plan (2018)

Map of the EEZ of Cyprus and Israel

Offshore Cyprus Exploration Blocks





Legal aspects of the coastal zone of Cyprus

- Ratification of the UNCLOS in 1988
- Signature / ratification of the Barcelona Convention (1978)
- No signature / ratification of the ICZM Protocol – implementation of some provisions
- National ICZM Strategy 2018-2030 (pending approval) – definition of the landward limit of the Coastal Zone
- Foreshore Protection Law (Cap. 58)
- Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP) Law (2017)



Legal aspects of the coastal zone of Israel

- Maritime Zones Bill (in process)
- Signature (2008) and ratification (2016) of the ICZM Protocol
- New National Master Plan for the coastal area (to be approved)
- Law for the Protection of the Coastal Zone (2004)
- Maritime Policy for Israel's Mediterranean Waters (to be approved)



Feasibility Study of Transboundary CAMP

Two national consultants will be recruited (one for each Country) to prepare the Feasibility Study focusing on:

- Definition of the area for CAMP;
- Existing situation of the area;
- Project activities (national and transnational);
- Description of the international context where CAMP could be implemented;
- Assessment of the possibility for a long-term sustainability of the project;
- Screening of the existing projects and bilateral projects between Cyprus and Israel.

Preliminary thoughts on Transboundary CAMP



- Developing a governance/management scheme at the local and municipal level that will support the development of the coastal area in alignment with the national policy and the ICZM principles.
- Planning of one or two specific areas according to the ICZM principles to test the Land Sea Interaction methodology and to exchange knowledge and experience of the two countries.
- Apply the Land cover change indicator to both countries as two case studies to promote this indicator (#25) as a common indicator.
- Bilateral coordination of the national coastal strategies, plans and programs

A scenic view of a coastline with white cliffs and turquoise water. The cliffs are layered and have several dark openings or caves. The water is clear and vibrant blue-green, reflecting the sky. The sky is blue with a few white clouds.

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