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1. Climate Protection & Biodiversity: CO₂ sequestration in nature areas in C&EE

EUCC and the EECNET Action Fund (EAF) are collaborating in a Programme for Climate Protection by Retaining and Increasing the Natural Carbon Sequestration, focusing at nature areas in Central and Eastern Europe (C&EE). Our overall objective is to support better integrating of biodiversity policies into the climate change policies, both on the regional and the European scale. More specifically, we want to explore opportunities for increasing carbon sequestration when enhancing the conservation of biodiversity, by applying the ecosystem approach. For this purpose, we are building on existing nature areas and conservation activities for the development of an extensive network of carbon sequestration demonstration projects, in order to complement and inform one another to produce management and policy relevant information.

Currently, the EUCC, a member organisation of EAF, is leading a one-year project on Carbon sequestration & Biodiversity, funded by the Dutch Ministry of Housing Spatial Planning and the Environment. The project aims to explore opportunities for increasing carbon sequestration when enhancing the conservation of biodiversity, by applying the ecosystem approach. For this purpose, we are building on existing nature areas and conservation activities. A workshop took place in Bratislava on 9 and 10 November 2009 and it has been organized by EUCC (NL) and BROZ (SK) - hosting organization; with contributions from the Slovakian Ministry of Environment, Euronatur (DE), Natuurmonumenten (NL), BWS (BG), Sofia University (BG), USPB (UA), Society for the Coast (EUCC-PL), ROS (RO), Greenpeace –Slovakia and other Slovakian Institutions and organizations.

Further information as well as the presentations at the workshop can be found at the EAF web site:

www.eeconet.org (see: Climate Protection & Biodiversity)

2. EUCC's Black Sea Coastal Centre active in oil spill exercise

EUCC's Black Sea Coastal Centre in Romania has actively participated during Autumn this year, part at the Black Sea regional intervention and response exercise in case of oil spill pollution caused by the collision of two ships in the Constanta offshore area. The exercise included also search and rescue activities on the sea and as well as onshore. RoDELTA 2009 was the second biennale Black Sea regional oil spill exercise held in Constanta, Romania within the framework of Bucharest Convention for Protection the Black Sea against pollution. The event was organised by the Romanian Naval Authorities under the auspices of Black Sea Commission and coordination and participation of EMSA (European Maritime Safety Agency). Participants at the event were international organisations including European Commission, Black Sea Commission, IMO, and shipping companies, oil and gas companies, local and governmental authorities, environmental NGO's. A considerable number of local and international forces (search and rescue vessels, oil recovery vessels, helicopters and fire fighting) were involved in the RODelta exercise. The Romanian authorities followed the procedure within the Black Sea Contingency Plan in order to incorporate external support into their response. As a consequence, Greece, Turkey and Georgia jointed the effort of Romanian Naval forces with vessels and equipments for oil spill recovery. Moreover EMSA activated the GSP Orion, a Romanian offshore supply vessel which has installed on board the most modern specialized oil recovery equipments being able to intervene in pollution response actions. GSP ORION vessel belongs to *GSP – Grup Servicii Petroliere*, Romania and is under the direct coordination of EMSA, covering the eastern maritime European Union area. The exercise was a success and reached its aim to demonstrate the feasibility of the Black Sea Contingency Plan. The proximity of the exercise location to high profile tourist beaches provided a clear focus on the need for effective preparedness. It was an excellent example of integration, partnership and local and regional co-operation in practice.

For more information please contact Claudia Coman, email: cbblacksea@gmail.com Black Sea Coastal Centre, Romania.

3. EUCC-Germany organised ICZM-Oder Final Conference

On the 5th and 6th of October the EUCC-Germany organised the conference "Coastal management and climate change: status quo" in Rostock-Warnemünde. More than 150 official delegates, stakeholders and scientists caught up on the status quo of a numerous projects. Focal point of the first day was the research project "IKZM Oder", financed by the German Federal Ministry for Education and Research since the year 2004. Along with scientific results in the field of governance, nutrient retention and water quality, further project results were presented, such as the establishment of the Regional Agenda 21 transfer agency, the development of the coastal information system of the Oder Estuary plus the geographic information system GIS IKZM. Within the project, eight e-learning modules were developed, and the series „IKZM-Oder“ was edited. By means of these tools, project results can be allocated in public and at no charge plus, can be used beyond the project duration.

More information of the projects SPICOSA, IKZM & Fläche, MORO, Radost, BaltCICA and Genesis:

www.eucc-d.de/plugins/eucc_deutschland/statusquo_kueste.php.

One of the research projects which gets granular on the water quality of the Oder Estuary, like IKZM-Oder does too, is the IT-project „Genesis“, coordinated by Thales Alenia Space. This project, funded by the 7th Framework Programme for research (FP7) aims to develop a web-based information platform for the monitoring and the management on the quality of air, of fresh surface water, coastal water and its impact on human health. One of the six pilot regions is the Oder Estuary whose water quality is shaped by a nutrient surplus, bacteria and human pathogenic viruses. The role of Leibniz-Institute for Baltic Sea Research Warnemünde in the project is to develop the simulation of flow fields and particle drift models for analysing the hygienic water quality spatially and temporally. The Institute is also involved in a decision guidance for the end users, to deal with issues such as beach closures. More information: www.genesis-fp7.eu.

4. EUCC Marine Team: “Give fishermen responsibility in fish stock management”

The European fisheries policy must be fundamentally changed to avoid a collapse of fish stocks. Fisheries experts of the EUCC Marine Team wrote a policy paper with 21 essentials, asking for a rigorous catch allocation regime, limiting fish catch to maximum sustainable yield (MSY), taking all by-catch into account. On-board discards and high-grading should be banned. Fishing licences should be given to fishermen for a longer period, to enable them to manage the resource in a responsible way. “The fishing industry should participate in stock-assessment and in decisions on implementation of this new policy” says Msc. Šarunas Zableckis, coordinator of EUCC’s fisheries team. “With responsibility comes accountability; if they fish sustainably they keep these rights, if not they should lose them.” Read more in complete [press release](#) and [full report](#). More information available at <http://marine-team.eucc-d.de>

5. INSPIRE Directive Implementation for the Coastal and Marine Communities

As of 15 December 2009, here is the status of the [EU’s INSPIRE Directive](#), which is designed to build an interoperable, cross-border Spatial Data Infrastructure for the 27 EU Member States. The Directive covers five areas: metadata (creation and publishing), data and services interoperability, network services specifications, monitoring and reporting, and data sharing. While the Directive exists as an official EU legal document, additional legislation is being prepared, in the form of Implementing Rules, covering the specific ways in which the Directive is to be implemented in all Member States. These are published either as Commission Regulations (which take effect immediately) or as Decisions, which may require further legislation on the part of a Member State to implement them. EUCC is a registered SDIC – Spatial Data Interest Community – within the INSPIRE consultation framework, as are many other marine-related institutions and companies across Europe. It is important that these organisations now become more fully engaged in the data specification process, especially for those data themes buried in the Annex II and III list of themes, which are pertinent to the coastal and marine communities. Otherwise, your specific needs may not be met in the future, legally binding Implementing Rules that are developed by these groups.

Read the full update and provided links at [EUCC Data & Information](#)

By Roger Longhorn, EUCC Information and Data Management Advisory Board Member

6. Vacancy for a Project Coordinator, EUCC Leiden, the Netherlands

The Coastal & Marine Union (EUCC) is looking for a project coordinator for an international cooperation project to be based in Leiden, The Netherlands.

The tasks of the project coordinator will be: co-ordinating and implementing specific tasks and activities to ensure successful project development within an international team; develop plans including timelines, templates for reporting, and expected deliverables based on feedback from project partners; writing and submitting progress reports and support the administrative/financial team; supporting and co-ordinating the development of the project communication & dissemination plan and strategy and representing and speaking on behalf of the project partnership (led by EUCC) at project meetings and international events.

The position will be full time, initially for six months with renewal for a total of three years, until the completion of the project. The candidate should have good knowledge of written and spoken English and at least two year’s experience in an NGO or as project manager.

The interested candidates should send your CV and application before 11 January 2010 directly to Robert Steenbergen, Office Manager, by email to r.steenbergen@eucc.net

- CLIMATE CHANGE -

7. COP15 Copenhagen, 7th –18th December 2009: summary report

Editing this newsletter is occurring as the 15th session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP-15) are concluding in Copenhagen. Further developments may occur in the final days of the meetings, which end on December 18 and have mostly been inconclusive so far in achieving binding and extensive commitments for the reduction of greenhouse gases.

Impacts on fresh and marine waters, biodiversity, coasts and oceans were all discussed at COP15. One side event on oceans, and an early positive result in the negotiations are highlighted below. There will be a more complete analysis of COP15 in the next issue and on the EUCC website subsequently.

The Oceans Day at Copenhagen on December 15 presented the latest scientific understanding about the impacts of climate change and increased concentration of atmospheric carbon on the oceans. This knowledge underpins the strong need to focus on oceans, coasts, and coastal communities in the climate negotiations for adaptation and mitigation efforts.

The profound impact climate change is having on the world's oceans was stressed, from sea level rise and increased storm intensity to habitat shifts and receding coastlines. This disrupts ocean and coastal food webs, and cause severe impacts to vulnerable coastal areas, sometimes resulting in loss of life, damage to infrastructure and economy, to tourism and fisheries, and possible displacement and resettlement of people.

At COP15, negotiators are completing a sweeping deal that would compensate countries for preserving forests, and in some cases, other natural landscapes like coastal wetlands, peat soils, swamps and fields that play a crucial role in curbing climate change. Conservation and environmental groups have long advocated such a compensation program because forests and other natural landscapes are efficient absorbers of carbon dioxide.

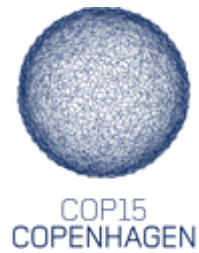
The agreement for the program, if signed as expected, may turn out to be the most significant achievement to come out of COP15 providing a system through which countries can be paid for conserving disappearing natural assets based on their contribution to reducing emissions. A final draft of the agreement for the compensation program, called Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation or REDD, was given on Wednesday December 14 to ministers of the nearly 200 countries. Negotiators and other participants said that though some details remained to be worked out, all major points of disagreement — how to address the rights of indigenous people living on forest land and what is defined as forest, for example — had been resolved through compromise. A final agreement on the program may not be announced until the end of the final week when world leaders arrive.

REDD is important to members of EUCC as it could be beneficial in the conservation and enhancement of coastal landscapes in Europe, and for adjacent regional seas.

http://www.ceoe.udel.edu/cmp/oceans_day/gfacc.html

http://unfccc.int/methods_science/redd/items/4531.php

By Magdalena M. A. Muir, EUCC Climate Change Advisory Board Member



8. EC adopts Communication on climate change

The European Commission has adopted early December, the European Community's 5th National Communication to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). The Communication is a comprehensive report on all climate change-related activities undertaken at the level of the European Community (EC) over the four years since the 4th Communication was completed at the start of 2006. It is available from: http://ec.europa.eu/environment/climat/gge_unfccc.htm

9. 'Cryo-egg' to predict sea levels

A hi-tech "cryo-Egg", which will help predict sea levels changes, is to be created by experts at Bristol university. The device will be sunk into the depths of the Greenland ice sheet before beaming back data about how frozen water is moving into the sea. The university won £225,000 from the government-funded Natural Environment Research Council to build the egg. Project leader and geographical scientist Dr Wadham added: "In addition to the need to survive crushing by ice and extreme cold, the probe must be able to communicate with scientists on the surface through kilometres of ice. Glacial ice moves around so any cables linking the probe to the surface would eventually snap. The only solution for the development team will be to employ wireless communication. The wireless cryo-egg - whose name is derived from cryogenics, the study of low temperatures - will be developed over two years and is also intended to monitor the Antarctic and its largely uncharted subterranean landscape.

[BBC Science & Environment News, 11 December 2009](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-2009-12-11)



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- FISHERIES & AQUACULTURE –

10. Conservation of EU fish stocks

The Council of Ministers of the EU made substantial progress on a draft regulation on technical measures to better conserve fish stocks, to cut down discards and to protect vulnerable marine habitats on Europe's Atlantic coast and in the North Sea and the Skagerrak and Kattegat. Together with catch and effort limitations, technical measures play a key role in ensuring sustainable fisheries. In particular, they help to protect juvenile fish in order to reduce the threat to future yields.

[Press Release Council of Ministers for Agriculture & Fisheries, November 20 2009](#)

This decision of the Council of Ministers for Agriculture & Fisheries means the Council will not follow up to the measures (Total Allowable Catches –TAC's) proposed by the European Commission on October 16, see [C&MNews 2009-5, item 16](#)

11. EU offers plan to protect falling swordfish stocks

The swordfish now ranks as one of the Mediterranean's most vulnerable species, the European Union said on November 12, proposing new measures to protect diminishing stocks. As well as continuing a swordfish fishing ban for two consecutive months each year - October and November this year - the EU wants to prevent the "by-catch" of swordfish by vessels that are supposed to be fishing for other species.

That should lead to the improved protection of juvenile swordfish, it said, while other elements of the proposal would bolster the collection of data on the total swordfish stock. The proposals are being presented to ICCAT - the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas - an international body that seeks the protection of several fish species beyond tuna and is currently meeting in Brazil.

[Planet Ark World Environment News, November 13 2009](#)

[EU press releases, November 12 2009 \(No. 7\)](#)



- COASTAL MANAGEMENT & RESEARCH –

12. OURCOAST NEWS: 2nd Issue ready online

The second issue of the "OURCOAST NEWS" is now [available online](#).

OURCOAST is a three-year project commissioned by the Directorate General (DG) Environment of the European Commission to support and ensure the exchange of experiences and best practices in coastal planning and management.

You are kindly invited to download it and learn more about OURCOAST latest developments, topical issues and news from projects and initiatives. You may also join directly the mailing list of OURCOAST by sending an email to Maria Ferreira (m.ferreira@eucc.net) and also suggest any new topics, publications, project announcements and any relevant information to share with the OURCOAST community!

13. International Coastal Atlas Network (ICAN) Update

The International Coastal Atlas Network initiative's workshop ICAN 4: "Formalizing the Network, Engaging the Mediterranean," was held at the Adriatico Guest House, UNESCO International Centre for Theoretical Physics (ICTP), in Trieste, Italy, 16-20 November 2009, in association with the European Environment Agency (EEA)/Environmental Information and Observation Network (EIONET) Workshop on Maritime and Coastal Information Systems, taking place on 18-19 November 2009. The main objective of the EEA/EIONET workshop was to inform participating countries of the EIONET National Reference Centre (NRC) network and to allow for a first exchange of views on scope, and roles in the new formation for this entity. EEA/EIONET participants also explored opportunities that are becoming available as a result of ICAN. ICAN 4 was co-organized and co-chaired by Prof. Dawn Wright of Oregon State University, USA and Dr. Ned Dwyer of the Coastal and Marine Resources Centre, Ireland. The next workshop, ICAN 5 is tentatively scheduled to be held in Oostende in September 2011. For reports of all four ICAN Workshops and further developments, visit:

http://ican.science.oregonstate.edu/about_ican

Read more about ICAN at [EUC C Data and Information webpage](#).

By Roger Longhorn, EUC C Information and Data Management Advisory Board Member

14. Publication: The Analysis of Tidal Stream Power

This book integrates a wide range of research and tidal resource theory and data to present, for the first time, a detailed analysis of the physics and oceanography of tidal stream power devices together with a world-wide resource analysis. The book is divided into two distinct parts. Part One provides the theoretical background to the subject and deals with the historical development of the harmonic method for the synthesis of tidal currents; the principles of fluid and tidal flow and the principles of device ducts, turbines and electrical systems. A review and analysis of more than forty tidal stream power proposals is also discussed. Part Two provides a comprehensive overview of current practice. The economic modelling of tidal stream power installations is covered with more than three hundred current meter records from around the world used to analyse the potential and cost of tidal stream power on a global basis. Of great interest to a wide range of scientists and policymakers.

By Jack Hardisty (2009, 3221 pp.). John Wiley & Sons Ltd, The Atrium, Southern Gate, Chichester, West Sussex PO19 8SQ, UK. Fax: +44 1243 775878. E-mail: cs-books@wiley.co.uk. Web: www.wiley.com. ISBN 978 0 470 72451 4. Price £80.00.

15. COASTAL WIKI – latest updates

The Coastal Wiki - short name for Coastal and Marine Wikipedia - is an Internet encyclopaedia providing up-to-date high quality information for coastal professionals, which is continuously improved, complemented and updated by expert users.

The Coastal Wiki is an excellent place to share your ideas and learn from others. Need to find specific coastal and marine related information? If you want to learn about the most recent additions to the Wiki, please check "This month's featured article" at www.coastalwiki.org/ and Recent article: [Pressures, impacts and policy responses in European coastal zones](#). Pressures, impacts and policy responses have been identified at 18 study sites as part of the SPICOSA – www.spicosa.eu - project."

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- MARITIME POLICY AND SPATIAL PLANNING –

16. Integrated Maritime Policy for the EU – progress report

The European Commission presented a Progress Report outlining the achievements of the EU's Integrated Maritime Policy (IMP) over the past two years and looking out into its future. Alongside this, the Commission has tabled concrete proposals on two major IMP issues – the integration across sectors and countries of maritime surveillance and the international dimension of Europe's maritime policy. Taken together, these three documents provide compelling evidence of how the IMP can unlock the economic potential of Europe's vast maritime and coastal areas, while making its seas safer and more secure through streamlined new governance and by exploiting synergies across the full range of sea-related policies.

The Progress Report sets out the achievements of the Integrated Maritime Policy (IMP) since its creation in 2007. The accompanying annex provides the full details of the various initiatives, projects and measures undertaken, as well as new activities. The report also outlines the next phase of the IMP, which should feature more structured stakeholder involvement, strong integration of the IMP into other EU policies and into the EU institutions, and, most importantly, coordinated responses to the challenges arising from climate change and the economic crisis.

[Full Progress Report](#) and [Press Release](#)

17. Call for applications - Master of Marine Management (MMM) degree

Training Announcement: Marine Affairs Program, Dalhousie University

The Master of Marine Management (MMM) is a one year professional, non-thesis and interdisciplinary graduate program designed for students who want to address solutions for marine management problems with interdisciplinary synthesis and integration through teamwork in research and planning. The student body, approximately 20 per annum, comprises a remarkable diversity of professionals and recent graduates from many backgrounds, disciplines, and countries. Faculty members associated with the Marine Affairs Program offer world class expertise from fifteen departments across two university campuses, several federal government agencies, non-governmental organizations, and private sector companies, all focused on the ocean, coastal, and maritime sectors. Among our many strengths is the international nature of both our student body and faculty expertise. The Marine Affairs Program is based at Dalhousie University, the premier university in Atlantic Canada as well as Canada's "Ocean University" and the home of many internationally renowned researchers and award-winning scholars.

Please visit our website for more information on our course offerings and the Marine Affairs Program. Applications are due 31 January 2010 for fellowship consideration, and 28 February.

<http://marineaffairsprogram.dal.ca/> and the [student prospective](#).

Please direct enquiries to our Administrator, Becky Field at: marine.affairs@dal.ca or: +1 902 494 3555

18. Publication: Towards sustainable development of deltas, estuaries and coastal zones

3 volumes: Description of eight deltas ; Trends and responses; Trends and responses: executive summary.

This research on deltas, estuaries and coastal zones is part of the preparation of the Aquaterra 2009 Conference and the World Forum on Delta and Coastal Development. Deltas are areas with major economic potential as well as large environmental values. All the eight worldwide selected and in the study discussed deltas are densely populated and/or economically developed. The research has explored the perspectives of and experiences with four response themes: natural systems (management and restoration), infrastructure (extension and revitalization), land and water use (development and adaptation) and governance (of delta development). This study aims to provide an overview of current practices in dealing with delta issues.

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March 29th –31st , 2010, Paris, FRANCE

International conference on Marine Data and Information Systems (IMDIS 2010)

The IMDIS cycle of conferences has the aim of providing an overview of the existing information systems to serve different users in ocean science. It also shows the progresses on development of efficient: infrastructures for managing large and diverse data sets, standards, interoperable information systems, services and tools for education.

IMDIS 2010 will be organized in four sessions where developments on standards, data circulation, services, interoperability will be shown and compared.

Important dates:

The abstract submission system is now open and waiting your submission.

The deadline for the abstract submission is *January 15, 2010

More information on the conference can be found at:

<http://www.seadatanet.org/imdis2010>; Contact: imdis2010@seadatanet.org

April 11th – 17th, 2010, Estoril, Cascais, Portugal

ICCCM'10 International Conference on Coastal Conservation and Management in the Atlantic and Mediterranean

The New University of Lisbon, the Cascais Municipality, the Cascais Energy Agency, the Cascais Atlantic Agency and the Organizing Committee, are pleased to announce the International Conference on Coastal Conservation and Management in the Atlantic and Mediterranean (ICCCM 2010). The Coastal & Marine Union (EUCC) supports the organization of the conference.

Please find more information at <http://icccm.dcea.fct.unl.pt>

>>> Reduced registration fee for EUCC – members <<<

Important dates:

Pre-registration is open

15th January 2010 - End of reduced fee for registration

26th February 2010 - Submission of papers for publication in the Journal of Coastal Conservation, Planning and Management.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the organizing committee at:

icccm@cascaisenergia.org

May 19th – 21st , 2010 Gijón, Spain**European Maritime Day Stakeholder Conference**

The Coastal & Marine Union (EUCC's) will co-organise several workshops at the next European Maritime Day Stakeholder Conference. The conference is organised by the European Commission in [Gijón](#) and it is hosted by the upcoming Spanish Presidency of the European Union and the Government of the Principality of Asturias. EUCC's contributions will include: a meeting of the Venice Platform, a presentation of the new FP7 MARCOM project; a session on sustainable maritime tourism, the presentation of the QualityCoast Awards; and contributions from the SPICOSA project.

For a detailed conference programme and online registration (open by January 2010):

<http://ec.europa.eu/maritimeaffairs/maritimeday/>

September 21st – 23rd , 2010, London, UK**LITTORAL 2010 "Adapting to global change at the coast: Leadership, Innovation, and Investment"**

CoastNet, Eurocoast and the Coastal & Marine Union (EUCC) have the pleasure to invite you to participate in this LITTORAL 2010, 10th International Conference. That will be held at the Royal Geographical Society, London.

Important dates:

21st December 2009 – Abstract submission deadline

28th February 2010 - Acceptance notification

28th June 2010 - Submission of camera-ready papers and posters

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the organizing committee at:

admin@coastnet.org.uk

[Conference website](#)

October 27th –30th , 2010, Grosseto, Tuscany, Italy**Third International Conference on the Management of Coastal Recreational Resources**

The conference is the third in the biennial series on Management of Coastal Recreational Resources (MCRR) organised by the Euro-Mediterranean Centre on Insular Coastal Dynamics (ICoD), within the International Environment Institute at the University of Malta. This international event is characterized by its focus on selected coastal management issues relating to beaches, yacht marinas, ecotourism & conservation, and the impact of coastal hazards on such resources.

www.um.edu.mt/iei/mcrr3-2010

January 26th – 28th , 2010, Kalundborg, Denmark**1st International BaltCICA Conference "From recognition to Adaptation"**

The 1st International BaltCICA Conference addresses an international audience, but is also going to have a local focus topic on climate change adaptation in Kalundborg and Denmark.

More details on the conference can be found at <http://www.baltcica.org/index.html>

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Pre-announcement:**July 3rd – 7th , 2011, Arendal, Norway****2nd International Symposium on Integrated Coastal Zone Management**

The Symposium will be hosted by The Institute Of Marine Research, Norway.

Set this date on your diary!

More information available at: www.imr.no/iczm

EVENTS UPDATE - for a complete list of the planned events and conferences please visit:

www.coastalguide.org/meetings If you have news, announcements and events of interest for the coastal & marine community do not hesitate to contact us!

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