

EUCC - Germany

Annual report 2008

In 2008 the EUCC-D was able to strengthen its significant role as a national and international information platform. The bimonthly Küsten Newsletter, CoastLine Reports, the website and the coastal data bases were offered and a new document data base, with currently 660 written documents containing information relevant to coastal and marine management, was established.

An improved financial situation allowed EUCC-D to pick up new themes and activities. The **cooperation with EUCC-IS** was intensified.

Major project activities

In 2008 the EUCC-D focussed its work on two major topics: **environmental education** and **Integrated Coastal Zone Management**. In spring 2008, the online learning tool IKZM-D Lernen was revised with respect to quality control of visual material. All existing information units were checked for copyright, and a new function for restricted publishing of modules was developed.

The coastal **education project "Küstenschule"** (coastal school) went into its implementation phase in summer 2008. The idea is to promote school children's (age 14-16) understanding of the coastal zone and sea macrochore during field trips. A field trip diary using the IKZM-D Lernen technology supports the learning. The "Küstenschule" became an official project within the UN-Decade "Education for Sustainable Development".

EUCC-D supported the **summer school** of the leading German coastal research institutes GKSS, AWI & IOW.

The **dolphinfund**, coordinated by the EUCC-IS, ought to be established in Germany under the guidance of the EUCC-D. The assignments are a sustainable handling of the coastal zone and sea, the support of environmental projects and associated fundraising.

EUCC Germany is responsible for the dissemination and public relation of **ICZM-Oder**, one out of two national German reference projects on Integrated Coastal

Zone Management. The project started in May 2004 and will end in 2010. It is supported by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research Germany (BMBF). The research area comprises the Oder-lagoon, outer coastal waters and an area, located within a distance of 30-60 km landwards from the coastline. To answer scientific and innovative questions on ICZM, to create structures and approaches, which have model character and shall be transferable to other regions, and to create awareness of regional problems within the coastal zone are general project objectives.

Within ICZM-Oder, EUCC-D established several **databases** for documents, projects, case studies, coastal pictures and study programmes (e.g. IKZM-D Lernen). Furthermore, a **geographical information system** for laymen and experts and the **web page** was created and maintained. These activities enhance the general availability of data, facts and information. Furthermore decision processes shall be supported.

Members & staff

Until October 2008, the EUCC-D counted 91 members. Information about ongoing projects and activities were distributed via three electronical member information letters. So members were kept upto date about ongoing projects and were involved in upcoming activities. Furthermore they can participate in decisions by online voting. A member assembly was held on October 10th in Hamburg and a second one in Warnemünde on November 5th.

Ten part-time staff members supported by six interns carried out the EUCC-D's activities. Most activities took place at the office in Warnemünde (located at the Leibniz-Institute for Baltic Sea Research). Head of the office is the secretary general, Nardine Stybel. The work is guided by the elected six board members, who carry the overall responsibility for the association. An external Advisory Board from all along the German coast supports the strategy.



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Cooperations

Cooperation partners in 2008 included the EUCC-D's host Leibniz-Institute for Baltic Sea Research as well as several German environmental education NGOs.

Public relations activities

In 2008 the e-mail **Küsten Newsletter** was distributed every two months to 1171 recipients and won over 100 new subscribers. For this purpose intensive promotion has been carried out.

The **homepage** www.eucc-d.de has about 10.000 visitors per month and was updated several times

Two **updated flyers** and **promotion materials** were created and made available for download. Profiles of EUCC-D in English, French, Polish and Russian are available (http://www.eucc-d.de/index_english.php).

EUCC-D presented "**Coastal Learning for Sustainability** - Lessons learned at the German Coast" on the II International Conference for sustainable development in October 2008 in Jurmala, Lettland.

EUCC-D prepared a new issue of the EUCC-IS's journal series

Coastline Reports 11: G. von Rohr, G., Corves, C., Sterr, H.: The INTERREG IIIB ToLearn Project: Developing Sustainable Tourism in the North Sea Region, 116 pages

Outlook and perspectives

EUCC-D's activities will be intensified during the next years. New focus themes will be **Climate Change, Maritime Planning** and **Beach Management**. The activities will be funded within the projects "Radost" and "BaltCica". DolphinFund Germany shall help to acquire additional funding for marine protection activities.

A German North Sea working group will develop a strategy for North Sea activities and assess options for a German EUCC-North Sea office. In 2009, the merging process between the German ENCORA network and EUCC-Germany will be finished and major ENCORA internet tools will be accessible via the EUCC webpage. Furthermore, the development of a European Coastal and Marine Platform will be supported.

Active promotion and support for the Journal of Coastal Conservation, Coastline Reports

and Coastline Magazine shall increase the impact of these print media.

The Küsten Newsletter shall be further improved and shall include new offers for members and active recruitment of third party contributions from policy and science.

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