



MED & Black Sea ICM 08
Second International Conference / Workshop on
the State-of-the-Art of ICM in the Mediterranean &
the Black Sea:
Immediate Needs for Research, Education/Training &
Implementation

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Announcement and Call for Abstracts

MEDCOAST organised the First International Conference / Workshop on the State-of-the-Art of ICM in the Mediterranean & the Black Sea: Immediate Needs for Research, Education/Training & Implementation (MED & Black Sea ICZM 96) in Sarigerme (Turkey) during 2-5 November 1996 in collaboration with the Mediterranean Action Plan/ Priority Action Programs Regional Activity Centre of UNEP, and the GEF Black Sea Environmental Programme. Oral presentations (invited and proposed) were made in two parallel sessions. These were followed by three parallel group study sessions. The Conference proceedings that included the manuscripts of the papers presented in the conference were published.

Significant progress has been made in the management of coastal areas of either basin at both national and regional levels since the first conference as the result of work supported and carried out by national, regional and international organizations and the efforts of NGO community. The Protocol on Integrated Coastal Zone Management in the Mediterranean signed by the majority of the Mediterranean countries in January 2008, which is the first regional legal instrument on this subject, is an indication of the level of present undertakings for ICM.

After 12 years, it is considered timely to review again the state-of-the-art of ICM in the Mediterranean and the Black Sea countries by utilizing the format of the first conference and by making reference to the findings in 1996. Similar to the 1996 conference, the aim of the second conference is to provide a platform for the Mediterranean and the Black Sea countries to share their problems and successful experiences for ICM and to contribute to bi-lateral and regional collaboration for joint efforts to enhance ICM in both basins. Oral and poster presentations will report and review the important coastal management issues, efforts and systems that prevail today at national and regional levels.

The conference presentations will be in the following categories:

- Invited papers by experts on subjects of regional significance;
- Country reports (invited);
- Proposed papers on country experiences;
- Proposed papers on ICM issues of the either basin.

Following the paper presentations, the study groups will meet in three parallel sessions to review the present needs in:

- Research and monitoring for ICM, regional scale projects significant for either basin;
- Capacity building (education and training) for ICM, regional collaboration;
- Implementation of ICM (national and regional).

The findings and recommendations of the study groups as well as the significant messages from the presentation sessions will be summarised in the Conclusions of the Conference.

DEADLINES

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