

Irish Coastal Network No. 10 - June 2007



EVENTS:

June 22nd: A **CoastNet / Corepoint** conference entitled **A Very Visible Truth - Climate Change at the Coast** will take place on June 22nd in the Julian Hodge Building, University Cardiff, Cardiff, Wales. This conference focuses on climate change and the coast and will explore the latest thinking throughout Europe and internationally (at the national, regional and local level) on changing coastal systems, adaptation strategies and mechanisms, risk management through emerging planning policy, future thinking, and mitigation opportunities. Invited speakers include Ministers of State, politicians, media personalities and international experts. Conference attendees will have the opportunity to take part in an 'Any Questions' type debate with a panel of experts. For full details, including the programme and registration forms as well as details of exhibition opportunities, please contact Theresa Redding, E-mail: theresa.redding@coastnet.org.uk.

June 23rd: As part of the Ireland Newfoundland Festival of the Sea, a **Fisheries and Coastal Communities Conference** will take place in the Stella Maris Community Centre, Kilmore Quay. The event will run from 09:30-15:30 and will be followed by a series of fieldtrips. The conference will focus on local opportunities to meet the needs of the fishing industry and community development. Further information is contained in the pdf attached to this bulletin.

July 11th: A workshop entitled **Carrying Capacity Tools, Results and User Perspectives** will be held in the offices of the Geological Survey of Ireland, Haddington Road, Dublin 4; the workshop will begin at 09:30 and is scheduled to finish at 15:30. The workshop is organised by Aqua TT on behalf of Clew Bay Marine Forum, South East Shellfish Co-op and La Tene Maps; and is sponsored by Bord Iascaigh Mhara (BIM) and the Marine Institute and members of the EU funded Keyzones Project. Participation is open to anyone who is interested in the coastal zone and wants to find out more about carrying capacity studies, single bay management or an ecosystem approach to bay management. Target audiences include users of the marine, such as fishermen, aquaculturists, and those involved in environmental and water monitoring, and coastal zone modelling and planning. For further information and to register please contact Aqua TT, Tel: 01 644 9008; E-mail: aquatt@aquatt.ie. **Spaces are limited.**

August 5th: **Whale Watch Ireland 2007** will take place at 12 coastal locations across Ireland. Further information on the event and details on how to participate are available from the Irish Whale and Dolphin Group website – <http://www.iwdg.ie>.

September 25th – 27th: The **World Seafood Congress** will take place in the Croke Park Conference Centre, Dublin. The World Seafood Congress 2007 will provide an essential forum for well-informed discussion and debate on the environment, sustainability, innovation, safety, health and trade, amongst a raft of related topics. Congress findings will help influence and shape the future direction industry will collectively take on such critical matters. Fisherman, conservationists, processors, retailers, indeed everyone involved in the chain of bring seafood to the consumer should take part in the 2007 World Seafood Congress. The Congress will consist of a conference and an exhibition dedicated to the theme of "Innovation in the Seafood Industry" where exhibitors will showcase the latest technologies and trends in new product and process development, quality assurance and eco-labelling. For further information on the programme of events, registration and participation please visit <http://www.worldseafoodcongress07.com>.

ICZM INITIATIVES:

Northern Ireland Coastal and Marine Forum - In November 2006 the Northern Ireland Coastal and Marine Forum held its first meeting. The Forum is an independent, non-statutory body made up of a cross-section of interests ranging from local government, business, agriculture, fishing and environmental bodies. The Forum aims to provide meaningful stakeholder input into strategic policies affecting the coastal area, as well as raising awareness on Integrated Coastal Zone Management. In addition it will also provide expert advice, co-ordinate research, and provide support towards the achievement of the Northern Ireland Strategy objectives. It is also responsible for monitoring government's progress in implementing the Northern Ireland Strategy and reporting against the targets and objectives contained in it. The Forum currently has several projects at an advanced stage. These include the development of a dedicated Northern Ireland Coastal and Marine Forum website, the production of an information booklet on the Forum and the publication of a Maritime Heritage brochure. The Forum is also pursuing funding opportunities for Coastal/Marine related projects under EU Structural Funds programmes such as INTERREG IV. Further details about the Coastal and Marine Forum and Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM) are available from the Department of Environment website – http://www.doeni.gov.uk/index/protect_the_environment/natural_environment/marine_and_coast.htm.

European ICZM Contact Database – As part of the ENCORA project a database containing information on individuals, institutes and projects related to ICZM in Europe is being created. Registering your details on the database will provide you contact access to over 1200 other colleagues throughout Europe. The database will also facilitate participation in European cooperation projects and extension of professional networks. To register your details please visit <http://www.encora.eu/contacts.php>. If you require further information or have any queries regarding the database, please contact Cathal O'Mahony, Tel: 021 4703111; E-mail: c.omahony@ucc.ie.

ENCORA:

ENCORA - European Network for Coastal Research Co-ordination Action - is a European part-funded initiative that essentially acts as a "network of networks", linking national coastal networks across Europe. ENCORA provides a range of services to coastal practitioners and researchers, including: a mechanism to search for contacts or information across European coastal networks; opportunities for young professionals to travel to conferences and take part in exchange visits. To find out how you can avail of the services of ENCORA please visit <http://www.encora.eu/services.php>.

As always, if you have a news item, big or small, that you wish to circulate to an audience of over 650 network users (and growing!), please send it in. To find out more about I-CoNet please contact Cathal O'Mahony at iconet@ucc.ie.

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best regards,

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