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## – EUCC News –

### 1. EUCC opens “Centro Mediterraneo”

After its first year of operation the EUCC team in Barcelona organised a series of events, 26-28 November 2003, at the occasion of the establishment of the Centro Mediterraneo EUCC, under Spanish law. The installation of the international board and the opening ceremony were followed by a Round Table on the future of the Catalunya coast, an NGO Round Table, several EUCC business meetings and a GSE COASTWATCH Event. Most of these events took place in the modern building of Consorci El Far right on the coast, where the EUCC centre is located. The EUCC Centre was officially opened by EUCC’s President David Green. The Centre’s board consists of Roland Paskoff (EUCC-France), Nanni Randazzo (EUCC-Italy), Jordi Serra (EUCC-Spain), Francisco Taveira Pinto (Portugal) and Albert Salman (NL). Carolina Pérez Valverde will be Head of the Centre as per January 2004.

More information: [www.eucc.nl/en/eucc/offices.htm](http://www.eucc.nl/en/eucc/offices.htm)

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### 2. EUCC Coastline presents ICZM Progress Indicators and a Natura 2000 Special

After years of preparatory work by EUCC experts a revolutionary set of indicators to measure ICZM Progress is now presented as the result of contract work for the European Environment Agency and its Topic Centre in Barcelona. EUCC’s Head of Policy & Projects Dr Alan Pickaver and his ETC colleagues report in *EUCC Coastline* 2003-3/4 (Title: An indicator for ICZM implementation in the coastal zone).

The magazine also presents a special issue on the EU Nature Directives in the coastal zone, with the following articles:

- EU Directives in the coastal and marine environment
- EUCC support to Natura 2000 in France
- Restoration of Dune Habitats along the Danish West Coast
- Living With The Sea, LIFE-Nature project
- Coastal LIFE-Nature projects 1999 until 2003.

Finally, *EUCC Coastline* 2003-3/4 includes three other articles:

- BIOCOTBE biodiversity in coastal marine benthic ecosystems
- Life COASTRA: Developing ICZM in Southwest Finland
- CHARM: Characterization of the Baltic Sea Ecosystem.

*EUCC Coastline* is a quarterly magazine, free for EUCC members, ISSN 0928-2734. For more info please visit <http://www.eucc.nl/en/info/coastline.htm>

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### 3. JCC presents special feature on ICZM

Since last year most EUCC members have a free online access to the Journal of Coastal Conservation (JCC) which is EUCC’s scientific organ. The first issue of 2003 is a Special feature on ICZM, with the following articles:

- Towards integrated coastal zone management, with a special emphasis on the Mediterranean Sea
- Integrated coastal zone management in Egypt: The Fuka-Matrouih project.
- Achieving public participation in coastal zone environmental impact assessment.
- Towards a Coastal Area Management Act for the Russian Federation.
- Portuguese coastal zones and the new management plans.
- Towards a common Mediterranean framework for beach nourishment projects
- Assessment of coastal erosion susceptibility at the national scale: The Italian case.
- Long-shore distribution of morphodynamic beach states along an apparently homogeneous coast in SW Spain.
- Best waste management programs for marinas (BWMPs: A case study).
- Classification of coastal waters according to the new Italian water legislation and comparison with the European Water Directive.
- A project for the integrated management of protected coastal areas in Malta.
- Integrated, sustainable touristic development of the karstic coastline of SW Sardinia.
- Multisensor monitoring of plume dynamics in the northwestern Mediterranean Sea.

Journal of Coastal Conservation (JCC) volume 9:1, 97 pp, Opulus Press. ISSN 1400-0350. For more information on EUCC Membership services please visit

<http://www.eucc.nl/en/members/index.htm>

## – European Union: news and initiatives –

### **4. Commission proposes to extend LIFE III until 2006**

On Wednesday 5 November, the Commission submitted to the European Parliament and Council, its Proposal for the extension of the LIFE Regulation. The aim is to extend, until the end of 2006, the current LIFE III programme, which is due to expire at the end of December 2004. A proposed total budget of EUR 317 million will cover the period from 1 January 2005 until 31 December 2006, when the new financial perspectives will come into force. The Proposal was preceded by a mid-term evaluation, which assessed the role of the LIFE-Programme and its contribution to the implementation and development of environmental policy and legislation. The evaluation itself is based on an independent report and on data and experience accumulated by the Commission over the past seven years. On the whole, it was concluded that LIFE makes a positive contribution to EU Environmental policy citing the promotion of Natura 2000 and development of clean technologies as two key areas of significance. The programme has also received praise for the rigorous and effective manner of its management. Areas identified for further work and improvement in the future include the organisation and dissemination of results.

Source: <http://europa.eu.int/comm/environment/life/news/lifeflash/newsflash12.htm>

More information: <http://europa.eu.int/comm/environment/life/news/index.htm>;

<http://europa.eu.int/comm/life/home.htm>

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### **5. EU and IMO measures following the Prestige disaster**

On 14 November 2003 (one year after the Prestige disaster) the European Commission has published a black list of ten ships banned from EU ports. In fact these ships have been refused access to EU ports since 22 July 2003. The Commission also published an Indicative List of 143 ships that which may be banned if they are detained one more time. This list should be understood as a warning to the parties concerned of the risk they take if their ship is detained after inspection after the 22 July 2003 in an EU port. At the meeting of IMO's Marine Environment Protection Committee from 1 to 4 December (MEPC 50), agreement was reached to accelerate the phasing out of single-hull tankers, according to the proposals from the EU countries. EU adopted stricter rules earlier this year as a consequence of the Prestige accident and the resulting pollution. IMO has now agreed to similar amendments to MARPOL (The International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships).

More information: [http://europa.eu.int/comm/transport/maritime/safety/prestige\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu.int/comm/transport/maritime/safety/prestige_en.htm),  
[www.rederi.no/ArticleGetHtml2.asp?ArticleID=4330](http://www.rederi.no/ArticleGetHtml2.asp?ArticleID=4330)

[www.imo.org/includes/blastDataOnly.asp/data\\_id%3D8518/MEPC50.htm](http://www.imo.org/includes/blastDataOnly.asp/data_id%3D8518/MEPC50.htm)

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### **6. Commission promotes citizens' involvement in environmental matters**

EU citizens should soon be enjoying legally guaranteed rights to access environmental information held by public authorities, to participate in environmental decision-making and to take violations of environmental law to court. This will represent a milestone in strengthening democracy in environmental policy-making and environmental protection, and improve the effectiveness of environmental policies. This will come about as a result of aligning legislation at EU level and in EU Member States with the provisions of the 1998 Århus Convention. In October 2003 the European Commission has adopted three legislative proposals towards full application of the Convention, launching the final step in implementing its provisions into EU law. These proposals should, in practice, act as the catalyst for important changes in the behaviour of public authorities at all levels by enabling citizens and associations to assume responsibility for the environment.

More information:

[europa.eu.int/rapid/start/cgi/guesten.ksh?p\\_action.gettxt=gt&doc=IP/03/1466|0|RAPID&lg=E N&display](http://europa.eu.int/rapid/start/cgi/guesten.ksh?p_action.gettxt=gt&doc=IP/03/1466|0|RAPID&lg=E N&display)

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### **7. EU decision on funding for controversial Ebro Water Transfer delayed**

In December 2003 the European Commissioner Wallström announced that she will delay any decision on funding for a controversial Spanish water transfer project until she sees further

proof that it doesn't break EU environmental laws. Environmental groups have expressed delight with the delay over the Ebro transfer section of the plan. EUCC – The Coastal Union agrees with these groups. The planned Ebro Water Transfer conflicts with, or is clearly illegal, in terms of many EU laws and directives: the new Water Framework Directive, the Birds and Habitats Directive, the Directive on Environmental Impact Assessment and the EU Treaty. The execution of the plan will seriously damage the ecosystem of the Ebro Delta. Despite these objections the Spanish minister of environment has announced that Spain wants the EU to contribute 1.3 billion Euro to the project.

[http://www.europarl.eu.int/comparl/envi/pdf/speeches/20031216/wallstrom\\_en.pdf](http://www.europarl.eu.int/comparl/envi/pdf/speeches/20031216/wallstrom_en.pdf)

[http://www.edie.net/gf.cfm?L=left\\_frame.html&R=http://www.edie.net/news/Archive/7888.cfm](http://www.edie.net/gf.cfm?L=left_frame.html&R=http://www.edie.net/news/Archive/7888.cfm)

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### **8. Greece still fringes the EU Nature directives in Zakynthos**

The government illegal construction of roads and buildings and other activities that disturb the nesting of marine turtles and there is still a lack of instruments for controlling the regulations of the national park. In December 2003 a hearing of the European Court of Justice on this issue was scheduled.

More information: [www.coe.int/t/e/Cultural\\_Co-](http://www.coe.int/t/e/Cultural_Co-operation/Environment/Nature_and_biological_diversity/Nature_protection/sc23_files13e.pdf?L=E)

[operation/Environment/Nature\\_and\\_biological\\_diversity/Nature\\_protection/sc23\\_files13e.pdf?L=E](http://www.coe.int/t/e/Cultural_Co-operation/Environment/Nature_and_biological_diversity/Nature_protection/sc23_files13e.pdf?L=E)

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### **9. Portugal: radar in compliance with requirements for Petrels**

The European Commission has asked Portugal to explain its decision to build a radar near breeding colonies of the critically endangered Zino's Petrel. Portugal has already chosen an other site, where construction work should have less impact and assures that the plans will comply with the impact assessment requirements.

More information: [www.surfbirds.com/cgi-bin/edtornews/print.pl?article=219](http://www.surfbirds.com/cgi-bin/edtornews/print.pl?article=219)

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## **– ICZM / Integrated Coastal Policies –**

### **10. An introduction to coastal zone management (second edition)**

Publication by Timothy Beatley et al (2002, 329 pp.). Published Island Press. Distributed by The Eurospan Group, 3 Henrietta Street, Covent Garden, London WC2E 8LU U.K. Fax +20 7379 0609 (2002, 388 pp.). ISBN 1 55963 915 6. Price UK £ 26.95.

This edition offers a comprehensive overview of coastal planning and management issues. It includes significantly updated data and statistics, legislative and programmatic material, expanded and updated discussions of innovative local coastal management, and new information on creative coastal design and sustainable development. It addresses the serious coastal trends and pressures in the United States, assesses the current policy and planning framework, and puts forth a compelling vision for future management and sustainable coastal planning.

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### **11. Pen ar Bed no 184/185. Archipel et îlots marins de Bretagne**

Publication by Louis Brigand and Arnaud le Nevé (129 pp.). Bretagne Vivante SEPNB, 186 rue Anatole France, 29276 Brest Cedex. Fax +2 98 49 95 80. E-mail: [LIFE@bretagne-vivante.asso.fr](mailto:LIFE@bretagne-vivante.asso.fr). Web: [www.bretagne-vivante.asso.fr](http://www.bretagne-vivante.asso.fr)

Special issue of the magazine with the proceedings of workshops on the environmental management of isles in Europe, held on the isles of Ouessant and Molène, Bretagne, February 2001; organised in the framework of the Life-project "archipels et îlots marins de Bretagne". (in French)

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## – Water Management and Policies –

### **12. Socioeconomic Manual for Coral Reef Management**

Publication by L. Bunce et al (2002, 251 pp.). IUCN, 219c Huntingdon Road, Cambridge CB3 0DL, UK. Fax ++44 1223 277175. E-mail: [info@books.iucn.org](mailto:info@books.iucn.org). ISBN 0 642 32205 8. Price \$16.75.

This manual is intended to help reef managers understand the steps in a socioeconomic assessment, and provide practical guidelines on how to conduct baseline socioeconomic assessments of coral reef stakeholders. The social, cultural and economic issues are discussed as well as the organisation and resource governance of coral reef management.

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## – Industrial Sectors –

### **13. Dutch shellfishery: European Court judges, while new policy is being developed**

Eleven judges of the European Court of Justice will judge whether the intensification of the cockle fishery in the Dutch part of the Wadden Sea is in defiance of the Habitats Directive. The Wadden Sea has been put forward as a Special Area of Conservation under the Habitats Directive and nature organizations claim that the cockle fishery has large negative effects on the bird population and on the structure of the bottom of the Wadden Sea. The attorney general of the European Court will reach a conclusion in January 2004 and the judges will pronounce their judgment some time later. There has been a long lasting conflict between nature organizations, the cockle fishery sector and the Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality in the Netherlands. Recently the report of the scientific evaluation of the shellfishery in the Netherlands (EVA II) has been completed. One of the most important conclusions of EVA II is the negative effect of the reduction of the phosphate and Nitrate pollution of the Wadden Sea for the populations of shellfish. This implicates that the cockle fishery is not solely responsible for the decline of the birds. On the basis of EVA II and public hearings the Ministry will develop a new more sustainable policy for the shellfishery in the Netherlands.

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### **14. The Prestige: one year on, a continuing disaster**

Publication by Raul Garcia, WWF-Spain, November 2003. Downloadable from: [www.panda.org/downloads/marine/finalprestige.pdf](http://www.panda.org/downloads/marine/finalprestige.pdf)

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### **15. The Prestige Disaster, one year on**

Publication by Maria Jose Caballero, Greenpeace Spain, November 2003. Downloadable from: [www.greenpeace.org/multimedia/download/1/346545/0/Prestige\\_report.pdf](http://www.greenpeace.org/multimedia/download/1/346545/0/Prestige_report.pdf)

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## – Nature and Biodiversity –

### **16. European Coastal & Marine Ecological Network**

The decline in biodiversity of Europe's coastal and marine areas should be halted by 2010 and it is a priority to adopt a European Coastal and Marine Ecological Network by 2008, through existing mechanisms and institutions. These are among the Recommendations of the 4th International Symposium of the Pan-European Ecological Network "Marine and coastal biodiversity and protected areas" that was held in Dubrovnik, 16-17 October. These recommendations can be seen as a follow-up to the EUCC's studies on a European Coastal and Marine Ecological Network (ECMEN, 1997, '98) and on Pan-European Coastal & Marine Ecological Corridors (PECMC, 1999). The EUCC is ready to support a work programme as soon as resources become available.

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### **17. Development of National Ecological Networks in the Baltic Countries**

Publication by Kalev Sepp and Are Kaasik (2002, 165 pp.). IUCN Office for Central Europe, ul. Narbutta 40/21, 02-541 Warszawa, Poland. Fax +22 8810554. E-mail: [iucn@iucn-ce.org.pl](mailto:iucn@iucn-ce.org.pl). Web: [www.iucn.org](http://www.iucn.org). ISBN 2 8317 0679 3.

This book provides an overview and analysis of the social, economic and legal preconditions for the development of ecological networks in the Baltic States Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania. The results achieved within the project contribute to the implementation of several international conservation initiatives and conventions of global, European and regional scope, in particular the Pan-European Biological and Landscape Diversity Strategy.

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## – Training and Events –

### 18. Training and Courses

March 30 – April 24

International Seminar on Port Management, Delft, The Netherlands. Info: UNESCO-IHE, [www.ihe.nl/vmp/articles/Short-Courses/SHO-WE-40PMS.html](http://www.ihe.nl/vmp/articles/Short-Courses/SHO-WE-40PMS.html)

April 5 – 16

International Seminar on Integrated Coastal Zone Management, Delft, The Netherlands. Info: UNESCO-IHE, [www.ihe.nl/vmp/articles/Short-Courses/SHO-WE-ICZM.html](http://www.ihe.nl/vmp/articles/Short-Courses/SHO-WE-ICZM.html)

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### 19. New on the Coastal Guide list of events

April 25 – 30, 2004

European Geosciences Union, 1<sup>st</sup> General Assembly, Nice, France. Info: [www.copernicus.org/EGU/ga/egu04/index.html](http://www.copernicus.org/EGU/ga/egu04/index.html)

July 7 – 9, 2004

Sustainable Tourism 2004, Segovia, Spain. Info: Wessex Institute of Technology, [gmckeogh@wessex.ac.uk](mailto:gmckeogh@wessex.ac.uk), [www.wessex.ac.uk/conferences/2004/](http://www.wessex.ac.uk/conferences/2004/)

August 16 - 20, 2004

World Water Week, Stockholm, Sweden. Info: Stockholm International Water Institute, [sympos@siwi.org](mailto:sympos@siwi.org), [www.siwi.org](http://www.siwi.org)

#### September 19-23, 2005

**Dunes & Estuaries 2005, Ministry of the Flemish Community (AMINAL-Nature Division). Organised by: Flanders Marine Institute (VLIZ), EUCC - The Coastal Union and Municipality of Koksijde, with support from the LIFE-nature project 'FEYDRA' Casino Koksijde, Belgium.** Info: [www.vliz.be/de2005/](http://www.vliz.be/de2005/)

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### 20. New hyperlinks on the Coastal Guide website

Coastal & Marine Resources Centre

<http://cmrc.ucc.ie/>

Research of the interactions between biological and physical coastal and ocean resources and human populations: Coastal processes and seabed mapping; Integrated coastal & marine area management; GIS, remote sensing, modelling & internet technologies; Marine mammals & seabirds.

Teledeteccion Oceanografica

[www.teledeteccion-oceanografica.net/index2.html](http://www.teledeteccion-oceanografica.net/index2.html)

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## – Colofon –

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