

**The EU ICZM  
Recommendation:**

**A Stocktake for the UK –  
the likely outcomes**

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# ICZM in the UK: A Stocktake – Likely Outcomes

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## *The “ICZM Wisdom Gap...”*

*“Data does not equal information  
Information does not equal knowledge  
Knowledge does not equal wisdom.”*

*“We have oceans of **data**,  
rivers of **information**,  
puddles of **knowledge**  
and the odd drop of **wisdom**.”*

*Nix H. “A National Geographic information - an  
AUSISA Conference. 1990*



## Overview of Project

- The project has raised many ideas as to how ICZM could be taken forward.
- A series of gaps and obstacles to practical ICZM have been identified.



## Format of the 20 minute Talk

- Highlight what the Stocktake project will and will not deliver.
- Present format of the Final Report.
- Present the findings of the Workshop and consultation exercises (Sept 2003 – Dec 2003)
- The next steps.



*“Members States to undertake an overall stocktaking to analyse which major actors, laws and institutions influence the management of their coastal zone.” - Atkins awarded contract in March 2003*

*“Member States to produce National Coastal Management Strategies” - 2004*

## Stocktake to include :

- agreed range of sectors.
- cover all administration levels.
- analyse the interest, roles and concerns of citizens, NGO's and business.
- identify relevant inter-regional organisations and structures.
- take stock of the applicable policy and legislative measures.

## Strategic Objective 1

- Describe the environmental, social and economic characteristics and natural resources of the UK's coastal zone



## Strategic Objective 2

- Describe the key laws, institutions and stakeholders that influence the management of the UK's coastal zone at different levels.



## Strategic Objective 3

- Describe how these laws, institutions and stakeholders interact and integrate with each other vertically, horizontally, spatially and temporally



## Strategic Objective 4

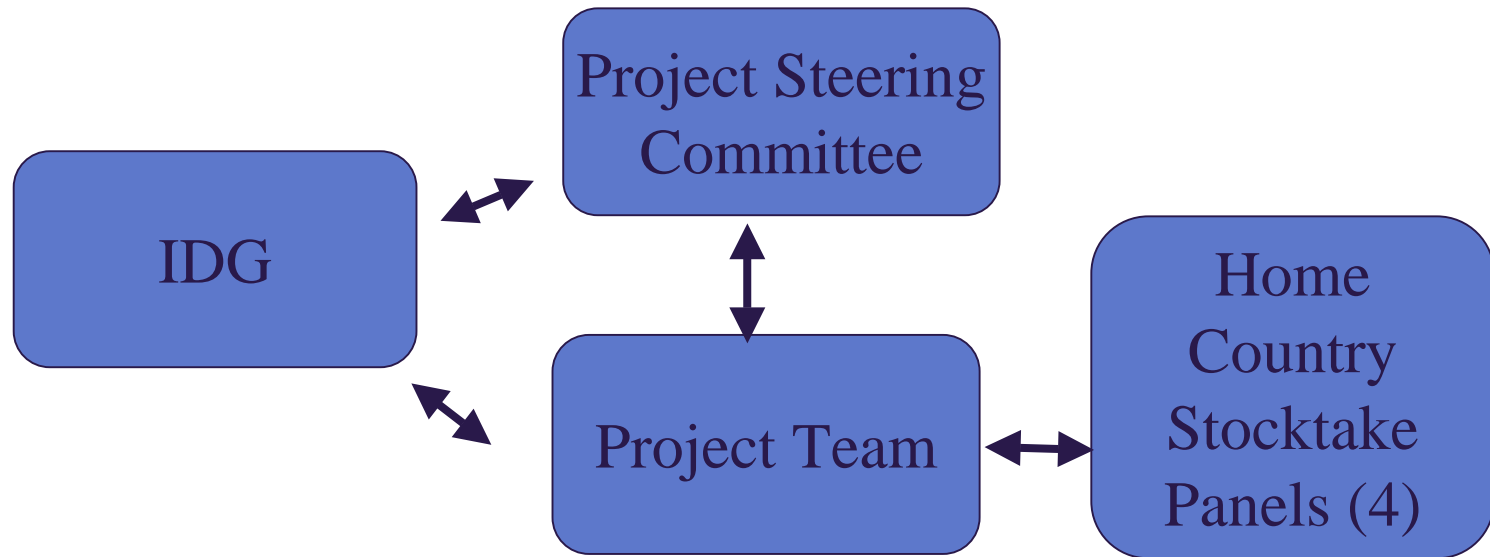
- Identify key gaps, overlaps and inconsistencies which act as obstacles to practical ICZM



## **What the Stocktake will NOT include :**

- Action Plans for each Home Country.
- Recommendations for change on the current legislative system.

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Ongoing Stakeholder liaison through Questionnaires and workshops

Information dissemination through newsletters, website, coastal and estuary partnerships

# Stocktake Methodology

- Wide Stakeholder Questionnaire despatch (April 2003).
- Identify case studies to analyse key gaps, duplications and opportunities of the existing situation (May 2003).
- Analyse case studies and draw out key cross-cutting issues (July 2003).
- ICZM National Workshops (September 2003).
- Analyse Findings to test ICZM theory against practice (Oct/Nov 2003).
- Produce Final Report (Dec 2003 to March 2004).



# The Final Report Structure



- Introduction (Section 1).
- The Character of the UK Coast (Section 2).
- Current Framework for Coastal Management in the UK (Section 3).
- Interest and Role of Stakeholders in ICZM (Section 4).
- Towards ICZM in the UK (Section 5).

- **Questionnaire Responses included ...**

Better clarity of long term funding mechanisms

Improved coordination between bodies

Clearer leadership

Better role for Partnerships

Complex and inappropriate legislation

Improved data and information management

More informed Consultation

Improve role of industry in ICZM

Education and raising awareness

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## Selection of “solutions” raised during Case Study analysis

- Identify new and innovative funding schemes for coastal management.
- Clarify the planning system (local and regional) to help eliminate gaps/overlaps.
- Strategic Approach - Create a long-term coastal vision for the coastline and assess the initiatives required to achieve a desired outcome.
- Link ICZM with Regional Economic and Sustainable Development Strategies.
- Improve potential for Industry in ICZM.



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## **Workshop Events (September 2003)**

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Six workshops were held around the UK during September 2003

1. Newtown (Wales)
2. York (northern England)
3. Perth (Scotland)
4. London (eastern and southern England)
5. Exeter (western England)
6. Belfast (Northern Ireland)



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## Workshop Events (September 2003)

Over 140 participants were involved (from all sectors).

The workshops had the following objectives:

1. provide feedback and discuss the findings, of the case studies/questionnaires;
2. identify further examples of cross-sectoral issues;
3. identify opportunities for a more integrated approach to coastal management.



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## Points Raised

- There was no **overarching national framework** for integrating coastal management activities or any effective mechanism for planning across the land-sea margin. Communication between government departments was regarded as weak.
- The **principles of ICZM** were not currently being implemented in the UK although there were examples of **successful local actions** addressing cross-sectoral issues.



# What are the principles of ICZM?

- Take a broad perspective (eg: Severn Estuary Partnership)
- Take a long term perspective (eg: SMPs v fisheries plans)
- Adaptive management (eg: Shetland Islands Council Marine Plan, establishment of AMA's in NW Scotland)
- Local specificity (eg: Salmon fisheries in Lough Foyle)
- Work with natural processes (eg: CHaMPS)
- Participatory Planning (eg: Wales Green Sea Partnership)
- Involve relevant bodies (eg: Devon Crab Tile Forum)
- Use combination of instruments (eg: Belfast Met Area Plan)

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## Points Raised

- Vertical integration between local and regional levels appeared to be improving in some areas but there were **problems with communication between the regional and national level**. What was the role of the RDAs?
- Government had not clearly **communicated its “vision”** for Marine Stewardship and ICZM and what this meant for industry, business, NGOs and the public. Was this different to sustainable development?



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## Points Raised

- There should be a **lead body** to oversee implementation of the national strategy for ICZM but coordination of objectives and activity should take place at the regional level.
- **Using existing models** might provide a basis for greater integration included Marine SAC single scheme of management, Shoreline Management Plans, Local Strategic Partnerships and possibly implementation of the Water Framework Directive.



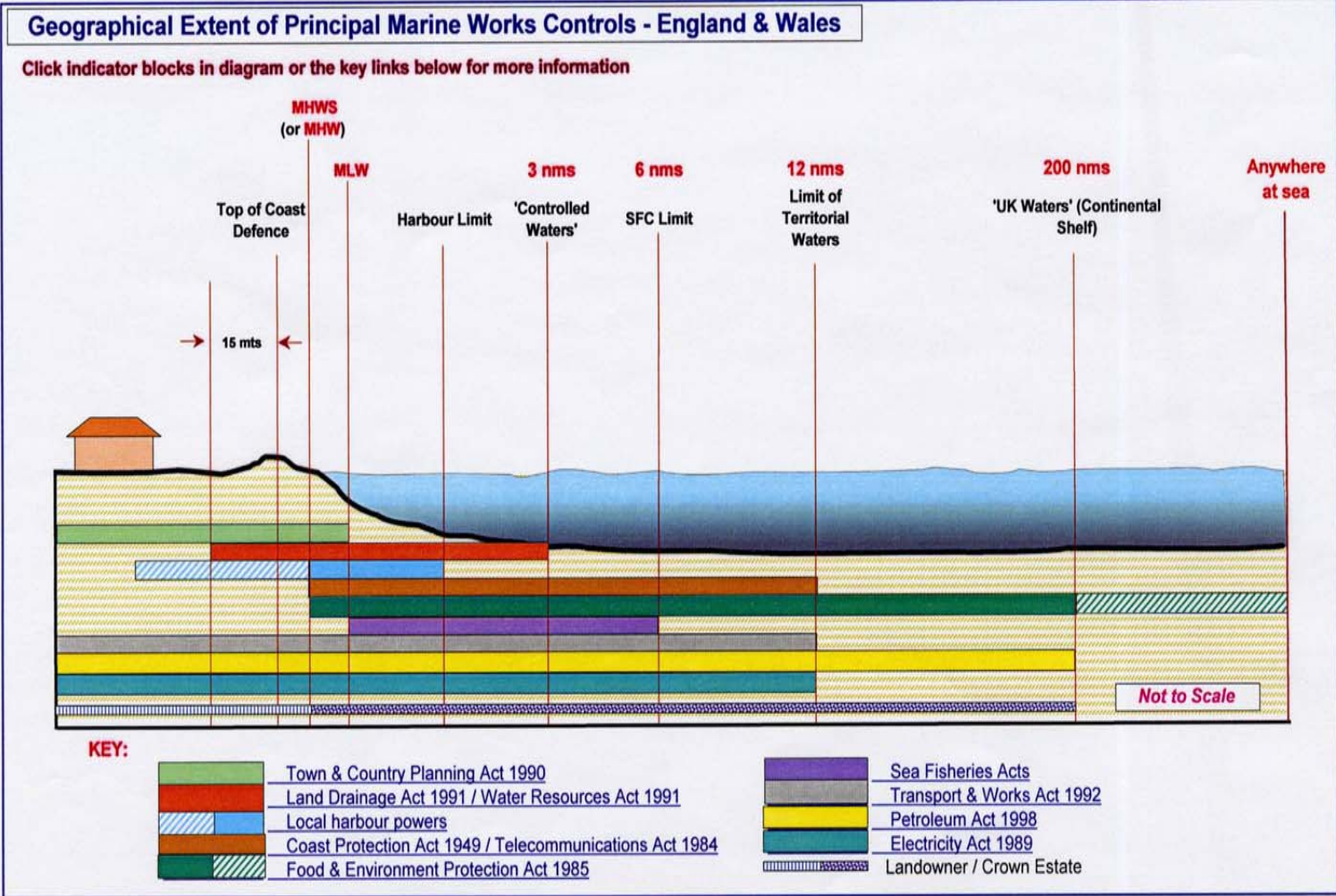
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## Points Raised

- A **statutory basis for ICZM was not essential** but there did need to be a mechanism which could “drive” bodies to coordinate their activity and release funds to facilitate this.
- There needs to be greater clarity in the existing situation, **streamlining of current legislation** and improved coordination.



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## Points Raised

- Local level ICZM worked best where there were **clear conflicts to be resolved**. Effective stakeholder dialogue required considerable commitment of time and effort.
- ICZM initiatives needed to be **properly resourced** if they were to become more effective and stop chasing project funding. Initiatives also needed guidance and a network for sharing best practice.



# Views being considered

***ICZM has resulted in the gradual integration of stakeholder interests and has promoted participation***

## **Future requirements?:**

- Establish a 'Champion' for ICZM i.e. a strong national lead.
- Communicate the best way forward for implementing ICZM (National Strategies).
- Seek to secure a central funding "pot" for coastal fora.
- "Sell" the need to better integrate sectoral interests coastal areas.
- Clarify the best approach to integrate the management of marine and coastal environments to the 12 nautical mile limit (next talk!).
- Seek to increase powers for some statutory bodies, e.g. Sea Fisheries Committees.



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- 2004 could be a defining year in the implementation of ICZM within the UK –

This requires continued input and enthusiasm from the likes of yourselves!!



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## The Next Steps

- Final Stocktake Report due in March/April 2004 (Defra website).
- 23 March 2004 – Partnerships Standing Conference to discuss implementation of Stocktake findings (Leeds University – CoastNET event).

Future and existing reports are available for review at:

[www.defra.gov.uk/environment/marine/iczm](http://www.defra.gov.uk/environment/marine/iczm)

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