

Role and Use of Technologies in Relation to Integrated Coastal Zone Management in Europe

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Abstract

Technology is considered as a tool to increase the number of available options and to enlarge the freedom of action of Society to achieve certain objectives. One of such objectives, nowadays, is sustainable development of the coastal zones. However it appears that, even in situations where an attempt for integrated management is made, the role of technologies is not adequately considered. In fact, it is rather easy to forget that a true integration requires the understanding of how a technology mutually interact with the surrounding environment (natural and social). The present paper summarises the analysis of the Role and Use of Technologies in Relation with ICZM undertaken in the context of the EU Demonstration Programme on ICZM. Reference is made to those aspects that constituted the analysis.