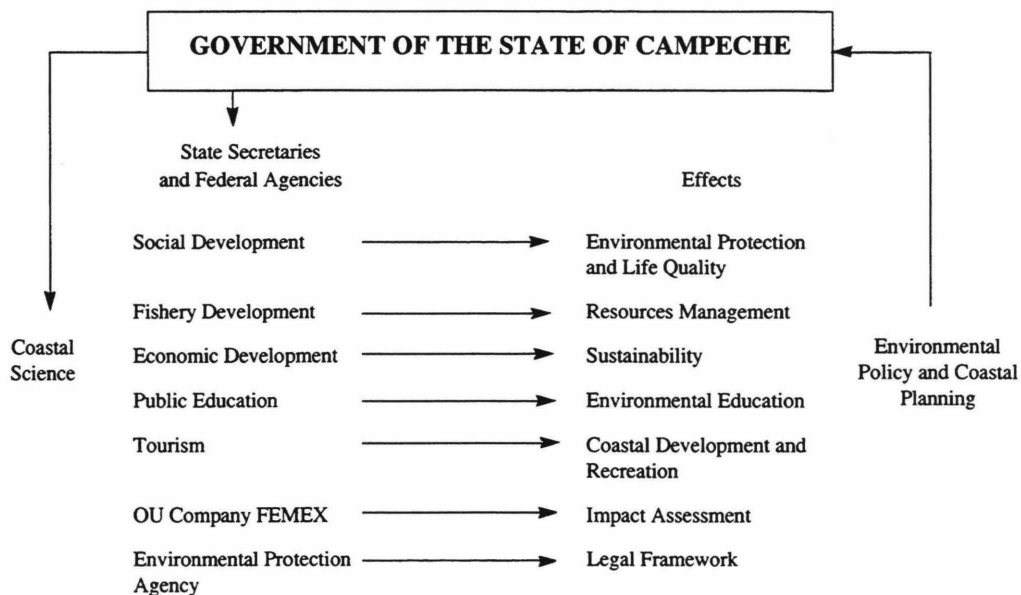


Coastal Sciences into Policymaking: Study Cases in Campeche, Mexico

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The integrated plan for ecological management in the coastal zone of Campeche is based on a strategic development of scientific development of scientific research oriented towards solving priority problems; this is the role of the EPOMEX Program. The Policy development and planning are roles of the State Government and Federal Agencies. The coupling of sciences and policymaking occurs in the frame of a strategy designed by the Government of the State as follow:



Commercial and artisanal fishing, maritime transport, agriculture and cattle grazing in low-land areas, urban expansion, building of highways and tourism, are important economic activities that are increasing. However, the growth needs to occur in a sustainable manner with adequate protection for the coastal ecosystems. From 1991 to the present; a number of projects have been completed which serve as case studies for coastal management and policy in the Southern Gulf of Mexico.