

## Workshop on the International Coastal Atlas Network at Littoral 2008

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2:30pm to 4:00pm

Topic	Presenter/ Facilitator	Time (minutes)
Overview of ICAN <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aim and objectives,</li> <li>• strategy,</li> <li>• Activities</li> <li>• Interoperability demonstration</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ned Dwyer – Coastal and Marine Resources Centre, Ireland</li> <li>• Simon Claus – Flanders Marine Institute (VLIZ)</li> </ul>	25
Overview of atlases participating in ICAN including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marine Irish Digital Atlas</li> <li>• Oregon Coastal Atlas</li> <li>• Belgian Coastal Atlas</li> <li>• Atlas of Venice Lagoon</li> <li>• African Marine Atlas</li> <li>• Carribean Marine Atlas</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ned Dwyer – Coastal and Marine Resources Centre</li> <li>• Roger Longhorn – External Consultant, UNESCO IOC-IODE Project</li> </ul>	30
Atlas user expectations and experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kathrin Kopke - Coastal and Marine Resources Centre, Ireland</li> </ul>	20
Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work programme</li> <li>• Joining ICAN</li> <li>• Next workshop</li> <li>• Questions and answers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ned Dwyer – Coastal and Marine Resources Centre</li> </ul>	15

### Background

ICAN is a newly-founded, informal group of organizations who have been meeting over the past two years to scope and implement data interoperability approaches to coastal web atlases (CWAs). The **mission/strategic aim** of ICAN is to share experiences and to find common solutions to CWA development (e.g., user and developer guides, handbooks and articles on best practices, information on standards and web services, expertise and technical support directories, education, outreach, and funding opportunities, etc.), while ensuring maximum relevance and added value for the end users. The long-term view is for global-level operational interoperability which will evolve as the ICAN community strives to increase awareness of the

opportunities that exist for increased coastal and marine data sharing among policy makers and resource managers as strategic users of a CWA. We see ICAN participants as playing a leadership role in forging international collaborations of value to the participating nations and optimizing regional governance in coastal zone management.

### **Workshop Aims**

- To introduce the International Coastal Atlas Network (ICAN) to those with an interest in coastal atlases
- To present the relevance of ICAN activities in a European context
- To encourage participation of new members
- To raise the profile of ICAN

### **Who Should Attend?**

The workshop will be of interest to those who are developing web-based tools to disseminate spatial data and information regarding coastal and marine areas. It will be relevant to those managing or designing such initiatives as well as people with more technical interests. Users of coastal and marine data and information will also find the workshop of value.