

# Coastal Guide ICZM Information System

## 1. Key data

Project title:	Integrated management of the coast of Ipiros
Country:	Greece
Project phase:	completed
Launch:	1997
National funding:	[periods, in euros]
EC-funding:	[periods, in euros]
EC project references:	TERRA network no. 13 Coastlink
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Project area:	The coastal region of Ipiros stretches from the Albanian border to the gulf of Amvrakikos in north-west Greece. To the south, it is an undulating plain rich in cultural sites and is mainly farming land. Industry is concentrated around the port of Preveza. Further north the coast becomes more hilly, flanking mountain peaks, which increase in height as one goes inland. Just south of the Albanian border, Igoumenitsa is a port offering ferry services to Corfu and Bari in Italy.
Area size (land):	[in hectare]
(water):	[in hectare, or yes/no]
Population size:	
Policy background:	The region of Ipiros in Greece is situated on the Ionian Sea and can be considered as comparatively isolated and economically lagging behind. Tourism and agriculture are currently underdeveloped. Coastal tourism is limited to a few resorts, the largest being Parga. Despite this, tourism accounts for 30% of local employment in the northern prefecture of Thesprotia. Recent developments with respect to infrastructure and the emergence of Albania from decades of political isolation is rapidly changing the economy of the region. Like other Greek regions, Ipiros has recently been given responsibility for regulating strategic management. The challenge is to include management contracts and "controlled urban areas" in this regulatory system.
Important sectors in the project set-up:	Aquaculture, Tourism, Transport & Accessibility, Ports & Marine industry, Landscapes & Cultural Heritage, Coastal fishing, Second homes & Urban Sprawl, Pollution, Habitats & Biodiversity
Main aim:	To build a framework for ICZM and for the local management to implement a sustainable development, aiming at both economic targets and environmental protection.
Expected results:	

## 2. Collaboration & integration

Objectives re collaboration & integration:

One of the triggers for the Ipiros project was the perceived need to collaborate with neighbouring Albania owing to the geographical continuity of the coastal zone.

Ministries formally involved\*:

Regions (county, province) formally involved\*:

Region of Ipiros

Municipalities (towns) formally involved\*:

Preveza, Parga, Thesprotia, Igoumenitsa,

Problems encountered:

Main achievements:

## 3. Participation

Objectives re participation: Enhance political will

Environment stakeholders formally involved\*: yes / no

Economic development stakeholders formally involved\*: yes / no

Public hearings: [number]

Public access to project data: yes / no

Main achievements: Establishment of six local forums on the basis of thematic issues. This represents sub-regions of the elongated coastal strip.

Problems encountered: Ipirus notes a general lack of awareness of the needs/ benefits of Integrated Coastal Management

## 4. Information

Objectives re environment:

Main achievements:

Problems encountered: Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) as a broad category of tools for collecting raw data and transforming them into useful information, is not required to consider cumulative impacts on the environment in Greece. The system is failing to provide information needed by coastal planners on the carrying capacity of a given area.

## 5. Policy aspects, relevance and success:

### Legal Jurisdictional issues:

Project objectives:

Main achievements:

Problems encountered:

### Environment:

Project objectives:

Main achievements:

Problems encountered:

### Biodiversity conservation:

Project objectives: The protection of a number of Natura 2000 sites, including the Aheron and Kalamas river deltas and the Amvrakikos gulf which is one of the most important and unspoilt areas in Greece.

Main achievements:

Problems encountered:

### Economic development:

Project objectives: Sustaining Long-term support

Main achievements: A focus for community interest developing alternative tourism strategies in its footpath initiative designed to provide tourist access to inland natural, cultural and landscape heritage

Problems encountered:

**Spatial planning & zoning:**

Project objectives:

Main achievements: Improved transportation that reduces isolation and open new economic opportunities.

Problems encountered: Because of a better accessibility to the coastal zone, intensive development of the coastal zone is a subsequent implication for the coastal environment.

Fragmented urban or land use planning

**Coastal defence:**

Project objectives:

Main achievements:

Problems encountered:

**6. Progress & Continuity**

Follow-up:

No progress since: [month, year]

Main reason for lack of progress:

**7. Sources**

Project Report online: [attached in MS word or PDF]

\*) formally involved means: as a project partner or represented in a project committee.

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