



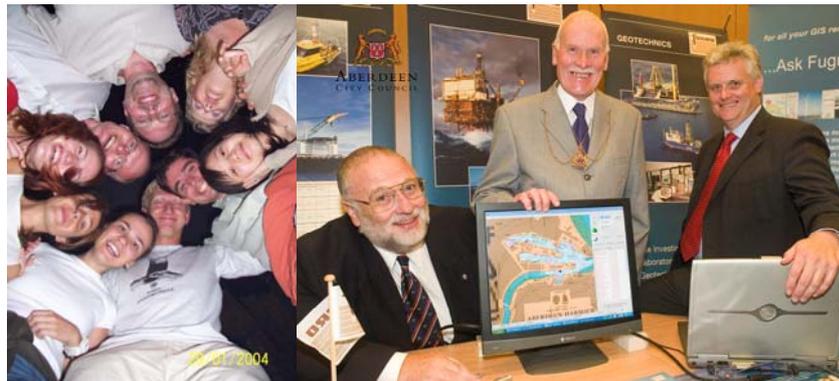
NEWSLETTER

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SCOTLAND

CoastGIS 2005 (the 6th International Symposium Computer Mapping and GIS for Coastal Zone Management) took place in Aberdeen on the 21st-23rd July 2005 at the AECC, Aberdeen (<http://www.abdn.ac.uk/coastgis2005.org.uk>). Organised by David R. Green (COREPOINT Aberdeen) with AECC it concentrated on defining and building a marine and coastal spatial data infrastructures. The conference saw excellent paper and poster presentations from around the World, with delegates from the UK, Norway, Spain, Italy, France, Germany, Mexico, Indonesia, Nigeria, the USA, Canada, and Australia.



(a) Postgraduate delegates; Ron Furness (Australia), Councillor Webster (Aberdeen City Council) and David R. Green (CoastGIS 2005 Conference Chairman); David R. Green (NEGCP Committee Member) with Ian Hay (Project Officer) launching the North East Grampian Coastal Partnership © David R. Green

Scotland could have its first Coastal and Marine National Park by 2008 under Scottish legislation (<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/releases/2005/06/15123643>). Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) is now undertaking work to identify where and how the Park could be established (<http://www.ruralgateway.org.uk/cgi-bin/item.cgi?id=988>), and COREPOINT Aberdeen will be attending the first Open Forum on Wed 2nd Nov in Oban.

Professor William Ritchie (COREPOINT Aberdeen AICSM) was appointed to the Ministerial Working Group (Scottish Executive) on the Strategy for the Long Term Sustainability of Scotland's Coasts and Seas. This is following the publication of the Scottish Executive's "Seas The Opportunity: A Strategy for the long term sustainability of Scotland's coasts and seas" (http://www.ruralgateway.org.uk/cgi-bin/library.cgi?action=detail&id=723&dir_publisher_varid=1).

Finally, COREPOINT Aberdeen has been involved with preparation for research projects in the Western Isles, Aberdeenshire, North Cornwall, South West Cornwall (Fal Estuary) and in Cork.

WALES

The Cardiff ICZM Expert Surgery and the Severn Estuary ICZM Training School took place at Cardiff and Clevedon respectively 6th-8th July 2005. These were highly successful events, involving many representatives from government, political, NGO and industrial arenas. The Expert Surgery provided an overview of Severn Estuary issues and an update of the latest progress on integrated coastal zone management to local politicians, local government, government agency staff and representatives of a wide range of other user groups. This involved a boat excursion within Cardiff Bay and along part of the Vale of Glamorgan coastline with commentary provided by a range of COREPOINT and local experts from the Environment Agency, the Countryside Council for Wales and other bodies. Topics covered ranged from nature conservation and estuarine processes to economic development and aggregates dredging.

In addition to the Expert Surgery, COREPOINT Cardiff organised a public launch of the COREPOINT project for the Severn Estuary area and a workshop on coastal management priorities for the estuary. Both were well attended and will help support the further development of the Severn Estuary Partnership and its programme. Christine Gwyther (Assembly Member) opened the launch which attracted over 70 attendees, including representation from a wide range of local and regional bodies. The launch raised the profile of COREPOINT in the Severn region and enabled introduction to the main Severn Estuary-wide projects to commence in Nov. 06. These include the development of a Research Strategy for the Severn and a Local Information System (LIS) methodology, which aims to support local decision-makers in their collection and use of scientific data.

The COREPOINT ICZM training course held in Clevedon was the second to be run by the COREPOINT team as part of the series 'North West Europe School of Excellence in ICZM'. The School was attended by 17 external delegates, most of whom came from the Severn Estuary area and included representatives from a range of sectors including conservation, spatial planning and sustainable development.

The focus of the course, the European ICZM principles, was delivered through a range of lectures, presentations and field visits.



Cardiff Expert Surgery: studying local coastal issues on the Severn
© Cardiff University



Christine Gwyther (AM) opening Severn Estuary Launch of COREPOINT project
© Jim Mitchell

COREPOINT Cardiff has also reviewed international approaches and guidelines to ICZM, and has looked at the role of local government in ICZM. This has produced useful teaching material for ICZM.

COREPOINT Cardiff have been leading on the development of a Local Information System (LIS) methodology, which aims to support local decision-makers in their collection and use of scientific data.

Finally, COREPOINT Cardiff are planning on having a “Geography Teachers’ Day on ICZM”, with the aim of promoting ICZM in education and in the community.

ENGLAND

One of the COREPOINT project objectives is to “engage politicians in integrated coastal planning”. Exciting news in the UK on this front is the revival of the All Party Parliamentary group on coastal issues which has been dormant for a number of

years. As a result of some discussions and campaigning and links developed through the CoastNet House of Commons event in 2004 an MP (Norman Lamb) has agreed to Chair and champion the group. The initial focus on the Group will be the Marine Bill and the 1st meeting is planned for December 2005.

COREPOINT Coastnet are developing a series of 6 workshops (commencing in Jan 2006) concentrating on public participation, which has attracted much interest from NGOs. They promoted the “Low Tide Day” in May 2005 at 30 sites around the UK (around 60 sites worldwide), where various community and educational events were planned. The same event last year was based around only 8 UK sites. Generally there was good feedback from the public although the actual day was a bit cold.

COREPOINT CoastNet organised two major conferences: September 15th “Offshore Development”, Sept 15th in London; and “Adaptive Management and Local Specificity”, Sept 22nd in Edinburgh. These were attended by stakeholders from a wide variety of backgrounds from government, global and local industry as well as those from an environmental /conservation background. Both conferences were well received, with a major conclusion from both being that that cross-discipline understanding of the needs and aspirations of different sectors in the marine and coastal environment is lacking due to a lack of general networking across sectors,. Much of the feedback indicated that cross-disciplinary conferences such as these helped address this issue.

COREPOINT Envision have been promoting ICZM in NE England, with a kick-off meeting attended by the Countryside Agency, English Nature and the Rural Development Service.

NORTHERN IRELAND

COREPOINT Coleraine have sustained contact with staff at Denegal County Council, and via them to communities in Donegal. There has been continuing participation in the NI Stakeholders Group and in the Donegal Marine Stewardship Forum, and working relationships have been established with Coleraine and Limavady Councils, with initiatives on rural activity and beach access being undertaken.

IRELAND

The Coastal and Marine Resources Centre (CMRC) in University College and Cork County Council hosted the official launch of the Coastal Research and Policy Integration (Corepoint) Project in Cork in February 2005. Amongst the exciting events taking place there was the inaugural Corepoint “expert surgery” with a panel of international marine and coastal experts drawn from the Corepoint Project partnership. This unique event for Cork Harbour involved a boat-based study visit around Cork Harbour including lunch and then a cheese and wine reception in the Port of Cork offices to officially launch Corepoint.



Denis Healy (Manager, Port of Cork), Val Cummins (Manager, CMRC), Mayor P.J. Sheehan (Cork County Council), Dermot O'Mahoney, (Chairman, Port of Cork), Pat Lyons (Senior Executive Planner, Cork County Council) at the official Corepoint Launch. © CMRC

The Surgery gave participants an informal opportunity to take part in an issue-orientated discussion on Cork Harbour with internationally renowned experts. This event provided a unique opportunity for those with an interest in Cork Harbour to benefit from face to face advice and experience of these experts.

Following the Surgery, the first of the Corepoint Integrated Coastal Zone Management courses schools was held in Cork in February. The school afforded the opportunity for politicians, local authority employees and coastal practitioners to increase their knowledge of the principles that underpin good coastal management.

The two-day event involved a combination of classroom and fieldwork activities and was well attended and received very positive feedback.

COREPOINT Galway (Martin Ryan Institute) have completed the first draft of the International Review, the aim to “Determine the effectiveness of current spatial policies for coastal management”. To date three major reports have been produced, by specific Partners, under the umbrella of the Corepoint Project during 2005:



Martin Ryan Institute, National University of Ireland, Galway. © Mike Guiry

- EU legislation and policies with implications for coastal management
- Quantification of the economic benefits of natural coastal ecosystems
- Review of International Approaches to Integrated Coastal Management

This work, currently subject to final edit, will underpin subsequent Corepoint activities. The final drafts will be available for dissemination through the Corepoint website in early 2006 (www.corepoint.ucc.ie).

A significant questionnaire survey has been conducted in Cork Harbour over the summer months in an attempt to assess the leisure carrying capacity of this fantastic natural resource. Initial results, from over 200 respondents, reveal that there are similar issues for all the communities that surround the Harbour such as access to the water, enforcement of marine regulations and the problem of litter. Further analysis is currently being conducted with a full report due in early 2006. For further details contact Cathal O'Mahony (c.omahony@ucc.ie).

A jointly funded Corepoint/Fota Wildlife Park web-enabled bird atlas for Cork Harbour has recently been unveiled. Number of species, migration patterns and even the calls of the birds are included. This significant resource is the result of the collation of 25

years of bird records by Vicki O'Donnell (v.odonnell@ucc.ie) at the CMRC and is available at <http://corkharbourbirds.ucc.ie/>.

In Ireland, the work undertaken under Corepoint has been raised at a both a national level regional level. Ongoing consultation between the CMRC and the Department of Marine, Communication and Natural Resources has resulted in members of the CMRC being invited onto the Steering Group for the National Stocktaking Process. For details contact Val Cummins (v.cummins@ucc.ie)

FRANCE

The French Corepoint study sites are Mont-Saint-Michel bay and the Gulf of Morbihan. In Mont-Saint-Michel bay, the inter-county association launched its ICZM project in September 2005. The first action was to organise “Days of the Bay”: a forum between scientists working on the bay, and inhabitants, and the Corepoint team have been fully involved in this. Brochures presenting the Corepoint project were available during the forum.

The first day was devoted to presentations made by scientists and debates with the participants (inhabitants, association members, shellfish-farmers, farmers, etc.). During the second day, 8 visits in the bay and in the catchments areas of the Bay were organised. The inhabitants of the bay were invited to discover one aspect of the bay with local stakeholders, scientists and members of the inter-county association. The Corepoint team participated in a visit on the catchments area of the Selune river with responsible for the implementation of the master plan for development and management of the waters.

The “Days of the Bay” attracted widespread media attention, with articles in the regional newspaper, interview on local radio and a TV report on the regional channel “France 3”. A total of 122 persons participated in the 1st day (seminar) and 154 people to the second day (walks in the bay and the catchments areas).

This forum was the first step of a process engaged in the bay. It was an important opportunity to meet the stakeholders of the bay and to launch the debate about ICZM. It was a great success!

L'équipe Corepoint
Le projet associe onze équipes issues de cinq États membres :
Royaume-Uni :
- University College Cork (pilote du projet) ;
- National University of Ireland, Galway ;
Royaume-Uni :
- University of Ulster Coleraine ;
- University of Cardiff ;
- University of Aberdeen ;
- University of Newcastle ;
- COREPOINT ;
Belgique :
- ERMES ;
France :
- Université de Bretagne Occidentale (CEDEM) ;
- Ifremer ;
Pays Bas :
- ECDC, The Coastal Unit

Présentation du projet européen
COASTAL RESEARCH & POLICY INTEGRATION
La gestion intégrée des zones côtières en Europe
La gestion de la zone côtière nécessite de nombreuses actions et une planification intégrée de l'usage des zones côtières.
La recommandation du Parlement européen et du Conseil relative à la gestion intégrée de la zone côtière recommande notamment aux États membres de :
- entreprendre une analyse globale des secteurs, des lieux et des dispositifs de la gestion de la zone côtière (stocktake) ;
- produire une stratégie nationale pour la gestion des zones côtières.

Le projet Corepoint
Le projet COREPOINT a pour but de promouvoir une coordination des compétences en gestion intégrée des zones côtières (GIZC) en Europe de nord-ouest et une coopération efficace entre gestionnaires et experts.
Le projet COREPOINT contribue au thème du nord-ouest de l'Europe une région d'excellence internationale en matière de gestion intégrée de la zone côtière.
Il a débuté en novembre 2004 pour une période de 42 mois dans le cadre du programme national I.R. Europe de Nord-Ouest.

CEDEM **Ifremer**

Objectifs de Corepoint
Sur la base d'un partenariat international, COREPOINT cherche à :
- Favoriser une capacité locale, régionale et nationale de mise en application de programmes de gestion intégrée de la zone côtière ;
- Favoriser le développement de politiques nationales dans les pays du nord-ouest de l'Europe, en réponse à la recommandation du Parlement européen et du Conseil en matière de gestion intégrée de la zone côtière ;
- Fournir aux autorités locales la connaissance requise pour mettre en application des plans à long terme de la gestion de leurs espaces côtiers ;
- Renforcer les liens entre les scientifiques et les décideurs publics ;
- Identifier des dispositifs existants en matière d'accompagnement des initiatives locales en gestion intégrée de la zone côtière ;
- Renforcer et établir des réseaux pour accompagner la gestion de la zone côtière ;
- Développer à l'échelle du nord-ouest de l'Europe un système d'information dédié à la gestion intégrée de la zone côtière.

Le volet français de Corepoint
L'équipe française du projet COREPOINT se compose :
- du Centre de droit et d'économie de mer (CEDEM) de l'Université de Bretagne Occidentale (UBO) à Brest (Christine Bailly et Manuelle Philippe) ;
- des IFREMER : Département d'Économie Maritime (CEM) de Plouzané, à Brest (Philippe Kalyadjan) et Laboratoire Environnement Français (LEF) du Morbihan-Pays de Loire (Patrick Cornau et de Saint-Malo) (Patrick Le Moal).
Les travaux de la partie française de COREPOINT visent à :
- Renforcer les politiques françaises et de la stratégie nationale en gestion de la zone côtière ;
- Accompagner de la mise en œuvre de politiques régionales en gestion intégrée de la zone côtière ;
- Partenariat avec des initiatives locales de gestion intégrée de la zone côtière.
Les sites d'étude retenus en France dans le cadre de ce projet sont la baie du Mont-Saint-Michel et la golfe du Morbihan.

La mise en œuvre de Corepoint
Le projet COREPOINT repose sur la mise en œuvre de collaborations avec les gestionnaires de la zone côtière :
- à l'échelle locale, en développant une expertise à partir d'études de cas ;
- à l'échelle régionale, en participant à la mise en œuvre de politiques régionales en gestion de la zone côtière ;
- au niveau national, en contribuant à la mise en application de la recommandation du Parlement et du Conseil sur la gestion intégrée de la zone côtière (GIZC).

Brochure made to present the Corepoint project in France. © Manuelle Philippe - NB : page order:

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Below: Picture taken during the “Days of the Mont-Saint-Michel Bay”,
29th / 30th October 2005. © Manuelle Philippe

BELGIUM

Belgium have established a National Advisory Body for ICZM, with input from COREPOINT Ghent. COREPOINT Ghent have been studying the entire length of the Belgian coastline (70km) for the GAUFRE project (“Towards a Spatial Structure Plan for Sustainable Management of the Sea”). The GAUFRE report is currently in press, and the GAUFRE Atlas, with detailed use-conflict maps, will become available for inclusion in the North West Europe Coastal Resource Centre by next year.

NETHERLANDS

The LOICZ (Land Ocean Interactions in the Coastal Zone)II Inaugural Open Science Meeting took place in Egmond aan Zee (Holland) from the 27-29th June 2005 (http://www.loicz.org/loicz_nl/6cfc735ad960dcbcfdd34acaf1981256.php). The meeting was aimed to launch the LOICZ 10-year Science Plan and work towards identifying ways to deliver it from activities of attending scientists from around the globe.

The meeting was well attended by COREPOINT partners. Jeremy Gault (UCC) gave a talk specifically about the COREPOINT project and how it is attempting to link science with policy. Rhoda Ballinger (CARDIFF) spoke about developing capacity for local planners and included some aspects of work her group is doing in Wales as part of the COREPOINT project. Alan Pickaver (EUCC) elucidated an indicator set to measure the implementation of ICZM in Europe, which is one of this Partners key roles in COREPOINT. Jeremy Hills (ENVISION) and Jeremy Gault (UCC) with support from Don Alcock (Coastal CRC, Australia) and Tim Radford (Science Editor, The Guardian, UK) ran a workshop on "Raising awareness and ownership of coastal management initiatives" - this was a working session which aimed to provide a framework for a LOICZ communication strategy. As part of this workshop, some ICZM case studies developed through the ICZM Schools of Excellence were used to elucidate the diversity of approaches to facilitating communication with ICZM initiatives.

COREPOINT EUCC have organised other events, namely a 1 day seminar on the 30th Aug on ICZM in the Netherlands.