

National Ocean Strategy



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■ Programme of the XVII Government

“to establish and promote the coordination, at the executive level, of all areas concerning the Ocean under the responsibility of different state departments ...”

■ Portuguese Task Group for Maritime Affairs

“Need to adopt a holistic and integrated policy for the governance of all sea affairs, based on a horizontal and multidisciplinary strategy”



NOS Process

- Aug 2005 – Task Group for Maritime Affairs;
- Sep 2005 to Jun 2006:
 - Guidelines for a National Ocean Strategy
 - Coordination of national positions/contributions for the Green Paper of the European Maritime Policy
- Jul-Set 2006 – Circulation for political validation
- Oct 2006 – Public consultation
- 16 Nov 2006 (National Sea Day) – adopted by Resolution n° 163 of the Council of Ministers



Objectives

- The Ocean as an identity and differentiating factor
- **National Project** that values and balances:
 - Economic growth
 - Employment, social cohesion and quality of life.
 - Respect, protection and maintenance
 - Natural and cultural heritage
 - Marine Environmental & Biodiversity



Strategic Pillars

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KNOWLEDGE

SPATIAL PLANNING

ACTIVE PROMOTION
OF NATIONAL
INTERESTS

Critical Success Factors

COORDINATION & ARTICULATION



Knowledge

- Outreach
- Training and education
- Scientific research and development
- New technologies applied to the Ocean and Coastal Zones
- Access and broadcast of information
- Key decision and investment support indicators



Spatial Planning

- Essential governance tool
- Global vision (three-dimensional)
- Adaptive, progressive and integrated management
- Knowledge and mapping uses and activities
- Capacity planning of uses and future activities
- Rigorous and transparent criteria
 - Licensing, surveillance and control
 - Less bureaucracy, lean processes



Active Promotion of National Interests

- Reinforcement of bilateral and multilateral relations;
- Proactive contributions on international *fora*;
- National specificities, identity and image:
- Articulation & coordination:
 - Diplomatic & political
 - Economic, social and environmental
 - Scientific e technological
 - Defence, security and safety



Approach

- Build upon existing situation
- Shared goals and joint actions
- Rationality and capacity building
- Horizontal / holistic perspective
- Complement of sectoral and national policies (Sustainable development strategy, Spatial planning, ...)
- Coordination mechanism

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Actions Items

- 8 strategic – medium/long term
 - Structural and transversal
 - Focused on the Strategic Pillars
 - Add value to what is already underway
- 3 priorities - short term
- Detailed action plans defined by the ministries and regions involved:
 - main actors and their roles
 - budgets and source of financing
 - key performance indicators



Strategic Actions

- Outreach and society mobilisation for the importance of the Seas and Ocean
- Promotion of maritime or sea related activities through training and education
- Investment in marine sciences research and development (promoting Portugal as a natural lab of marine sciences)
- Spatial planning of ocean and coastal zone activities



Strategic Actions (cont.)

- Protection and recovery of marine ecosystems
- Maritime Economy - Clusters
- New Technologies applied to maritime activities
- Defence, surveillance, security and safety of the maritime areas under national sovereignty or jurisdiction

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Priority Actions

- Coordination Mechanism (Inter-Ministerial Commission for Maritime Affairs – Feb 07)
- Reinforcement of the articulation and coordination of the national positions adopted on international maritime affairs *fora*
- Active participation on process of the Future Maritime Policy for the European Union



Next Steps

- Specific action plans (medium/long term)
- Permanent *Fora* for Maritime Affairs (open to all stakeholders)

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Portuguese Presidency of the EU

- Ministerial Conference on the Maritime Policy for the EU, Lisbon, 22 Oct 2007
 - Member States in favour of the launch of the Maritime Policy
 - Some comments from MS:
 - Participative process
 - Subsidiarity
 - Regulation/legislation
 - Role of international institutions



Portuguese Presidency of the EU

- Ministerial Conference on the Maritime Policy for the EU, Lisbon, 22 Oct 2007 (cont.)
 - Support to Research Development & Innovation
 - Protection of marine environment and biodiversity as a condition to achieve sustainable development
 - Calls for clarification of the link between marine strategy and the integrated maritime policy
 - Need to adopt an ecosystem approach to fisheries
 - Conclusions on the Maritime Policy in the December Council



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