

CAMP ISRAEL

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PAP/RAC National Focal Points meeting
23-24 May 2023, Split, Croatia

CAMP Israel

Main milestones

- 2019 – initiation
- 2019 to 2021 – preparation and updating of Feasibility Study
- October 2021 – signing of agreement between PAP/RAC and the Ministry of Environmental Protection
- July 2022 – establishment of steering committee and kickoff meeting
- January 2023 – inception workshop

Time span: July 2022 – May 2024



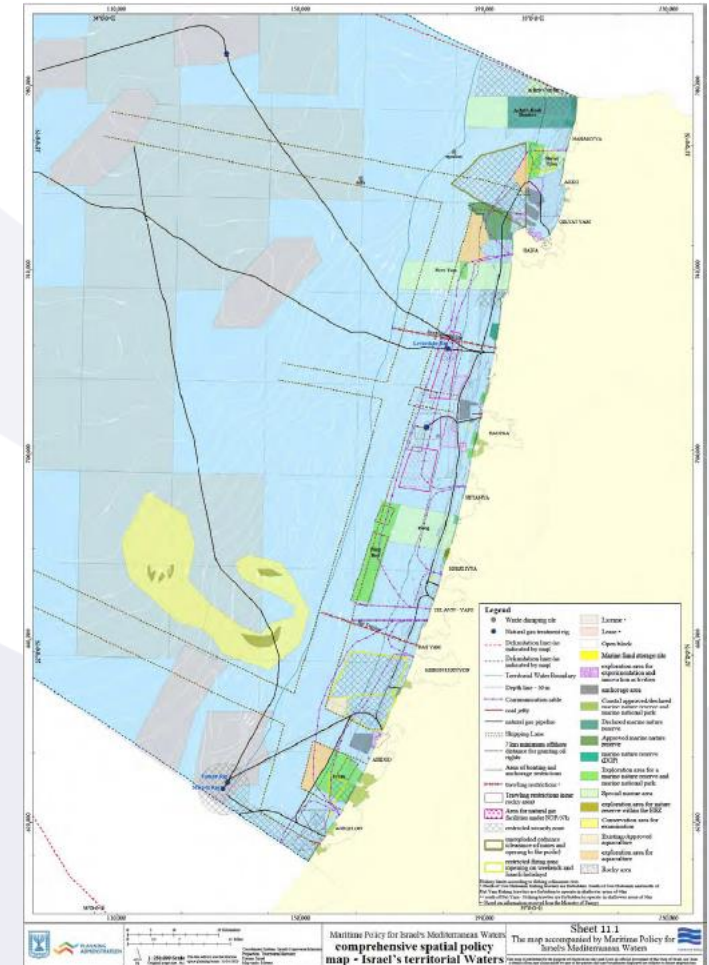
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Existing policies and plans at the national level for implementing ICZM:

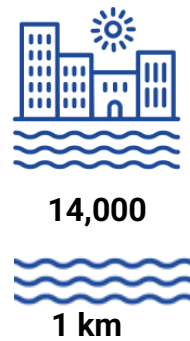
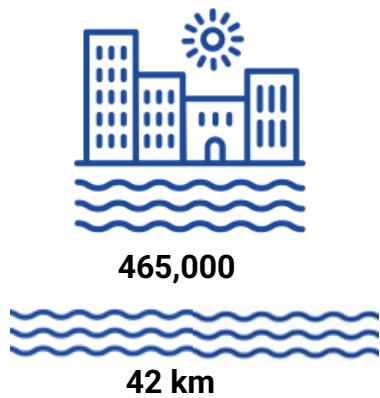
- National Outline Plan – the hole coast (Jan 2021) – In Set back Zone
- Marine Spatial Policy (MSP) – (May 2020, updated Nov 2022)
- Law for the Conservation of the Coastal Environment (2004)

Main purpose of the Camp project:
Create mechanisms and develop the capacity to implement ICZM in local authorities



Where - In the entire length of the Israeli coastal area Who – all the coastal authorities

13 towns, 7 regional councils, 1 local council



The project seeks to provide an operative approach in which ICZM principles are translated into diverse activities, built on three levels:

- Strategic
- Integrated
- Operational



Main partner - Forum of Coastal Authorities

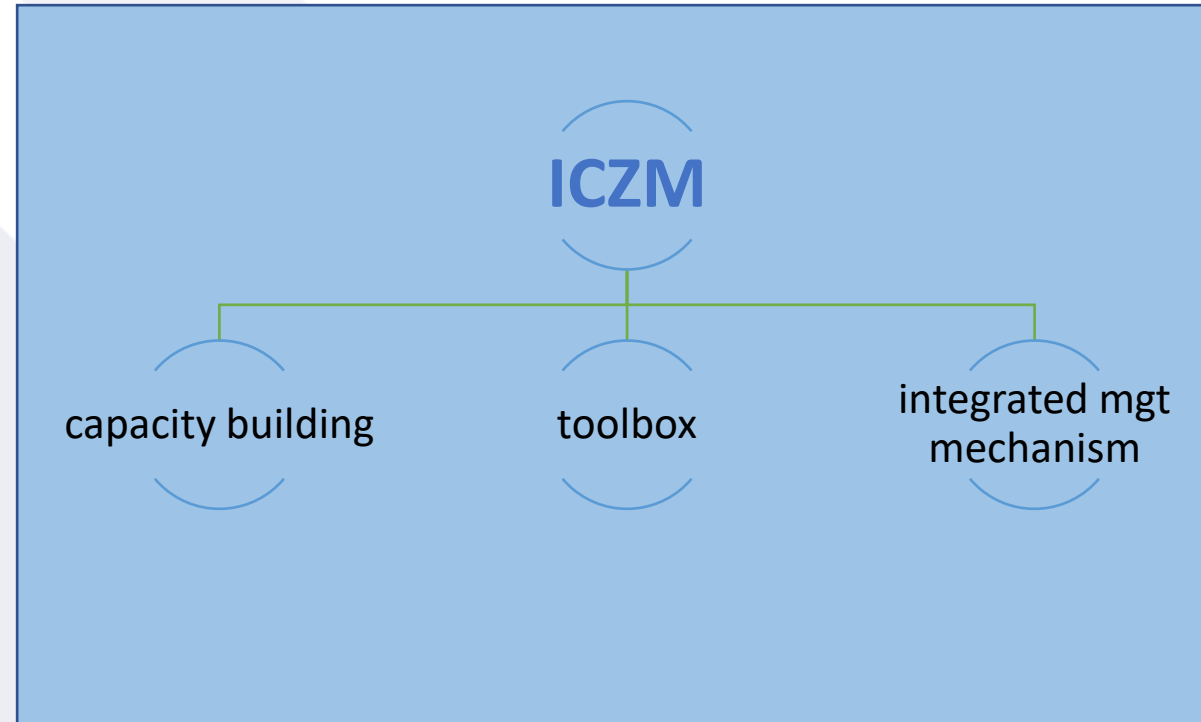
Target audience of the project:

- **Professional employees of the coastal authorities** – through capacity building
- **Local residents** – sharing the results with the public
- **All relevant stakeholders** – creating a broad partnership including local authorities, ministries, academia, coastal and marine environmental organizations and NGO's



Main activities

- Build capacities to implement the ICZM approach in coastal authorities and communities
- Develop a toolbox for sustainable coastal tourism, sustainable coastal facilities, preparedness towards climate change
- Promote a joint mechanism for the coastal stakeholders to integrate the ICZM approach in the entire coastal area.



Detailed activities - Horizontal - cross-sectional

1. Management, integration and dissemination of project results
2. **Capacity building:** ICZM/MSP framework and processes; beach management; climate change preparedness; coastal tourism and sustainable coastal facilities; LSI - Land Sea Interaction in planning.
3. Raising awareness

Detailed activities - Vertical – Thematic activities

1. ICZM mechanism

- Analysis of the existing legal framework including roles and responsibilities and identification of obstacles to effective management of the coastal area;
- Mapping the relevant stakeholders and analyzing their role in the management of the coastal area;
- Preparation of a model for the coastal zone management mechanism taking into account the requirements of the ICZM protocol and based on examples from other countries;
- Support in making the proposed mechanism a reality, including identifying necessary changes in the respective laws and regulations

Detailed activities - Vertical – Thematic activities

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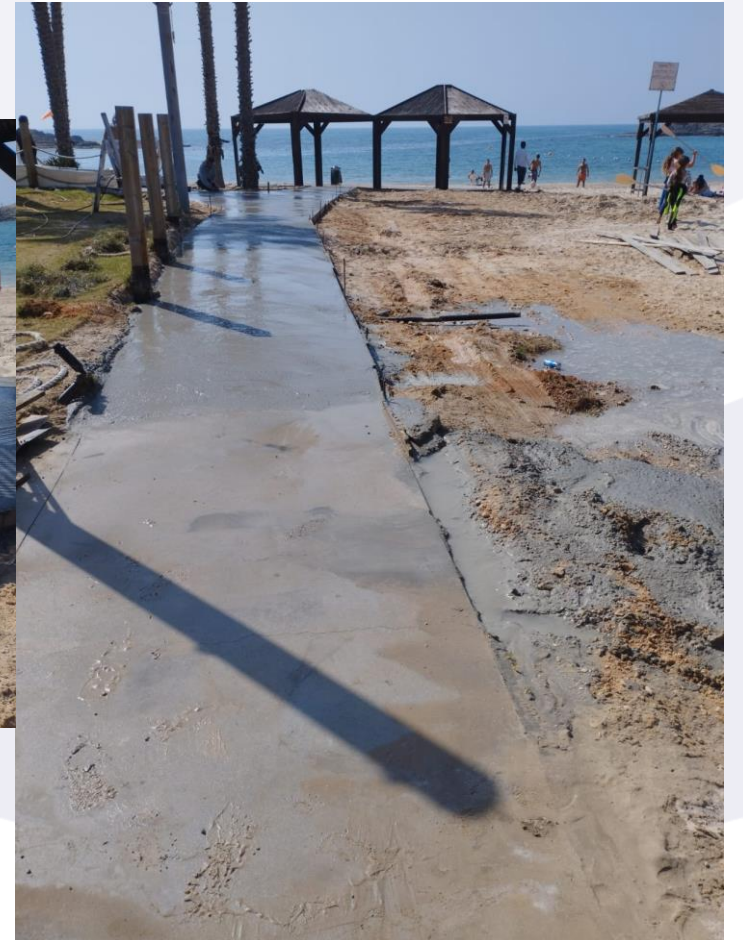
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3. Monitoring the coastal and marine environment

This indicator is currently still a proposed and non-mandatory indicator, but the State of Israel supports making it mandatory: in this action, the monitoring methodology will be built and the baseline for the CI 25 indicator (land cover change) will be defined, based on the updated methodology, and a report will be provided in the IMAP information system.

First horizontal activity: ICZM course for coastal authorities' functionaries

- 33 participants, from 22 different entities, various professions
- 6-day long meetings + 1-day long tour
- comprehensive background on the marine and terrestrial environment, ICZM planning and management principles and issues, MSP, climate change, etc...

Added value: good platform for communication and addressing some of the pressing issues in the coastal zone, enhancing discussion between “environmental planners” and “managers”, local and regional representatives.



Thank you!

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