

The Compendium for Coast and Sea

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The Compendium for Coast and Sea is an integrated knowledge document about the socio-economic, environmental and institutional aspects of the Coast and Sea in Flanders and Belgium. The document aggregates dispersed information and data from Flemish and Belgian marine and maritime research. The integrated and multidisciplinary character of the Compendium aims to increase the communication within the network of marine experts and intends to enhance the visibility and accessibility of marine research. In this regard, the Compendium fits in with the European aspirations for a sustainable and Integrated Maritime Policy and Integrated Coastal Zone Management.

The knowledge document consists of:

- An overview of the marine scientific landscape in Flanders/Belgium (Chapter 1)
- A summary of the knowledge on different user functions of the coast and sea (Chapter 2)
- A non-exhaustive overview of relevant regulations and policy instruments and an elaboration on the marine science-policy interface (Chapter 3).

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The target audience of the Compendium for Coast and Sea are scientists, the broad group of experts who are actively and professionally involved with the coast and sea – at an international, European, national, regional and local level – as well as representatives from business and drivers of innovation.

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