NETWORKS IN INTEGRATED COASTAL MANAGEMENT

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EUROCOAST

Purpose

- Explain what networks are

- Outline value of networks in icm

- Explain EUROCOAST

What is a network?

A network is …

- … a system of links

- … a group or system for the inter-linkage and interaction of its members

Value of networks in icm

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  - Multiple uses
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- If there is no one/body who knows everything, we need to:
  - Communicate
  - Cooperate
  - Coordinate
  - Collaborate
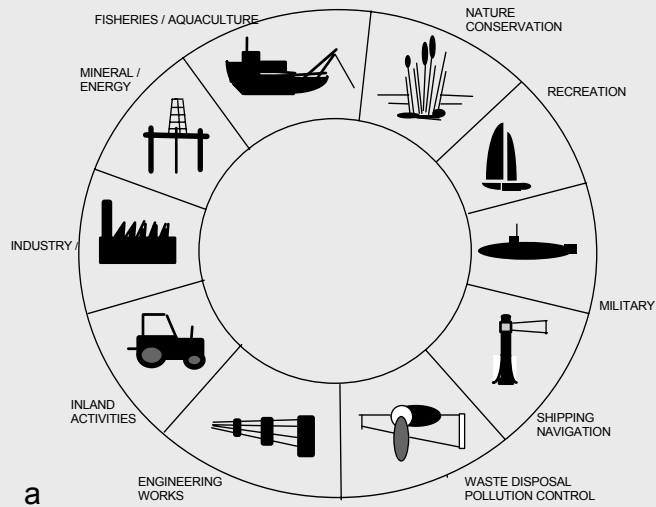
BUT HOW?

Value of networks in icm

- Links different types of people/organisations
- Provides rapid communication channel
- Allows sharing of information
- Can change ways of thinking
- Can generate unexpected outcomes
- Has potential to lever change
- Gives confidence to develop actions
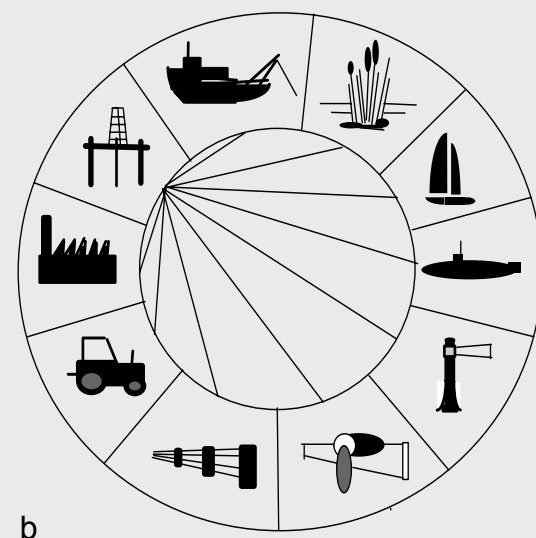
Different functions for networks

- Policy networks
- Issue networks
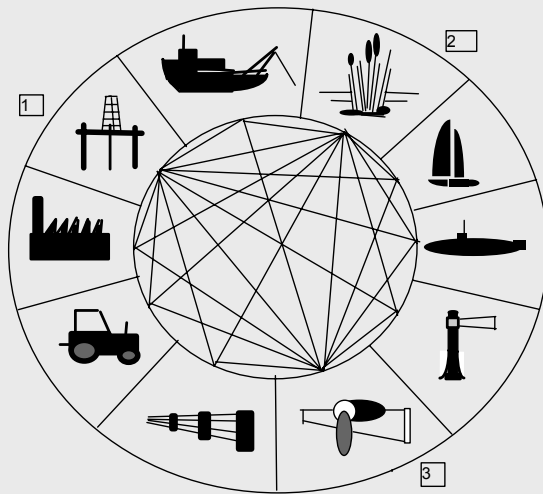- Professional networks
- Producer networks

Coastal networks

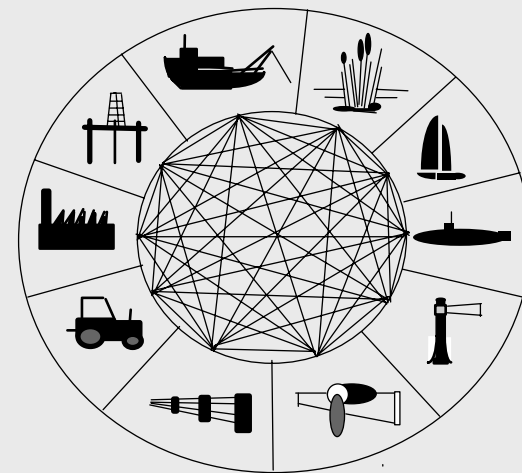- Bringing everyone at the same level together – horizontal networking
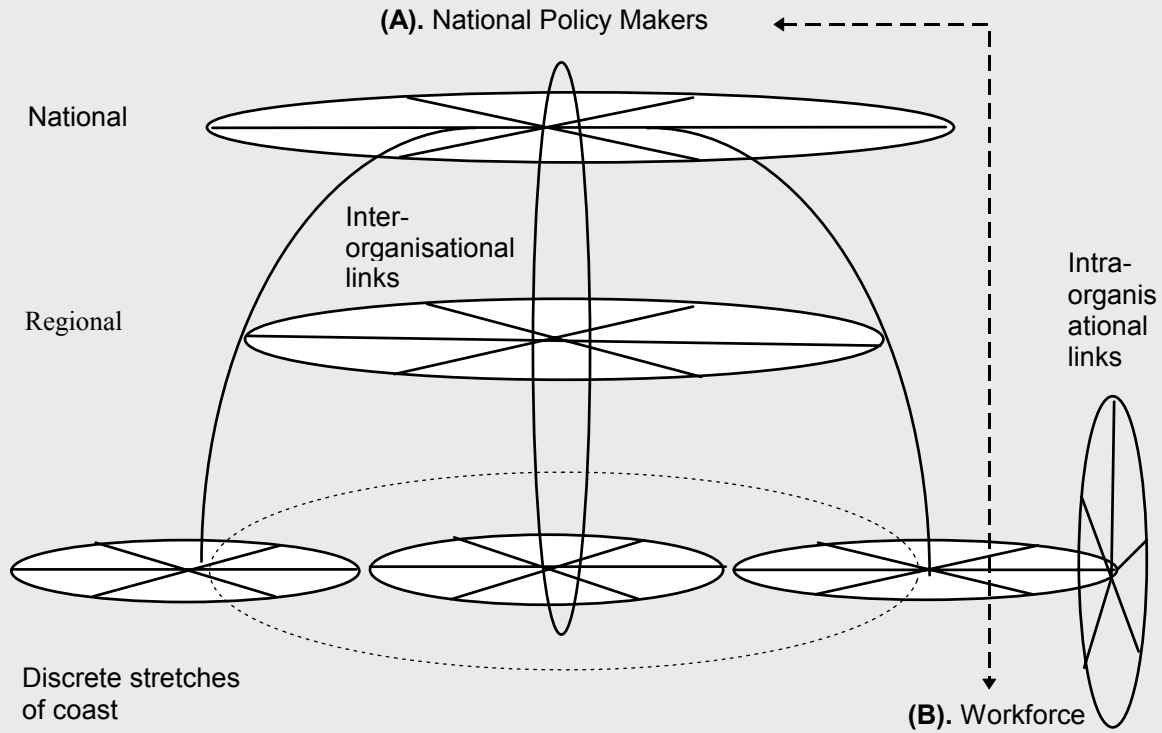
a: major use sectors in the coastal zone.
b: the establishment of one or more horizontal communication links for one sector.
c: the establishment of one or more horizontal communication links for three sectors.
d: a horizontal network of major use sectors in the coastal zone.

Coastal networks

- Bringing different levels together – vertical networking

(A). National Policy Makers

National

Inter-
organisational
links

Regional

Intra-
organis
ational
links

Discrete stretches
of coast

(B). Workforce

Vertical communication links on the national scale

Coastal networks

- Bringing everyone at the same level together – horizontal networking

- Bringing different levels together – vertical networking

- Can do both

Organising the network

- Open or closed
- Fixed or fluid
- Narrow or broad
- Formal or informal
- Local, regional, national or international
- With services or just membership contact
- The centre or 'linking pin': with volunteers or officers

Requires establishing the purpose

Possible purposes for icm network

- Share information
- Mutual problem solving
- Seek consensus
- Identify emerging trends
- Mobilise resources
- Obtain resources
- Develop outside relationships

Examples of icm networks

Local:

- Friends of Chichester Harbour

Regional:

- Solent Forum

National:

- CoastNET

International:

- EUROCOAST

EUROCOAST

- The European Coastal Association for Science and Technology
- 1989
- Brings together scientists, engineers and decision makers across Europe
- To be a network for scientific and technical cooperation and exchange for icm

How EUROCOAST works

- Federation EUROCOAST
- National Associations
  Eg. UK (CoastNET), Portugal, Croatia, Poland, Lithuania
- EUROCOAST provides:
  - Web link to national associations: www.eurocoast.org
  - Littoral conferences
  - Secretariat
- EUROCOAST decisions made at:
  - General Assembly at Littoral conferences

Littoral conferences

7th EUROCOAST International conference

- 20-22 September 2004

- 7th International conference of EUROCOAST

- Delivering Sustainable Coasts: Connecting Science and Management

- Aberdeen,Scotland

8th Littoral: Poland

9th Littoral: ???

An Irish coastal network

"…. *No actor has access to certain knowledge and final truth"* (Lidskog: 1997 in relation to hazard management)

An Irish coastal network could deliver:

- Awareness of who does what
- More information to more people/bodies
- Different ways of thinking
- New solutions to existing problems
- Opportunities to share resources
- Opportunities to secure new resources
- Confidence in actions

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