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The role of coastal fora in sustainable management of the coast

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What's the point of partnerships?

Recognising the difficulty of sustainable development

Issues that cannot be solved by one organisation on its own

Benefits?



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Saving time and resources:

The contrasting cases of
Wivenhoe and Brightlingsea



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Ensuring compliance with legislation:

Habitats Regulations workshops in the
Essex Estuaries



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Bringing a coastal focus -
reaching the parts others cannot reach

Local Information System

Pro-active project partnerships



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The 'F' word
- or who should pay?

Or put another way -
What can partnerships deliver?

Do we need Government intervention?



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A vision for partnerships

Coastal Partnerships vision, 2010

Coastal Partnerships have consistently proved their leading role in coastal zone management and are now accepted by all as the main mechanism for promoting sustainable development on the coast through ICZM. Government and other institutions which are active on the coast recognise this, and a clear purpose and role for partnerships is defined within a national policy framework. This purpose and role addresses: conflicts between sectors, strategic planning, community involvement, public and institutional understanding of coastal issues, and management of information. Adequate support over the long term for partnership activities is provided for, and performance of partnerships is measured against a national set of partnership indicators.

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Defining a role for partnerships

1. Defining a vision and working towards its realisation
2. Championing the coast/raising awareness
3. Managing and disseminating information
4. Facilitation of liaison and coordinated action
5. Delivering integrated solutions through projects and initiatives
6. Promoting the delivery of sustainable coastal management
7. Engaging the public and stakeholders
8. Good business practice



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What next?

Promote vision and purpose

UK strategies for ICZM

Securing long-term local commitment



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What is CoastNET's role?

A network:

- Who's who
- Good practice
- A platform for information exchange
- Raising awareness
- Policy Think Tank



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How can CoastNET deliver?

- **Bulletin**
- **Good Practice Directory**
- **Directory of Contacts**
- **Conferences and workshops**
- **A 'home' for specialist networks**

