**LIFE - Environment programme.**

"ICZM: Demonstration Actions in the National Marine Park of Zakynthos"

On the 1st of June 2001, the National Marine Park of Zakynthos launched a project on Integrated Coastal Zone Management.

The Project "ICZM: Demonstration Actions in the National Marine Park of Zakynthos", is co-funded by EU under the LIFE - Environment programme.

**PROJECT DATA**

Project location: **Zakynthos (Greece)**

Project start date: **1st June 2001**

Project end date: **31st May 2004**

Total Project duration: **36 months**

Total budget: **1,619,693 EURO**

EC contribution: **719,846 EURO**

(%) of total costs: **44.44 %**

(%) of eligible costs: **50 %**

**General context**

The National Marine Park of Zakynthos, Greece, is situated in the southern-
most part of the island, in Laganas Bay. It is the first fully-established National Park in Greece to have integrated management status with the objective of sustainable development.

The area has suffered for a long period of time from uncontrolled human development, building up pressure on the natural ecosystem and putting in danger the local flora and fauna, especially the loggerhead sea turtles.

**Project objectives**

1. to incorporate sustainable development principles in economic and social activities / functions;
2. to protect the environment within the NMPZ using "on site" actions, and to ensure minimal disturbance to the species and habitats;
3. to promote the idea of integrated coastal zone management and sustainable development, through local initiatives, amongst the people who are economically active in any sector in the area;
4. to inform people living on the island about the values of the environment and their protection through integrated management and participation;
5. to ensure that visitors to the area are correctly informed about the importance of natural habitats;
6. to provide the necessary "on site" demonstration and guidance facilities that will help both the local population and visitors participate in the active management and protection of the area.

**Main tasks**

1. Collaboration and involvement of local stakeholders in accordance to the National Marine Park objectives;
2. Environmental management and protection in the area of the NMPZ;
3. Upgrading, promotion and exploitation of the environment actions;
4. International cooperation with other Marine Parks seeking transfer of know-how and common problem solutions with reference to ICZM;
5. Programme management;
6. Monitoring and evaluation system of the management agency of NMPZ;


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