

OCEAN CONSERVATION STRATEGIES

Ocean Policy and Implementation Plan



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Background

- There is a Sectoral Management of the ocean in South Africa:
 - Regulation of sectors is in isolation;
 - Sectoral management approach has been proven to be ineffective;
- This represents challenges in conservation and development initiatives;
- Improve management of the ocean through the coordinated approach



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Background

Green Paper

- Draft Green Paper was gazetted in October 2012 for public comment;
- 25 organisations representing the Marine Sector commented;
- All were in favour of the development re: Ocean Policy & applauded the Dept. for taking the initiative;
- Comments were collated, reviewed & considered.



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Background

Green Paper

- The Portfolio Committee on Water and Environmental Affairs held public hearings in May 2013;
- Reflections were noted re: approach toward integrated Ocean Management policy process;
- The policy process led to the development of the White paper on the Management of the Ocean.



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Background

White Paper

- Ocean Policy sets out a modern integrated approach to ocean environmental management;
- The NEMO policy has four themes namely:
 - Ocean Environmental Information
 - Ocean Environmental Knowledge
 - Ocean Environmental Management
 - Ocean Environmental Integrity



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Background

White Paper

- There are 9 Strategic Priorities under each theme;
- Stakeholder Workshop = September 2013;
- This resulted in the Final draft of the White Paper on NEMO;
- This was presented to the cabinet for approval.



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Background

White Paper

- Cabinet recommended:
 - The pursuance of Economic Perspective Study of the Ocean;
 - Drafted a document on the Economic Perspective of the Ocean
- White Paper on NEMO was simultaneously approved with the Economic Perspective of the Ocean.



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Cabinet Decision

- Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs, supported by key Ministries and National Planning Commission, develop an integrated approach to ocean governance including management plans for ocean areas, environmental variables, conflicts scenarios, and trade offs as recommended in White Paper on NEMO



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Implementation of Cabinet Decision

- A draft Implementation Plan was developed by DEA;
- Implementation Plan will then be presented to the Ocean Sector for approval;
- Upon approval then implementation will commence.



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Objectives of the Implementation Plan

- Ensure Ocean Policy objectives are achieved:
 - Action Plan
 - Timeframes
 - Resources
 - Active Stakeholder / sector participation
- Provide guidance to programmes & actions
- Ensure cross-sectoral planning scheme for developmental needs of the marine sector
- Identify potential challenges



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Roles & Responsibilities

- DEA will play a coordinating role
- A supportive role: Key sector departments
- Develop an Intergovernmental Steering Committee (ISC)
 - Relevant government Departments
 - Research Institutions
 - Academia
 - Relevant sector / industry
- ISC will ensure Ocean Policy recommendations are fulfilled



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DEA's Coordinating Role

- Conduct an Information Sharing Workshop
 - Identify existing Working Group's (WG's) OR Establish new ones
- Conduct a Comparative Study of other countries with similar processes:



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Call for Reports by Experts

- Understand the process of activities on the ocean (mining, oil/gas exploration/ seismic surveys etc.);
- Request & compile available Departmental research data on the marine environment
- Request & Collate other available research data on the ocean
- Request for Reports by Experts:
 - On those currently conducted on the ocean;
 - On potential trends and impacts on marine activities



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Action Plan for Implementation

- Hold **Inception Workshops** in the 4 Regions;
- Identify **relevant stakeholders** to represent their regions
- Convene **Area Management Plan Committee** in the regions
 - Facilitate reporting in their region;
 - Produce knowledge product and information
 - Ensure that Ecosystem thresholds established are adhered to.
 - Evaluate and monitor the regions



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Action Plan for Implementation

- Have an **Advisory Body**:
 - Review the MP's;
 - Coordinate regional reports;
 - Make recommendations;
- Present MP's at **Working Groups (2&8)**
- Upon approval by WG's, the **submit MP's (through OCS) to the DG's**



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Four Management Regions

Prince Edward
Islands



East Coast



West Coast



South Coast

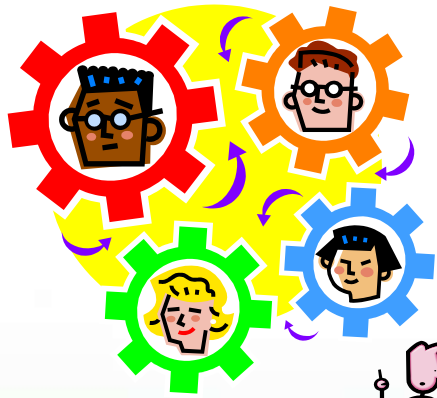


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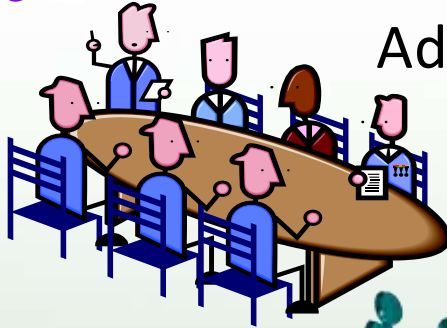
Process within Regions



Area Management Committee



Advisory Committee



Intergovernmental Task Team



Working Group 2&8



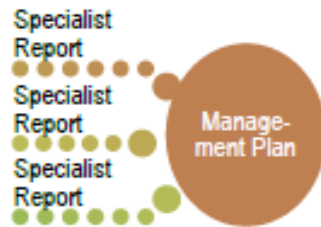
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PROCESS CHART

Independent scientific/research organisations will produce specialist reports & management plans. Management plans & trade-off discussions can only take place on the basis of information that all sectors have equal confidence in.



Specialist reports can include expert studies or status of ocean sectors e.g. transport; fishing, energy, mining and biodiversity. Based on these an expert group will formulate the management plans.

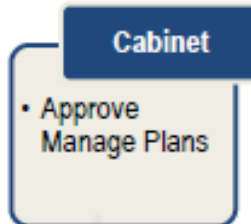
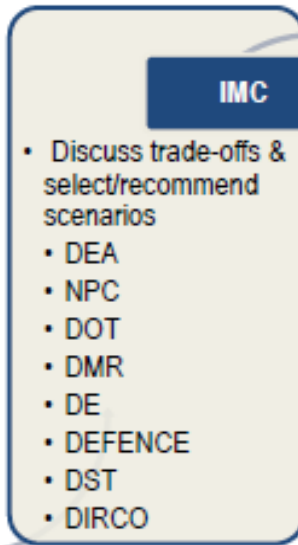
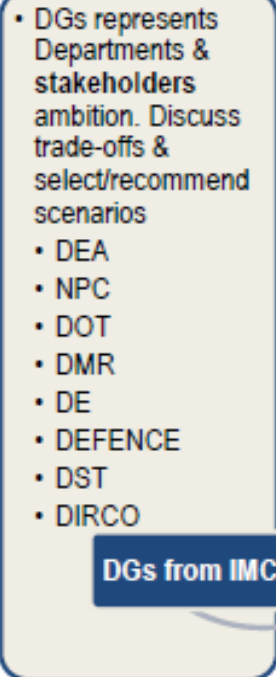


Figure 1: Process on the development and approval of Ocean Management Plans. The Ocean Policy envisages that four management plans will be created: East Coast, South Coast, West Coast and Prince Edward Islands.-The Ocean Governance Model.

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Monitoring & Reporting

- Collect, report & disseminate accurate and reliable information for implementation
- Progress Reports presented at ISC Meetings
- Report will comprise of:
 - Status of programmes & actions;
 - Possible future programmes & actions;
 - Timeframes
 - Resource Constraints (financial & human capacity)
 - Cooperation received/required
 - Review of programmes and actions
 - Effects on industry growth and development



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Revision & Update

- Undergo regular revision & update
- ISC will manage this process:
 - 4th Quarter 2014 – Rapid review of the Implementation Plan
 - 3rd Quarter 2015 – Rapid review of the Implementation Plan



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Actions Influencing Implementation of NEMO

Draft Implementation Plan document



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Way Forward

- Successful cooperation from Sector;
- Successful implementation of White Paper on NEMO;
- Envisage enactment of the Policy.



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Thank You....

Questions???



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