

ANTIBES JUAN-LES-PINS DECLARATION

# FOR THE CONSERVATION OF COASTS FACING GLOBAL CHANGE

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SEPTEMBER 25TH 2015

WE, COASTAL AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS  
WORKING FOR THE PROTECTION AND SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF COASTS,  
PRESENT IN ANTIBES JUAN-LES-PINS (FRANCE) ON SEPTEMBER 25TH 2015 AT THE  
OCCASION OF THE FIRST MEETING OF EUROPEAN AND MEDITERRANEAN COASTAL  
AGENCIES AND CELEBRATION OF COAST DAY 2015,

**WILLING** to work in favor of an integrated and harmonious management of coastal areas to preserve their quality and their heritages (natural, historical, cultural, landscape) for the benefit of public interest;

**CONCIOUS** of the importance and value of coastal territories, notably in terms of goods and services, effects on health and well-being of current and future generations;

**DETERMINED** to contribute to Aichi targets so that "By 2020 (...) at least (...) 10 per cent of coastal and marine areas" are "conserved through effectively and equitably managed, ecologically representative and well connected systems of protected areas" ;

**CONVINCED** of a necessary cooperation at multiple scales (local, national, international), of the need to improve the connections as well as technical and strategic exchanges, and of the interest of efficient governance for the benefit of integrated coastal zone management ;

**AWARE** of the anthropic threats and pressures linked to global changes affecting the coastal areas, and notably, following the reports of the IPCC, concerned by the emerging issues of coastal management facing climate change ;

## WE COMMIT OURSELVES TO :

**FULFILL** the commitments taken within regional or international agreements, and lean on juridical tools and practices implemented on our coastal territories (Mediterranean Integrated Coastal Zone Management Protocol, European Directives such as those dedicated to Habitats and Birds, coastal laws and strategies,...), while paying attention to their good implementation, to ensure a sustainable conservation and an exemplary management of our coasts, notably by a land-control policy ;

**MAKE** all the necessary efforts for a good management of sites today under our responsibility, and encourage the creation of new coastal protected areas, with a specific attention to wetlands, estuaries and islands ;

**IDENTIFY** the lessons learned in the domain of site management (success or failure) and ensure the dissemination and share of experiences and know-how within a large network of stakeholders ;

**DEVELOP** management practices and ecological engineering allowing to prevent or mitigate the effects of global changes ;

**PURSUE** our efforts to integrate our actions of preservation and safeguard of coastal natural sites within the land planning dynamics implemented on terrestrial and maritime areas ;

**ACCEPT** the development of socio-economic activities on our sites, compatible with their long-term preservation and respecting a sustainable use of natural resources and landscape integrity, while conserving wilderness areas as sanctuary ;

**CONTINUE** to preserve biodiversity, remarkable or ordinary, of our sites, and show off their heritage and cultural richness, material or immaterial, and the spirit of place ;

**IMPLEMENT** an appropriate governance, allowing to any representative, public or private, to be part of decisional management process of coastal areas, and notably our sites ;

**ENCOURAGE** the good behavior codes of users of coastal sites and territories, and work for the education to coastal environment protection issues, by appropriate communication actions and awareness campaigns ;

**ENCOURAGE** the national and international cooperation, so to develop common programs or projects, aiming to the efficient conservation of an international network of coastal sites ;

**DEVELOP** mutual support within the framework of the Coastal Agencies network, notably concerning the structuring of newly-created agencies and the reinforcement of staff capacity building.

REGARDING SPECIFICLY CLIMATE CHANGE ISSUES, WE COMMIT TO :

**INTEGRATE** the issues linked to climate change in territory projects, et notably the future evolutions of coastline in the organization and choices of natural sites to preserve, by encouraging, beyond the metrical vision ("100 meters strip") today basis of the system of coastal conservation and implemented in numerous countries and in Mediterranean ICZM Protocol, an adaptive management on the long term ("100 years strip") ;

**CONTRIBUTE** to the definition and the implementation of public policies on coastal management, in a concerted way and a systemic approach, allowing reducing the vulnerability to coastal risks by encouraging a spatial retreat;

**SUPPORT** the development of responsible and sustainable socio-economic activities (agriculture, fishing, tourism...), integrating the limitation of climate change impacts, allowing to ensure food safety and to move towards a reasoned model of economic valorization of coastal areas;

**EMPHASIZE** the integration of climate change mitigation measures within the process of planning and management of natural coastal areas;

**FOSTER** the naturalness of our sites and promote a dynamic and ecologic management of the coastline and coastal ecosystems, while ensuring the security of the population;

**CONTRIBUTE** to the improvement of knowledge and know-how with the central objective of "a better knowledge for a better decision" ;

**IMPLEMENT** actions aiming to reduce our environmental impacts, notably greenhouse gas emissions, in our whole process as well as on our sites and infrastructures ;

**PROMOTE** toward the public visiting our installations the good practices to reduce their impacts on environment (management of water, waste, energy...).

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