GEOSS Support for Decision-Making in the Coastal Zone: Managing and Mitigating the Impacts of Human Activities and Natural Hazards in the Coastal Zone

A workshop series organized by the GEO Coastal Zone Community of Practice

Earth Observation Support for Sustainable Tourism in Small Island States
March 9-11, 2011, Puerto Rico

The Third Regional Workshop in the Workshop Series of the GEO Coastal Zone Community of Practice (CZCP) will focus on the Caribbean and will be organized in partnership with the Caribbean Regional Association (CarA) for the Caribbean Integrated Coastal Ocean Observing System (CarICOS), the Global Ocean Observing System (GOOS), the Global Terrestrial Observing System (GTOS), the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), and the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC).

The Third Regional Workshop of the series will focus on the specific needs, challenges and capabilities related to sustainable tourism in the small island states of the Caribbean. The workshop will bring together stakeholders in island tourism with Earth observation and service providers in order to investigate how Earth observation-based services could support decision making related to all facets of tourism and enable operational and planning practices for sustainable tourism.

Specific objectives of the regional workshop will include:

• Using Earth observations to improve sustainability of tourism:
Participation of many regional end users:
- Tourist organizations;
- Cruise line association;
- Insurances and re-insurances;
- Tourist ministries;
- Environmental agencies;
- Regional conventions and intergovern. programs
- Hazards and Disaster prevention

Expertise in:
- Earth observations;
- Environmental services;
- Several SBAs;
- Economy;
- Education and capacity building.

GEO Participation:  - GEO Secretariat;
- GEO Task teams;
- Other CoPs;
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Workshop goals and anticipated outcomes:
- Linking end users and providers;
- Initiating regional post-workshop projects;
- Promoting GEOSS;
- Improved understanding of decision making in the region;
- Overview of stakeholders;
- Improved overview of user requirements.

4th Regional Workshop: 2012; focus on coastal zones in the Arctic