

EUCC - Deutschland

Annual Report 2013

Projects and strategies

In 2013 the project **Enhancing Capacity of Youth for Improved Coastal Zone Management in Ghana and Germany** (GIZ, 2013) started within the framework of the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)'s initiative "Engagement for Africa". Together with the Ghanaian NGO Friends of the Nation (FoN) information and education materials were developed in order to foster a sustainable coastal development in western Ghana.



During a site visit, EUCC-D and FoN opened a school club at the Shama Secondary Highschool, where students engage themselves in sustainable coastal development and get to know more about development options in their home region.

In **AQUAFIMA** (EU Baltic Sea Region Programme, 2011-2014), an international project about integrated fisheries management in the Baltic Sea Region, EUCC-D organised the cross-border workshop "Current Issues in Fisheries in the Szczecin Lagoon" in Ueckermünde. Results of the case study Szczecin Lagoon were presented in a workshop for Russian fisheries experts in Kaliningrad, Russia. EUCC-D showed the photo exhibition "The Baltic Sea – in Nets and Underwater" in the State Agency for Agriculture and Environment (StALU MM) as well as in the Shipbuilding and Maritime Museum on the traditional ship in Rostock.

At the beginning of the tourist season EUCC-D published an issue of the magazine "Meer & Küste" about "Fisheries and Aquaculture".

In the beginning of September EUCC-D organised the Dialogue Forum "Fisheries & Aquaculture" in the German Maritime Museum in Stralsund. In connection with the forum, the winners of the photo competition "Fisheries & Aquaculture" were announced and the identically named photo exhibition was opened, which attracted more than 26,000 visitors until the end of October. The photo exhibition was shown in the State Office for Agriculture, Food Security and Fisheries Mecklenburg-Vorpommern (LALLF M-V). www.aquafima.eu/en/

The project **ARTWEI** (EU South Baltic Programme, 2010-2013), which addressed a comprehensive management of the four transboundary transitional waters (lagoons) in the southern Baltic Sea region, ended in June. Project results were presented at a HZG-conference in Hamburg as well as at the European Maritime Day in Malta. Project results can be found here: www.balticlagoons.net/artwei/

In the beginning of March the partners of the EUCC-D coordinated project **HERRING** (EU South Baltic Programme, 2012-2014) met in Simrishamn, Sweden. HERRING aims to improve the sustainable management herring in the southern Baltic Sea region. As Lead Beneficiary EUCC-D developed the project's website, launched in 2013, and produced dissemination material, e.g. leaflets and postcards. Together with the Thünen Institute of Baltic Sea Fisheries EUCC-D organised the case study roundtable "Greifswalder Bodden" to discuss ecological and institutional challenges for herring spawning grounds and their management. www.baltic-herring.eu

In **MARLISCO** (EU FP7, 2012-2015), a project which aims at increasing societal awareness of the ecological and economic problems of marine litter, EUCC-D developed the internet presence in 2013. On www.marlisco.eu educational material, case studies and information about marine litter is available. EUCC-D developed also a database providing best practises for reducing marine litter. In 2013 EUCC-D supported the

European youth movement „Let`s sail together 2013“, and was responsible for the implementation of a survey about the awareness of marine litter in Germany and implemented the the pan-European video contest “Film den Müll raus! (“Catch marine litter on film!”) in Germany.

www.marlisco.eu

In the end of March the educational project **Meer im Fokus** (DBU/ BINGO SH/ KSS, 2010-2012) was awarded as a „Bildungsidee“ in the Germany-wide competition „Ideen für die Bildungsrepublik“. An expert jury selected 52 outstanding projects out of 1,100 educational projects in Germany.



In cooperation with the „Institute for quality development in schools in Schleswig-Holstein (IQSH)“ EUCC-D provided two one-day certification courses for teachers of the subject „Applied natural sciences“ in 2013. In Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania EUCC-D informed teachers about the Baltic Sea in a workshop at the „Winter Academy“, coordinated by „Institute for quality development Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania (IQMV)“. In the 15th students project competition “Schüler STAUNen” 2012-2014, called by the StALU MM, EUCC-D was in charge of the topic „The changing Baltic Sea Coast“. EUCC-D organised two project days in a school in Rostock to the topic “Life in and at the Baltic Sea”.

<http://www.kuestenschule.de/>

In April a cooperation workshop between the projects BiKliTour (Institute for Ecological Economic Research), **RADOST** (BMBF, 2009-2014) and Baltadapt was held on the isle of Rügen. Regional decision makers from politics, tourism, and natural protection discussed potential tourism development scenarios given the signs of climate change in

the biosphere reserve Southeast-Rügen. Further cooperation between the projects offers a chance for increased awareness and opportunities. In October a second workshop took place in Graal-Müritz in cooperation between EUCC-D and the association of seaside resorts in Mecklenburg Western Pomerania “Bäderverband Mecklenburg Vorpommern“. The workshop participants discussed the importance of touristic labels in the region, as well as water quality issues and management of beach wreck.. www.klimzug-radost.de/

In September stakeholders from science, politics and society met as representatives of their Baltic states at the final conference of the international project **baltadapt** (EU Baltic Sea Region Programme, 2010-2013) in Riga. EUCC-D presented climate change adaptation strategies in coastal tourism. www.baltadapt.eu/

In cooperation with the Wadden Sea Forum the second development stage of the **Wadden Sea Region Planning Portal** was completed. This GIS-based web portal shows validated data from authorities and scientific institutions in the Wadden Sea Region and provides the basis for an integrated management and maritime spatial planning in the southern North Sea region. New developed tools offer better usability and additional visualisation. Existing data themes were supplemented, e.g. fisheries, with the first freely available cartographic presentation of fisheries in the North Sea, the data theme “socioeconomics” was newly developed.

The project **Generation BALT** (EU South Baltic Programme, 2011-2014) aims at the analysis and forward-looking improvement of the education and job market situation in the maritime sector in the southern Baltic Sea region. In 2013 EUCC-D produced a promotional movie, documenting the project activities. www.generationbalt.eu/

Membership and Staff

By the end of 2013 EUCC-D had 100 members. The Annual Members’ Meeting was held in the “KlimaCampus” in Hamburg on 12th August 2013. Four member information letters, including protocols, information on

projects, developments and internal activities of the organization were sent via email to the members and can be also found in the member's area on the website.

In 2013 EUCC-D established an internal LinkedIn-group for EUCC-D members, to provide information about the associations' activities more up to date and interactive.

All activities of the EUCC-D were coordinated in Warnemünde. 12 employees were involved in accomplishment of the associations' activities and project work in 2013. In addition, six interns supported the organization, including three from Brasil, Iceland and Japan. Furthermore, a five-member advisory board provided expertise and experience.

Cooperations

EUCC-D continued to maintain a close cooperation with the Leibniz-Institute for Baltic Sea Research, e.g. in the project Radost. EUCC-D participated in the **academic teaching** of the distance education programmes 'Environment & Education' and 'Environmental Protection' carried out by the University of Rostock. In addition, EUCC-D is cooperating with the **Deutsches Meeresmuseum (German Maritime Museum)** (joint photo competitions and exhibitions), the **Verband Mecklenburgischer Ostseebäder (Association of Baltic Sea baths Mecklenburg)** and the **Wattenmeerforum (Wadden Sea Forum)** (WebGIS). In 2013 the cooperation with the **State Agency for Agriculture and Environment ("Staatliches Amt für Landwirtschaft und Umwelt Mittleres Mecklenburg")** was intensified e.g. by running a photo exhibition, EUCC-D's contribution to the competition Schüler STAUNen and the inclusion of aerial photographs into an EUCC-D database.

Activities

In 2013 each of the six issues of the two-monthly published "**Küsten Newsletter**" reached about 1.300 subscribers.

Public relations

The association was active at a **beach cleaning event** as part of the "Ocean Initiatives" and at a river cleaning event on the Warnow. In July EUCC-D contributed to the BigJump in Rostock. EUCC-D was, as in previous years, at the "Langen Nacht der

StadtNatur" (Long Urban Nature Day) in Kiel and at the fair **BioErleben** in Warnemünde.

Publications and articles

- **Coastal & Marine 20-3:** The Coastal Union (EUCC) / EUCC - Die Küsten Union Deutschland (2013): Coastal Climate Change - Ports and renewable energies. Coastal & Marine 20 (3)
- **Coastline Reports 21:** O. Krarup Leth, K. Dahl, H. Peltonen, I. Krämer & L. Kühle (eds.): Sectoral Impact Assessments for the Baltic Sea Region - Climate Change Impacts on Biodiversity, Fisheries, Coastal Infrastructure and Tourism, Coastline Reports 21 (2013), ISSN 0928-2734, ISBN 978-3-939206-08-8
- **Meer & Küste (4):** EUCC - Die Küsten Union Deutschland e.V., Rostock-Warnemünde, 2013
- Stybel, N.: "Challenges for mussel cultivation in the Baltic Sea" in: Mussel Farming in the Baltic Sea region: Prerequisites and Possibilities - Perspectives from the Åland Aquaculture Week, SUBMARINER, 2013.

Outlook and perspectives

In spring 2014, EUCC Germany will publish two issues of the Coastal & Marine magazine. One with the focus is on aquaculture, the other on climate change adaptation in beach- and water management. The fifth issue of the magazine "Meer & Küste" is scheduled for summer 2014. The topic will be the relationship between people and sea. Also in summer 2014, EUCC-D will open an exhibition on Marine Litter in the German Maritime Museum in Stralsund.

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- Subscription to the international EUCC magazine 'Coastal & Marine'
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