

# Coastal Guide ICZM Information System

## 1. Key data

Project title:	Co-operation, integrated management and sustainable development in the coastal zones of the European Union
Country:	Portugal
Project phase:	prep. / study / planning / implementation / no progress
Launch:	[year]
National funding:	[periods, in euros]
EC-funding:	[periods, in euros]
EC project references:	TERRA / No. 138 Concercost
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Project website:	[URL]
Project area:	Vale do Lima. The region is traversed by the Lima river, from the interior (Arcos de Valdevez, Ponte da Barca) to the coast (Viana do Castelo), where the river emerges into the sea. In the Lima valley, the unemployment rate is 6.5% and 49.5% of the population works in local companies. The international port of Viana do Castelo has maritime links with various ports of the world and operates freight services with an annual capacity of 800 000 tonnes. [name or description]
Area size (land):	The Lima valley, in northern Portugal, covers 1276 km <sup>2</sup> with 26 km of coastline
(water):	[in hectare, or yes/no]
Population size:	Its has a population of 170 000, with a density of 133 / km <sup>2</sup> .
Policy background:	In the Lima valley, the unemployment rate is 6.5% and 49.5% of the population works in local companies. The international port of Viana do Castelo has maritime links with various ports of the world and operates freight services with an annual capacity of 800 000 tonnes.
Important sectors in the project set-up:	Tourism, Ports, Coastal fishing, Pollution, Habitats & Biodiversity, Coastal erosion.
Main aim:	
Expected results:	To draft strategic management documents in the economic and social field for VALIMA. To emphasise the link between planning and ecology, in order to facilitate the implementation of an integrated and coherent action plan. To attract people to settle and work in the municipalities in the interior of the valley.

## 2. Collaboration & integration

Objectives re collaboration & integration:

Ministries formally involved\*: Ministry of Environment and Ministry of Planning and Public Works (Ports)

Regions (county, province) formally involved\*:  
[names]

Municipalities (towns) formally involved\*:

Valíma is the name of the Association of the Municipalities of the Vale do Lima, namely Arcos de Valdevez, Ponte da Barca, Ponte de Lima and Viana do Castelo.

Problems encountered: A regional plan drawn up by CCRN, a regionally decentralised agency of the Ministry of Planning has been agreed with municipalities (including those involved in the Vale do Lima project) and indeed largely reflects individual municipal plans. However, although the plan will probably be ratified by the government, local experience suggests that the recommendations and priorities may not be respected.

### **3. Participation**

Objectives re participation:

Environment stakeholders formally involved\*: yes / no

Economic development stakeholders formally involved\*: yes / no

Public hearings: [number]

Public access to project data: yes / no

Main achievements: Setting up the TERRA network, Institutional Committee, Management Committee, Committee of Experts and a Forum.  
Drafting the strategic development plan for the Vale do Lima.

Problems encountered:

### **4. Information**

Objectives re environment:

Main achievements:

Problems encountered:

### **5. Policy aspects, relevance and success:**

#### **Legal Jurisdictional issues:**

Project objectives:

Main achievements:

Problems encountered:

#### **Environment:**

Project objectives:

Main achievements:

Problems encountered:

#### **Biodiversity conservation:**

Project objectives:

Main achievements:

Problems encountered:

#### **Economic development:**

Project objectives:

Main achievements:

Problems encountered:

#### **Spatial planning & zoning:**

Project objectives:

Main achievements:

Problems encountered:

#### **Coastal defence:**

Project objectives:

Main achievements:  
Problems encountered:

## **6. Progress & Continuity**

Follow-up:  
No progress since: [month, year]  
Main reason for lack of progress:

## **7. Sources**

Project Report online: [attached in MS word or PDF]

\*) formally involved means: as a project partner or represented in a project committee.

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