

ENABLING CLIMATE RESILIENCE OF COASTAL Social-Ecological systems through Local coastal governance

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CICLICO - CITIES & CLIMATE CHANGE IN THE COASTAL WESTERN INDIAN OCEAN

Objective: Explorer how diverse and often uncoordinated objectives of coastal and marine planning can be implemented to enable better adaptation to climate change.

Case-study: Algoa Bay, South Africa

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RESILIENCE AND GOVERNANCE OF SOCIAL-ECOLOGICAL SYSTEMS

Social-Ecological System (SES)



ALGOA BAY — A COMPLEX AND INTERTWINED SOCIAL-ECOLOGICAL SYSTEM



URGENCY OF RESPONDING TO CLIMATE CHANGE

Climate change was perceived as a serious to very serious problem by 74% of respondents, with droughts, sea-level rise and coastal erosion being the most cited climate-related threats.



- I Impact assessment
- 2 Plan actions
- 3 Implement actions
- 4 Monitor action effectiveness

* Not yet started

PROBLEM AND OBJECTIVE

Problem:

- The Bay needs to be managed as an integrated social-ecological system across the land-ocean interface
- Improved coordination between organizations and management approaches is needed to enable better climate change adaptation

Objective:

Develop and test an approach for framing the governance system of the Algoa Bay coastal SES in order to enable climate resilience.

METHODS AND APPROACH



STAKEHOLDER NETWORK ANALYSIS

- Identification of key stakeholders that are central to knowledge and collaboration networks
- Analysis of the direction and strength of information flows between stakeholders
- Investigation of overlap of and collaboration between different area-based management approaches (ICZM, MSP, MPA)

Collaboration & knowledge networks in coastal governance



CAPITALS APPROACH FRAMEWORK



FUZZY COGNITIVE MAPPING

map key elements of governance capacities

Leverage points: "places in complex systems where a small shift may lead to fundamental changes in the system as a whole" (Abson et al., 2017)

 Model the system's emergent adaptive capacity

System's emergent adaptive capacity



IDENTIFYING LEVERAGE POINTS FOR ENABLING CLIMATE RESILIENCE



OUTLOOK: INTEGRATED OCEAN & COASTAL MANAGEMENT



(Celliers et al., 2021, Policy Paper: Sans frontières - Ocean and Coastal Sustainability of the Western Indian Ocean)

THANKS FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

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