



MAP CAMP "CYPRUS"

MID-TERM REVIEW REPORT

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1. A mid term review of CAMP Cyprus has been performed by Aleksandar Bjelica, CAMP Cyprus Project Manager of PAP/RAC, on February 14-16, 2007. The review included several short meetings with Mr. Antonis Antoniou, Acting Director of the Environment Services of the Ministry of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environment (MANRE), Mr. Pambos Hadjipakkos of MANRE, Ms. Joanna Constantinidou, CAMP National Project Co-ordinator and Mr. Glafkos Constantinides, CAMP Task Manager. Also, a central mid-term review meeting was organised on 16 February 2006 at MANRE premises in Nicosia. List of the meeting participants is available in Annex I of this report.
2. The purpose of the review was to:
 - a) exchange detailed information on the CAMP workprogramme accomplished so far;
 - b) reflect on possible corrective actions needed;
 - c) discuss expected final achievements of the CAMP;
 - d) agree on the follow-up actions until the termination of the CAMP.
3. Preparation of the mid-term review started with interviewing various CAMP stakeholders on the pending issues regarding the workprogramme and timetable. Relevant notes were received from Ms. E. Coudert and Mr. S. Bell of BP/RAC, Mr. D. Cebrian of SPA/RAC, Mr. A. Travis, International expert on CCA and Mr. J. Dusik, International expert on SEA. Overall guidance on the review process was provided by Mr. I. Trumbic, Director of PAP/RAC. Some of the issues needed to be discussed with the host country officials included:
 - a) overall delay in implementing the CAMP workprogramme;
 - b) rather low turnover of participants at the initial IMAGINE workshop;
 - c) selection of a demo site under the Biodiversity component;
 - d) performance of information / dissemination activities of the CAMP.
4. Ms. J. Constantinidou opened the meeting on 16 February 2007, expressing continued support of the Cypriot Government to the project and satisfaction with the to-date progress of CAMP implementation. She noted that one of the major CAMP objectives has already been achieved: lively co-operation between Cypriot ministries and ministerial departments since the inception of the CAMP was maintained and should be continued. She also explained that a time-consuming tender for selection of CAMP National Specialists represents the main, if not the only, reason for a delay in CAMP implementation. However, her judgement is that a transparent process of selecting the most appropriate host country consultants for the job was worth the delay. Mr. G. Constantinides informed the participants on accomplishments of the CAMP so far (see also his presentation in Annex II). A discussion was then initiated with observations on the most pressing development interventions affecting the Cypriot coast, current government policies towards the coast and possibilities the CAMP offer to improve those policies.
5. ICAM Methodology as the CAMP's overarching activity has been mainly completed at the time of the review. Two related workshops have been organised, with ICAM International Expert providing national stakeholders with an overview of ICAM principles, tools and experiences including their implications for Cyprus. National background document on ICAM relevant institutions, policies, practices and problems in Cyprus is being redrafted. CAMP Task Manager suggested that additional work on harmonising national ICAM tools considerations within the ICAM Methodology proposed might be needed by the end of the CAMP workprogramme to achieve a consistency in the final proposal for incorporation of ICAM into relevant national policies and institutional arrangements.

6. Under the Systemic and Prospective Sustainability Analysis (IMAGINE) activity one workshop has been completed in November 2006 and another one has been prepared (to be held on 20-21 February 2007). Furthermore, the National Specialist prepared two background documents on Sustainability Analysis, Environmental Awareness and Public Participation. The Government officials find the IMAGINE activity, led by BP/RAC, very stimulating and innovative and the background documents excellent. The Initial IMAGINE workshop attracted a lower number of the participants than expected, despite enormous efforts of the Government officials. One of the reasons might be inability of potential stakeholders to dedicate full two days for the purpose because of pressing working obligations. Another one might be lack of interest of potential participants to cope with the concept of "sustainability" and its implications and their failure to understand what purpose and outcome of the CAMP really is. However, several suggestions were made to improve participation at the second IMAGINE workshop.
7. Results of the Biodiversity activity, led by SPA/RAC, include among other a workshop organised in November 2006 and Mr. Cebrian's first field mission in November-December 2006. The Government officials have opted for Larnaca site as the Biodiversity activity area because of the pronounced coastal and maritime use conflicts in the area. Potential solving of these conflicts might have significant replicability potential for other coastal sites with similar interventions needed. The meeting also took note of the first field mission findings.
8. Work done under ICAM Methodology, IMAGINE and Biodiversity activities enables an efficient start of the second phase of the CAMP, dedicated to the use of ICAM tools (SEA, CCA and Environmental Economics) in national decision-making process relevant to coastal development. The meeting concluded that some further streamlining of the first-phase activities is needed in order that they produce fine-tuned proposals for incorporation of their results into the national policy and institutional framework.
9. Experience of the Cypriot Government with CCA goes back to 1990s when several CCA studies have been prepared. The notion of carrying capacity concept was accepted by the officials with great interest, however without its proper reflection in the coastal decision-making process. It was agreed that CAMP Cyprus should try to initiate a change in domestic policies that would make a more effective use of CCA as an ICAM tool.
10. Requirements of EU Directive on the assessment of the effects of certain plans and programmes on the environment (SEA Directive) are currently being integrated into the existing procedures for environmental assessment in Cyprus. This puts CAMP SEA activity in a favourable position compared to other CAMP activities – it is certain that future plans and programmes in Cyprus will need to have their likely environmental effect assessed. In that sense, CAMP SEA activity is expected to give guidance for a smooth integration of SEA in the national process of preparation, adoption and submission of plans and programmes likely to affect coastal environment.
11. EE activity. Cyprus is fundamentally a coastal economy utilizing coastal resources for income-generating development, while, as a result, environmental concerns arise. Environmental economics, as a tool for promoting a closer understanding of the interactions between development and the environment, will aim to strengthen an integrated policy framework bringing into a sharper policy focus the contributions of environmental resources and their management to the improvement of the quality of coastal development and to the achievement of wider economic and social objectives. Environmental economics is a rather neglected aspect in policy making and implementation. This Activity will address this need by focusing on Resource Valuation and Economic Instruments in light of the present concerns and future requirements for an Integrated Strategy for Coastal Area Management in Cyprus. To better facilitate and promote the future adoption of Environmental Economics tools, a Pilot Application Case Study will be carried out to show the issues to be addressed and the achievements that are possible with the use of such tools.

12. CAMP activity on Information and Public Communication is supposed to inform all CAMP stakeholders and public in general on the CAMP objectives, actions and expected outcomes. The activities presented by INFO/RAC and approved at the inception meeting were not considered for implementation and the Government itself took over the implementation of the IC activities, with the assistance of PAP/RAC. To that end a link to MANRE website has been added on the CAMP, containing basic information, news section and relevant downloadable documents (<http://www.moa.gov.cy/moa/agriculture.nsf/All/04B9487405A22B96C2257149002957C9?OpenDocument>). Further visibility actions include: preparation of the CAMP Cyprus leaflet by the Environment Service; preparing of an article on the CAMP Cyprus for the Cyprus Scientific and Technical Chamber monthly bulletin; presentation of the CAMP to the workshop "Integrated Coastal Zone Management and the role of civil society", that is organized by the Organization "AKTI Project and Research Centre" and it will take place in Nicosia, on the 15th March 2006, at the Goethe Institute. The workshop is organized within the framework of the project "Network for a sustainable future", which forms part of the Cyprus Environmental Stakeholder Forum, an island-wide environmental platform supported by UNDP-ACT; dissemination of written materials to schools and universities, etc.
13. The closing discussion reflected on the final document / intervention which the CAMP should produce. Ideas varied from a National Policy Statement on ICAM to a Code of Conduct on ICAM to interventions in coast-relevant laws. The Sustainable Development Strategy for Cyprus might well be an entry point for integration of ICAM and ICAM tools into relevant domestic development policies. Several participants advocated a "hard approach" stating that policy reforms are best achieved when embodied in domestic laws and efficiently enforced. Other participants were of the opinion that there are also "softer" means for introduction of environment / development concerns in coastal policies. The meeting participants agreed to take the above mentioned ideas under consideration and to come up with a relevant proposal.
14. Mid-term review findings can be summarised as follows:
 - a) Pace of implementation of CAMP Cyprus workprogramme is satisfactory despite a certain delay caused by a long process of recruitment of National Specialists. The first phase of the CAMP is mostly completed, with the second phase (use of ICAM tools) being well prepared. Some further streamlining is, however, needed of the first-phase activities in order that they produce fine-tuned proposals for incorporation of their results into the national policy and institutional framework relevant to coastal development.
 - b) Government officials undertaking the CAMP are mostly mid-level civil servants. They easily communicate and exchange information with top-level decision makers which should make policy reforms envisaged by the CAMP easier to achieve. MAP RACs contribution to the CAMP is valuable and mostly in line with the Government expectations. International experts indeed brought in the CAMP an international experience and relevant innovative theories and practices. National Specialists possess appropriate qualifications and experience. CAMP Task Manager is a strong focal point of the CAMP, managing successfully to co-ordinate and negotiate among all parties involved.
 - c) Selection of the CAMP demo sites is predominantly within the discretion of the Government. Their decision to chose demo sites with pronounced conflicting coastal uses and high replicability in other parts of the Cypriot coast seems sensible.
 - d) CAMP visibility is very high in national governmental and intergovernmental bodies. Some additional efforts are needed (and have already been proposed) to share the CAMP ownership with public in general and with some specific stakeholder groups. Exchange of information among the Government, MAP RACs, international and national experts should also be somewhat strengthened.
 - e) Since its inception the CAMP is being tailor made and constantly reshaped to the requests of the host country government for some policy and institutional reforms that

would contribute to the effective coastal zone management. However, there is still no consensus on what the final output of the CAMP should be - a National Policy Statement on ICAM, a Code of Conduct on ICAM, a Coastal law or some legal amendments in several coast-relevant laws. CAMP activities and outputs have been well structured to comply with any such request but the Government should come with their proposal soon enough so that contributions of all CAMP activities may be properly incorporated in the final output.

ANNEX I

Mid-term review meeting, Nicosia, 16 February 2007 List of participants

- Ms Joanna Constantinides National Coordinator, Chairing the meeting
- Mr Glafkos Constantinides CAMP Cyprus Task Manager & Environmental Economics Consultant
- Dr Charalambos Hadjipakkos, Team Leader, Imagine Activity, Environment Service
- Ms Nasia Dikigoropoulou, Co-Team Leader, Imagine Activity, Environment Service
- Ms Georgia Christofidou, Team Leader, Environmental Economics Activity, Planning Bureau
- Mr Yiannis Gregoriou, Deputy Team Leader, Environmental Economics Activity, Planning Bureau
- Ms Alexia Georgiadou, Team Leader ICAM Methodology, Dept of Town Planning & Housing
- Ms Athena Metaxa, Team Leader, Carrying Capacity Assessment Activity, Cyprus Tourism Organization
- Ms Anna Caramontani, National Specialist, Imagine and Public Communication Activities
- Mr Achilleas Kalopedis, Research Specialist Associate to Anna Caramondani
- Mr Pambos Panayotou, National Specialist, Biodiversity Activity
- Mr Panicos Nicolaidis, National Specialist, ICAM Methodology, Carrying Capacity Assessment Activity and Strategic Environmental Assessment Activities
- Mr Savvas Maliotis, National Specialist, Environmental Economics Activity
- Mr Aleksandar Bjelica, PAP/RAC

ANNEX II

CAMP Cyprus at a glance (as at 16 February 2007) – prepared by Mr. G. Constantinides, CAMP Cyprus Task Manager

Note: CAMP Cyprus aims to address the need for policy harmonization and strengthening, and formulation of an integrated coastal management strategy for Cyprus. The objectives of individual Activities are roughly common comprising (a) presentation of principles, concepts and practices, (b) Cyprus policy issues, and (c) proposal for incorporating the relevant methodologies and tools in the Cyprus policy framework. For CCA, SEA and EE pilot application Case Studies will be carried out in southern east Larnaca Town coastal area (including Dromolaxia, Meneou, Kiti and Pervolia).

ACTIVITIES	FOCAL PERSONS	PROGRESS	EXPECTED COMPLETION	COMMENTS
ICAM METHODOLOGY	Harry Coccossis PAP/RAC Consultant Panicos Nicolaides NS George Hadjimichael Team Leader Alexia Georgiadou Co-Team Leader	1 st Workshop 30-31/10/06 2 nd Workshop 29-30/1/07	March-April 07 End of Project	
BIODIVERSITY	Andreas Demetropoulos SAP/RAC Cons Alfonso Ramos, Daniel C. Menchero Pambos Panayotou NS Myroula HChrystoforou Team Leader Antonis Antoniou TL	1 st Workshop 29/11/06	March-April 07	
SUSTAINABILITY PP & AWARENESS "IMAGINE"	Simon Bell & Elis. Coudert BP Consult/s Anna Caramondani NS A. Kalopedis NS Nasia Digigoropoulou Team Leader	1 st Workshop 23-24/11/06 2 nd Workshop (20-21/2/07)	March-April 07	
MAPPING SUPPORT	Michael Savvides	On-going	End of Project	
CARRYING CAPACITY ASSESSMENT	Tony Travis PAP/RAC Consultant Panicos Niciolaides NS Athena Metaxa Team Leader	Communication with Consultant May 2007	Dec 07-Jan 08	
STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT	Jiri Dusik PAP/RAC Consultant Panicos Niciolaides NS Christina Pandazi Team Leader	Communication with Consultant May 2007	Dec 07-Jan 08	
ENVIRONMENTAL ECONOMICS	G. Constantinides PAP/RAC Consultant Savvas Maliotis NS Georgia Chrystofidou Team Leader	Preliminary data gathering May 07	Dec 07-Jan 08	
PUBLIC COMMUNICATION	Dr Pambos Hadjipakkos & J. Constantinidou, Team Leaders Anna Caramondani NS	Website (on-going) Horizontal Workshops	On-going Planned	