GEO BLUE PLANET WORKSHOP

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1. Introduction

“The ocean, our coasts, and the Great Lakes are among our most treasured resources. They are an integral part of our national identity and our future. A healthy marine environment feeds our Nation, fuels our economy, supports our cultures, provides and creates jobs, gives mobility to our Armed Forces, enables safe movement of goods, and provides places for recreation. Healthy, productive, and resilient oceans, coasts, and Great Lakes contribute significantly to our quality of life”.


According to the Center for Blue Economy: Our data shows that in 2014, the coastal economy contributed 83.7% of the total U.S. GDP and 81.5% of total U.S. employment.
2. Pressures/Threats

a. Land sourced pollution

b. Coastal erosion

c. Acidification

d. Oil and gas pollution

e. Piracy

f. IUU fishing

g. Urbanism

h. Ocean warming
3. Opportunities

a. Transportation
b. Wind energy
c. Fishery
d. Oil and gas
e. Deep-sea mining
f. Agriculture/Sea farming
g. Coastal-based tourism
h. Poverty reduction
4. Policy responses

a. Loi n° 2017-378 du 2 juin 2017

b. First ever MPA created in 2020

c. Secretary for Maritime Affairs

d. Blue economy strategy

e. ICZM

f. Marine Spatial Planning
5. Needs for coastal and ocean information

a. SoME and proper baseline assessment
b. Clear indicators of performance
c. Forecasting and scenarios
d. Cost of not taking action
e. Opportunity cost
f. Marine and coastal contribution to GDP
g. Transboundary and regional cooperation
h. Measuring progress/failure
6. CONCLUSIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Africa shall not miss the Blue Economy revolution
2. A major factor for stability and safety
3. Some pre-conditions need to be met / Economic valuation
4. Regional approach
5. Involvement of international partners
6. Proper ocean governance mechanism
7. On-the-ground actions
8. Changing the life of ivorians
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