Integration of Climate Variability and Change into national strategies to implement the ICZM Protocol

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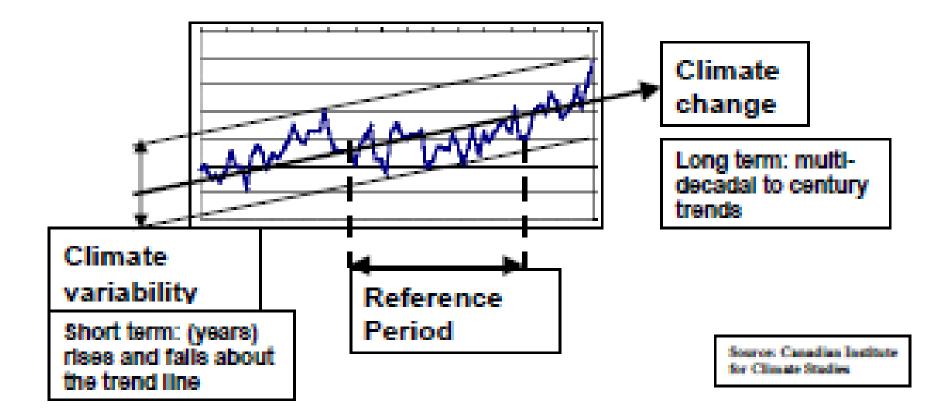
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Why is variability important?

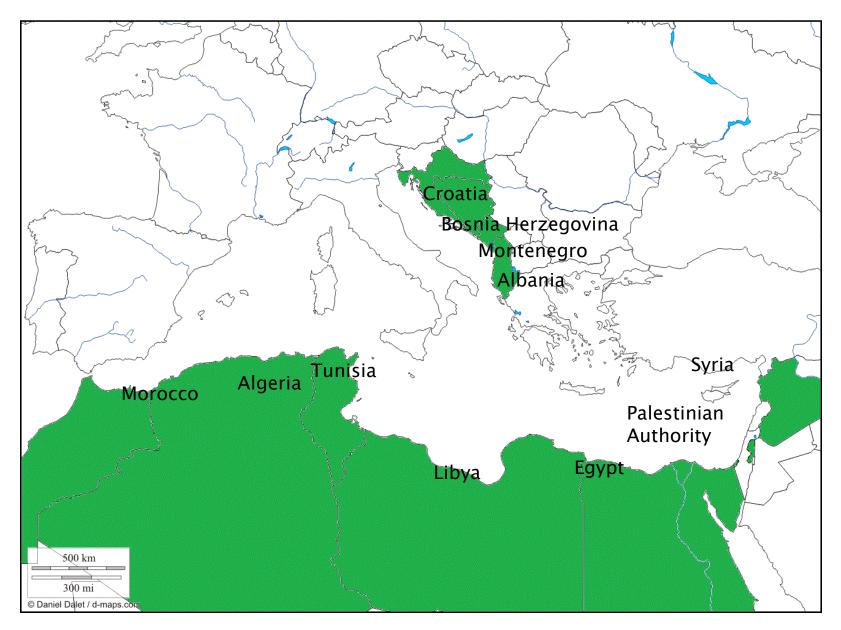




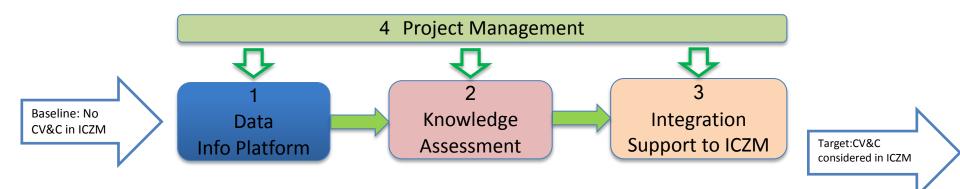
Project Information

- The objective of the project is to create an enabling environment for the integration of CV&C coping strategies into ICZM policies, plans and programs of Mediterranean countries by
 - (i) strengthening the understanding of the impacts of CV&C on the coastal zones of the Mediterranean region and
 - (ii) by establishing the needed information exchange mechanisms, capacity and regional pilot experiences..
- Duration of Project: 2012 to 2014 (30 months)
- Execution: UNEP/MAP, Plan Bleu, PAP/RAC and GWP-Med
- Financing: 2.3 M US\$ GEF funds plus 6 M US\$ cofinancing

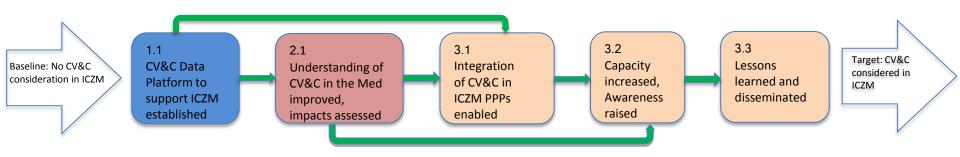
Participating Countries



COMPONENT FLOWCHART



OUTCOMES FLOWCHART



Component 3: Support to ICZM Protocol implementation and capacity building

- Methodology and tools for mainstreaming climate variability considerations into national ICZM planning and practices developed considering synergy with other related national plans (IWRM, NSSD, CCA, etc)
- Integrated management plan developed in one of the locations
- Existing Inter-ministerial coordination mechanisms capacitated to mainstream CV&C issues into ICZM planning processes
- Awareness raising, policy dialogue and capacity building for Policy makers and stakeholders in participating countries on implications of climate variability, ICZM protocol and other related national policies
- Mediterranean Clearing House Mechanism established to disseminate knowledge on most efficient tools to address climate variability and change impacts in coastal areas across the region

Final remarks

- The project is undergoing its inception phase to be concluded at the 2013 Steering Committee
- IPCC reports flag Mediterranean as a "hotspot" for climate change
- Issue to Climate impacts to coastal zone increasing in importance
 - Awareness and Policy Reforms critical to future protection of the coast from CV&C

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