



STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

Community involvement: the “Coastal Research and Policy and Integration” project (COREPOINT – INTERREG IIIB, EU) directed research at supporting policy enhancement for coastal areas in the EU, and promoting an integrated approach to coastal management. Activities by the 16 partners linked research to policy. **Envision:**

- Implemented five “schools of excellence in coastal management” for local stakeholders and councils in Wales, England, Northern Ireland, Republic of Ireland and Belgium, to increase awareness in coastal management.
- Carried out local stakeholder engagement activities in the UK (e.g. working with stakeholders to identify coastal risks (Durham Heritage Coast) and coastal management issues for crofters (South Uist, Hebrides).



Field visit during “School of excellence in coastal management” in Northern Ireland.

Community consultation: Coastal Habitat Management Plans were developed at a set of six sites in the UK (e.g. Dungeness and North Norfolk) that have coasts of high conservation importance and which are highly dynamic. These plans were developed to look at coastal change over the next 100 years, and to identify possible management options to maintain the areas conservation, economic and community value.



Crofters considering options for decaying coastal defence in South Uist (Hebrides).

Envision:

- Developed models of likely coastal change over the next 100 years and identified possible management approaches.
- Carried out consultation with local communities and stakeholders on these approaches and made recommendations for future management.

Community-based management: following the 2004 tsunami in South Asia, an EU project in Thailand aimed to develop capacity in local fishing communities and schools to enable them to assess their coastal resources and livelihood security, and to use the information to set agendas with their local councils. **Envision:**

- Developed a monitoring approach for assessing coastal resources.
- Supported the community to implement monitoring, analyse the results and set out an agenda for change with their local councils.



School children monitoring their coast in Thailand as part of awareness-building activities for local communities.