

Template Document for the GTOS SC¹

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GTOS activities in 2008/2009

C-GTOS is a member of the GEO Coastal Zone Community of Practice (CZCP) and through it is working to coordinate coastal programmes and promote coordinated coastal observations. Emphasis is on managing and mitigating the impacts of human activities and coastal inundation. Recently representatives of the CZCP, including Christian, provided a white paper on the decision support for coastal management in response to local sea level changes for the conference OceanObs2009. Regional coastal observing systems are being fostered with the intent of them coalescing into a global programme. The CZCP conducted a regional workshop on this topic for the Mediterranean region and is working toward other regional workshops in the future. Most immediately regional workshops in northern Africa and western Africa are being organized. Workshops in the Americas and Indo-Pacific are planned.

Efforts continue in developing and contributing to networks for the assessments of environmental status of coastal lagoon, coastal wetlands and deltaic systems.

Future strategy/Recommendations (in bullets)

- Establish clear channels, expectations and responsibilities with the Secretariat.
- Form panel once resources and commitments are established with the first order of business to review and assess the original plan in the context of current conditions.
- Revisit the frame of reference for the panel and revise if necessary.
- Continue working through CZCP to advance coastal observations.
- Develop joint products with other panels (e.g., coastal LULC products)
- Develop collaborations with other programmes with similar interests (e.g., DRAGON)

Questions/guidance/feedbacks from the GTOS SC (in bullets)

- What are the expectations for secretarial funding for coastal programs?
- What is the fate of TEMS?

Proposed actions to be endorsed by GTOS SC (in bullets)

- Establish clear channels, expectations and responsibilities for the Secretariat relative to panels.
- Provide resources to establish a panel and meet its goals.

¹ the document should be one page long, maximum 2! Thanks.