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Reflections on the LME Approach

The GCLME Scenario

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Basic Facts

— **Healthy Ecosystem : A resource for Healthy Economies**

— **Role is diminished by a plethora of stressors**

— **Necessity to enhance ability to develop and implement effective remedial programmes for improving quality of degraded habitats**

— **From an ecological perspective, the critical processes controlling the structure and function of biological communities can best be addressed on a regional basis – LME Approach**



Data Needs

Include a range of activities needed to provide management information about ecosystem conditions, tracking perturbations and resources at risk

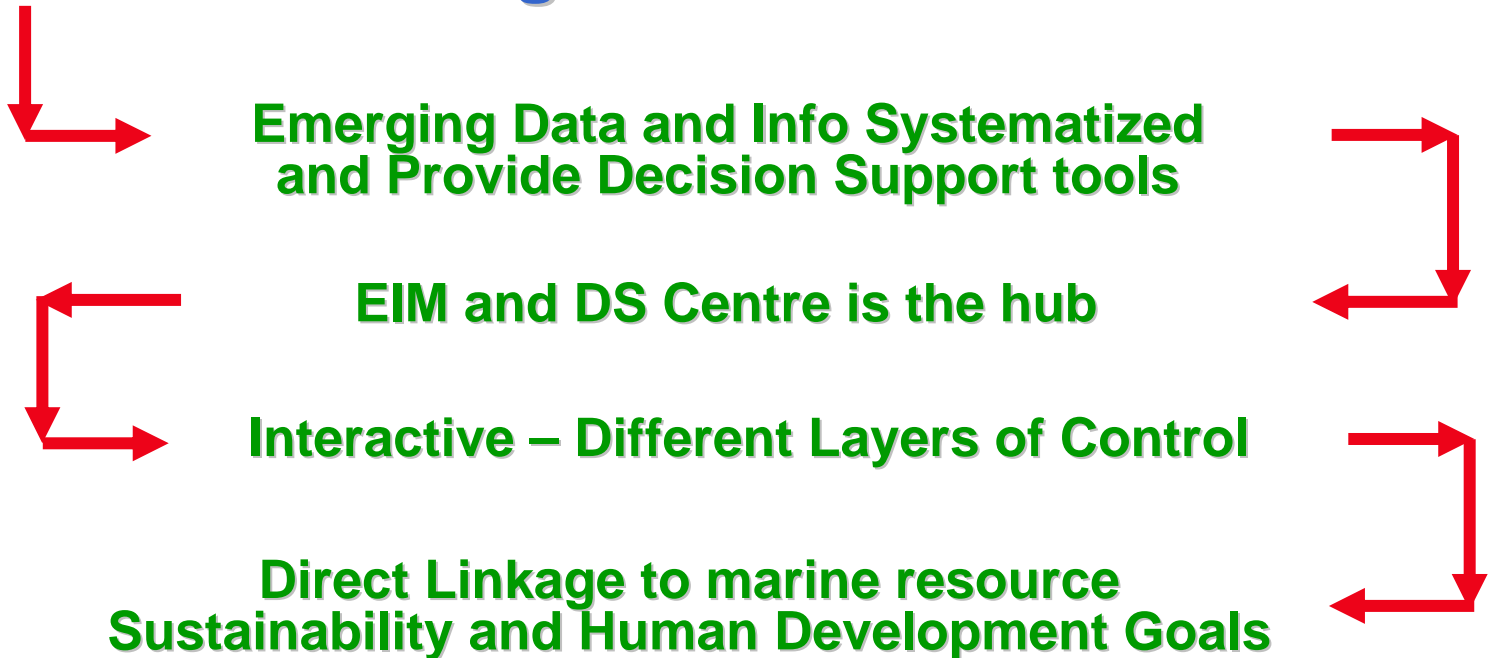
Before GCLME Project : data spatially and temporally fragmented, lack of comparability and inaccessibility.

Currently Data obtained from time series assessments based on 5 Modules.



Methodologies

1. Standardization basis for intercomparability
2. Achieved along 5 Module Approach – 1st Year
3. Coastal Monitoring Contracts – 16 countries





Evolution

To a Management System that includes

- 1 Regulatory**
- 2 Institutional and**
- 3 Decision-Making aspects**

Relating to Marine Ecosystems and their Resources



Regulatory

Still Early Days

1. Fisheries – 2 Region wide cruises and Collated Info





Regulatory (Ctnd)

2. Pollution and Ecosystem Health – Common Effluent Standards, Regional Spill Contingency Plan



Common Effluent Standards,
Regional Spill Contingency Plan

3. Mangrove



First Reserve Established in South East Nigeria (Nov, 2005)
Angola and Cameroon in Line (Rio del Rey)

4. ICAM



Decision against Habitat Destruction
Zoning Restrictions to Apply
Set back lines defined



Institutional

→ **Regional Coordination Unit fully functional**

→ **Effective Steering Committee**

→ **Committee of Ministers**



→ **Regional Activity Centres**





Mechanics of Institutional Sustainability

→ **Host Country Pays**



Location and Utilities

→ **Host Countries Support**



MOUs



Regional Activity Centres

→ **Financial Mechanisms to be defined**



Donors Conference (ADB – 2008)



Decision Support

- **Regional Scientific / Technical Advisory Committees**
- **National Inter-Ministerial Committees**
- **Network of NGO's / CBO's with PPA Work Plan**
- **Regional Activity Centres**



Concluding Thoughts





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