

## The Compendium for Coast and Sea

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The disclosure of scientifically-underpinned and up-to-date information in order to respond to societal questions and challenges is of the greatest importance in the marine and maritime field. From that respect, an integrated approach that encompasses environmental, socio-economic and institutional aspects of the coast and sea is highly valuable. However, this information often is very dynamic and highly fragmented and usually only partly available or hard to get to.

The Compendium for Coast and Sea, produced by VLIZ in cooperation with a team of experts, aggregates this disperse information from the Flemish and Belgian marine sciences and the marine and maritime fields in an objective and balanced manner. By doing so, VLIZ enables an improved communication within the network of marine stakeholders and enhances the visibility and accessibility of marine research. A revised issue of the Compendium for Coast and Sea is released every three years. A new edition is currently in the works and will become available in late 2018. It will feature completely revised and additional content to comply with the renewed VLIZ mandate but also with the aim to better accommodate its end-users. This will translate, amongst other things, into brand new products like a new digital portal for marine data (Het Kustportaal) and a new publication on key figures and trends at the community level (Het Kustzakboekje). Furthermore, attention is given to a thorough structural refurbishment of the Compendium for Coast and Sea in order to even better accommodate its target audience and improve user-friendliness when dealing with marine-maritime knowledge and data.