

# **MSP-OR**

## **ADVANCING MARITIME SPATIAL PLANNING IN OUTERMOST REGIONS**

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### **MS10: Proposals for French Guiana sea basin strategy public debate organisation**

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## Participation compass

### French Guiana Sea Basin Strategy Document

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Participants to the preparatory meetings:

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The objective of the present document is to report on the conclusions of the preparatory meetings hold about the organisation of the participation process which will be organised by the MSP authority, preliminary to the establishment of the sea basin strategy of French Guiana.

Under MSP-OR project, Cerema is providing additional input compared to normal implementation of such a participation process: 1- by characterising and following up the process under the format of the “participation compass” (it serves as a road map, as well as a reference for the ex-post evaluation of the participation process) and 2- by developing the social networks dimension of the process.

### Definition of the participatory process

#### What is subject to participation

- The project subject to the participation process described here is the French Guiana Sea basin Strategy document (DSBM)
- The perimeter of the project is the maritime and coastal area. It is defined at sea by the waters under jurisdiction. On land, the geographical area concerned depends on the coastal issues and land-sea interactions, and the area of influence of the strategic document may be one of the subjects discussed.
- The project leader is the « *Direction Générale des Territoires et de la Mer de Guyane (DGTM)* »
- The decision-maker for the project is the Prefect of Guiana
- The questions asked are: consultation prior to the development of strategic objectives and spatial planning, an opinion on the issues (what is important: topics, places) and on the main controversies (directions for the future).

*To be prepared:*

- a summary of the current situation in a text of 1500 characters on the characteristics of the maritime basin and coastline and 5 to 10 major issues presented in 500 characters each,
- a proposal for a vision of the future (resulting from the work of the coastal maritime council) in 1000 characters max
- about ten questions grouped by theme, on controversial subjects.

- The project leader must discuss the issues identified during the preparatory workshops with the Guiana Maritime Basin Council
- The project leader will be able to rely on the public's opinion to guide further discussions with the Maritime Council, to add issues to be addressed and to propose options for decisions that would be pushed by the public

#### **What is expected from this participation**

- The aim of participation is to inform the public about maritime and coastal issues and to involve them in the current strategic process by gathering their perception of the issues and their wishes for the future
- Early public consultation is mandatory by law
- In concrete terms, this participation serves to broaden the consultation beyond the circle of insiders and institutional representatives, to sound out the public on the issues at stake and to gather their opinions, with the dual objective of opening up to society and ensuring the acceptability of the decisions to be taken.

#### **Who will be associated**

- The project is supported by the DGTM
- Authority: Prefect of Guiana
- Beneficiaries: General public
- Legal references: L.121-15-1 et seq. of the French Environmental Code requiring prior consultation with the public on plans and programmes subject to environmental assessment
- The actors concerned and the stakeholders who will be involved are: the general public directly and indirectly through associations (particularly cultural) or institutional relays (particularly local authorities, regional nature park, etc.) which will be able to multiply the interactions by targeting their particular audiences with their own ways and means.

*List of partners:*

- Local authorities: municipalities (via presentations to municipal councils), Guiana Regional Nature Park
  - Academic Inspection for high schools and universities
  - Associations: la Canopée des sciences, A nou mem ke nou mem, JEUNE CHAMBRE ECONOMIQUE DE CAYENNE, environmental NGOs
- (Draft letters to be prepared)*  
*Participation kit to be prepared.*

- Attention must be paid to the diversity of communities in French Guiana and the contrasting situations between the three urban centres and the rest of the coastline.
- The international dimension should be explored in conjunction with regional cooperation in Guiana.
- This participation is complementary to the institutional consultation carried out within the framework of the Guiana Sea Basin Council
- No precedent on the subject
- The circle of participation is civil society in the broadest sense
- It is not intended that a third party should guarantee the participatory process, but feedback will be provided and shared, particularly within the framework of the European MSP-OR project with the Spanish and Portuguese partners.

#### What is the expected level of participation

- The project leader wishes to have a participation that is well distributed in terms of age group, gender and geographical origin.

#### Definition of the framework

- A consultation charter adapted to the specific process of the Guiana DSBM is available to the public.

#### Implementation

- Local project team: Aurélie Lotte, Magali Chevolut, 2-month fixed-term contract with Ysa Lowe-Bertrand, Prefecture communication services
- Remote support: Olivier Laroussinie, Alan Quentric, Géraldine Bertaud: methodology, contributions to the writing of consultation documents, synthesis of public contributions and preparation of a feedback report (inclusion in the report on consultation for the Sea basin strategy prepared for the Ministry and sharing in the framework of the MSP-OR project)
- Geolittoral webportal: Florian Grillot
- How will the stakeholders be informed about the project and the participation system put in place? Social networking campaign (Cerema), Press communication (Prefecture), Video spot (Prefecture), TV or radio broadcast (Prefecture)
- Formatting of the above-mentioned texts in several formats: internet platform, poster, leaflets. Kit for relays with instructions for use and material (including contribution form). Press releases. Social network posts
- Presentation in the municipal councils of coastal municipalities  
Public meetings in the municipalities  
Animation at the science festival  
*Limesurvey* online
- Communication launch mid-October  
Consultation activities during November  
Summary of contributions 1st half of December



- Highlight of the territory on which to draw: Science festival from 5th to 15th November
- Valuation of contributions: publication of a summary and discussion with the Sea basin Council to draw up the strategic objectives and vocation map of the DSBM, as well as an action plan. Project ideas could be supported in 2022 as part of the planned operationalisation of the DSBM.