Marine Zoning - Conclusions



OCEAN ZONING

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Agardy (2010) - Chapter 13:

Principles Underscoring Ocean Zoning Success

Does COZ offer a new management approach? Two opposing management paradigms: Compartmentalization VS Integration





When / Where does COZ work?





Where / when has it worked ?

- Starting points
- Ecosystem(s)

What steps are required for effective COZ ?

What are the challenges ahead ?

When / Where does COZ work? Successful outcomes rely heavily on:

Using best available science knowledge Using transparent criteria / methods

High level of public participation Consequent socio-political support

Top-down / Bottom-up integration Devising adaptive designs; Allow rezoning

Planning Principles - Biophysical

KEY Biophysical Operating Principles

- minimum size of management areas
- replication of management areas
- <u>minimum</u> of at least 20% no-take per bioregion
- consider connectivity cross-shelf & latitudinal diversity
- incorporate all community types & physical environments
- consider special & unique sites/ locations

Planning Principles – Social-Economic

KEY Social-Economic & Management Principles

- maximise complementarity with adjacent land/sea areas
- recognise social benefits /costs
- complement existing management
- maximise public understanding & enforceability

When / Where does COZ work?

Some aspects are addressed well by zoning

Very effective for separating all extractive/collecting activities, and defining representative 'no-take' areas
Value of complementary zoning across Federal / State jurisdictions
Good public input / understanding

Some aspects are not addressed well by zoning

Some activities better addressed by other management approaches *(e.g., shipping, tourism, climate change)* Need for ongoing public education, compliance, enforcement

Marine Managed Areas



In no-take zones, fish are protected to support populations in the other zones. Spawning aggregations and nursery grounds often are established as no-take areas. Only specified nonextractive activities, such as diving and mooring and aquaculture are not permitted. Complete no-use areas, which ban all activities, are mechanisms for restoring highly degraded ecosystems. Buffer zones, which are intended to be transition zones from more restricted use areas (i.e., no-take areas) to multiple-use zones, typically allow moderate activities, such as hook-and-line fishing , and limited tourism activities . In multiple-use zones, all tourism activities, including diving and snorkeling; all fishing activities, ranging from small-scale subsistence fishing to large-scale commercial fishing ; and aquaculture are permitted.