



Workshop on Atlas Users

1 September 2011, 11-12:30 am & 1:30-2:30 pm

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Objective

This workshop aims to explore the relationship between atlas developers and atlas users. In particular it will investigate how atlas users are involved over the lifetime of an atlas. It will furthermore identify how atlas developers find out about atlas usage and the level of communications between developer and user.

Expected Outcomes:

The workshop intends to provide a series of practical recommendations in relation to:

- The most appropriate means of gathering information on users (e.g. workshops, email, etc)
- The most useful information in regards to users and atlas usage
- How to interact with the users and at which stages of the atlas development and operational cycle
- How to publicise and raise awareness of an atlas on an ongoing basis

Draft schedule

PART 1: 11:00-12:30 am

- What do end users expect from Coastal Information Systems? Emiliano RAMIERI (Thesis) – 15’.
- Involving end users in atlas development and evaluation (items to cover: how/when were end-users involved and how were the end-users comments taken into account):
 - Experience from the European Atlas of the Seas - Ann-France Woestyn, (DG Mare) 10’
 - Experience from the Belgian Coastal Atlas (C-Scope project)- Sofie Vanhooren (Co-ordination Centre for ICZM, Belgium) 10’ –
 - Experiences from the African Marine Atlases - Mika Odido (IODE) 10’
 - Experience from the United States and the Caribbean - Marcia Berman (VIMS) 10’
- Discussion 30’ (prepare topics and questions – ask presentations in advance)

Lunch break: 12:30-1:30pm

PART 2: 1:30-2:30 pm

- Introduction summarizing the results from the user questionnaire, Kathy Belpaeme & Marcia Berman 15'
- Discussion based on the workshop questions
- Recommendations and conclusions from the workshop