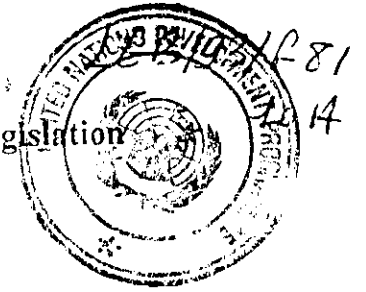


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Main Elements for the Proposed Coastal Management Legislation



LEBANON

DRAFT COASTAL MANAGEMENT LAW

Part I

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PRELIMINARY

1. Short Title

Republic of Lebanon
Office of the Minister of State for Administrative Reform
Center for Public Sector Projects and Studies
(C.P.S.P.S.)

2. Entry into Force

3. Interpretation

Coastal Zone - Definition in the Existing Legislation Could be Used
Integrated Coastal Management System
Coastal Strategy
Coastal Management Plan
Beach
Minister
Council
Unit
etc.

4. Objectives of the Law

The objectives of the law are to :

- (a) protect, conserve, develop and where possible restore or enhance the coastal resources of Lebanon including wetlands, estuaries, beaches, coral reefs, fish and marine wild life and their habitat within the coastal zone;
- (b) protect and maintain areas of environmental significance in the coastal zone including its ecological, geomorphological, geological, cultural and landscape features;

- (c) plan for developing and managing the use of Lebanon's coastal resources on a sustainable basis for the present and future generations;
- (d) manage the coastal development to maintain and improve the coastal water quality;
- (e) facilitate public access to the coastal zone including beaches for recreation purposes;
- (f) enhance public awareness and understanding of the importance of the coast to involve the public in coastal planning and management;
- (g) develop a research program in support of the development and management of the coastal zone; and
- (h) develop and apply an Environmental Impact System to all major Government and private sector development projects or activities with impacts on the environment in the coastal zone.

Part II

INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS

5. Coastal Management Council

Either a new Council could be established or the existing ^{Higher} Council for Urban ^{Plan} Development could be given the mandate to formulate a coastal development strategy and oversee the planning and management of the coastal zone.

6. Membership of the Council

The Council shall consist of approximately eleven members appointed by the Council of Ministers on the recommendation of the Minister of Transport. The members of the Council shall be as follows:

- (a) the representative of the Ministry of Transport who shall be the chairperson;

(b) up to six persons representing relevant ministries and institutions involved in issues relating to coastal management, for example Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Rural and Urban Affairs, Ministry of Industry and Petroleum, Ministry of Public Works, Ministry of Agriculture, Hydraulic and Electrical Resources, CDR;

(c) one person appointed from a panel of three members submitted by the municipalities;

(d) up to three persons, at least one of whom being a woman, appointed from the community having expertise or experience in issues relating to coastal management.

7. Functions of the Council

Part III

COASTAL STRATEGY

8. Preparation of Coastal Strategy

(a) Lebanon shall prepare a coastal strategy as soon as practicable after the entry into force of this law;

(b) The coastal strategy will be developed based on recommendations of the Council taking into account the report on assessment of coastal resources being undertaken.

9. Contents of Strategy

10. Consideration of Strategy

11. Publication of Strategy (Circulation for Public Comments)

12. Approval of Strategy

13. Review of Strategy (Every five years or at any time on direction of Minister)

Part IV

COASTAL MANAGEMENT

14. Establishment of Coastal Management Unit

- (a) Either a new Coastal Management Unit shall be established or the existing Unit for Marine Transport in the Ministry of Transport could be strengthened to be able to develop and manage the coastal zone;
- (b) The Unit shall coordinate with all relevant ministries and institutions involved in coastal management issues while preparing a coastal management plan and its implementation thereupon.

15. Preparation of Coastal Management Plan

16. Contents of Coastal Management Plan

- (a) Identification of strategic directions and objectives of coastal development
- (b) Detailed planning for
 - protection and enhancement of coastal resources;
 - protection of the marine environment;
 - facilitation of recreational use of the coastal resources;
 - development of tourism;
 - conservation of national marine parks;
 - protection and conservation of endangered marine species and wild life etc.

17. Review and Approval of the Coastal Management Plan

The Council shall review and submit the plan to the Minister for approval.

Part V

OIL SPILL CONTINGENCY PLANNING

18. Oil Spill Contingency Plan

The Ministry of Transport shall develop an oil spill contingency plan in conformity with the Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution and its related Protocols.

Part VI

SECTORAL LAWS

19. Amendments to Sectoral Laws

All laws, regulations and rules relevant to coastal management shall be reviewed and revised according to the provisions of this law.