



Marine Strategy Framework Directive

Albania

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Albanian shore line



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Use and Importance

- Tourism
- Transport
- Fisheries
- Oil and Gas (researching area)
- Security
- Energy

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Pressures

- Water Pollution
- Shore line erosion
- Transport
- Untreated wastewater discharges
- Urban development without planning and illegal constructions
- Limited financial resources for monitoring

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Legal Framework

- Water Pollution Party to “Barcelona Convention” and its 11 Protocols
- Party to Convention on “Protection and use of trans-boundary water courses and international lakes”
- Party to ESPOO Convention;
- Natura 2000, Birds Directive, Habitats Directive, WFD, etc.
- The international Convention on “Control of harmful anti-fouling systems of ships”;
- MARPOL Convention;
- The international Convention on “Control and management of ships ballast water sediments”
- The OSPAR Convention;
- Convention on “Prevention on marine pollution by dumping waste and other matters”.

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Legal framework

- Law No. 30/2013 on some amendments and additions to Law No. 8905 , dated 06.06.2002 , On the Protection of the Marine Environment from pollution and damage amended;
- Law No. 111/2012 on “Integrated Water Resources Management” ;
- Law No. 9251 08/07/2004 on Marine Code
- Law No. 64 / 2012 on fisheries as amended;
- Law on “Agriculture”
- Various sub-legal acts on monitoring

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Institutional framework

- National Water Council;
- Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development and Water Administration;
- Ministry of Environment;
- Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure;
- National Environmental Agency;
- Albanian Geological Survey;
- State Inspectorate of Water;
- Fisheries Inspectorate;

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EU WFD status in Albania

- Partially transposed by Law No. 111/2012 on Integrated Water Resources Management;
- Marine Strategy Framework Directive (*A very first draft prepared by INPAEL (legal consultancy project)*) but not yet proposed for adoption to the Council of Ministers

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EU WFD status in Albania Monitoring

- List of priority substances adopted but not fully implemented
- No real study conducted on the quality of marine waters (25 marine and coastal protected areas identified)
- Several institutions responsible for water monitoring, but the National Environmental Agency is the key authority
- Monitoring conducted 4 times/year

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Steps Taken

- **The National Action Plan for the “Reduction of the coastal zone pollution from land – based sources”**, prepared by the Ministry of Environment
 - National diagnostic analysis and budgeting for coastal areas;
 - Initial assessment of habitats, at coastal area;
 - Pressures identification for the coastal area;
 - List of measures to be implemented by responsible institutions.

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