The DM sud océan Indien

Since the Grenelle de la Mer (a reflection process from the State with main sea's economic actors) and in order to support the reform of the territorial State administration, the Direction de la Mer Sud Ocean Indien - DMSOI (Sea Office of Indian South Ocean) was founded January 1st, 2011.

Under the authority of region Reunion's prefect, it was created by the association of the Direction Régionales des Affaires Maritimes (Regional Office of Maritime Cases) of Reunion island and îles Eparses (Scattered Islands) with the lighthouses and beacons office, the Reunion's and Mayotte's POLMAR mission.

It has authority within french's exclusive economic zones of the Indian Ocean and Terres Australes et Antarctiques Françaises (French Southern and Antarctic Lands). Its headquarter is in Reunion Island. It also has an office in Mayotte island.

With the creation of DMSOI, Indian Ocean's frenchs territories get an unified driving and coordination structure for Ecology Ministry's and Transports and Fishing Ministry's policies.

The DM Ocean is a growing region as well as its neighbours countries such as India and South East Asia. It is in this regional environment economically challenging that the DMSOI aims to develop and save the sea and its wealth.

It particularly deals with several regional cooperation initiative through the Indian ocean Comission (fishing watch regional initiative, Smartfish, sea's highway), through wider partnership (SWIOFP, ASCLME) or through simple bilateral agreements (Australia, Seychelles Islands, etc.).

It also take a part to Indian Ocean Tuna Commission's works.

DMSOI's missions

Sea and littoral policies

The DMSOI is called to participate through the Conseil Maritime Ultramarin de Bassin – CMUB (Basins' Ultramarine Maritime Council) of the indian Ocean to the application of the sea and littoral's national strategy. This application is a bassin's strategic document (BSD) based on the Indian Ocean blue book (http://80.69.213.183/livrebleu/), vision document reference, officially introduced december 10th, 2011.

The BSD specifies and complements directions of the sea and littoral's national strategy regarding to bassin's particular challenges especially economics, socials and ecologicals.

The BSD project is elaborated by the CMUB in a concerted way. It specifies goals of the sea and littoral's integrated management at the bassin's scale and the actions needed to achieve these goals.

It describes existent situation inside bassin's perimeter (especially the environment's state at sea as on the littoral, the marine area's and littoral's terms of uses and related economics activities as well as mains socio-economics' and environments' outlooks of this milieu and the related activities).

The final version is sent by the CMUB's president to the Sea minister and the Overseas one. After being checked and aligned between national strategy and local context, the project is submitted for approval to Maritime Council then validated by the State representative for 6 years. The CMUB does the monitoring.

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Maritime security and risk prevention

Coordinating and directing safety missions.

Ensuring shipping watch: enforcement of regulation of ships security, their equipment and the crew, evaluation mission after sea events of accident. ship traffic monitoring, beaconing.

Broadcasting maritime information and safety alerts.

Gathering information as part of the fight against pollution at sea.

Animating prevention missions of maritime professionals risks.

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