

# SimCoast

<b>Tool Name *</b>	SimCoast
<b>Category *</b>	Decision support Governance:
<b>What step(s) in framework *</b>	6. Evaluation of Management Effectiveness 7. Adaptation to Current Management
<b>Description *</b>	<p>SimCoast is a fuzzy logic rule-based expert system designed to enable researchers, managers and decision-makers to create and evaluate different policy scenarios for coastal zone management. It aims to combine traditional and advanced specialist knowledge about coastal zones with a set of reasoning and analytical tools. Experts involved include engineers, natural and social scientists, lawmakers, administrators, community and national leaders. Via workshops and consensus discussions, sensitive issues such as transboundary pollution and cross-sectoral socioeconomic effects can be translated into rules for policy formulation and decision-making.</p> <p>The conceptual basis of SimCoast is a two-dimensional multi-zoned map onto which key features such as ports, legal regimes and different habitats and activities such as shipping, tourism, aquaculture are mapped.</p> <p>It aims to combine traditional and advanced specialist knowledge about coastal zones with a set of reasoning and analytical tools. Activities are often associated with different zones and processes to which they are linked (e.g. land tenure, erosion).</p>
<b>Inputs</b>	Input formats: Shape, DXF, MIF, CSV, BMP, JPG, PNG, native formats
<b>Data Quality Required</b>	
<b>Modification Required</b>	Not available
<b>Expertise Required</b>	<p>Technical expertise: Basic computer skills are sufficient. Some computer/GIS/programming skills are necessary.</p> <p>Scientific expertise: Extensive scientific training required</p>
<b>Outputs</b>	<p>The effects of activities on features are evaluated in relation to defined policy targets (e.g. water quality, ecosystem integrity) as measured in particular units (e.g. E.coli ppm, or number of fish species). This evaluation is the result of developing a set of expert rules.</p> <p>The results of an impact assessment are presented as a 2D transect, which represents a section of the coastline in a given area. Results are presented in an effect map within a certain area.</p>
<b>Spatial and Temporal Scales</b>	Not available
<b>Licence Cost Issues</b>	Yes: The software package is £350 for an academic license and £500 for a commercial license. All prices plus vat.
<b>Download</b>	<a href="http://www.discoverysoftware.co.uk/SimCoastBuy.htm">http://www.discoverysoftware.co.uk/SimCoastBuy.htm</a>
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<b>EVALUATION</b>	
<b>Thumbnail</b>	 <p>The screenshot shows a software window titled 'Results'. It displays a 2D transect map of a coastline. The map is color-coded according to a legend on the right. The legend includes categories for 'Large Effect', 'Medium Effect', and 'Small Effect' in green, yellow, and red respectively. Below the legend, there is a section for 'Regions' with a 'Concentration Area (d0)'.</p>

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