

The Mediterranean in Figures

One eco-region, Mediterranean climate, vegetation, history and landscapes:

- ✓ 46,000 km of coastline, and an area surrounded by mountains.
- ✓ 10% of known higher vegetation species on 1.6% of emerged continents.
- ✓ 7% of known marine species in 0.8% of total ocean surface.
- ✓ 420,000 jobs in fishery, mainly in small scale professional fishing.
- ✓ 95% of the world's olive oil production.
- ✓ 30% of the world's maritime transport.

22 riparian countries and territories representing:

- ✓ 5.7% of the globe's emerged lands.
- ✓ 7% of the world's population (427 million inhabitants).
- ✓ 228 million international tourists, i.e. 33% of international tourism in the world in 2003.
- ✓ 60% of the world's water-poor population (countries with less than 1000 m³/capita/year).
- ✓ One of the main regions in the world with severe North/South disparities, with per capita revenue differences of 1 to 5 (GDP per capita in purchasing power parity).
- ✓ 13% of the world's GDP in 2002 (13.5% in 1990).
- ✓ 14% of world trade in goods in 2002 (1% in 1990).
- ✓ 11.5% of total foreign direct investments from 1997 to 2002, 1.3% without France, Spain, Italy and Greece (1.6% for 1991-1996).
- ✓ One of the highest unemployment rates for the young in the world: in 2003, nearly 30% on the South, between 20 and 27% in Spain, France, Italy and Greece.
- ✓ 8.3% of global CO₂ emissions in 2000 (7.5% in 1992).
- ✓ 5% of global gas production and 6% of oil production in 2000, by 5 countries (Algeria, Egypt, Libya, Syria and Tunisia).
- ✓ 25% of UNESCO World Heritage sites (191 out of 754).

About Plan Bleu

Plan Bleu, a prospective observatory for sustainable development, is a Regional Activity Centre of UNEP/MAP (United Nations Environment Programme/Mediterranean Action Plan), created, funded and steered by all riparian countries and the European Commission. Its objective, as defined by an intergovernmental conference held in Split in 1977, is to develop regional cooperation and make available a common fund of knowledge for facilitating the implementation of development respectful of the environment. Plan Bleu carries out prospective analyses on the environment and development, acts as a Mediterranean observatory for sustainable development and is the main support centre to the Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development (MCSDD). Plan Bleu work and publications alert on the consequences of today's development patterns and call for action.

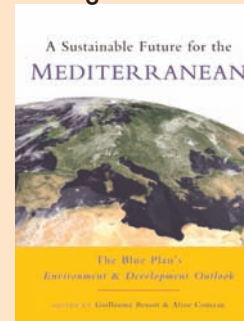
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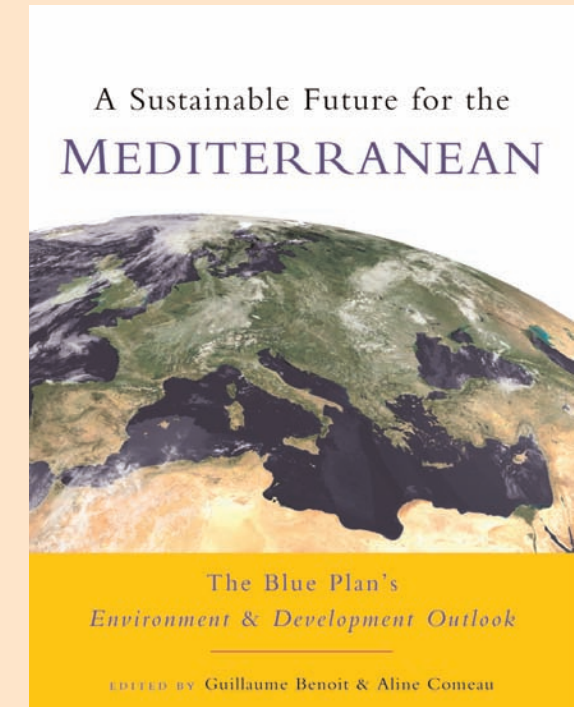


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The riparian countries and their Mediterranean regions



A Sustainable Future for the Mediterranean

Which changes are underway in the Mediterranean? What will be the Mediterranean Basin in 2025? What will be the future of our cities, our rural areas, our mountains and our coastlines? Our modes of transport, our energy supply, our water and land resources? Which convergence or divergence between the North and the South shores? What are the risks of a business-as-usual scenario? Which alternatives to reconcile the environment with development? What national and regional cooperation policies for an alternative scenario of sustainable development? Is it in fact possible to choose a future that takes tomorrow's generations into account and give more chances to the region?



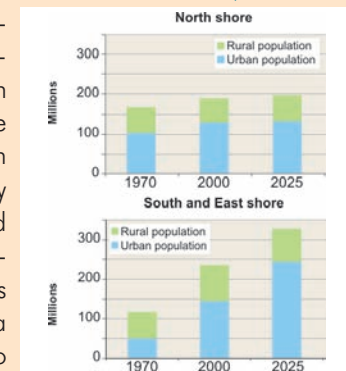
These are the issues covered in this publication, which brings together the contributions of the riparian countries, the European Union, and more than 300 experts of both Mediterranean shores. Including **over 400**

pages, 250 maps and graphs, and a wealth of case studies, it constitutes a follow-up of the first Plan Bleu report on the Futures of the Mediterranean Basin, published in 1989.

The Blue Plan's Environment and Development Outlook...

... Analyzes the global and regional changes of the last 30 years: globalization of the economy and of environmental issues, demographic transition, setting up of environmental policies in all riparian countries, European impulse for countries of the Northern shore and impetus given by the Rio Summit to the East and South. The publication assesses past trends and analyzes possible futures by building a "baseline scenario" up to 2025.

Urban and rural population in the Mediterranean countries, 1970-2025



Source : Attané & Courbage, Plan Bleu, 2001

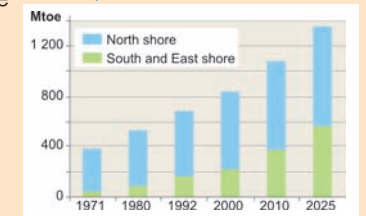
Road and airport infrastructures along coasts



Focus is made on six issues of strategic importance for the region:

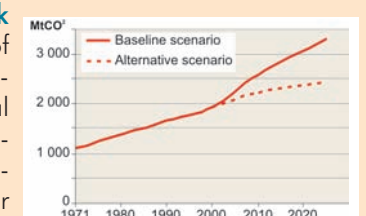
- ▶ water
- ▶ energy
- ▶ transport
- ▶ urban areas
- ▶ rural areas
- ▶ coastal areas

Primary energy demand, baseline scenario, 1971-2025



Source : OME

Total CO₂ emissions according to the two scenarios



Source : OME

... Goes beyond taking stock and warning on the basis of experiences already implemented at national or local level in the riparian countries, the publication identifies win-win alternatives (for the environment and development, for the North and the South), barriers to change and response tools. Emphasis is placed on actions that would make possible to curb current development trends, which are certainly not irreversible. An "alternative scenario" that could make the region shift towards a sustainable development path is also built; its advantages are compared with the baseline scenario.

...Is firmly action-oriented in view of a responsible and dynamic Mediterranean region, where countries feel solidarity with each other. While actions for a change of scenario are first and foremost the countries' responsibility, regional cooperation can be a powerful tool to boost changes and make the region a world example of sustainable co-development.