

CASPINFO

**CASPIAN ENVIRONMENTAL
AND INDUSTRIAL DATA &
INFORMATION SERVICE**

Objectives

- To initiate and maintain a Caspian Sea network of leading environmental and socio-economic research institutes, governmental departments, oil & gas industries, and international bodies, jointly working on the definition, development and operation of the CASPINFO service.
- Development and establishment of an Internet based CASPINFO Data & Information Service to facilitate the access to socio-economic and legal information, metadata and distributed datasets, managed by the regional partners, and to support marine environmental management.
- To explore and to develop a sustainable operation model for the CASPINFO service, thereby taking into account that the partners are coming from different backgrounds (public and private sectors) and possibly will deal with a mix of public and commercial data & information.

Participants

PR NR	Participants organization name	Abbr	Country
1	Marine Information Service MARIS	MARIS	Netherlands
2	Sumgayit Center of Environmental Rehabilitation	SCER	Azerbaijan
3	Institute of Geography Baku	IGAZ	Azerbaijan
4	Institute of Geography Almaty	IGKZ	Kazakhstan
5	Caspian Environment Programme	UNDP-CEP	UNDP
6	State Oceanographic Institute Moscow	SOI	Russian Federation
7	Institute of Ecology and Evolution	IEE	Russian Federation
8	P.P. Shirshov Institute of Oceanology	SIO	Russian Federation
9	Caspian Marine Scientific Research Center Astrakhan	KASPMNIZ	Russian Federation
10	Institute of Geosciences and Geo-environment	IEG	Russian Federation
11	JSC Geo-Hazar	GH	Russian Federation
12	Black Sea Commission Secretariat	BSCS	Black Sea Commission
13	Hellenic National Oceanographic Data Centre	HNODC	Greece
14	Consiglio Nazionale della Ricerche	CNR	Italy
15	State Oil Company of Azerbaijan	SOCAR	Azerbaijan
16	JSC National Company Kazmunaigas	KAZMUN	Kazakhstan
17	Dagestan University	DU	Russian Federation
18	Moscow State University	MSU	Russian Federation
19	International Oceanographic Commission- International Oceanographic Data and Information Exchange	IOC-IODE	IOC

Goal

Organize network of distributed sites and databases, managed and operated by providers of relevant data & information resources and services, and a central 'portal' website. The portal will host a number of services and specific products, including a geographical viewing service. Navigation from the portal to the distributed websites will be by a system of meta-database(s) that are maintained by participating information providers and that point towards the actual data & information held at provider's websites and premises.

Status

- The project proposal was evaluated and obtained hi scores
- All project participants have to fill Grant Agreement Preparation Forms in order to enable the completion of the negotiation and the production of the Grant Agreement