Coastal Zone Management authority (CZMA) and Coastal Zone Management Plans (CZMP)
COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
To monitor and implement the provisions of the CRZ Notification, the MoEF created SCZMAs for each coastal state and union territory and a NCZMA.

MoEF

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National Coastal Zone Management Authority

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State Coastal Zone Management Authority
FUNCTIONS OF THE SCZMA

The SCZMA is responsible for:

• Monitoring and implementing Coastal Regulation Zone rules.

• Preparation of CMZPs
  – Includes mapping HTL, LTL and hazard line
To maintain transparency in their working, the CZMA is responsible for creating a dedicated website and post:

• Agendas
• Minutes
• Decisions taken
• Clearance letters
• Violations
• Action taken on the violations
• Court matters including judgments taken by the High Courts
• Approved CZMPs
The Andhra Pradesh Coastal Zone Management Authority is chiefly responsible for enforcing and monitoring of CRZ 2011 in the state of Andhra Pradesh.

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Points raised by Civil Society group and NGOs regarding CZMA

• The CRZ notification need to define and prioritise the responsibilities of CZMAs and distinguish the tasks of regulation, conservation and management.

• The CRZ notification needs to build in clarity regarding the roles and decision making powers of SCZMAs in relation to both NCZMA and the MoEF. This will also help understand:
  - which institution is accountable for which functions
  - clarifications of powers to delegate of specific tasks

• A need to clearly identify ways to resolve conflicts over decisions between citizens and SCZMAs, SCZMAs and local government departments, SCZMAs and NCZMA or SCZMA and MoEF.

• The MoEF would need to ensure that regular interactions and possibilities of cross learning between CRZ institutions is conducted rather than demanding a six monthly report of their activities as is done by NCZMA presently.
Coastal Zone Management Plans

One of the critical roles of the CZMAs is the preparation of coastal zone management plans.

The preparation of the CZMPs, which includes the demarcation of HTL and LTL remains one of the most essential processes based on which coastal land use can be planned for and regulated.
Preparation of Coastal Zone Management Plans

1. The State government and the SCZMA prepares the draft CZMPs by engaging reputed scientific institutions (authorised agencies of MoEF)

2. Public consultation is held

3. Comments from the public are included and the CZMP is finalised within 6 months

4. The MoEF receives the CZMPs prepared through the respective SCZMAs and finalises them within 4 months
CZMPs

CZM Maps
Macro Level Planning
Scale – 1:25000

Local level CZM Maps
Micro Level Planning
Scale- 1:4000
HAZARD LINE:

• This shall be mapped by MoEF through Survey of India (SoI) all along the coastline of the country.
• It shall be demarcated taking into account:
  - tide, waves, sea level rise, and shoreline changes;
• Area between hazard line and 500 m from the HTL also included under the CRZ 2011
• No developmental activities, other than what is permitted under the CRZ 2011 zones shall be allowed in the above area
• Beach resorts should only be developed beyond the hazard line
Deadlines

- The CZMPs were to be prepared within a period of 24 months from the date when the Notification came into force.
- Extensions after extensions followed.
- The last extension provided to all SCZMAs was retaining the old CZMPs till Jan 2014, provided all the states submitted new draft CZMPs by September 2013.
- The NCZMA also pointed out that by 1st Feb, 2014 all states must rely on the new CZMPs for granting permissions for projects/developments.
- If draft CZMPs are not prepared by 30th September, no new projects will be considered within CRZ areas until new CZMPs are approved.
All developmental activities listed in the notification are regulated by the State Government, the local authority or the concerned CZMA within the framework of approved CZMP.
Points raised by civil society groups, NGOs on the CZMPs

• Not a single coastal state or union territory has a fully approved Coastal Zone Management Plans except Karnataka.
• The MoEF has taken very few steps to ensure that the states compulsorily came out with their respective CZMPs.
• 126 violations under CRZ 1991 have been identified. What has been the action taken?
• The earlier maps were made in the scale 1:25000, which were not user friendly and it became difficult to pin point CRZ violations.
• No survey numbers were mentioned in the earlier CZMPs. However, the new CZMP promises to rectify this.
Thank you!