



BILKO REMOTE SENSING DISTANCE LEARNING MODULES



ENVIRONMENT AND
DEVELOPMENT IN
COASTAL REGIONS
AND IN SMALL ISLANDS
(CSI) PLATFORM

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Dear

Welcome to UNESCO-Bilko and to Module 7, the first of a series of new thematic modules planned for the next few years. If you are new to *Bilko*, welcome to a worldwide community of many thousands of *Bilko* users. If you are a *Bilko* old-hand, welcome back to the programme and to the new, much more powerful *Bilko for Windows* software. Note that we now have a web site at <http://www.unesco.bilko.org/> where you can find information on module and software developments.

Module 7 focuses on the application of remote sensing technologies to coastal management problems and we have tried to ensure that it is a worthy successor to previous modules. All previous modules are also included on the CD-ROM and details of the lessons they contain in Appendix B of the Module 7 documentation.

As in previous modules, the primary aim of the *Bilko* programme is to make remote sensing training materials accessible to those without specialist resources at their disposal and to promote good teaching practice by tapping the diverse skills and expertise of the *Bilko* community.

The *Bilko* programme depends not only on the authors but also on the individuals whose comments and criticism do so much to ensure the overall quality of the teaching material we offer. Remember that we are always pleased to receive new suggestions for the *Bilko* programme.

At a recent meeting we decided to experiment with a few modules, each of which develop a particular theme. Currently under preparation are four thematic modules: coastal erosion, the Baltic region, fisheries, and natural hazards. If you have suggestions for future themes or would like to contribute to those under development please do not hesitate to contact us by e-mail to admin@unesco.bilko.org or by writing to the UNESCO-Bilko Project Coordinator at the address above.

We would be very grateful if you could take a few minutes to acknowledge safe receipt of this package by filling in the attached Reply Sheet as far as applicable. We value all your comments, so please fill in the attached form now, and later, after you have worked with the module, please give us more extensive comments.

Good luck with the lessons!

Yours sincerely

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PS Please note that the *Remote Sensing Handbook for Tropical Coastal Management* referred to in the Module 7 manual is still in press. Publication details will be posted on the *Bilko* web page (see above for URL) as soon as the *Handbook* becomes available.

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