

## **Letter to the General Director of the Portuguese Environment Agency on the State of Environment Reports**

### **Abstract**

The National Council on Environment and Sustainable Development (CNADS) addressed, on September 19th, 2007, a letter to the General Director of the Portuguese Environment Agency, stating that some of the suggestions made in the *"CNADS Analysis on the Methodology to Elaborate the State of Environment Reports"* were taken into account. There was also an alert so that in the preparation of the SER 2006 some sectors would be included in an integrated fashion, such as transportation, agriculture and health, as well as areas with clear interactions with the environment and with land-use planning: ocean (coastal zones and marine environment), technological risks and natural disasters.

The letter suggested to include a chapter dedicated to environmental policy and management instruments, evaluation of environment impacts, environmental inspection, education, environmental awareness and public participation in the decision-making processes, as well as to promote the update of the information related with national and european legislation, along with a brief quality and quantity analysis, that would allow the public and decision-makers to better frame the national environmental performance.

Furthermore, the letter underlined what was previously stated on the need to assure that the 2006 State of Environment Report would be previously analysed by the Council, according to the law.