

"We can't let the sea condemn lives": Channel urges state to tackle coastal erosion

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Highlights: "We can't let the sea condemn lives": Channel urges state to tackle coastal erosion. Several thousand residents and marine professionals denounce the inaction of France in the face of rising waters in the department. "It's unbearable anymore! Over the past ten years, the public authorities have clearly abandoned the protection of the coastline and let nature take its course," says Nicolas Youf, a representative of the Association for the Defence of the West Cotentin Coastline. "We must defend these homes and this economic activity against rising seas at all costs," says Youf.

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An old staircase leading to the beach suspended in the void. A coastal path diverted due to a massive landslide... The scars of rising sea levels and coastal erosion are multiplying on the west coast of the English Channel. And the concern is growing. "It's unbearable anymore! Over the past ten years, the public authorities have clearly abandoned the protection of the coastline and let nature take its course. It is as if the State forgot that we have created seaside areas with tourist and professional activities that are concentrated in France... a quarter of the total population! »

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He continued: "We must defend these homes and this economic activity against rising seas at all costs. But for the time being, nothing is being done," said Nicolas Youf, a representative of the Association for the Defence of the West Cotentin Coastline (ADTCOC) in Saint-Germain-sur-Ay, one of the municipalities that has been badly affected by the recent storms.

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