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Summary: The beds and banks of the coastal and estuarine zones are natural resources that can be used for various purposes and with different functions, which have become the object of different territorial and environmental protection and management instruments. Among these instruments is the Maritime Public Domain (DPM), which was introduced into the Portuguese legal system on December 31, 1864. Since then, these marginal lands have been part of the country's heritage, and are therefore considered *res publica*. The research integrates a systematic approach of the DPM, in which the concepts that integrates are explained, its historical evolution is appreciated and a brief comparative analysis with similar figures in other countries is presented. The aim of the research is to provide an holistic analyzes and an integrated thinking about the implementation of DPM and give the contributions that are considered necessary to reinforce it as an instrument for the management of the uses of the coastal and estuarine spaces.

