

# Flanders Bays

*Safe, natural, attractive, sustainable, developing*

# Vlaamse Baaien

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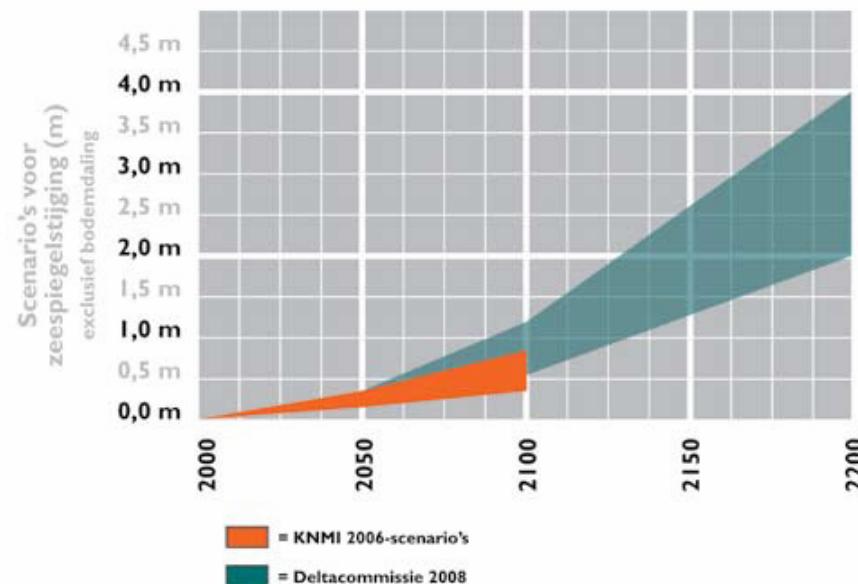


Dredging, Environmental  
& Marine Engineering

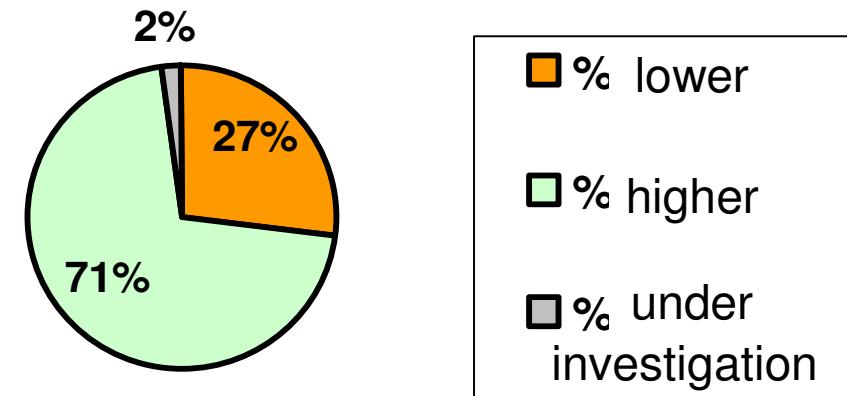


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# CHALLENGE : CLIMATE CHANGE – COASTAL PROTECTION



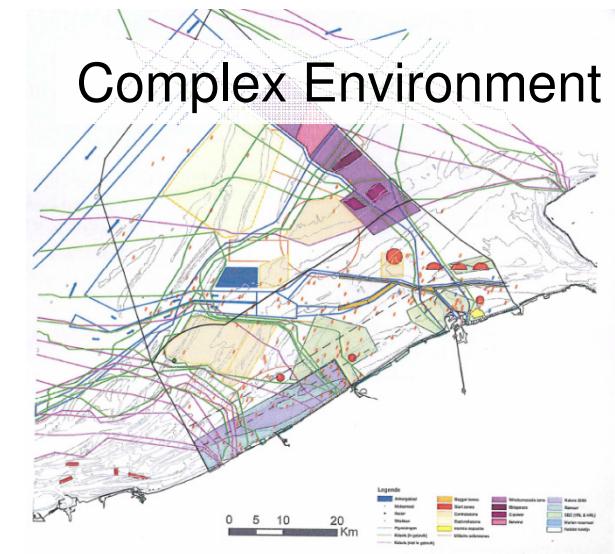
Safety level to a storm occurring once in thousand years



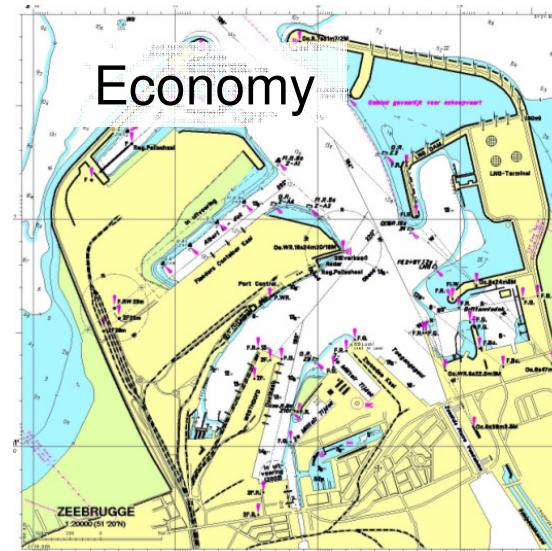
- Flanders Bays is a challenging plan from now to 2100 to protect the Belgian Coast and the Scheldt Mouth for severe storms and sealevel rise
- Based on worldwide experience of Expert Group of companies



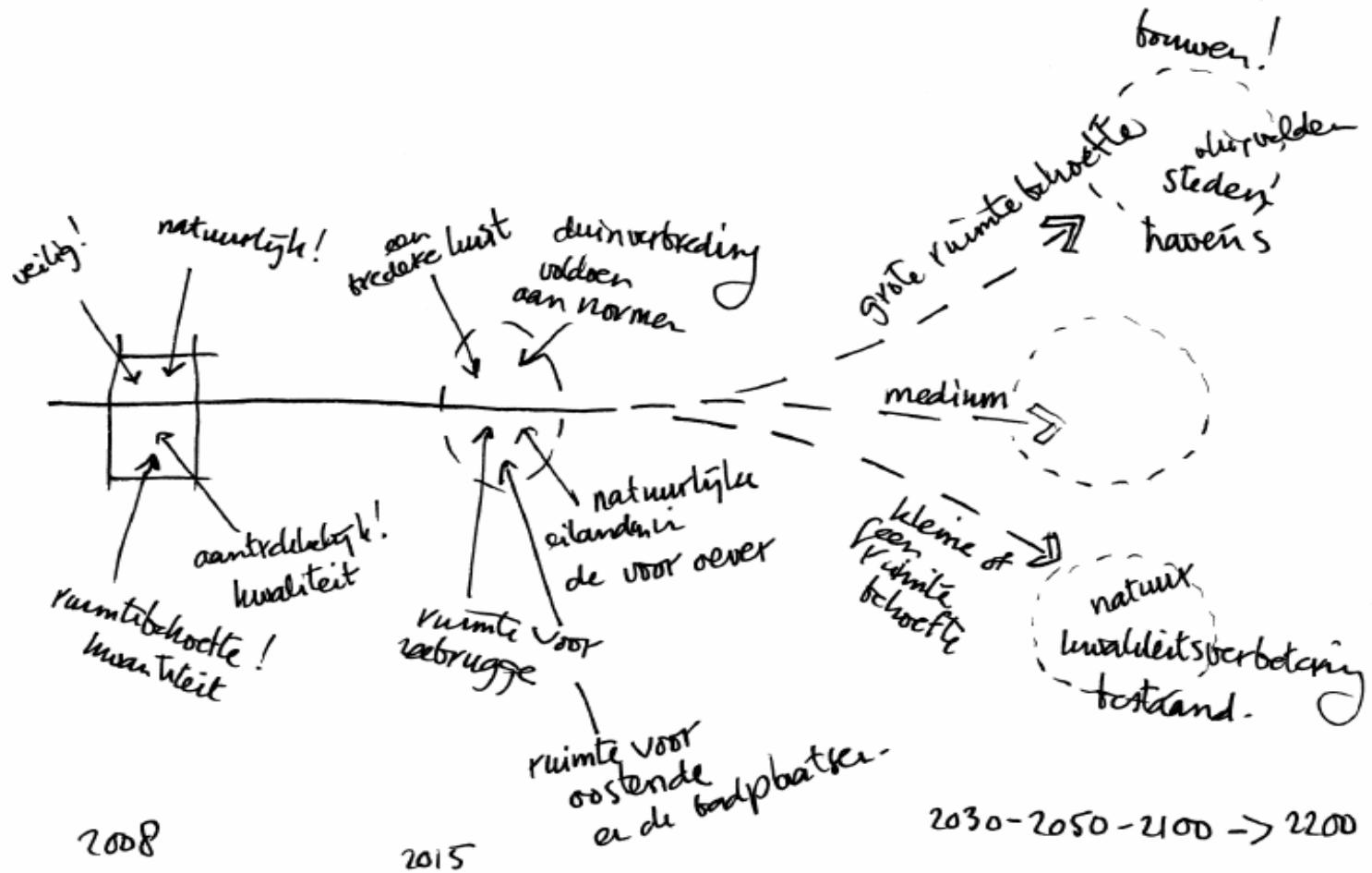
# SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FOR TODAY'S CHALLENGES



## Flanders Bays



# FLANDERS BAYS : INTEGRAL LONG TERM VISION



Safe



Natural



Attractive



Sustainable



Developing

## FLANDERS BAYS : INTEGRAL LONG TERM VISION



- No Regret : Preserve Ecosystem, Preserve Investment
- No Sustainable Development without the Guarantee of Safety
- Economical apply ecosystem and forces of nature



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## Vlaamse Kust

- 00 | KUSTREDDINGSPLAN**  
Waterbeheeringswerken langs de kust

	NU STARTEN	START TUSSEN NU EN 2020	START TUSSEN 2020 EN 2050	LANGE TERMJN, TOT 2100
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- 01 | KUSTBESCHERMING DOOR OPHOGING VLAAMSE BANKEN**  
Smalbank, Nieuwpoortbank, Middelkerkebank, Oostendebank, Wenduinebank.  
Startzone S1

- 02 | EILANDEN VOOR DE VLAAMSE KUST**  
Eiland Nieuw Ter Steep (Oostendebank)  
Marine natuurgebiedenzone  
Eiland Wandelaar

- 05 | JACHTHAVEN BLANKENBERGE**  
Nieuwe havenmond Blankenberge  
Blankenberge Nieuw-Strand

	NU STARTEN	START TUSSEN NU EN 2020	START TUSSEN 2020 EN 2050	LANGE TERMJN, TOT 2100
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- 06 | MARINE RESIDENTIE BLANKENBERGE - ZEEBRUGGE / STRAND AAN LAGUNE**

## Vlaamse Oostkust

- 03 | HAVEN VAN ZEEBRUGGE**  
Buitenhaven Zeebrugge I  
Achterhaven Zeebrugge  
Buitenhaven Zeebrugge II

- 04 | STRAND KNOCKE-HEIST / ZWIN**  
Baai van Heist  
Natuurreservaat Baai van Heist  
Jachthaven en Marina Heist  
Strandmeer Knokke-Heist  
Reservaat Zwin  
Tij-ingroup Zwin  
Uitbreiding tijgebied Zwin

## Vlaamse Middenkust

- 07 | HAVEN VAN OOSTENDE**  
Voorhaven en achterhaven  
Oostende offshoredienstehaven - fase 1  
Oostende als Centrum voor Duurzame Energie - fase 2

## Vlaamse Westkust

- 08 | NIEUWPOORT EUROPEES ZEIL- EN WATERSPORTCENTRUM**  
Watersportinfrastructuur  
Natuurreservaat Uzermonting  
Maritieme uitbouw

## Duurzame mariene projecten

- 09 | MULTIFUNCTIEEL EILAND (SCHUILHAVEN, OFFSHOREDIENSTEN)**
- 10 | INFRASTRUCTUUR MARITIME ENERGIEWINNING**  
Windenergie  
Getijdenenergicentrale

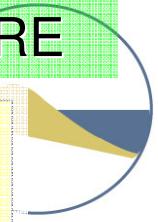
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UNDERSTAND

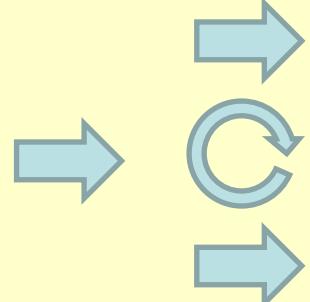
RESOURCES

CO-OPERATE

WIN



Forces



Historical Research

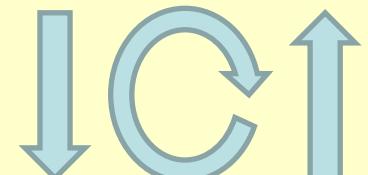
Desk Study  
Existing Knowledge

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BAYS

New Research  
Modelling

New research  
Experiments

Living  
organisms



Soil, water,  
air, light

Vlaamse Baaien

van een smalle, harde naar een brede, zachte kust



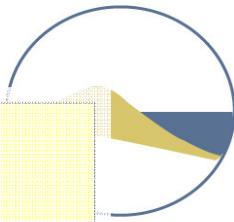
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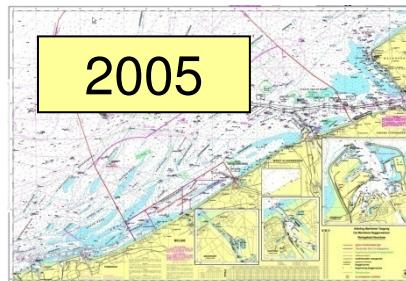
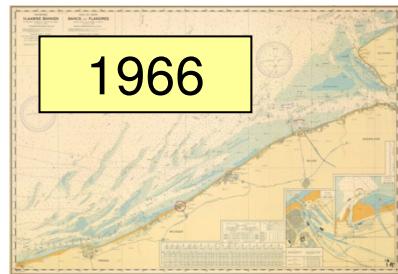
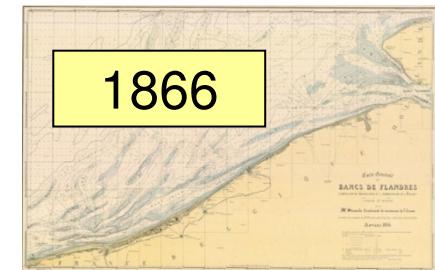
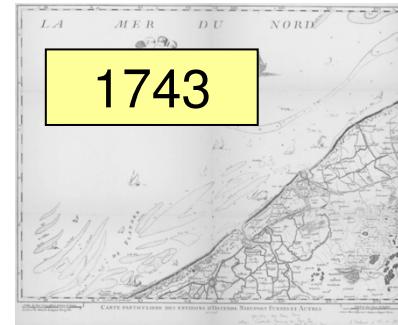
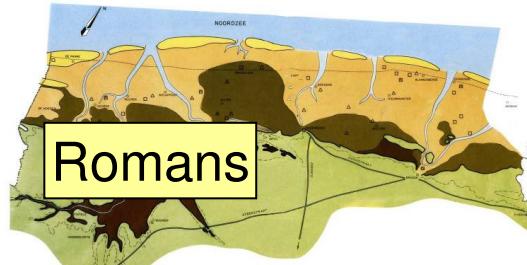
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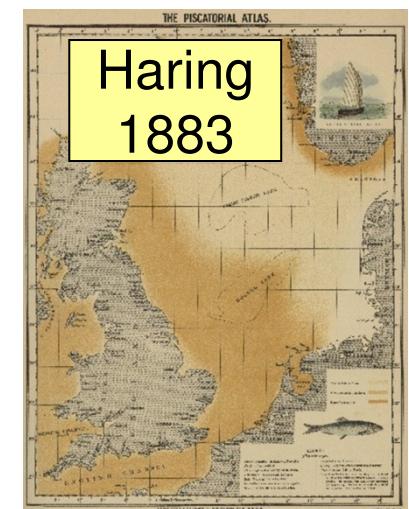
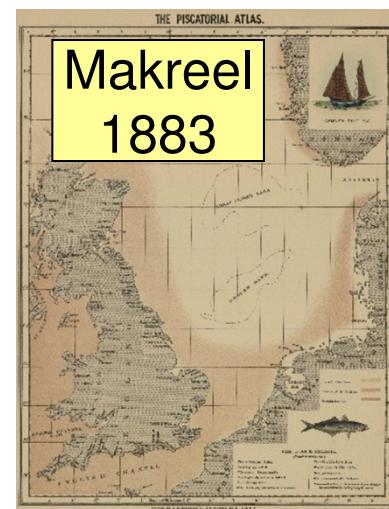
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## HISTORICAL RESEARCH



Morphology / Hydrodynamics



Fish Population



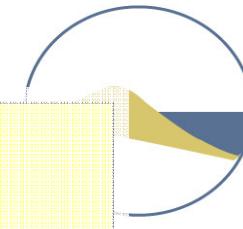
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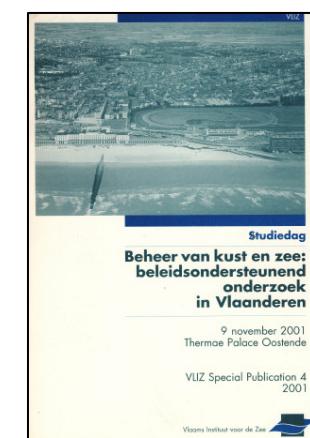
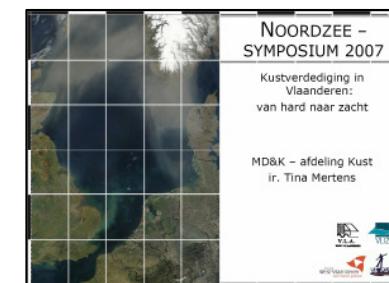
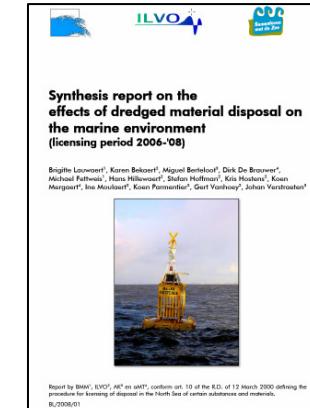
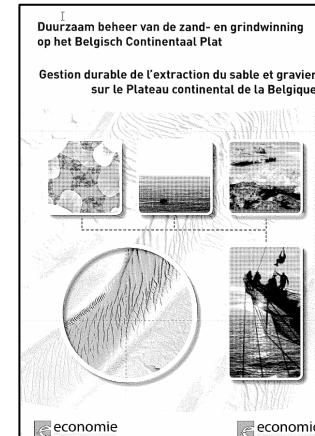
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DESK STUDY

- UGhent
- UAntwerp
- VLIZ
- ILVO
- BMM
- MDK
- CLIMAR
- ....



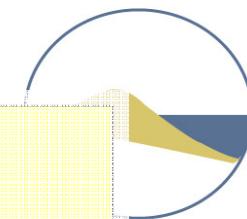
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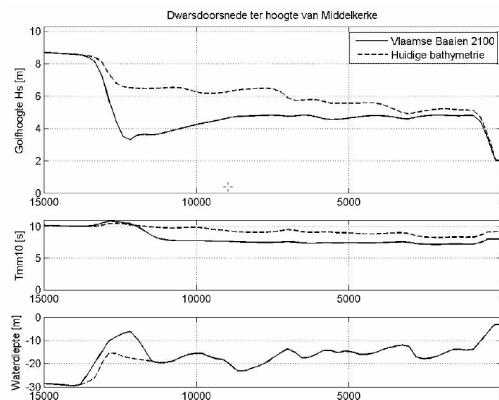
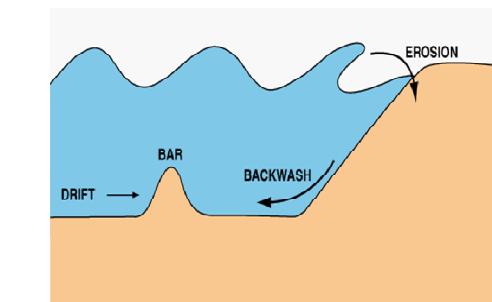
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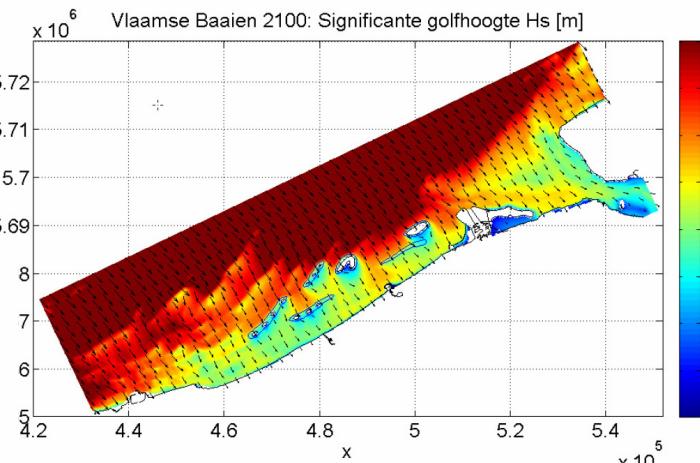
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MODELLING



Figuur 4-1: Langs een doorsnede loodrecht op de kust ter hoogte van Middelkerke wordt de afname van de golfhoogte en golfperiode door de eilandengroep (volle lijn) vergeleken met de huidige situatie (gestippelde lijn).



Figuur 4-2: Overzicht van de berekende golfhoogte ( $H_s$ ) langs de Vlaamse kust tijdens een superstorm met een terugkeerperiode van eens in de 10.000 jaar voor het ontwerp van de Vlaamse Baaien

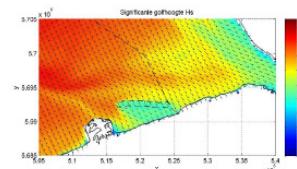


Fig. 3. Comparison of measured bed profiles after 6 hours (model scale) in Tests T01, T02 and T03 and indications of qualitative effects of wave period on erosion profile.

- Natural coastal protection system using large volumes of sand
- Natural grain size for dynamic dune management

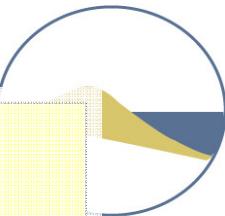
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## NATURAL RESOURCE - TECHNIQUES

### Example

Resource	Win economical	Win societal	Win ecological
Maint. Dredge Dumpsites	+++	++	+++
'Exploratiezone'	--	+	--
Silt	+/-	-	+
Clay	+	-	-

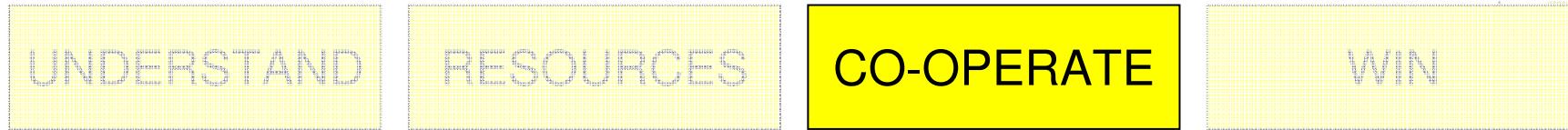
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Solutions are designed to maximise the ecosystem's approach and use of natural forces

Dredging Techniques : GHG, Turbidity, Contaminants Spread, ...



## FLANDERS BAYS : APPROACH



### CO-OPERATION

#### Private sector

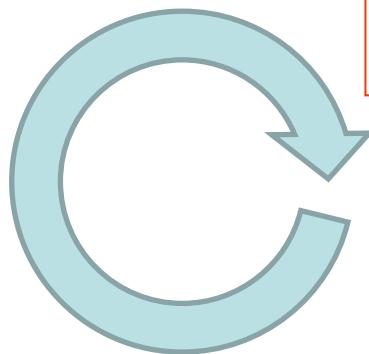
- Contractor's approach and experience

Research Institutes  
- knowledge

#### Government

- Legislation
- permits
- fundamental research

Financial partners  
- Creative financial solutions



Integrated approach and large scale vision allows for economical use of ecosystem's approach and forces of nature. Co-operation will lead to successful win-win-win situations.



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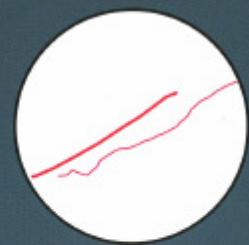
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Haven van  
Zeebrugge



04 |  
Strand van  
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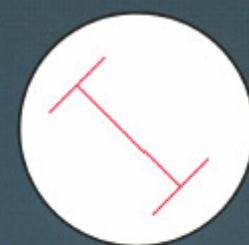
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Kustbeschermingsplan



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Jachthaven  
van Blankenberge

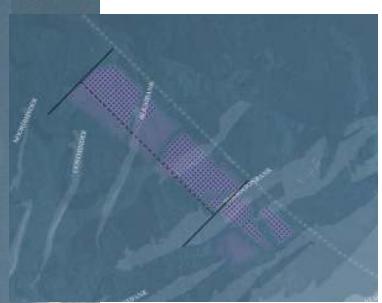


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Mariene residentie  
van Blankenberge  
en Zeebrugge -  
Strand aan lagune



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Infrastructuur  
voor mariene  
energiewinning

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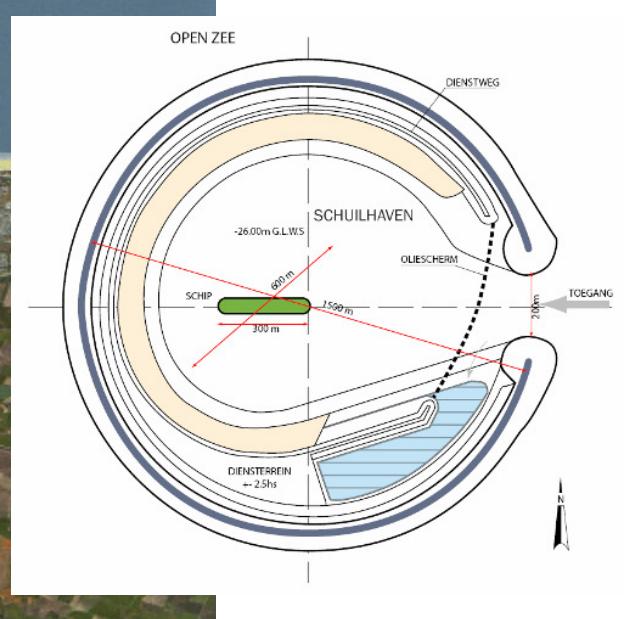
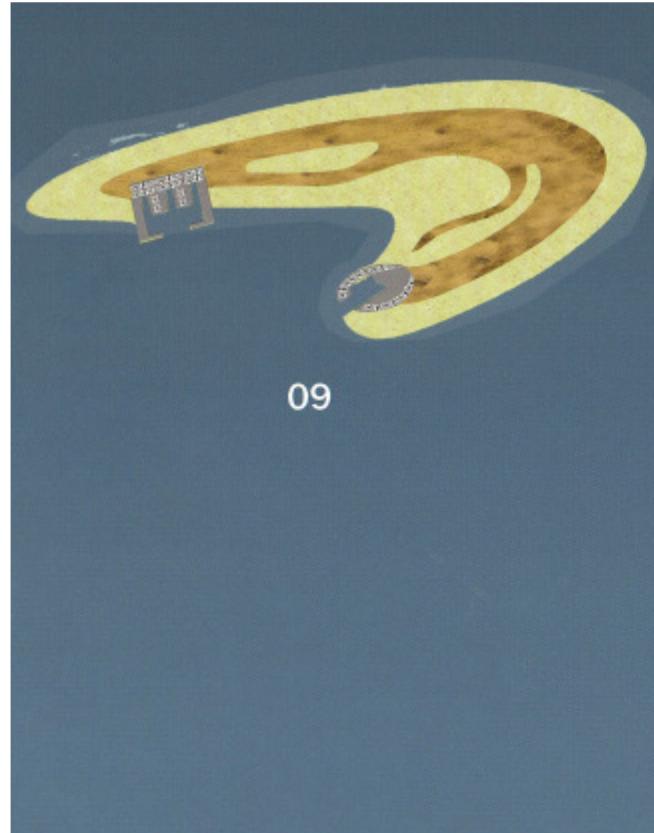


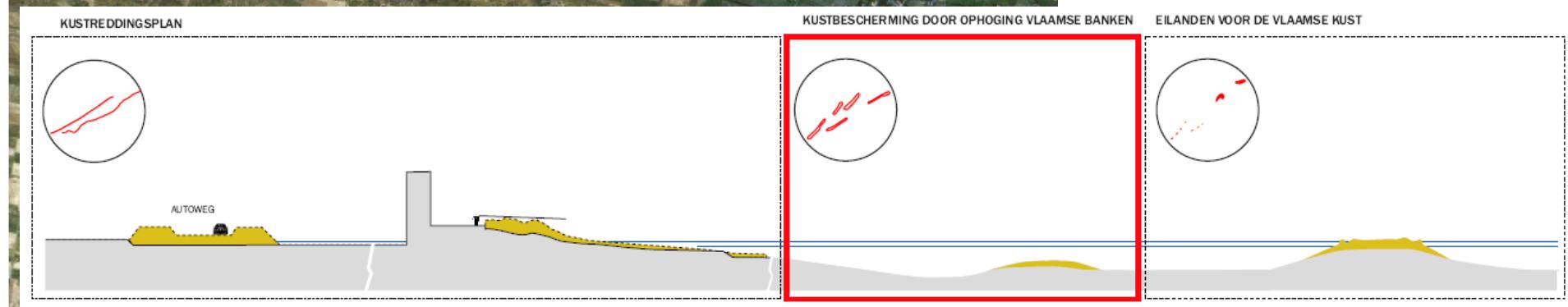
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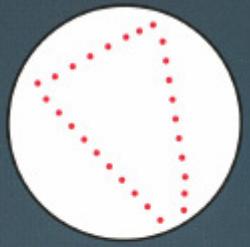




- 1cm/year elevation of the banks = 50 cm in 2050 mastering the wave-attack and protecting the coast
- Combining forces of nature through history to shape coastal protection and coastal structures



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Eilanden voor de  
Vlaamse Kust



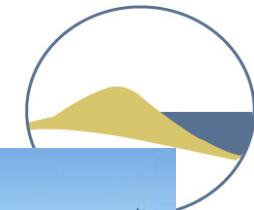
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Europees  
Zeil- en Water-  
sportcentrum  
te Nieuwpoort



- Opportunities for nature development, tourism, energy
- Island and marine natural development



# Flanders Bays: City of the sea



## Green Ports examples in Europe

- ESBJERG (Denemarken)
  - Operating base for the Danish oil- and gas industry
  - Construction, maintenance, rescue & supply for 80 turbines
- EASTERN ENGLAND - Lowestoft and Great Yarmouth
  - 500 companies employ ca. 15 000 people
- BREMERHAVEN / CUXHAVEN / EMDEN
  - zone for offshore windenergy, production sites, test sites
  - More than 700 new jobs in the last 3 years
- IJMUIDEN
  - Service port for oil- and gas industry in the Southern North Sea



# FLANDERS BAYS : COASTAL PROTECTION AND HEALTY ECOSYSTEM

UNDERSTAND

RESOURCES

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Ecological

Economical

Social

Preserving and enhancing Supporting services :

- Nutrient cycling
- Soil formation
- Primary production

Preserving and enhancing Economy / Value :

- Creation of industrial activities
- Tourism
- Employment
- Green Energy
- Aquaculture : food, fresh water
- Recreation
- Natural and Attractive

Security:

Personal safety  
secure resource access  
Security from disasters  
Economy: No investments without safety

Human well-being and economy

- Adequate livelihoods
- transport:
  - sufficient nutritious foods
  - access to goods

Health

- Access to clean air and water



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