

working with nature beyond restoration

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MUST WE CARRY ON LIKE THIS?





BUILDING WITH NATURE?

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development of water-related infrastructure

- in harmony with the natural environment
- respecting the natural system's dynamics
- utilising these dynamics
- creating new opportunities for nature



PROBLEM AREA: HOLLAND COAST



BwN-SOLUTION: SAND ENGINE DELFLAND

- primary function:
- other functions:

- natural dynamics:
- dynamics utilised:

to have sand onshore \Rightarrow coastal safety

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recreation (beach, swimming, surfing), enlarged freshwater lense in dune area stance for birds and sea mammals

wind, waves, tide, surges, vegetation

nature distributes sand alongshore and cross-shore; vegetation fixes sand / forms dunes

nature opportunities:

es: pioneer vegetation on the sandy hook, temporary beach lagoons, juvenile dune formation ⇒ dune growth





PROBLEM AREA: EASTERN SCHELDT

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BwN-SOLUTION: OYSTER REEFS

- primary function: shoal (edge) stabilisation
- other functions: substrate for living oysters, wave attenuation > lower dikes
- natural dynamics:
- wind, waves, tide, benthic comm.
- dynamics utilised: formation of live oyster banks
- nature opportunities: feeding ground for birds, habitat for many species, spatial gradients ⇒ diversity

In de Oosterschelde in Zeeland worden zogeneten oesterrirhen aangelego. Dat zijn lage koriver met een totale lengte van 200 meter en 10 meter breed, gevuld met oesterschelpen. Ze moeten de enorme jaarlijkse zandafslag van de slikken en platen in de zee-arm, de zogenoemde zandhonger, tegengaan. Eik jaar verdwijnt tussen de 50 en 100 hectare aan slikken definitief inder water. Dat heeft grote gevolgen voor onder meer zeehonden. De bij eb droogvallende lelen vormen rustplaatsen voor de dieren. Dat oesterriffen het verdwijnen van slikken kunnen egengaan, is bedacht door wetenschappers van de Wageningen Universiteit en het kennisintituut voor ecologisch onderzoek NIOO-KNAW. Foto's Arie Kievit



BwN-solutions

soft solutions

hard solutions

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Galgeplaat shoal nourishment



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Delfland coast Sand Engine



ES: oyster reefs as shore protection

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Eastern Scheldt underwater garden



non-tidal

IJsselmeer foreshore nourishment



eco-levee



Noordwaard: willow forest foreshore



'rich levee'



focus on ecosystem functioning



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- government: seeks to become more agile via better informed decision making
- industry: seeks to realise growth at the high end of the market
- consultancies: seek competitive advantage by offering new concepts
- **RTO's:** seek added value via rapid transfer of relevant new knowledge
- academia: seeks fast valorisation of new knowledge and ideas
- NGO's: seek reconciliation of economical development and ecological sustainability

consortium

INDUSTRY dredging firms consultancies offshore industry

RESEARCH INST.

Deltares

IMARES

Alterra

> 20 partners

E ~30 mio

2008-2012

ACADEMIA TUD/UT/WUR NIOZ NIOO-CEME EcoShape

NGO's

GOVERNMENT

I&E – Rijkswaterstaat

Municip. Dordrecht

I&E – DG Water







our mission

to show that it's possible, developing infrastructure and at the same time creating opportunities for nature



approach

- connecting to 'live' cases
- filling knowledge gaps
- experimenting in pilot-applications
- interdisciplinary, integrative
- aiming at knowledge sharing
- aiming at practical use



programme set-up

scientific research	case & pilot	manual & tools
programme	programme	programme
19 PhD-students	4 'live' cases	application
in	each	guideline
(biogeo-)	with	portfolio
morphology	2 or more	of examples
ecology	pilot	tools
governance	experiments	lessons learned
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DOMAIN OF OPERATION

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nature



society





interactive mode of operation



workshops, design ateliers, discussion sessions



PILOT EXPERIMENTS



SAND ENGINE





- construction: first half of 2011
- monitoring during construction: data ⇒ BwN
- monitoring after construction (6 à 7 M€):
 - effect-monitoring: Rijkswaterstaat
 - scientific monitoring: PZH + EFRO (?)
- analysis & interpretation: joint PhD progr. (?)

collaboration: PZH, RWS, contractors, NGOs



ECOLOGICAL BORROW PIT





- sand ridges in 2 borrow pits MV2
- monitoring with Rotterdam Harbour Authority
- first monitoring data: indicate rapid recovery of habitat and biodiversity

collaboration: RHA, contractors, RWS



EASTERN SCHELDT SHOALS



- monitoring Galgeplaat shoal nourishment (video, in situ) ⇒ slow ecosystem recovery
- small-scale oyster reef test: successful (morphologically and ecologically)
- larger-scale reefs: built (Viane, de Val)
- monitoring schemes: ongoing

collaboration: RWS Zeeland



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LAKE IJSSEL



FRISIAN COAST LAKE IJSSEL

3 nourishment sites identified
work started at Workumerwaard site
monitoring plan W'waard ready
agreement It Fryske Gea (NGO)

collaboration: It Fryske Gea, Prov., Wetterskip, CNK (coalition of NGOs)







LAKE MARKEN

ecosystem analysis ongoing (4 PhDs)

soil balance > soil bank?

collaboration: RWS, TMIJ, NMIJ





SINGAPORE



monitoring / analysis coastal water turbidity

- how much turbidity can the ecosystem have?
- bioarchitects for coastal protection

collaboration: SDWA, Nat. Un. Singapore, PUB



GUIDELINES AND TOOLS



FOCUS ON OUTCOME





OpenEarth: data & model access

application under GoogleEarth > georeference 4D (space + time) compliant with international standards fast and easy access data sources from all over the world measured data and model results wide range of spatio-temporal data (+ metadata) open source

collaboration: TUDelft Library, Deltares, NOAA



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Building with Nature: worth developing from an innovation project to a broad international movement?