

Challenges

- Increasing sediment transport,
requiring more maintenance dredging
and improved sediment management



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- Endangered estuarine ecosystem functions: flood regulation, coastal protection, water purification, plant and animal habitats



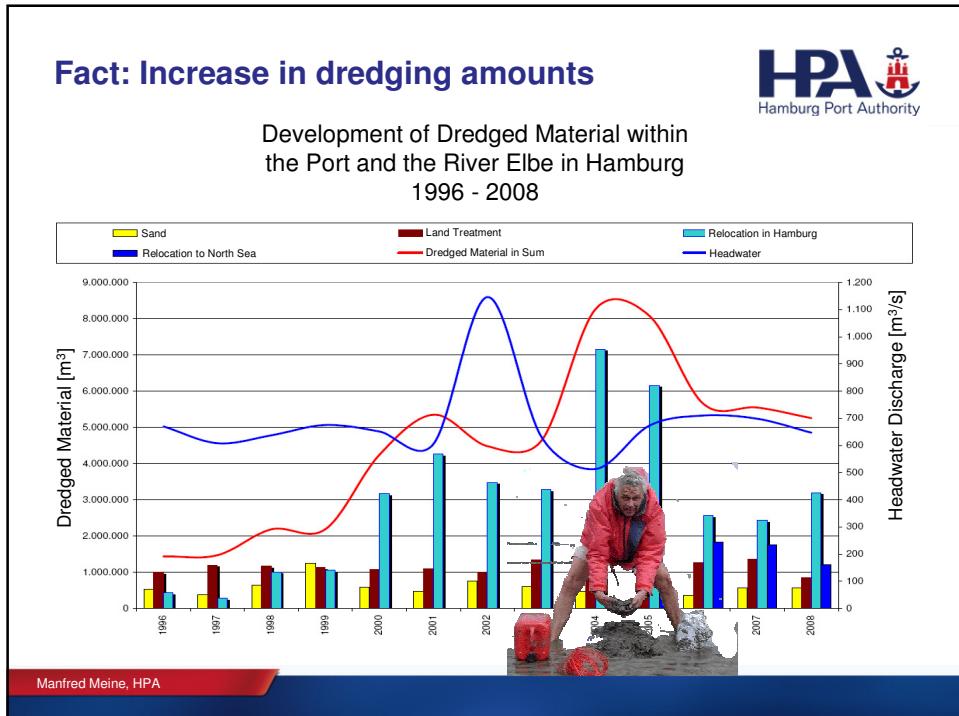
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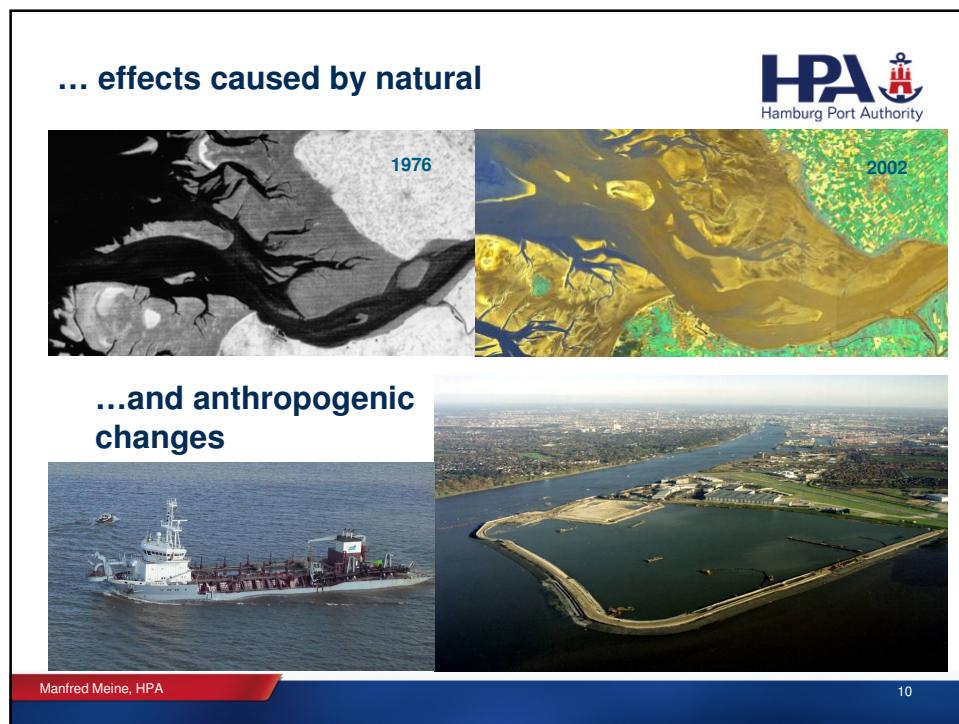
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- Increasingly challenging legal and global economic framework:
 - EU Directives (Birds and Habitat, Water Framework, Marine Strategy)
 - Economic prosperity demands port development and fairway provision
- Climate change
 - Sea level rise → changed hydraulics and hydromorphology
 - Storm surge protection

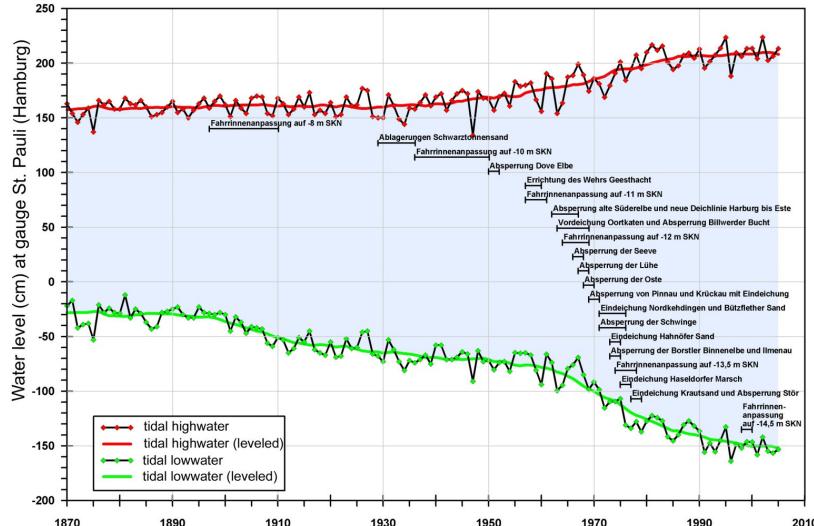


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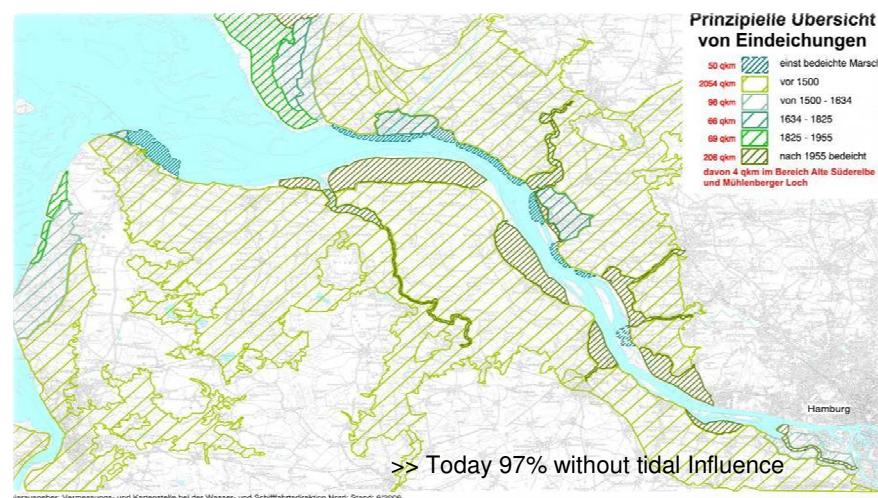
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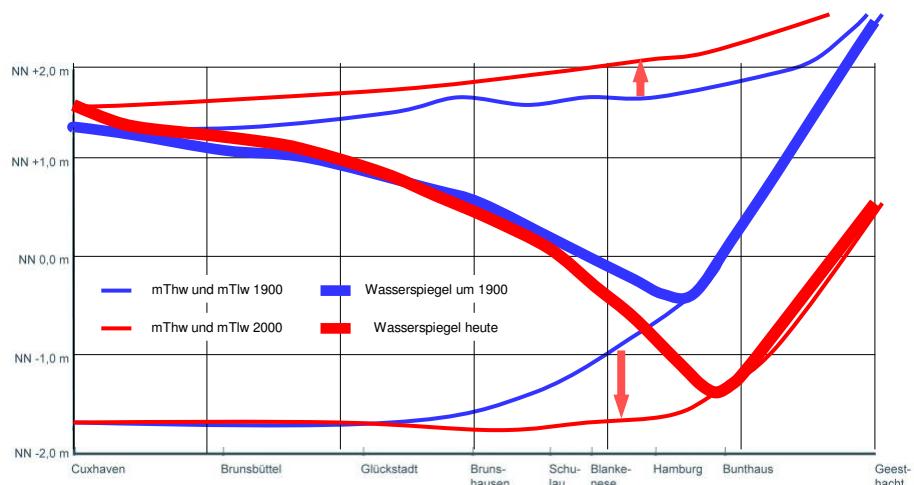
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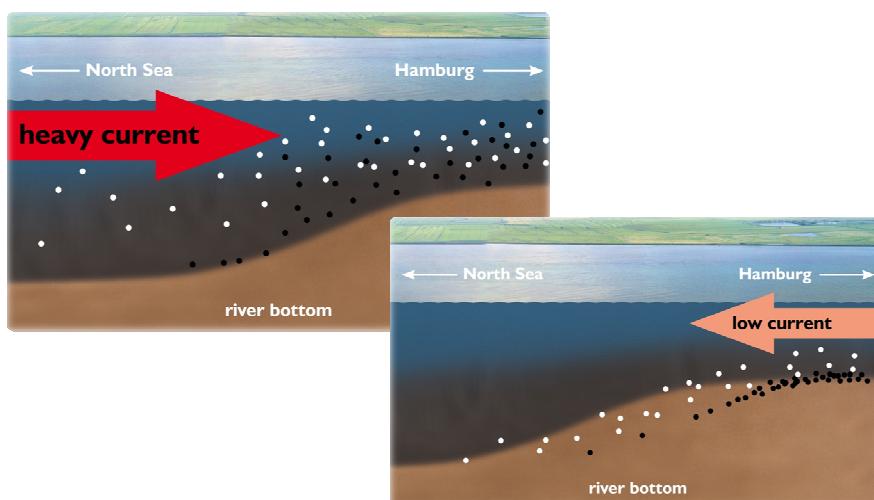
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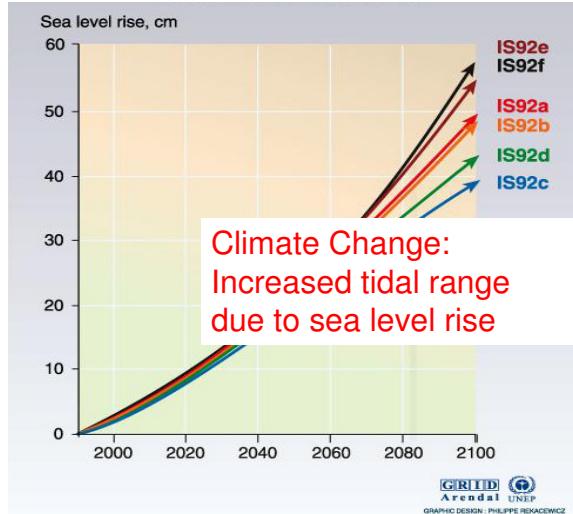
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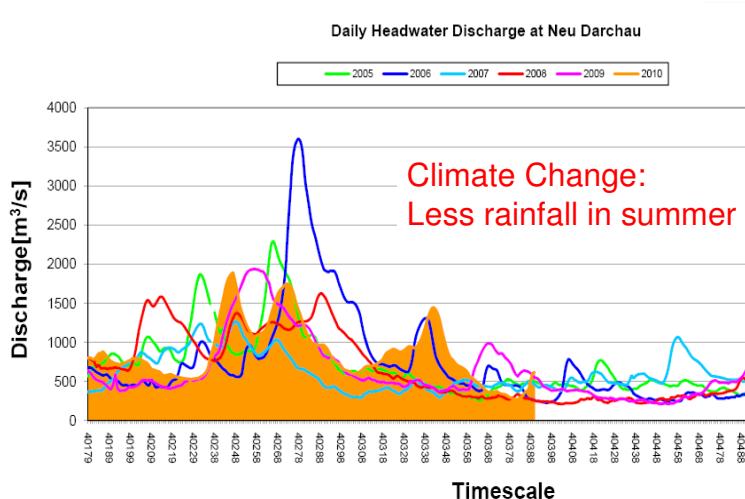
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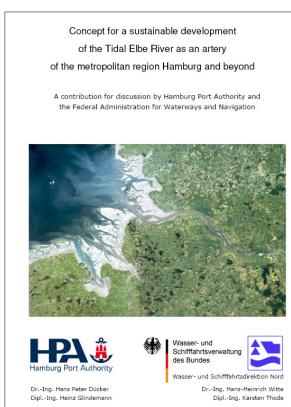
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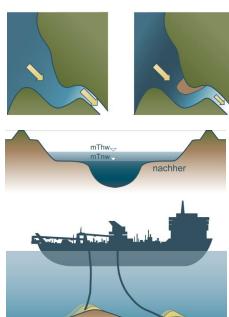
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Fixing the Estuary: The Tidal Elbe Concept



Three Cornerstones for a Future Action Plan:



- 1. Attenuation of the Tidal Energy through River Engineering in the Mouth of the Estuary,**
- 2. More Room for the River (Tidal Volume) in the upper Part**
- 3. Optimisation of the Sediment-management considering the whole System of the Elbe**

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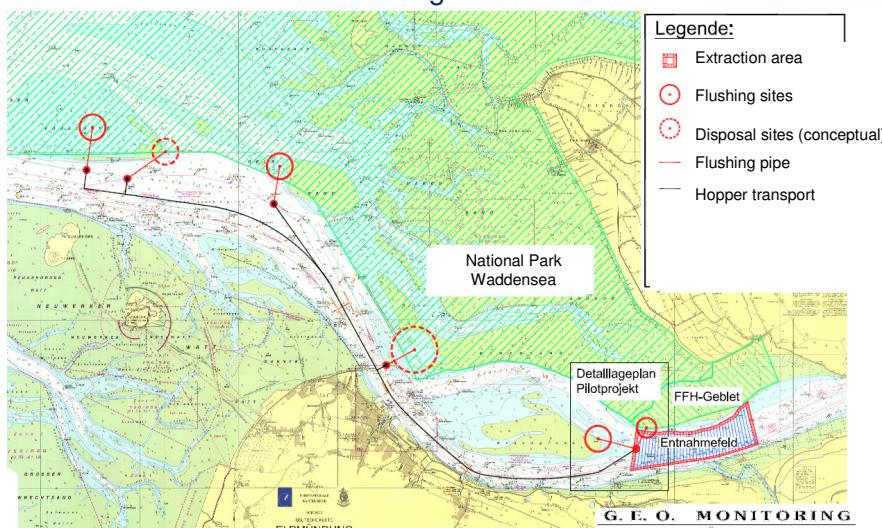
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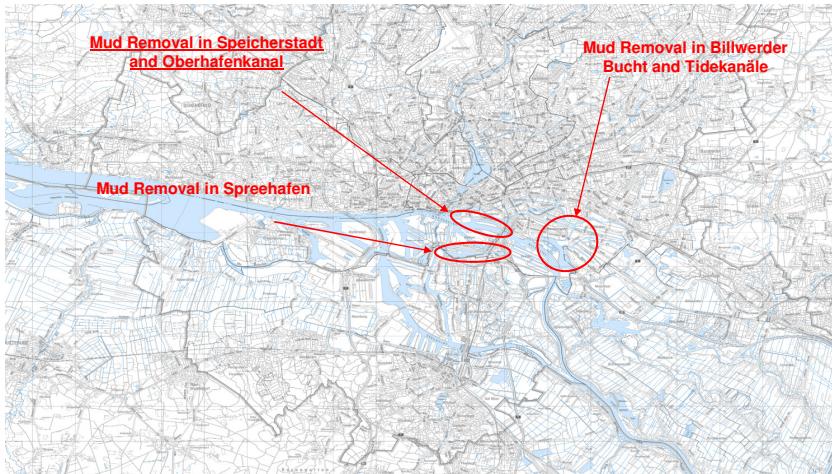
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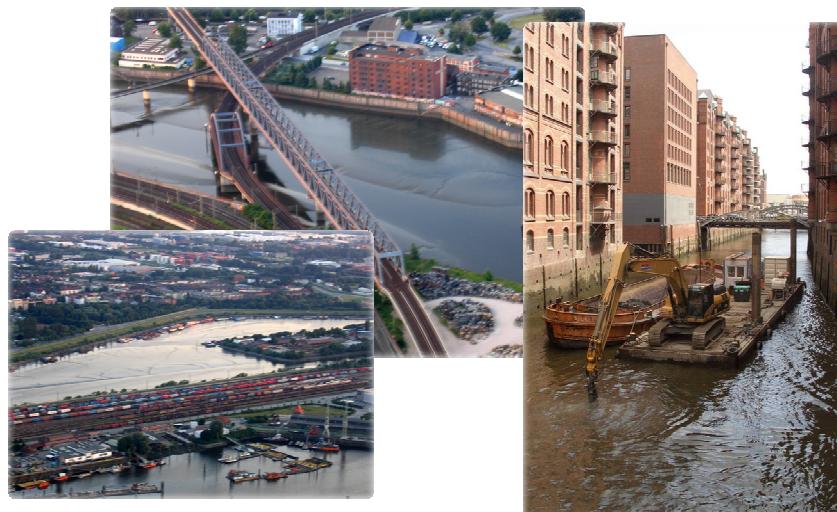
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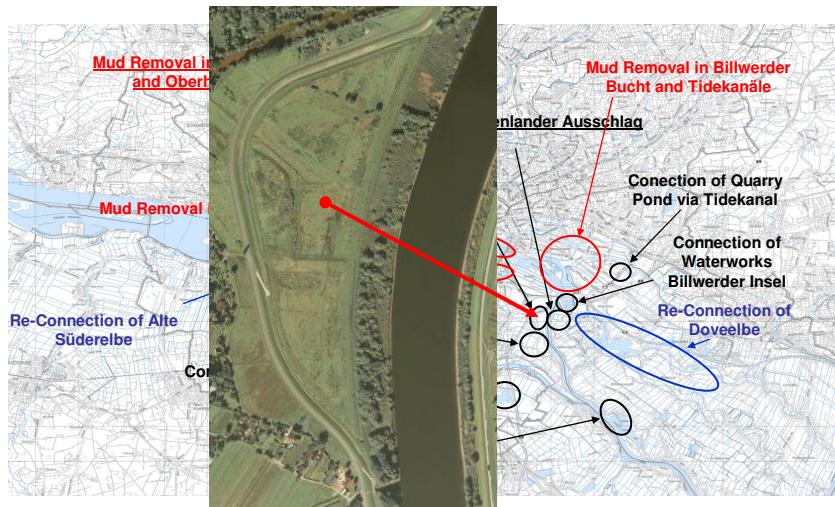
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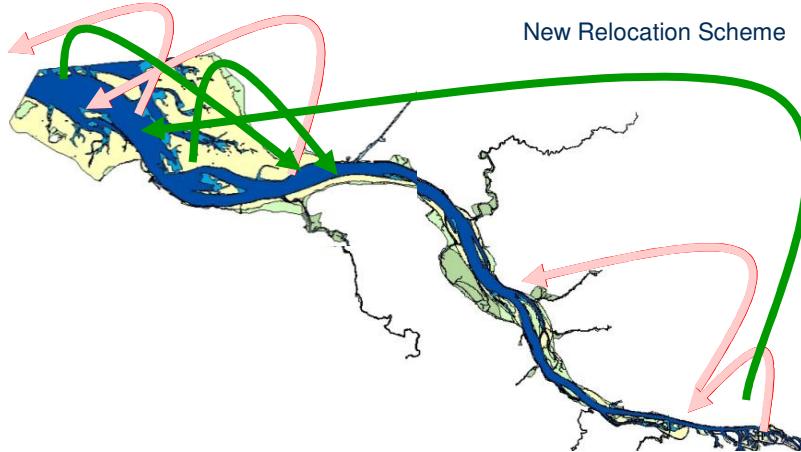
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2) Tidal Volume: creating Tidal Landscapes



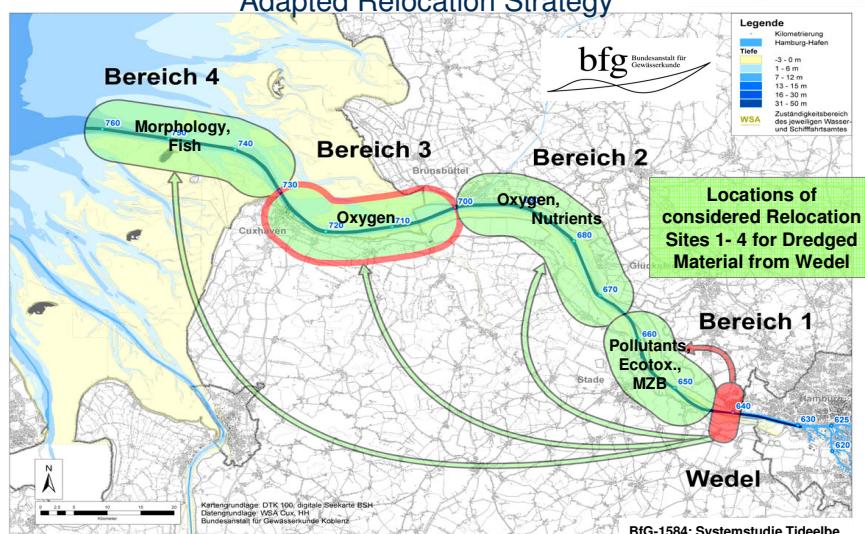
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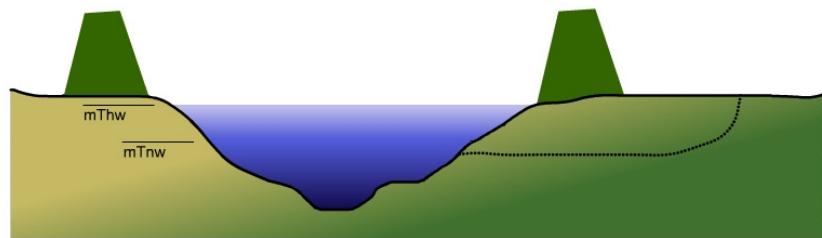
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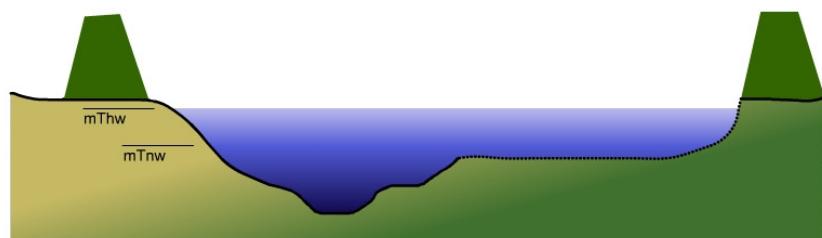
today: potential shallow water area



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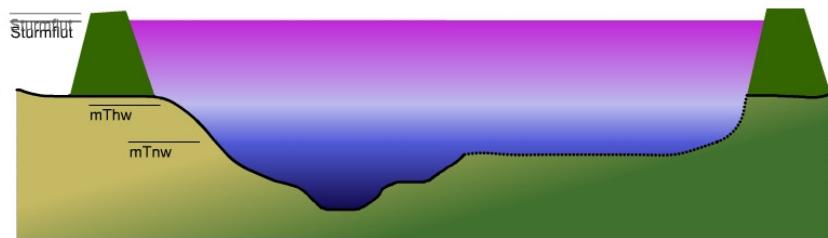
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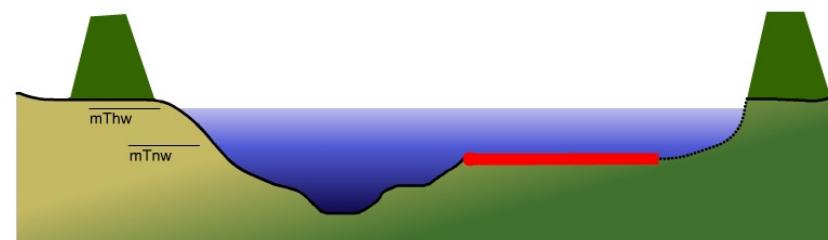
Future: tidal wetlands at severe storm surge



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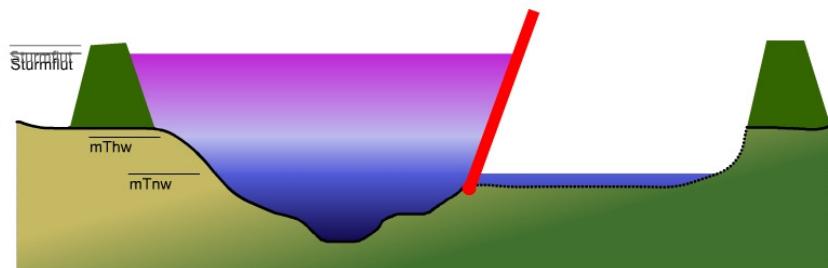
Future: tidal wetlands with polder hatch at mean high water



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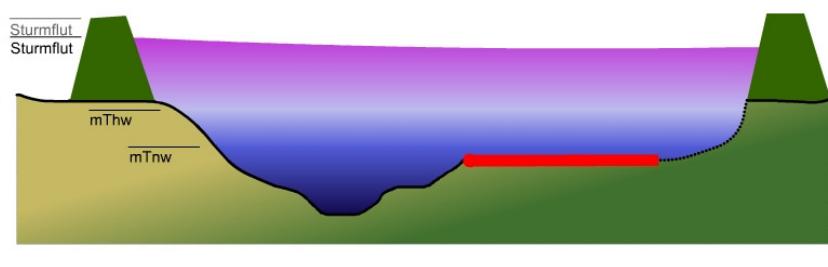
Future: tidal wetlands with polder hatch closed before crest of storm surge is reached



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Future: tidal wetlands with lowered polderk hatch and reduced storm surge



Sea Level Rise: Future Scenarios for the Mouth



past



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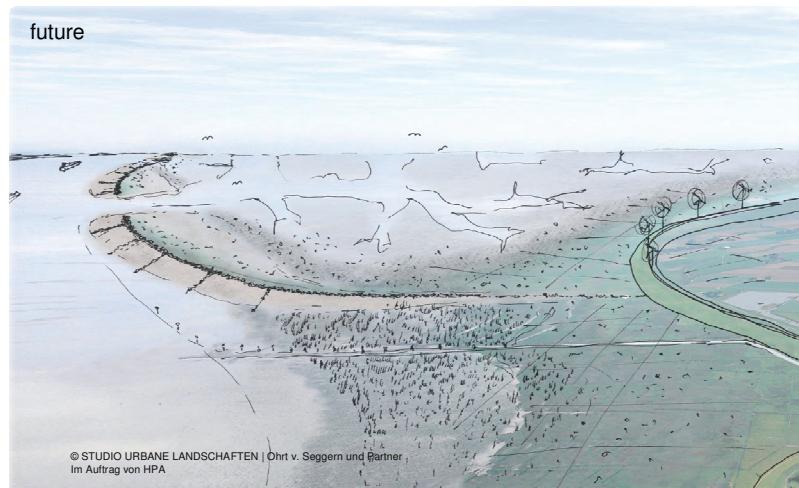
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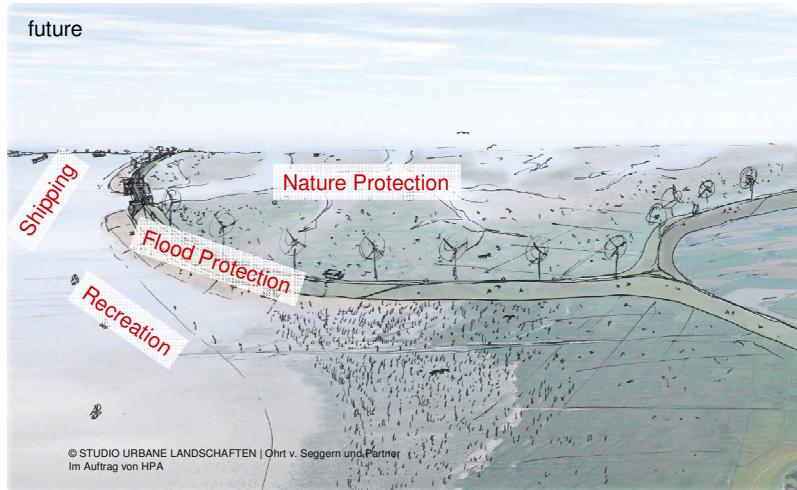
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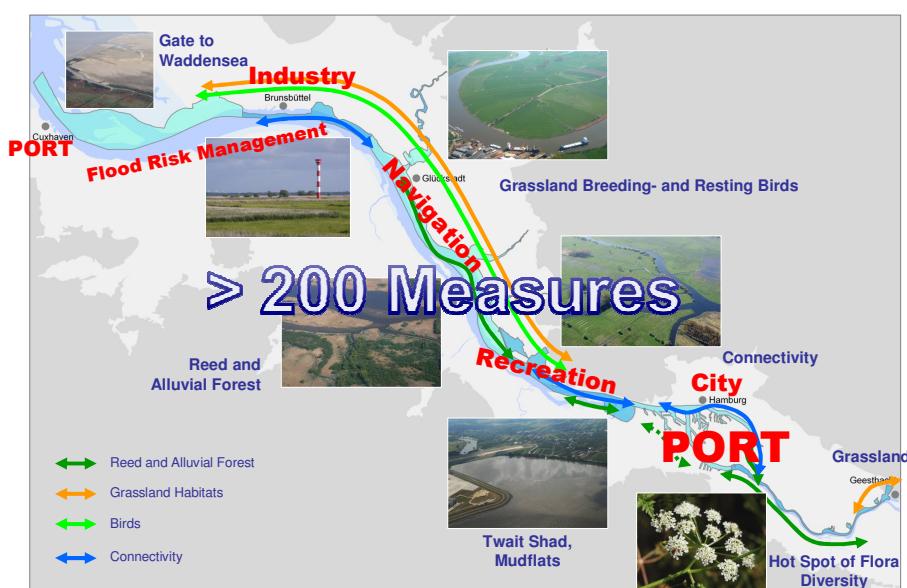
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Working Together: Integrated Management Plan



Working Together: Expert Exchange TIDE



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Tidal River Development

Four Estuaries...

... One Project

Scheldt | NL,BE



Weser | DE



Elbe | DE



Humber | GB

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TIDE Partners

Scheldt | NL,BE

Rijkswaterstaat
Flemish Authorities, Department of Mobility and Public Works
Antwerp Port Authority
University of Antwerp



Elbe | DE

Hamburg Port Authority (Lead Partner)
Lower Saxony Water Management, Coastal Defence and Nature Conservation Agency

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Free Hanseatic City of Bremen
University of Bremen

Humber | GB

Institute of Estuarine & Coastal Studies, Hull
Environment Agency

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TIDE Approach

- Account for ecological, economic and societal needs
- Interlink multiple processes, efforts & investments already taking place
- Use knowledge and solutions generated in previous projects (HARBASINS, SedNet, New!Delta)
- Link to existing management plans and EU Directives

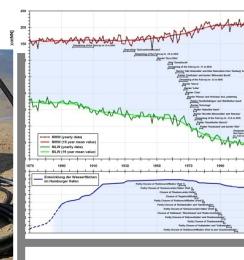
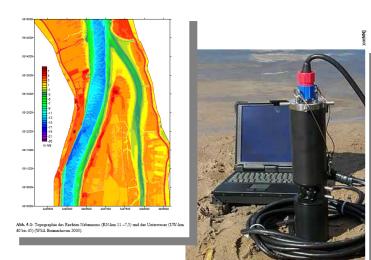
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TIDE Approach

• SCIENCE:

- Improve knowledge on estuary functioning
- Conduct inter-estuarine comparisons



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TIDE Activities



• GOVERNANCE:

- Improve effectiveness of policy mechanisms and instruments
- Bring together diverse stakeholders
- Realise integrated management and governance

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TIDE Activities

• MEASURES:

- Compare, assess and plan mitigation measures
- Develop new mitigation solutions



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TIDE Activities

- **INFORMATION:**

- Raise awareness
- Improve understanding and acceptance of necessary changes



- **TRANSNATIONAL:**

- Develop jointly agreed work plans and methodologies
- Continuous exchange among partners



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**Can we manage the Elbe estuary
also in future ?**





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Yes, we can !

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