



## **Future climate robust fresh water supply in the Netherlands**

Upscaling detailed process study to regional effectiveness on water supply: Bubble plumes in the Rotterdam Waterway

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# Water scarcity in a water rich country?



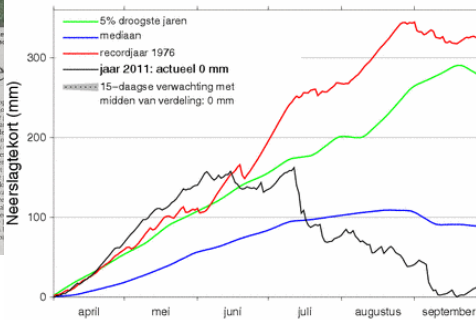
**Schade door lange droge periode**

Waterkansen draaien omver. Van een ontstekingsverbot is op dit moment geen sprake. Boeren mogen dan geen oppervlaktewater gebruiken, maar als het droog blijft, dan kun je elke dag dichtbij het moment dat het toch nodig is, zegt het waterschap.

Wat is de schade door de lange droge periode van afgelopen zomer? Het waterschap van de Landelijke Landbouwersvereniging (LLV) heeft een schatting gemaakt van de schade aan de landbouw. De schade aan de landbouw wordt geschat op 1,5 miljard euro. Dit bedrag is gebaseerd op de schade aan de landbouw in andere landen, zoals Duitsland, Frankrijk en België. De schade aan de landbouw wordt veroorzaakt door de lange droge periode van afgelopen zomer. De schade aan de landbouw wordt veroorzaakt door de lange droge periode van afgelopen zomer.

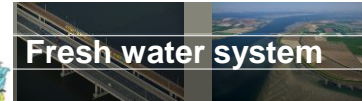
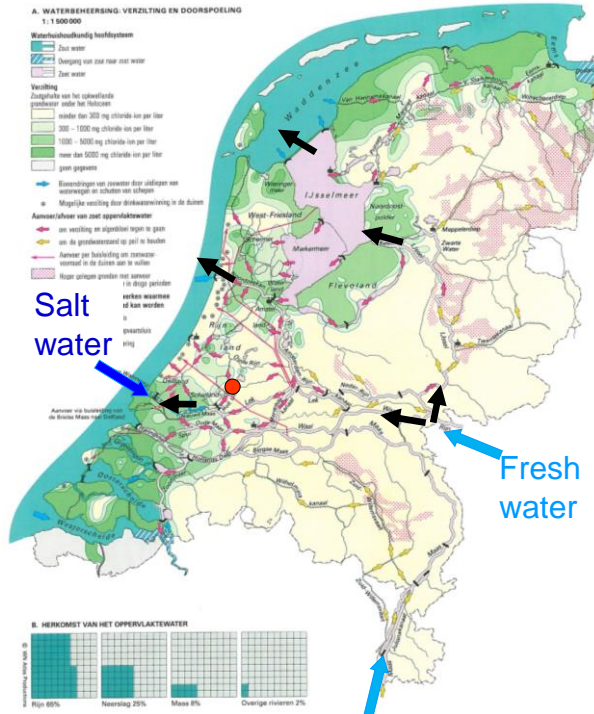


**Neerslagte**  
Landelijk gemiddelde over 13 stations



(c) KNMI, bigwerk 2011-10-12, 19:02 uur lokale tijd

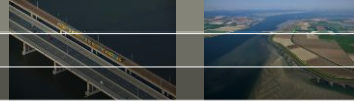
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- Physical system of redirecting and distributing water
- Water used for controlling levels, flushing and actual use (e.g. irrigation)
- Specific for the Netherlands: salt intrusion
  - E.g. Gouda (Western part Netherlands)
- 'Verdringingsreeks'



# Delta programme



The **Delta Programme** involves the long-term water **safety** of our country and its **freshwater supply**.

Delta programme is divided into 9 sub-programmes.

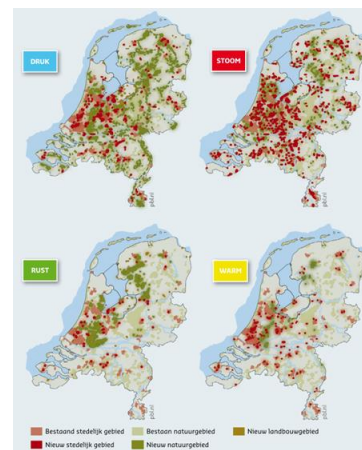
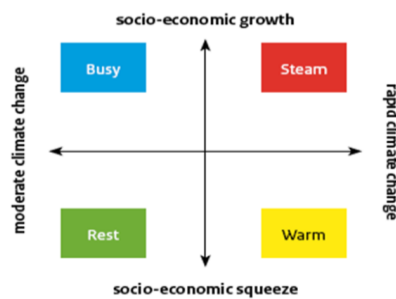
Three of the sub-programmes are of importance to the whole of the Netherlands:

- Safety
- Fresh Water
- New construction and restructuring

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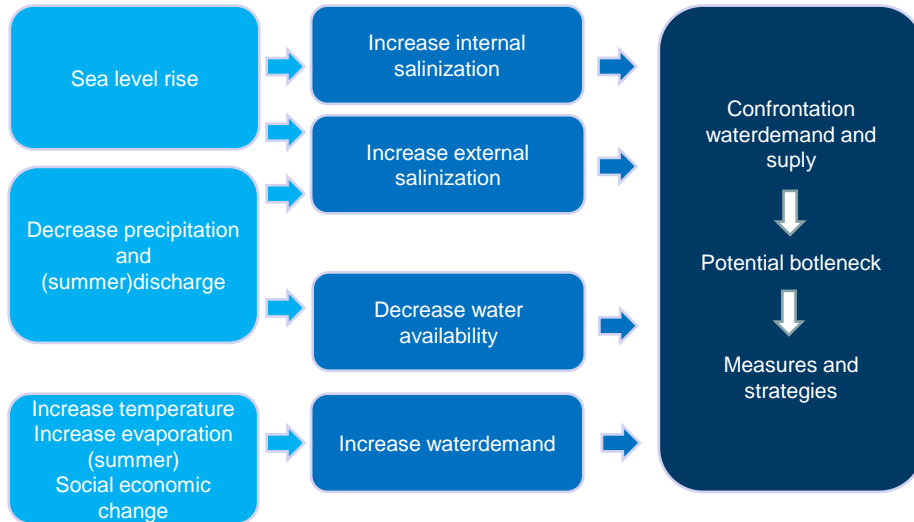
# Four Deltascenarios - for 2050 and 2100 situation



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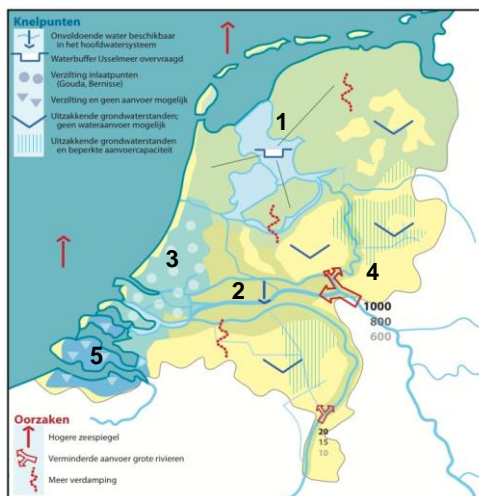
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## Deltaprogramme – Sub programme Fresh Water



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## Identification of bottleneck areas



Bottlenecks in water demand and supply:

1. IJsselmeer storage
2. River and channel flow low
3. Risk salt water intrusion
4. Ground water level low, no or limited surface water supply
5. Combination of 3 and 4

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## Inventory of promising measures

Inventory of **promising measures** in main and regional water systems and water use(rs) to solve potential mismatch water demand and supply



## Case study Western part of the Netherlands



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## From detailed study to regional effect

- Research on Bubble plumes against salt intrusion
- Promising measure for lowering salt concentration at inlet-lokations (for example Gouda and other inlet lokations for drinking water)
- Effect on salt concentrations is calculated with a 1D hydraulic model using changes in discharge. This method is derived from 3D calculations.
- Effect on fresh water supply and on long term regional scale modeled using a national hydrological modelling instrument (coupled hydrological model of groundwater, the unsaturated zone and the surface water models).

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## Types of external salanization

Four different causes of external salanization

- 0: external salanization because of low average discharge
- 1: external salanization caused by high sea levels during a storm
- 2: lag effect of type 1
- 3: salanization because of high salt concentrations in river water.

Verstrijkt type	0	1	2	3	Schaal (mg Cl/l)
Omschrijving	Gemiddelde omvang afname	Oprukkende zouttoegang bij hoge afvoer	Eenmalige sterke achterwaartse verstrijkt	Zuidwaartse verstrijkt, na defecten van externe afvoer grondconcentraties in rivierwater	Verstrijkt door hoge achtergrondconcentraties in rivierwater
Zout verspreiding					
Getijd	gemiddeld	normaal	in het gemiddelde richting in afwaartse richting, maar gemiddelde door de afvoer	normaal	normaal
Rivierafvoer	gemiddeld	hoog	normaal	hoog	extrem hoog
Periode	jaarwijd	jaarwijd	maximaal een keer	maximaal een keer	zelden een keer
Verstrijkt	0	+	**	0	+
Verstrijkt	0	0	**	**	+
Zustand	0	0	**	**	+
Duur	1 getijd	weken - maanden	2 getijden	weken - maanden	weken - maanden
Frequentie	1 keer per 100 jaar	jaarwijd	Eens in de 1 jaar	Eens in de 10 jaar	Eens in de 1 jaar hoogte is 100 mg/l laagte is 100 mg/l

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## Measures increase water supply

		Kneipuntgebied HZG zuid	HZG noord	Rivierengebied	IJsselmeergebied	Beneden Rivierengebied	ZWD zonder aanvoer
nr	<b>Measures for reducing salt intrusion.</b>						
9	Bubble plumes, small variant.			X		X	
10	Bubble plume, big variant.			X		X	
	<b>Measure adaptation salt intrusion.</b>						
11	Extent KWA to 15 m3/s			X		X	
12	Extent KWA to 24 m3/s			X		X	

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## Effect of measures on inlet points

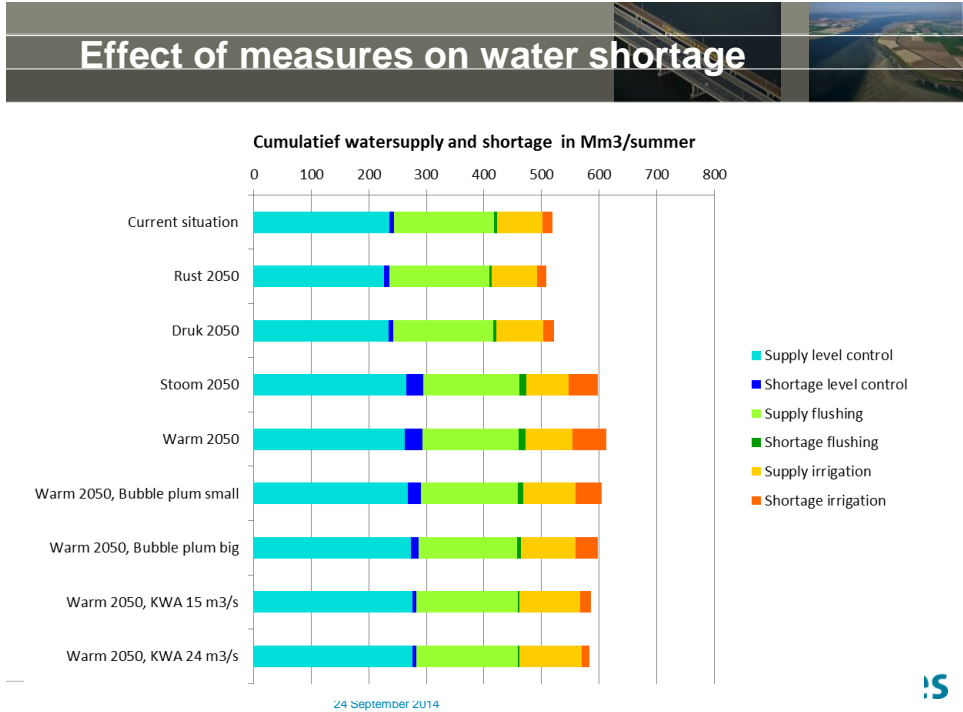
Number of closure days at inlet points

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	Average year	Dry year	Extreme dry year	Average year	Dry year	Extreme dry year
<b>Locatie</b>						
<b>Gouda (norm 250 mg/l), summer period</b>						
<b>Current climate</b>	0	0	46	0	0	46
<b>2050 No measures</b>	0	0	50	16	31	90
2050 Bubble plum small	0	0	45	15	27	88
2050 Bubble plum big	0	0	23	6	15	74
2050 KWA 24 m3/s	0	0	53	19	34	95
<b>2100 No measures</b>	0	0	50	72	95	131
2100 Bubble plum small	0	0	46	71	90	129
2100 Bubble plum big	0	0	23	32	59	111
2100 KWA 24 m3/s	0	0	52	72	97	131

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## Effect of measures on water shortage

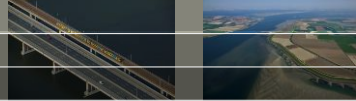


## Conclusions

- A bubble plume can be a solution for external salanization caused by low average discharge.
- Bubble plume small variant has limited effect.
- Bubble plume big variant reduce water shortage and closure days of inlet points for drinking water.
- However, the effect at Gouda is not enough to eliminate water shortage in dry years.
- An other supply route for fresh water (KWA) is more effective than the bubble plume



## Follow up



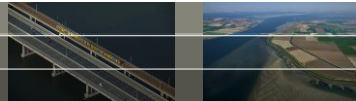
This research is input for:

- Cost benefits analysis
- Delta decision on freshwater
  - Adaptation pathways by Dutch Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment
  - Formulation preferred fresh water strategy

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