



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

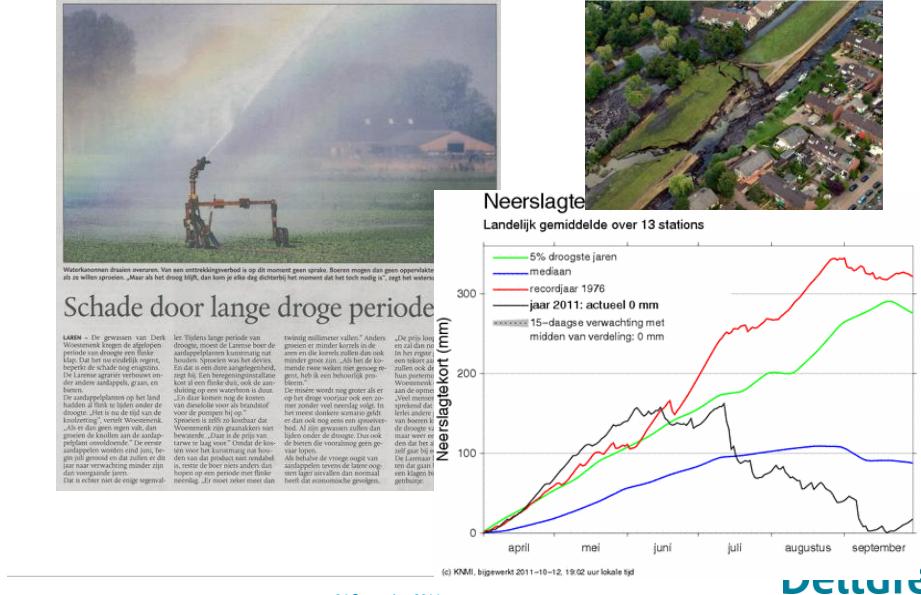
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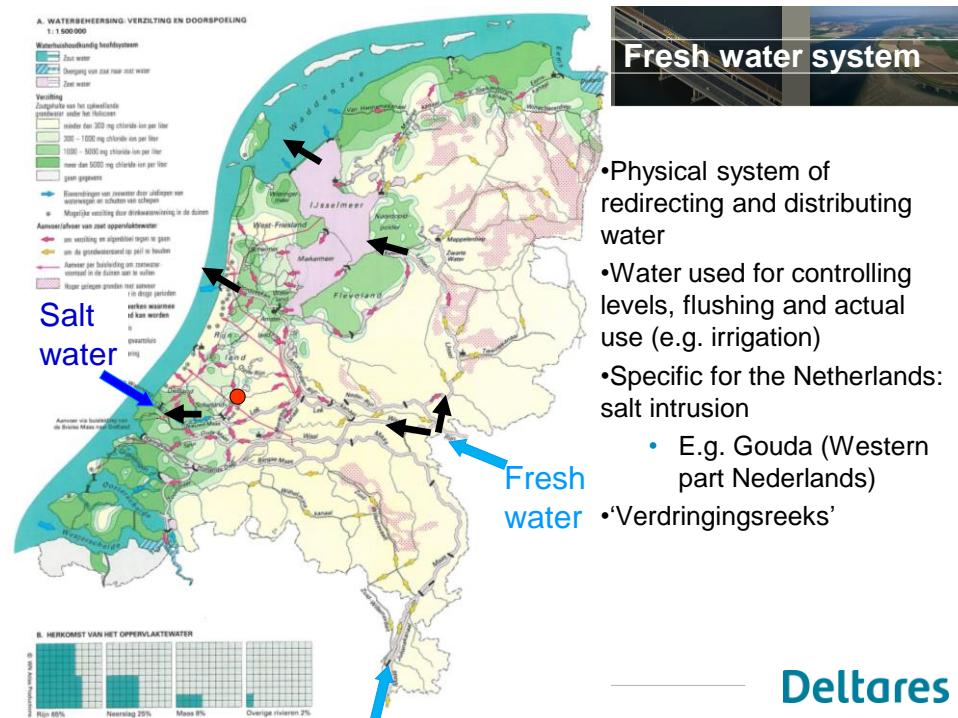
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Water scarcity in a water rich country?



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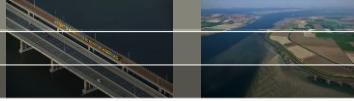
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- Physical system of redirecting and distributing water
- Water used for controlling levels, flushing and actual use (e.g. irrigation)
- Specific for the Netherlands:
 - E.g. Gouda (Western part Nederlands)
 - 'Verdringingsreeks'

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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.

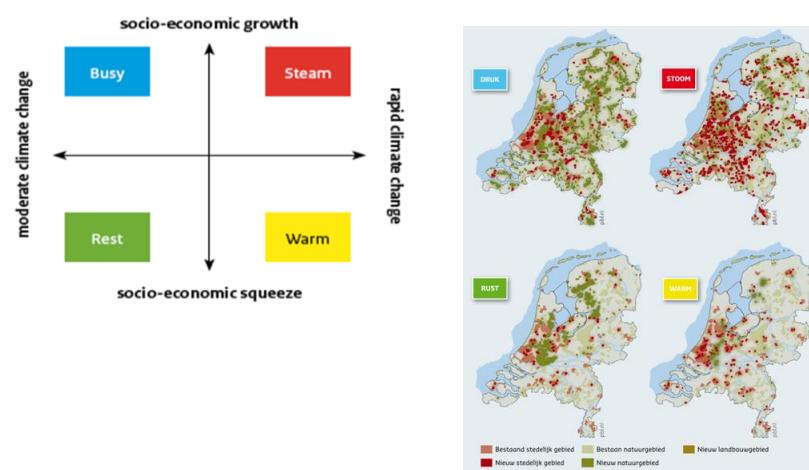
Three of the sub-programmes are of importance to the whole of the Netherlands:

- Safety
- Fresh Water
- New construction and restructuring

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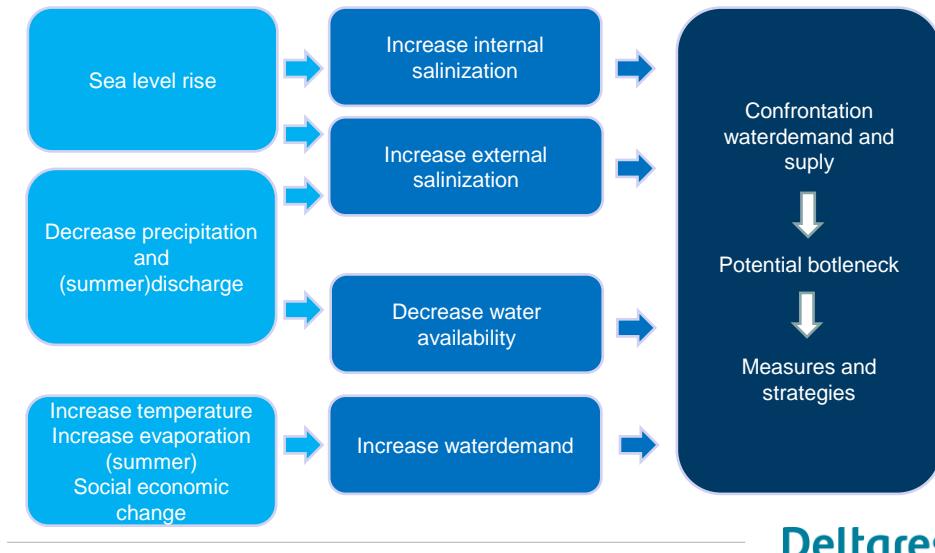
Four Deltascenarios - for 2050 and 2100 situation



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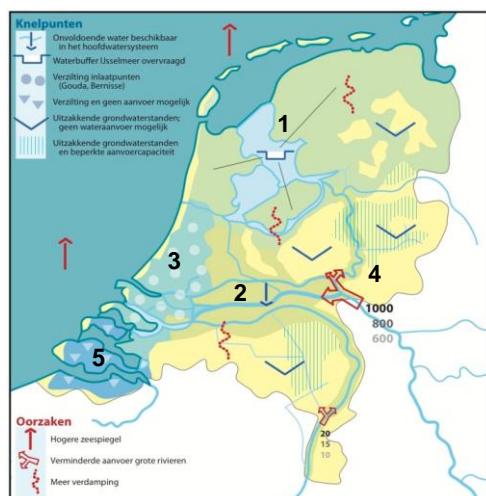
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Deltaprogramme – Sub programme Fresh Water



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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





From detailed study to regional effect

- Research on Bubble plumes against salt intrusion
- Promising measure for lowering salt concentration at inlet-locations (for example Gouda and other inlet locations 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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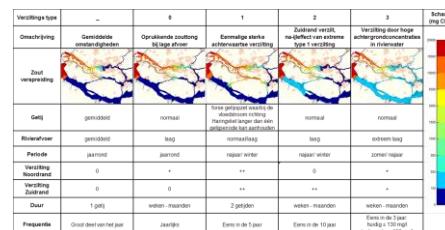
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Types of external salinization

Four different causes of external salinization

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



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Measures increase water supply

		Kneipuntgebied	HZG zuid	HZG noord	Rivierengebied	IJsselmeergebied	Beneden Rivierengebied	ZWD zonder aanvoer
nr	Measures for reducing salt intrusion.							
9	Bubble plumes, small variant.				X	X		
10	Bubble plume, big variant.				X	X		
	Measure adaptation salt intrusion.							
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

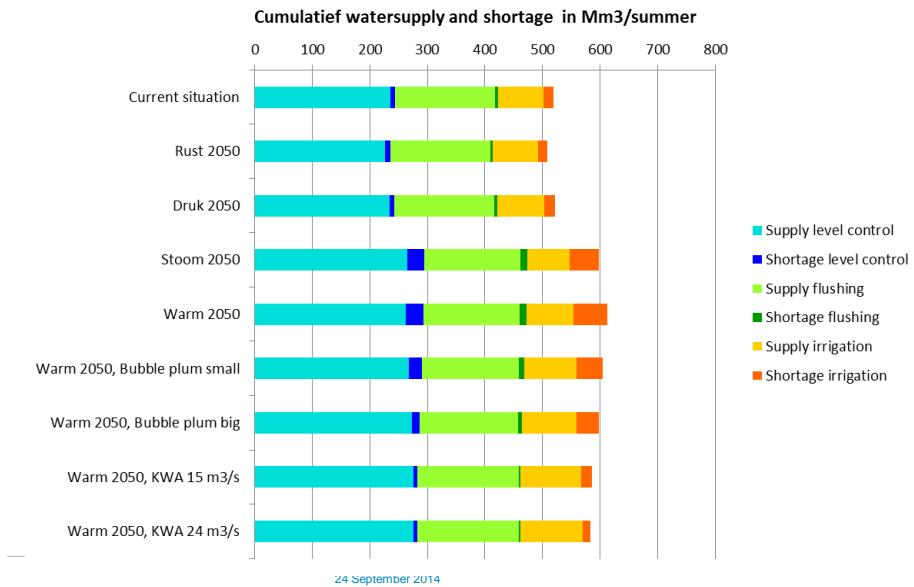
Number of closure days at inlet points

Locatie	G			W+		
	Average year	Dry year	Extreme dry year	Average year	Dry year	Extreme dry year
Gouda (norm 250 mg/l), summer period						
Current climate	0	0	46	0	0	46
2050 No measures	0	0	50	16	31	90
2050 Bubble plume small	0	0	45	15	27	88
2050 Bubble plume big	0	0	23	6	15	74
2050 KWA 24 m3/s	0	0	53	19	34	95
2100 No measures	0	0	50	72	95	131
2100 Bubble plume small	0	0	46	71	90	129
2100 Bubble plume 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

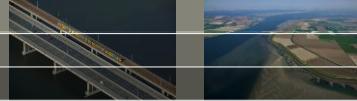


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Conclusions

- A bubble plume can be a solution for external salinization 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



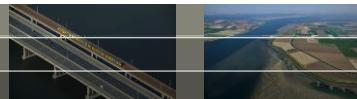
This research is input for:

- 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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