



Fresh water supply and water quality in the Netherlands at national and regional scale

a Knowledge for Climate Programme

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Content

- Introduction: fresh water availability in the Netherlands
 - from groundwater
 - and surface water
- The Knowledge for Climate programme on Fresh Water Supply

this presentation: waterquality is salinity

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The 'low-lying' lands: Netherlands

The facts:

- a deltaic area with 3 rivers: Meuse, Scheldt & Rhine
- ~25% of land surface is lying below mean sea level
- ~65 % would be flooded regularly if there were no dunes and dikes
- ~8 million people would be endangered



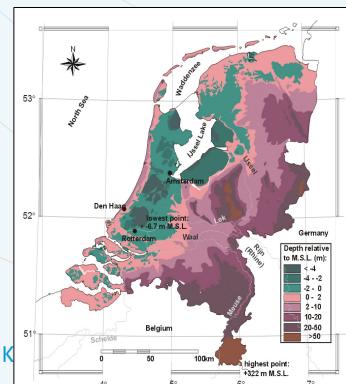
The Flooding of 1953



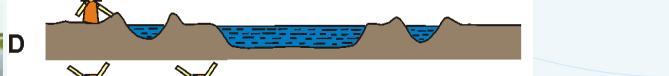
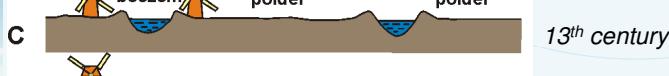
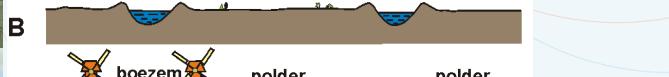
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River flooding 1995



Development of the Dutch 'Polder' Landscape

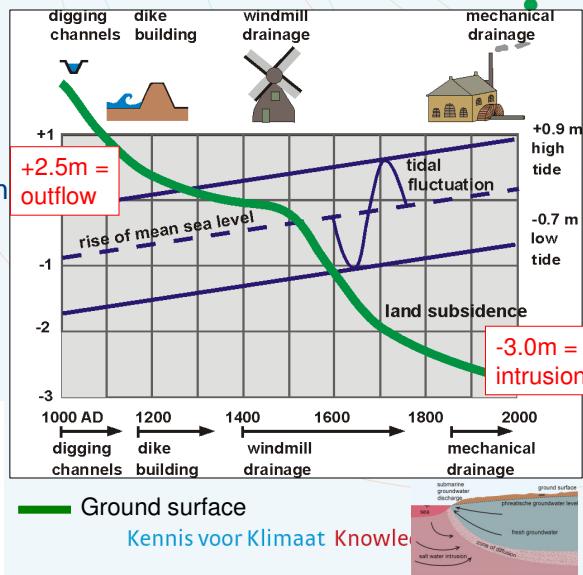


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From fresh water outflow to salt water inflow

- Causes:
- Autonomous processes
- Land subsidence
- Abrupt land reclamation
- Climate change
- Sea level rise
- Change in net recharge

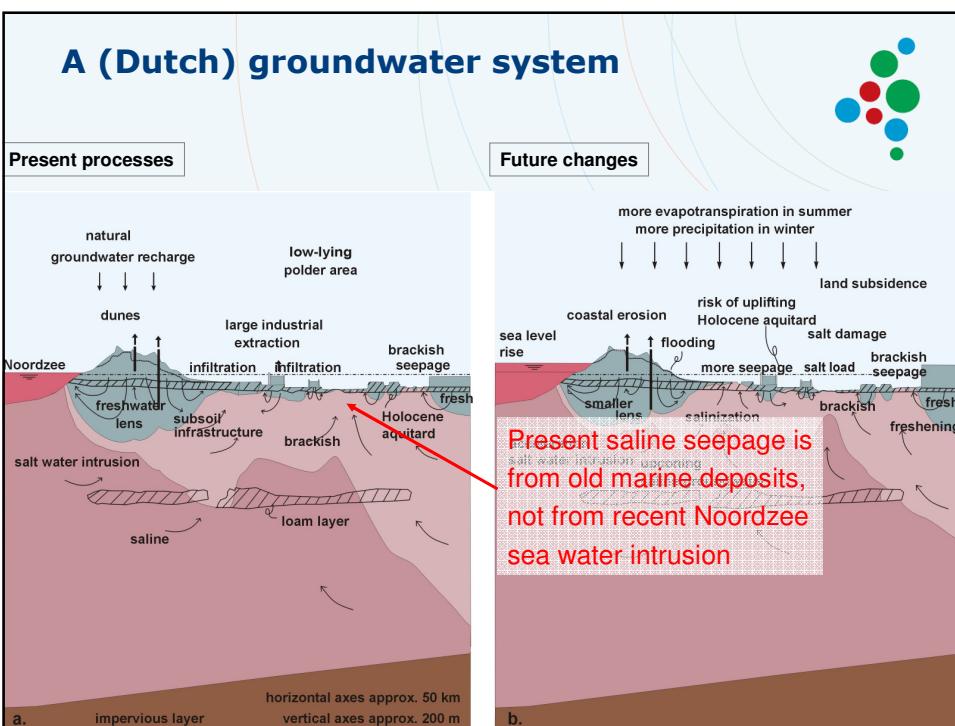
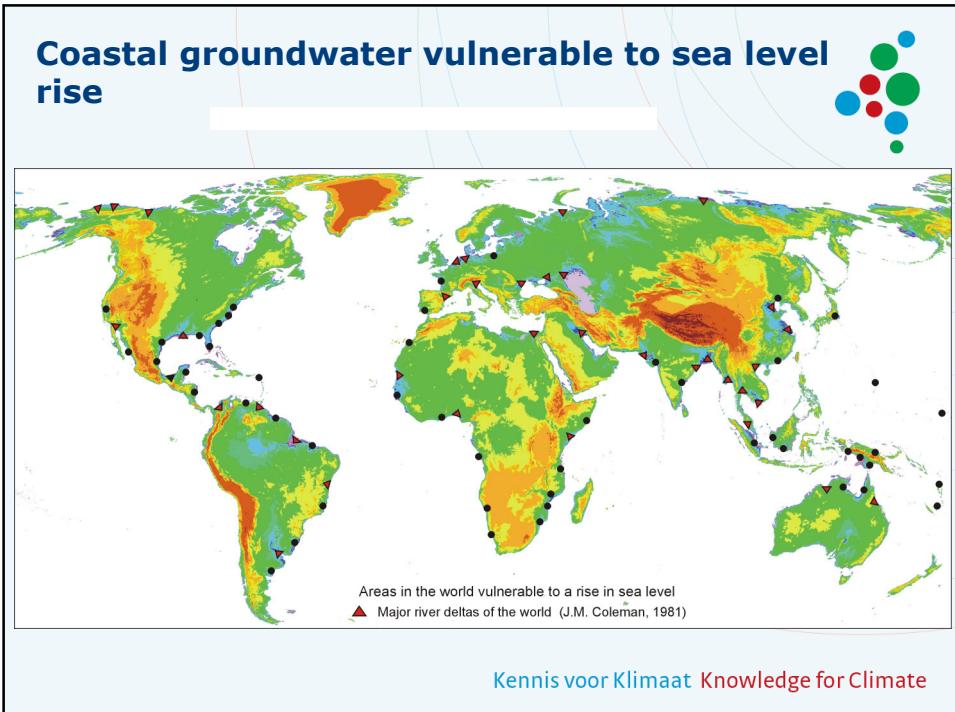
Historical subsidence of the ground surface in Holland



- To get an idea about the possible future effects of
- SLR and climate change in your delta ...

- evaluate of the past water management in the Dutch delta

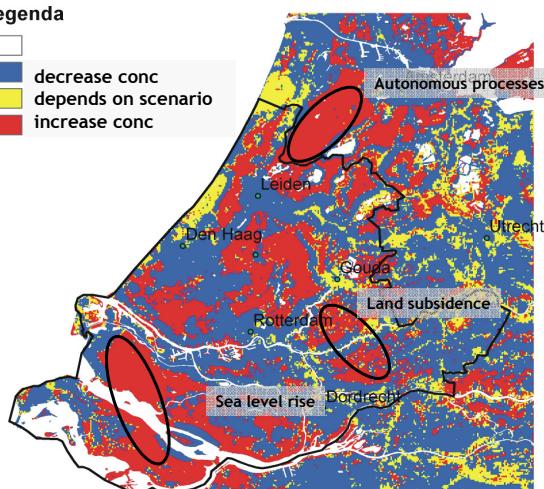
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Estimated effect in 2075 on salinity

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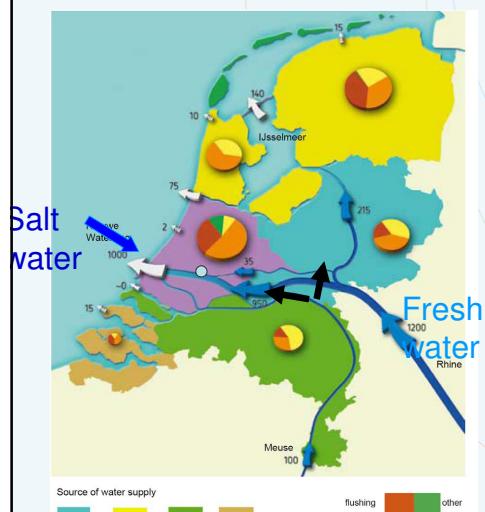
- decrease conc
- depends on scenario
- increase conc



Increase or decrease concentration for all climate scenarios G, G+, W, W+

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Current fresh water strategy (surface water)



Distribution of river discharge
(m³/s) over the main watersystem
attribution to the regional systems.
in dry year (ca. 1:10 year).

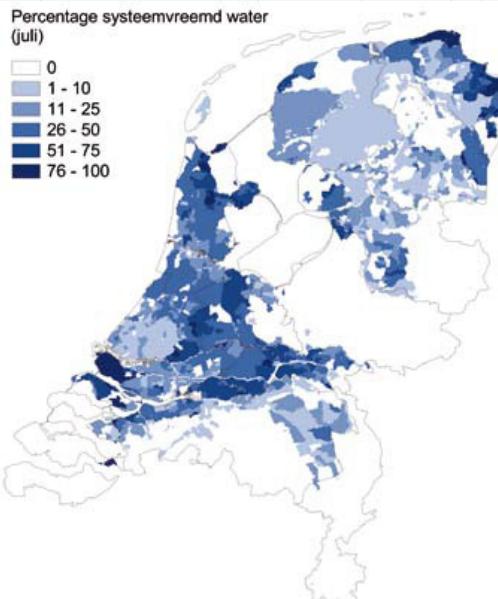
- Distribution network and wateragreements
- Priority categories in case of shortage
- LCW – Drought Early Warning System
- 70% of Rhine water at low flow used for flushing NWW

accessibility for ships and SALT



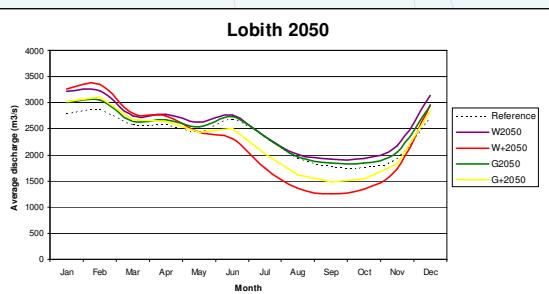
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Percentage water externally supplied (dry summer)

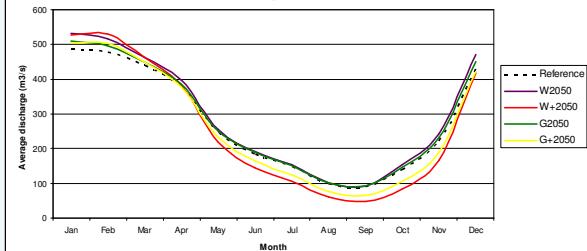


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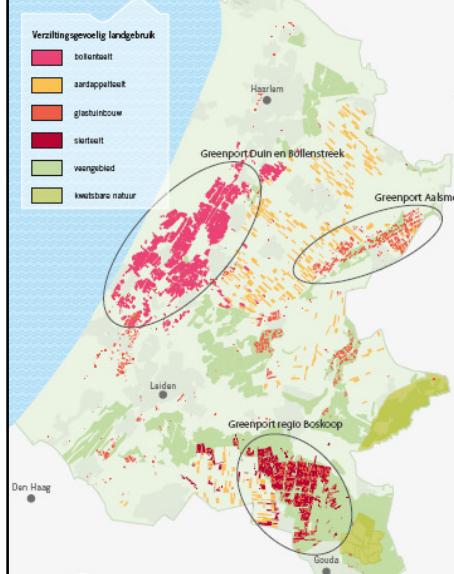
Climate change -> possible decrease of river discharges



Borgharen 2050



Future development of water use a.o. greenports



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Main research questions

- How may the boundary conditions for fresh water availability and demand change?
- What measures for adaptation are available and potentially successful?
 - What can be achieved by watermanagement
 - What can be achieved by crop / nature management
 - what can be achieved by water technologyTo become regionally more self reliant
- What sort of uncertainty is encountered and how to design robust and flexible strategies
- Focus on low-lying areas in western part of the Netherlands
 - salt intrusions play a major role
- Mix of PhD (7), Post-doc and 'applied' research

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Cases - driving our research

Work Package 6: 3 Cases

- Case study 'Groene Ruggengraat' - climate proof water and land use in coastal meadows of the Netherlands
- Case study 'Haaglanden' – towards a more robust, self-sufficient fresh water supply of the Haaglanden region (focus on glasshouses-horticulture)
- Case study 'Zuidwestelijke Delta' – climate proof and sustainable water use in Dutch Delta area
- Research aims to contribute to long-term regional adaptation strategies
- With particular attention to stakeholder involvement

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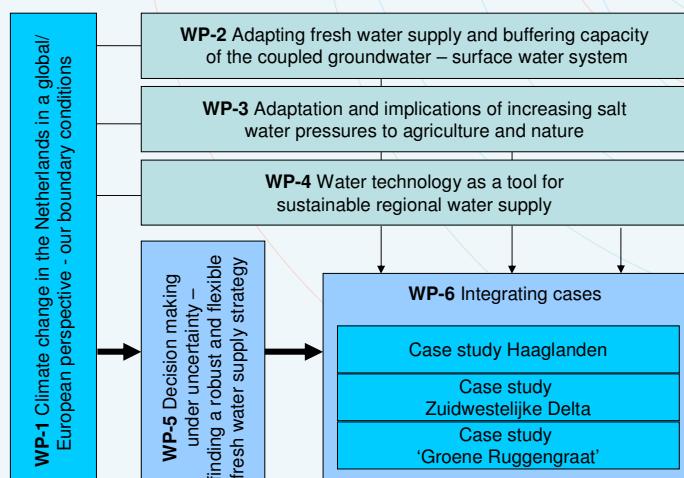
Stakeholders

- Hotspots Rotterdam, ZWD, Haaglanden incl. waterboards, provinces and municipalities
- Province South Holland
- Ministries V&W, LNV
- Project office Green Heart
- SBB, Natuurmonumenten
- (Z)LTO
- STOWA
- OASE, St. Donatius

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Work packages

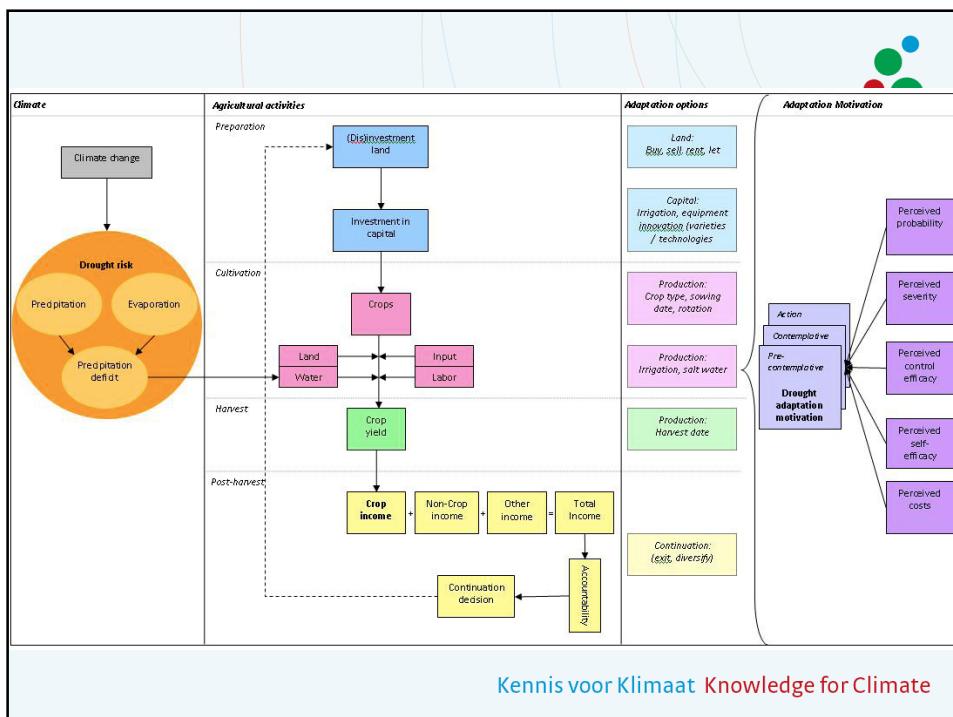
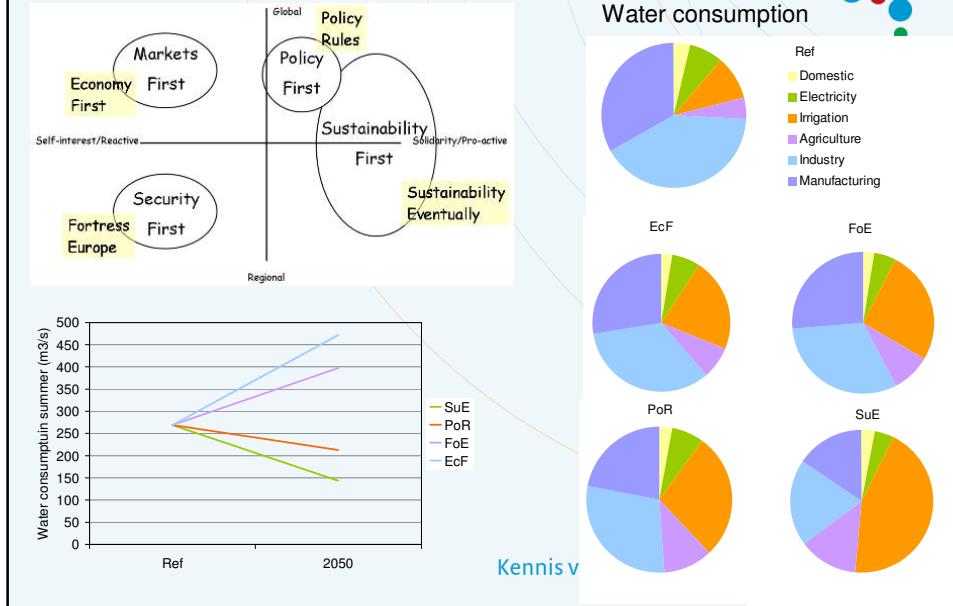
Boundary conditions, Measures, Assessment and decision making, Cases



Some examples form ongoing research

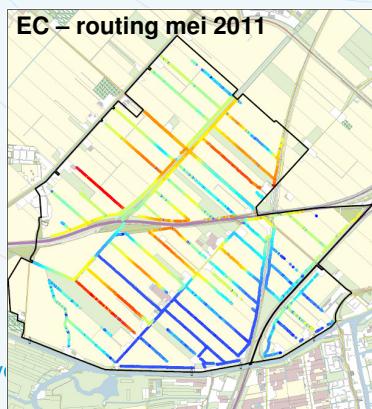
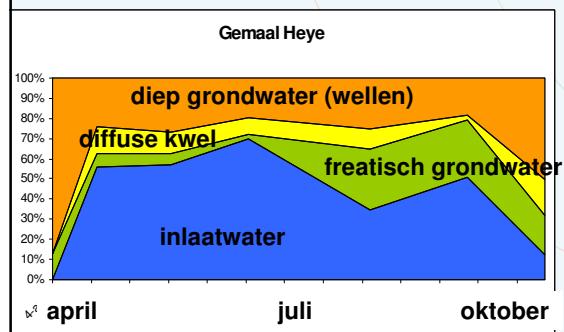
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EU scenes – sociaaleconomische scenario's



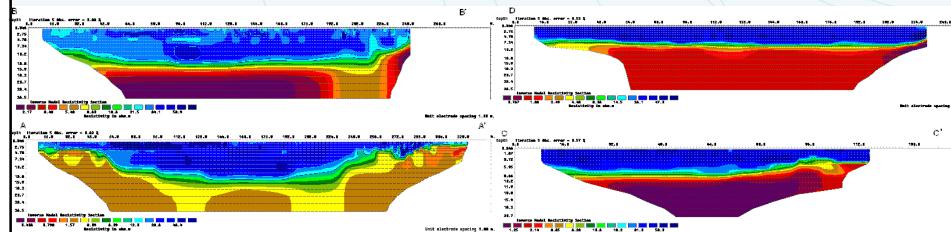
Different origines of water at field scale

- Measurements in the Z-O Haarlemmermeer:
- Tracers (Cl, Br, 2H, 18O, SO₄, Ca, etc) Monthly
- How does system react in dry / wet periods



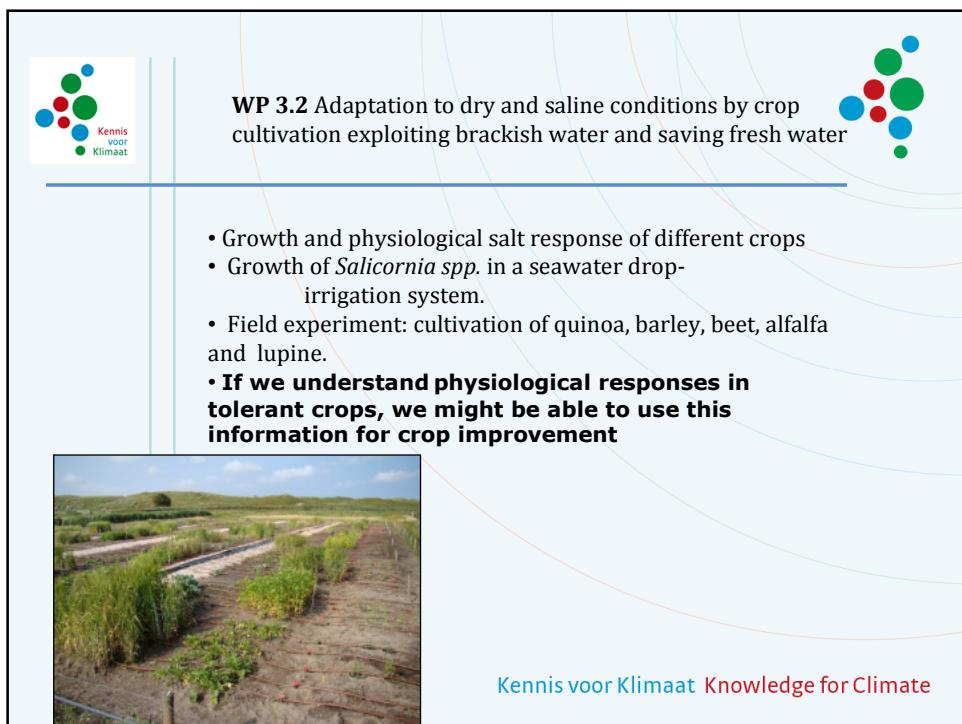
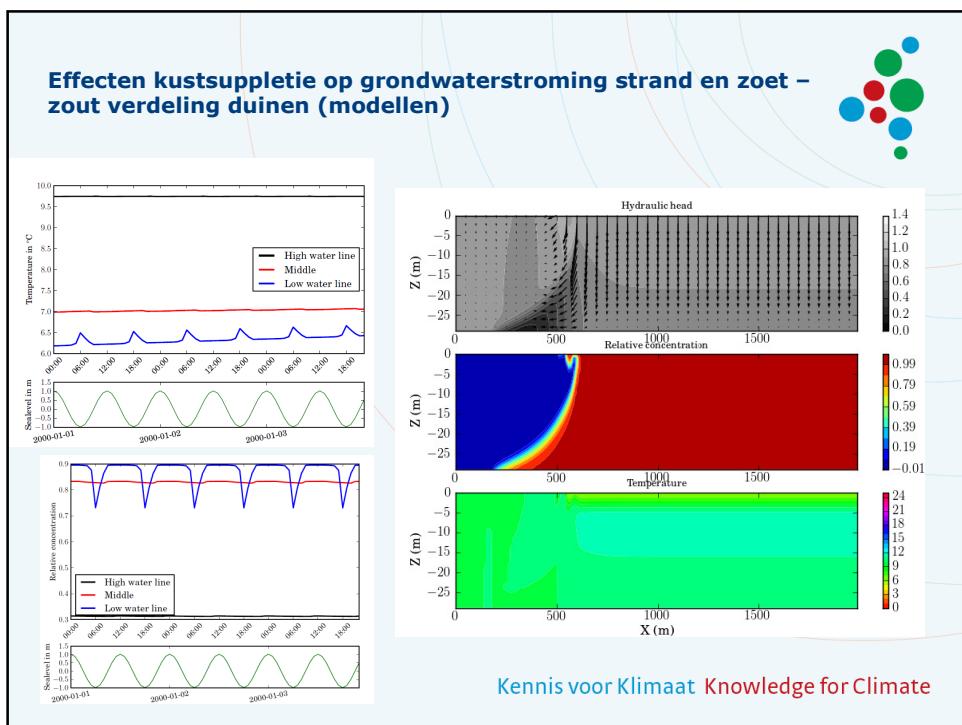
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Detail studies on rain water lenses

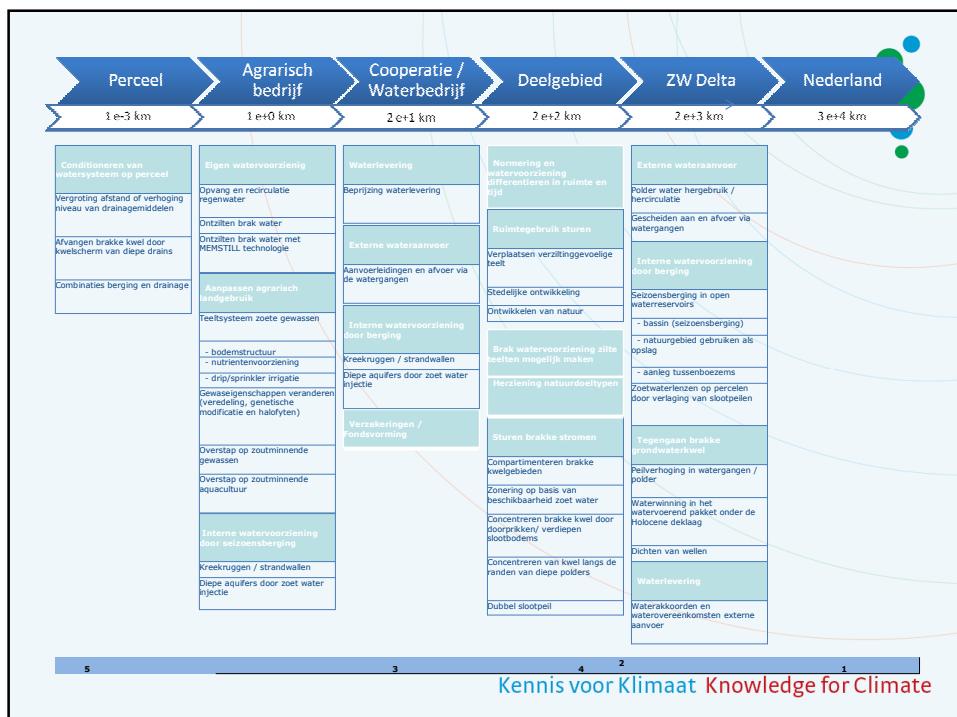
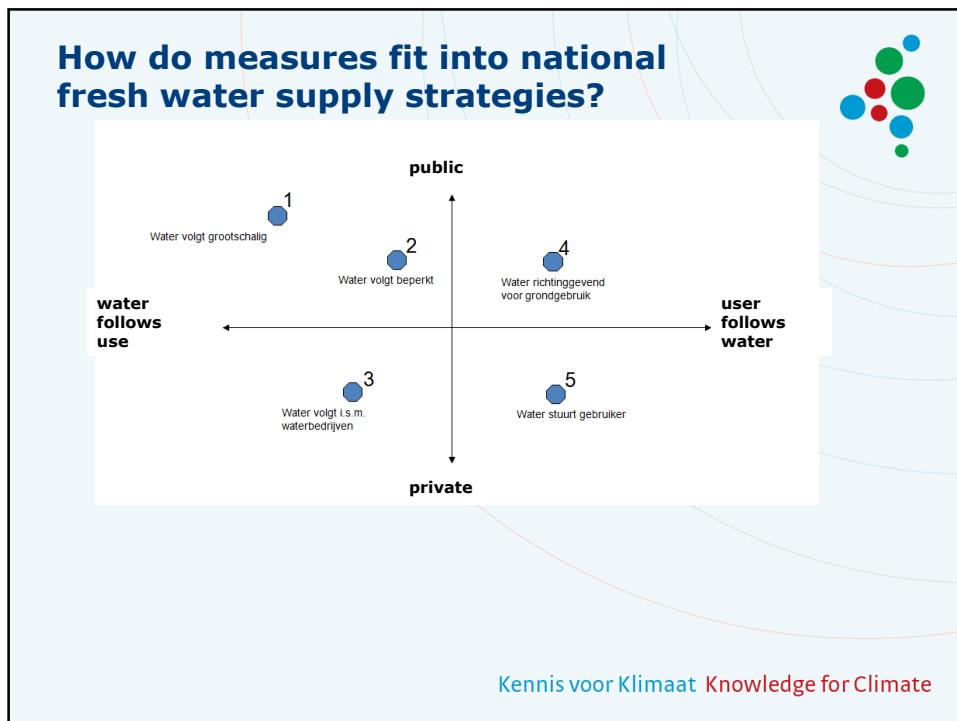


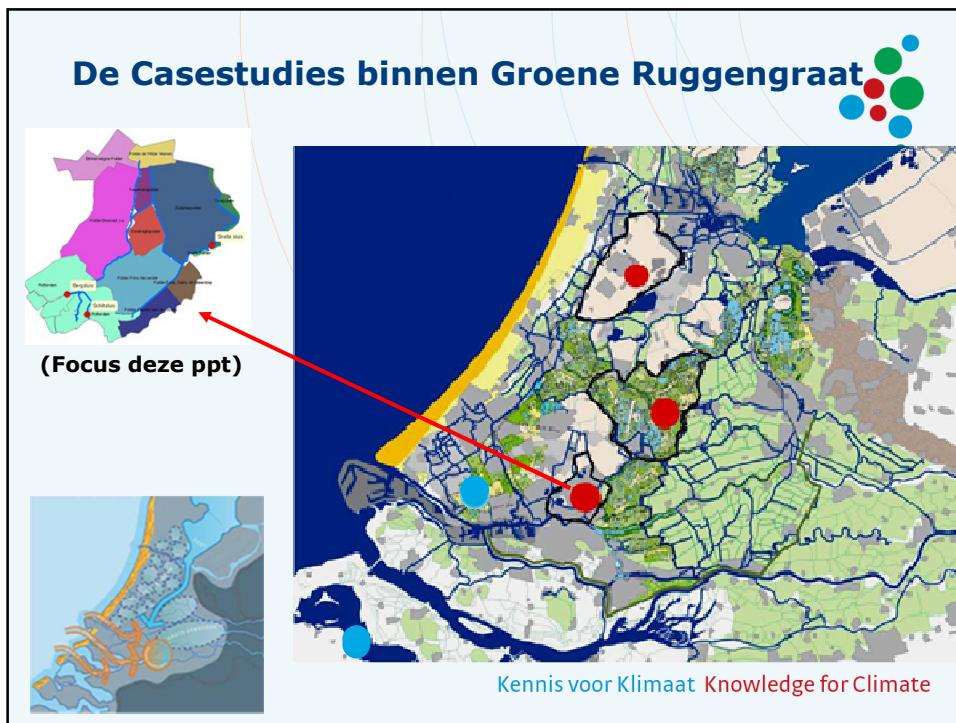
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How do measures fit into national fresh water supply strategies?





Wat betekenen scenario's voor inlaat?

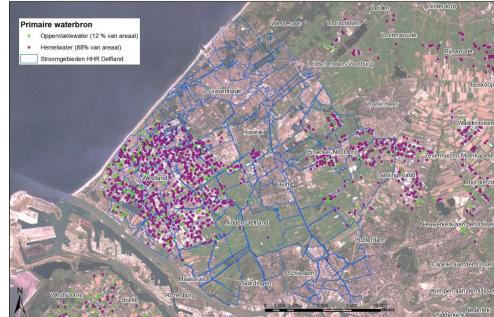
Tabel 5.2.: Het inlaatregime onder de verschillende scenario's voor het Schilthuis gemaal, de Snelle Sluis en de KWA route (Bergsluis).

		G 200	G 600	W+ 200	W+ 600
Schilthuis (Nieuwe maas)	Aan	1 jan – 11 juli	1 jan – 24 juli	1 jan – 23 jun	1 jan -27 jun
	Uit	12 jul – 31 dec	24 juli – 31 dec	13 jun – 31 dec	27 jun -31 dec
Bergsluis (KWA)	Aan	16 aug – 19 okt	Nooit	20 jul – 29 nov	14 aug – 7 nov
	Uit	1 jan – 16 aug 20 okt – 31 dec	Nooit	1 jan – 19 jul 30 nov – 31 dec	1 jan – 13 aug 8 nov – 31 dec
Snelle Sluis (Hollandse IJssel)	Aan	1 jan – 16 aug 20 okt – 31 dec	1 jan – 31 dec	1 jan – 19 jul 30 nov – 31 dec	1 jan – 13 aug
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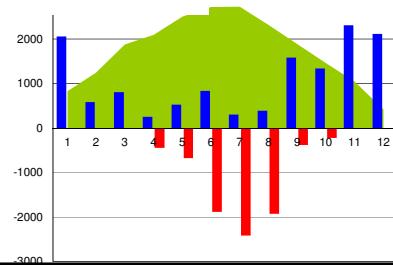
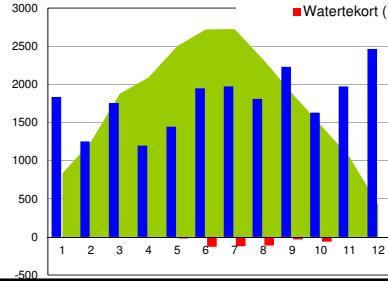
Watervraag glastuinbouw

Watervoorziening bij glastuinbouwbedrijven - Primaire waterbronnen



1601 bedrijven
3225 ha
Water nodig: 28 Mm³

■ Watervraag (1000 m³) ■ Maandneerslag (1000 m³)
■ Watertekort (1000 m³)



1. Intro: Duurzame alternatieven voor ontzilting?

Hemelwater

Alternatieve waterbronnen

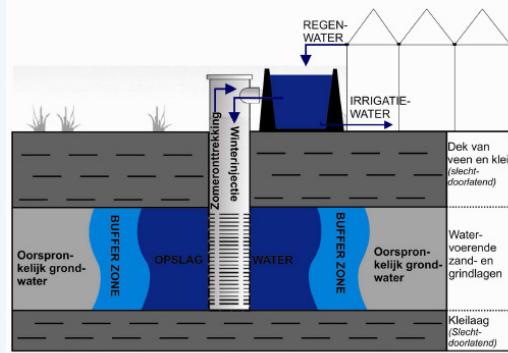
Berging

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2. Het hoofd onder het maaiveld: de tuinder de diepte in (II)



Verschil:

kortdurende opslag
(vervanging bassin)

en

langdurige opslag
(uitbreiding bassin)

Zelfvoorzienend??

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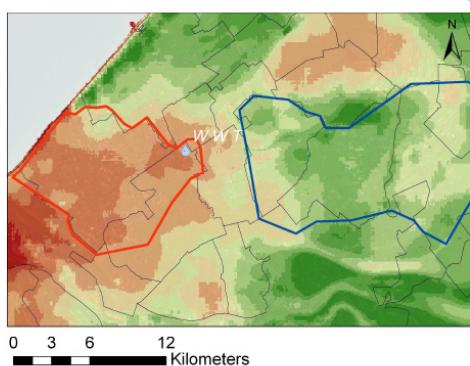
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3. Het hoofd boven het maaiveld (I)

Kansenkaart op basis van REGIS II.1

Legend
Westland
Eastland



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Thanks for your attention

For further information:

- on the fresh water supply programme:
<http://knowledgeforclimate.climate researchnetherlands.nl/climateprooffreshwatersupply>
- on Deltares and Delta research: USB stick

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