

# Digital hydromorphological twin of the Trilateral Wadden Sea TrilaWatt

## Kick-Off-Meeting

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# Agenda

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1. Welcome by the BMDV, introduction of participants
2. Overview of mFUND and integration of the project into the funding program (BMDV)
3. Presentation of the project consortium
4. Presentation of the project
5. Discussion and questions from participants

# Introduction

## Overview of *mFUND*

- Status of *mFUND*
- Funding target
- Cooperation of the *mFUND* projects



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## Integration of the project into the funding program of BMDV

- Funding line
- Requirements
  - Data innovation
  - Big-Data
- Publications

# Introduction

## Introduction of participants

- Federal Waterways Engineering and Research Institute – Hamburg (BAW)
- smile consult GmbH – Hannover
- planGIS - Leer
- Wadden Sea Forum – Wilhelmshaven



## Introduction of the speakers

- BAW: Andreas Plüß, Rainer Lehfeldt
- smile consult: Peter Milbradt
- planGIS: Frank Simmering
- Wadden Sea Forum: Frank Ahlhorn

# Presentation of the associated partners

## ○ Stakeholders from the Netherlands, Denmark and Germany

- Rijkswaterstaat
- Danish Coastal Authority
- Common Wadden Sea Secretariat

## ○ German institutions

- State Office for Coastal Protection, National Park and Marine Protection – Schleswig-Holstein (LKN-SH)
- State Office for Agriculture, Environment and Rural Areas – Schleswig-Holstein (LLUR)
- Lower Saxony State Agency for Water Management, Coastal Defense and Nature Conservation (NLWKN)
- Federal/State working group North and Baltic Sea (BLANO, hydromorphology)



Source: BAW (Fedderwarder Priel)

# Project presentation – an overview

## Initial problem / genesis

- The **Wadden Sea World Heritage Site** forms the largest tidal flat system in the world, in which **dynamic processes** occur largely undisturbed. It stretches along the Danish, German and Dutch coasts of the North Sea.
- Very **different user interests** (maritime and energy industries, fisheries and, last but not least, tourism) require
  - **integrated monitoring and understanding** of the system
  - coordinated efforts and **planning**.
- There are large amounts of data in the trilateral Wadden Sea that are
  - distributed or dispersed,
  - not homogenized and
  - difficult to be researched.
- There is a lack of **suitable tools** for navigation, interdisciplinary overlay as well as analyses for different purposes.



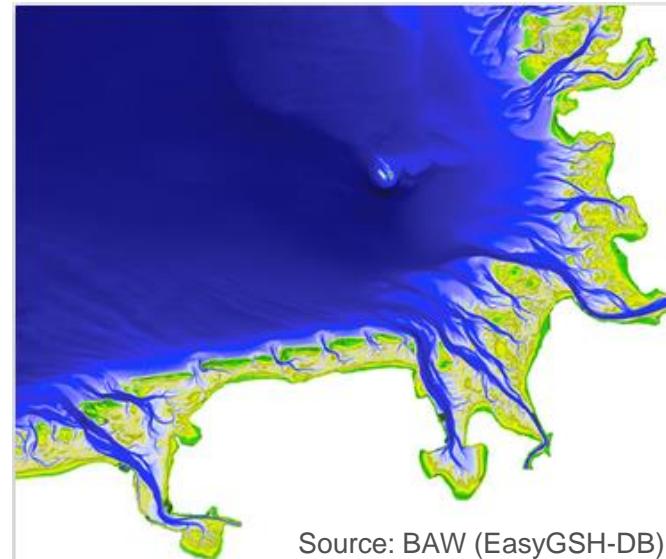
[www.waddensea-worldheritage.org]

# Product catalog from the previous project EasyGSH-DB (I)

## Available standard products 1996-2016

### ○ Geomorphology: ([https://mdi-de.baw.de/easygsh/EasyEN\\_DownloadG](https://mdi-de.baw.de/easygsh/EasyEN_DownloadG))

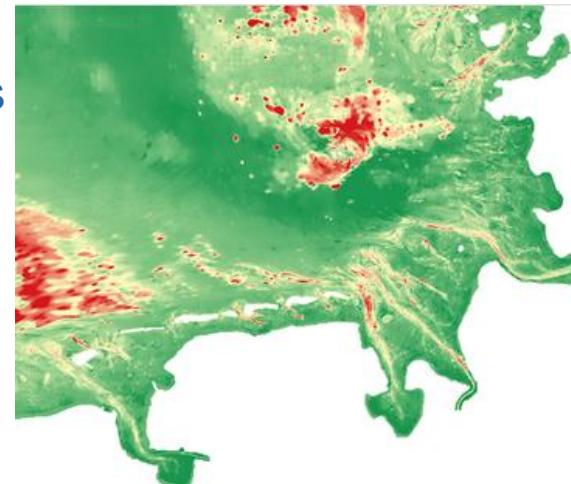
- Bathymetry (over a wide area)
- Morphological drive
- Morphological space
- Bathymetric contour lines



Source: BAW (EasyGSH-DB)

### ○ Sedimentology: ([https://mdi-de.baw.de/easygsh/EasyEN\\_DownloadS](https://mdi-de.baw.de/easygsh/EasyEN_DownloadS))

- Petrographic maps
- D50-grids /-contour lines
- Sorting
- Inclination/skeweness
- Porosity
- Sedimentology (CSV)



**mFUND**  
**EasyGSH**

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### Hydrodynamic

All data sets for hydrodynamics have on-the-fly generated preview images, metadata and data sets, click on desired format to download.

Select year:

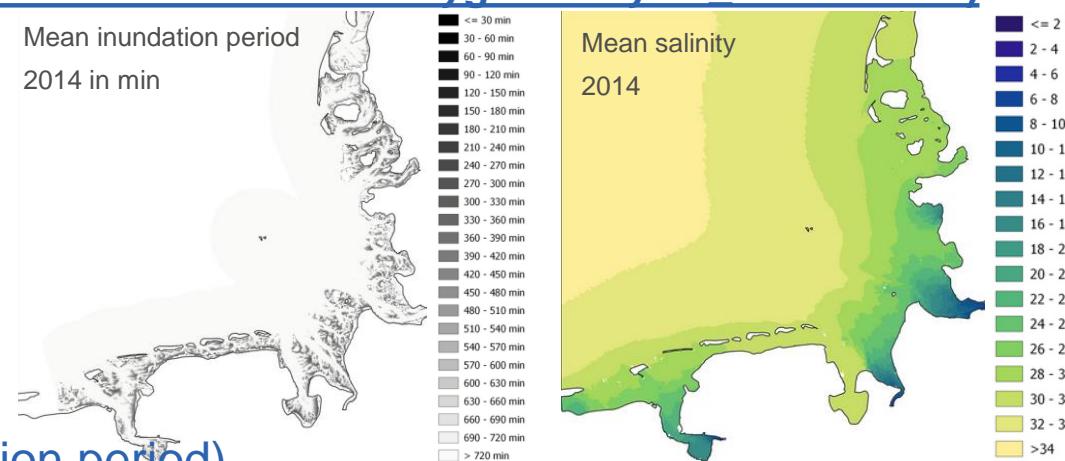
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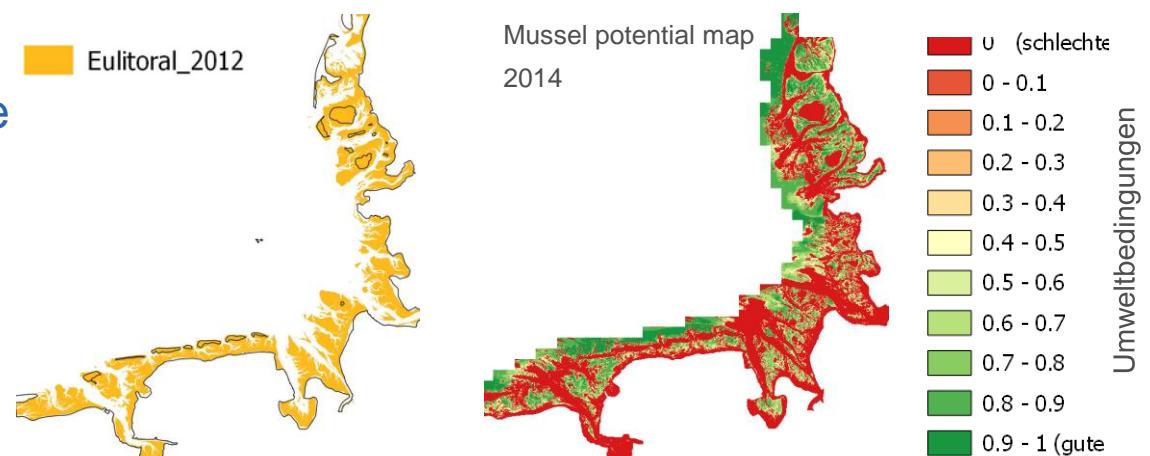
Available standard products 1996-2016 ([https://mdi-de.baw.de/easygsh/EasyEN\\_DownloadS](https://mdi-de.baw.de/easygsh/EasyEN_DownloadS))

## ○ Hydrodynamics

- Tidal characteristics of the water level
- Tidal characteristics of current speed
- Tidal characteristics of salinity
- Tidal characteristics of bottom shear stress
- Long-term parameters of salinity
- Long-term characteristics of the water level (inundation period)
- Harmonic analyses of the water level
- Characteristic values of the sea state
- Long-term characteristic values of the sea state



Source: BAW (EasyGSH-DB)



# EasyGSH-DB data access



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## EasyGSH-DB

**Creation of application oriented synoptic reference data on geomorphology, sedimentology and hydrodynamics in the German Bight**

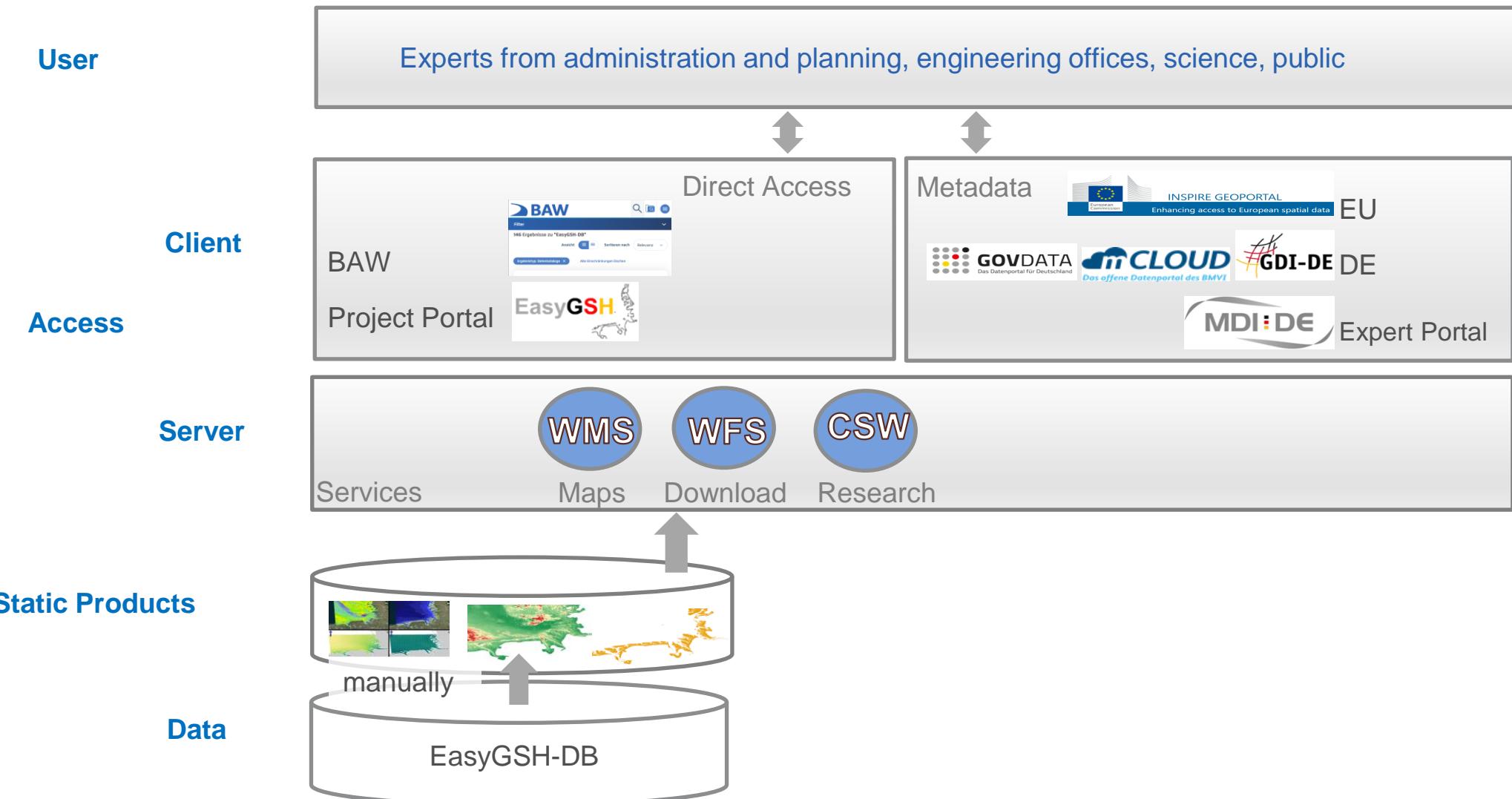
The coastal area of the German Bight is characterized by diverse formation of islands, mud flats, tufts and estuaries. As a result, complex, non-linear transformations of tidal and sea processes from open North Sea to the coast and into estuaries take place.

This hydro-, sediment- and morphodynamically active area is intensively used as settlement area, as recreational area, as nature reserve and also as economic area. In particular, for the Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD) (2008) comprehensive data on hydrographic changes should be provided. In order to continue to ensure an environmentally friendly supply and to ensure legal and planning security for infrastructure projects in marine and coastal zone, it requires interdisciplinary and continuous research to expand the knowledge of natural environment, natural process chains and their response to anthropogenic interventions.

Maps Download Closing event

Source: BAW (EasyGSH-DB)

# Existing infrastructure



# TrilaWatt initial situation

## Climate impact monitoring: Morphology

- Monitoring of changes in the morphology of the coasts of Schleswig-Holstein caused by climate change and relevant for coastal protection, recurrent reporting obligation
- Design of specification sheets
- **Data compilation, quality assurance, ..** (field data, tidal characteristics, ..)
- Performing **analyses** on the base data
- **Presentation of results** and visualization
- Periodic **reporting**



Source: BAW (Wattbefliegung)

# Application of climate impact monitoring

## Klimafolgenmonitoring Berichtskennblatt

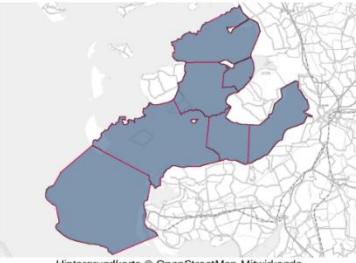
Jährliche Änderung der mittleren Geländehöhe des Intertidals

Norderhever - Heverstrom mit Tümlauer Bucht, Nordsee  
2013 - 2019

I. Herkunft	
1. Verfasser	
2. Organisation	Landesbetrieb für Küstenschutz, Nationalpark und Meeresschutz Schleswig-Holstein (LKN.SH)
3. Anschrift	Herzog-Adolf-Straße 1 25813 Husum

### II. Einordnung

1. Gebiet	Nordsee
2. Messstation-/Bereich	Norderhever - Heverstrom mit Tümlauer Bucht



Hintergrundkarte © OpenStreetMap-Mitwirkende

3. Teilgebiete/-profile	-
4. Bezugspegel	Pellworm-Anleger
5. Zeitliche Einordnung	2013 (Referenz) 2019 (Auswertung)
6. Parameter	Watteinzugsgebiete
7. Bedeutung	Das Wattenmeer sorgt durch die Verringerung der Wassertiefe für eine Reduzierung der Wellenhöhen und damit auch der Wellenenergie, die bei Sturmflut auf die Deiche einwirkt und besitzt somit eine Schutzfunktion für die Deiche.

### III. Eingangsdaten

1. Profil-/Gebietsdatensatz	7320_pol_Flaechenmessungen_KFM.shp
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## LKN.SH Berichtskennblatt

Jährliche Änderung der mittleren Geländehöhe des Intertidals

Norderhever - Heverstrom mit Tümlauer Bucht, Nordsee  
2013 - 2019

2. Höhenmodell-Datenbasis	DGM_10x10m_2013.grd (2013) DGM_10x10m_2019.grd (2019)
3. Tidekennwerte (10-jährige gtd. Mittel)	MTnw (2013): -1,6640 m NHN MTnw (2019): -1,6560 m NHN  MThw (2013): 1,4890 m NHN MThw (2019): 1,5120 m NHN

### IV. Hauptindikator

1. Definition	Jährliche Änderung der mittleren Geländehöhe des Intertidals in den Grenzen von 2013 und 2019	
2. Methodenbeschreibung	In zusammengefassten Watteinzugsgebieten werden die Intertidalbereiche beider Jahre in den Grenzen definiert durch die Tidekennwerte je von Auswerte- und Referenzjahr ermittelt. Die Änderung der mittleren Geländehöhe wird jahresnominiert als Hauptindikator ausgewertet. Eine positive Änderung bedeutet eine Vergroßerung der mittleren Watthöhe innerhalb der jeweiligen Bezugsgrenzen.	
3. Auswertung	Intertidalgrenzen 2013 0,3996 mm/a	Intertidalgrenzen 2019 0,5175 mm/a
4. Darstellung		



### 5. Beschreibung der Entwicklung

## Klimafolgenmonitoring Berichtskennblatt

Jährliche Änderung der mittleren Geländehöhe des Intertidals

Norderhever - Heverstrom mit Tümlauer Bucht, Nordsee  
2013 - 2019

V. Nebenindikatoren			
Definition	Wert	Einheit	Ort
Mittlere Höhe des Intertidals (Grenzen von 2019)	-0,1066	m	Norderhever - Heverstrom mit Tümlauer Bucht
Mittlere Höhe des Subtidals (Grenzen von 2019)	-7,7881	m	Norderhever - Heverstrom mit Tümlauer Bucht
Fläche des Intertidals (Grenzen von 2019)	265.093.800	m <sup>2</sup>	Norderhever - Heverstrom mit Tümlauer Bucht
Fläche des Subtidals (Grenzen von 2019)	332.174.500	m <sup>2</sup>	Norderhever - Heverstrom mit Tümlauer Bucht

**Reporting specification sheets  
Morphology:  
6 for the North Sea  
3 for the Baltic Sea**

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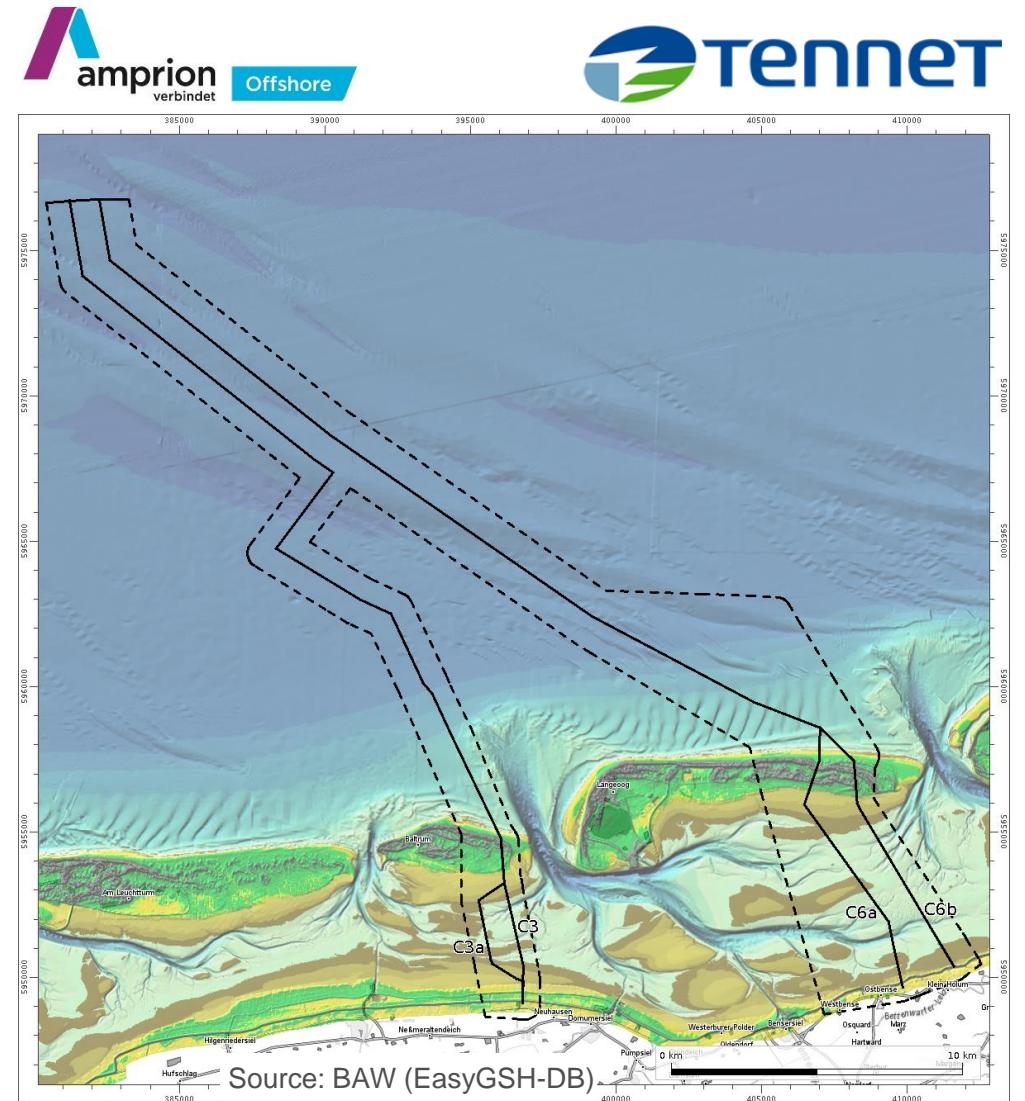
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# TrilaWatt initial situation

## Route finding and optimization

- Development and morphodynamics of the route corridors Baltrum and Langeoog for the “Seetrassen 2030” project
- Compile **Data**, quality assurance, (survey data,..)
- Perform **analysis** on the base data
- **Optimization** of the route depth
- **Presentation** of results and visualization
- **Reporting**

Study area  
and  
preferred routes

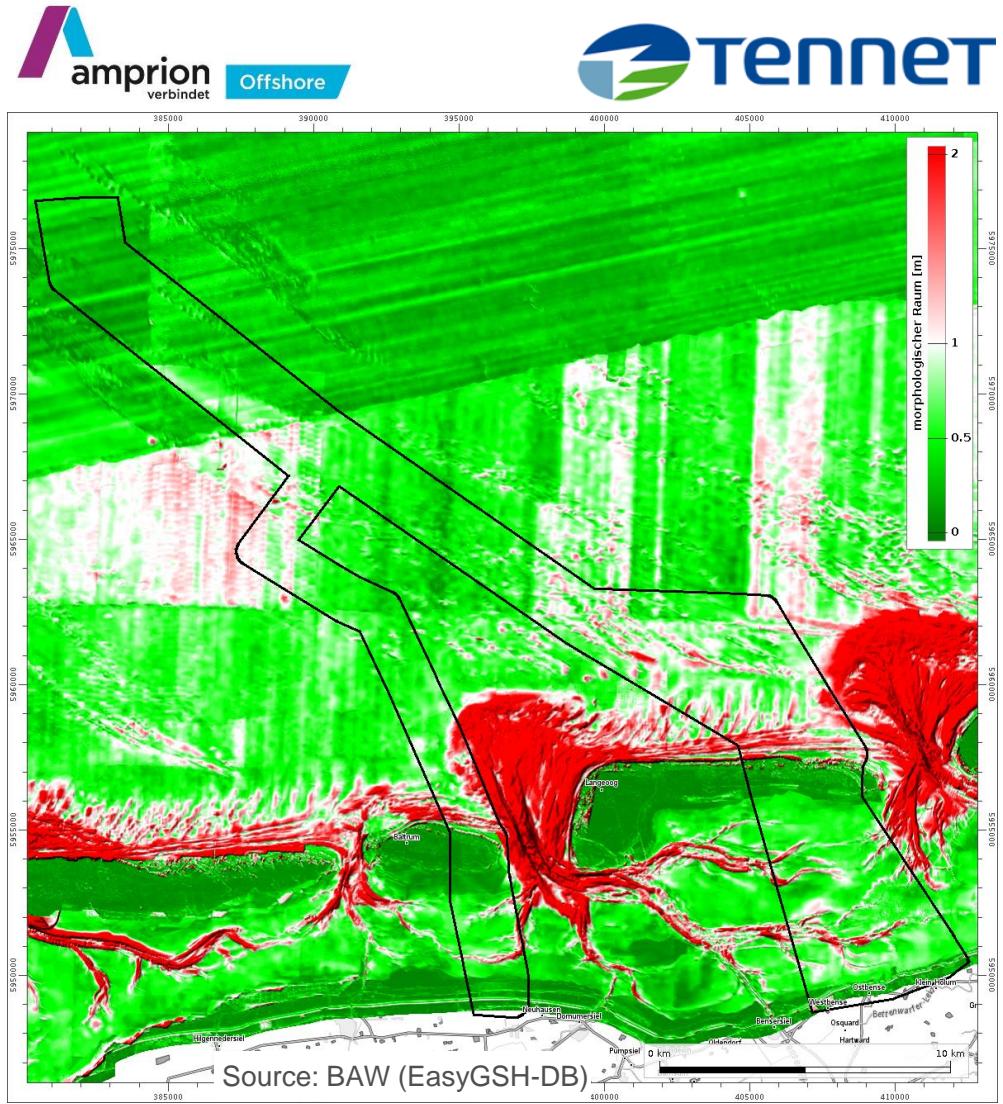


# Route finding and optimization

## Route position with regard to depth

- Determination of **morphological stability map** (space between smallest and largest measured depth z)  
  
Stable to Unstable
- Determination of **minimal z**
- **Safe installation depth** results from minimal z  
and  
required coverage
- Consider the **allowed curvature radii** of the cables
- Determination of **necessary excavation** to the current position of the water bottom

Study area  
and  
preferred routes



## Target groups

### Examples: Operators and users - Trilateral Wadden Sea area (enumeration)

- Administrative units at different levels related to the Wadden Sea and the sea in general
- Research, e.g. Coastal Engineering
- Private economy, e.g. service providers for water and coastal water construction, energy network operators
- Concrete examples:
  - National Park Administrations/LKN.SH
  - Office for Regional State Development/LLUR
  - TenneT/Amprion
  - Waterways and Shipping Authority
  - Danish Coastal Authority
  - Rijkswaterstaat
  - Deltares
  - Trilateral Wadden Sea Cooperation

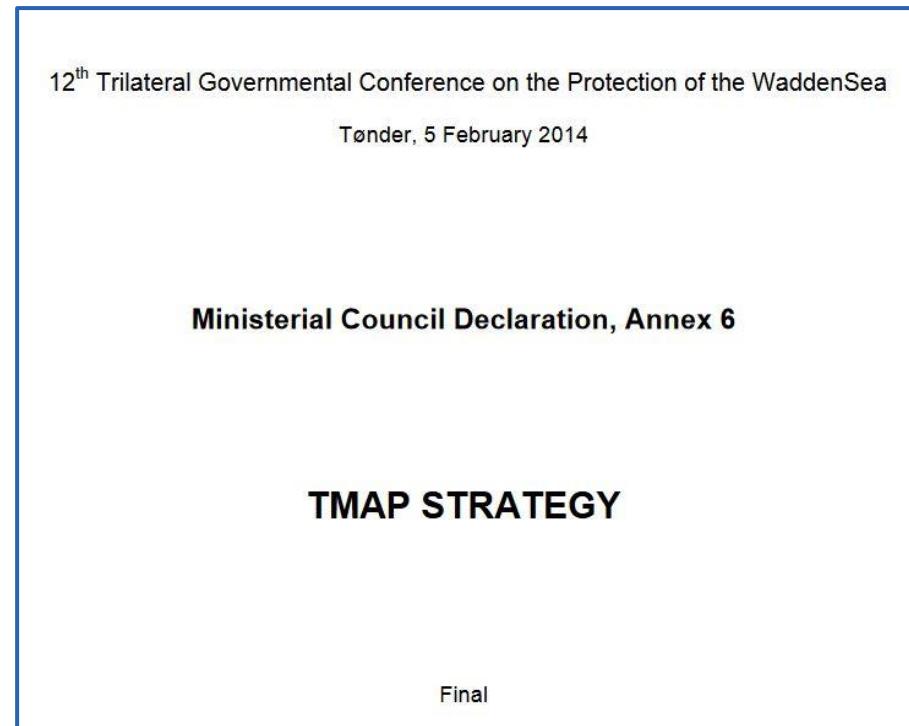


(Source: Herman Verheij)

## Target groups

### Specification: Data producer/handler and users - Trilateral Wadden Sea Cooperation

- Trilateral Monitoring and Assessment Programme (TMAP) should ...
  - ... support reporting for the EU and for World Heritage status
  - ... enable an integrative assessment for the application of the ecosystem approach in Wadden Sea protection



## Target groups

### Specification: Data producer/handler and users - Trilateral Wadden Sea Cooperation

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- Quality Status Report (2017)  
-> „update in progress“

- Trilateral Initiative:  
"Wadden Sea Sediment solutions – Community of Understanding"

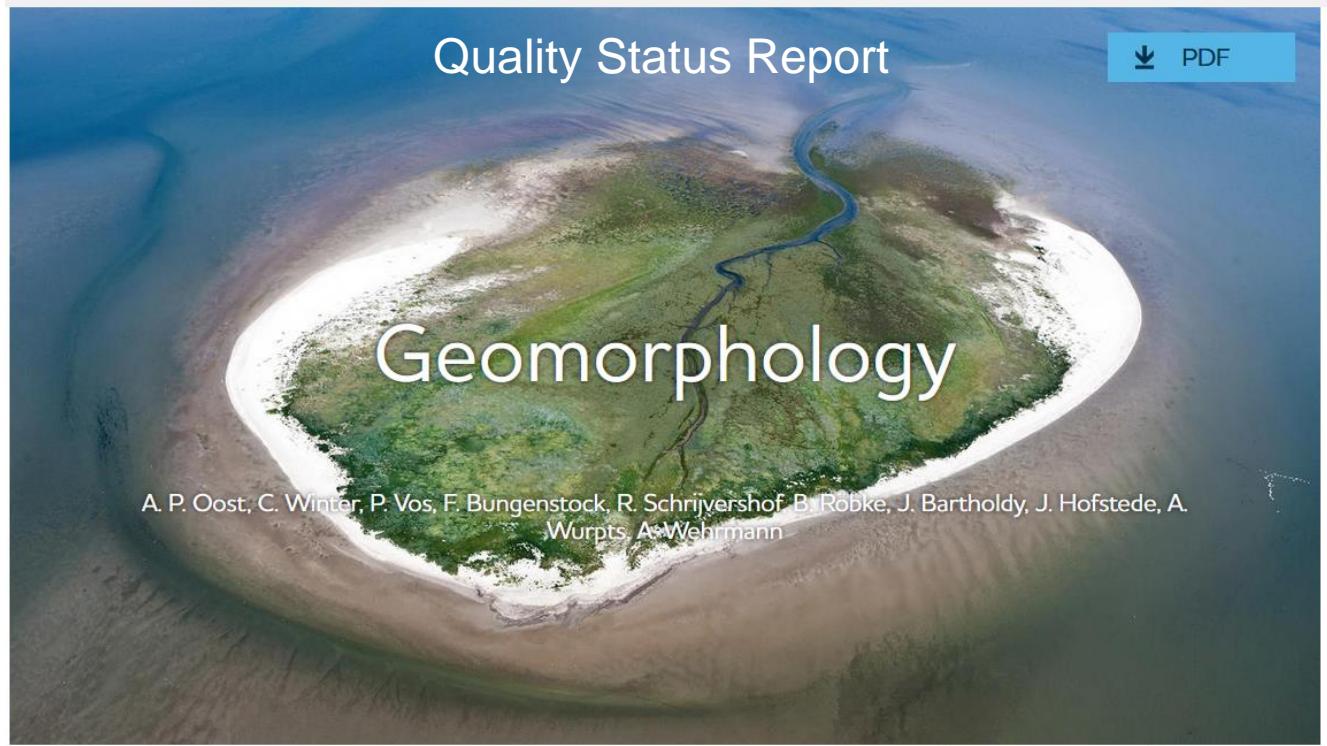


Photo: Rijkswaterstaat, NL (<https://beeldbank.rws.nl>). Zuiderduin 2011.

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- Trilateral Monitoring and Assessment Programme (TMAP)
- Quality Status Report
- Trilaterale Initiative -> „Community of Understanding – Sediment Solutions“
- Digital Twin of Biology of the Wadden Sea -> NIOZ (NL)



Source: CWSS

# Data and services

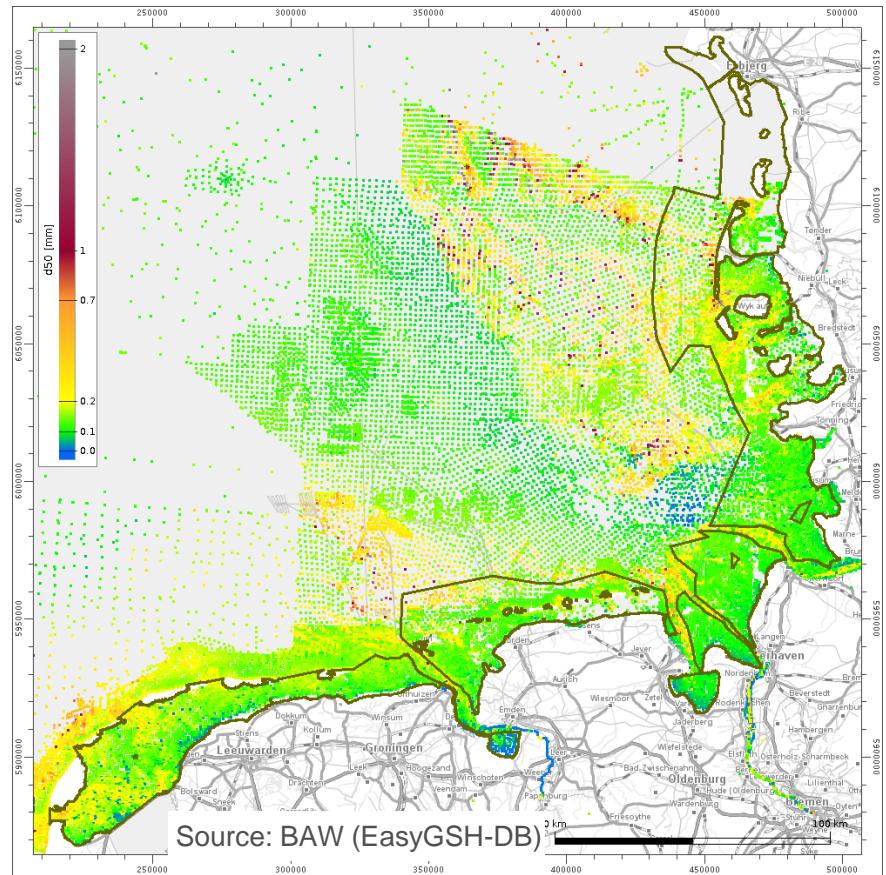
## Homogenization and expansion of the data and product database

- Expansion and updating of the data and product database
- Optimization of data management using Big Data technology
- Quality management and assessment
- High reference and position systems

## Homogenization and extension of services

- Partial automation through services
- Expanding and updating the services, including integration of Dutch & Danish services

Surface sediment samples  
Status at project start



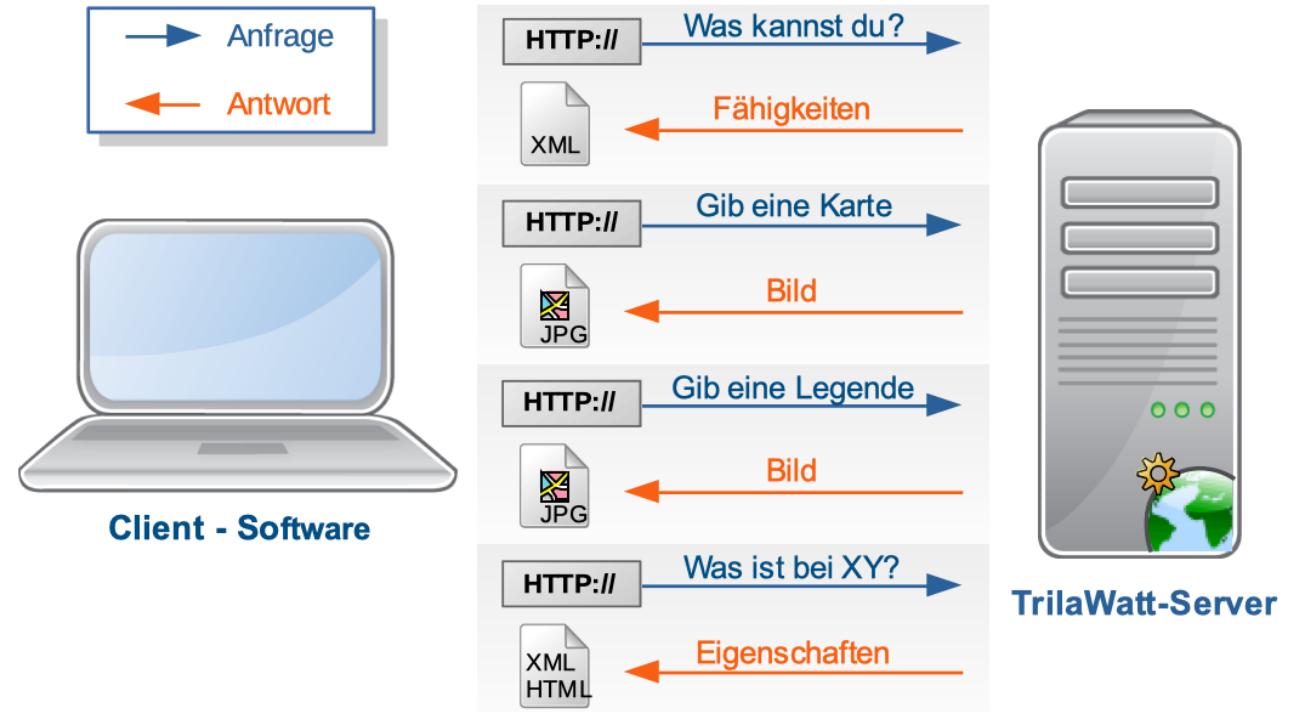
# Methods and workflows

## Method Library

- Directly on the basic and product data
- Web Map Service (WMS)
- Indirect via Web Processing Service (WPS)
- Templates and software components
- Development of process chains

## WPS - Workflow

- Specification of interface definitions
- Development of templates and schemes
- Prototype realization of WPS process chains



Communication scheme of an OGC Web service

## Server software



- + Widespread
- + WPS request builder
- + WPS process chaining



- + NetCDF support
- + Time series analysis with map selection
- + CSV download

**RichWPS**



- + WPS processing with reporting
- + Prototype: macrophyte assessment



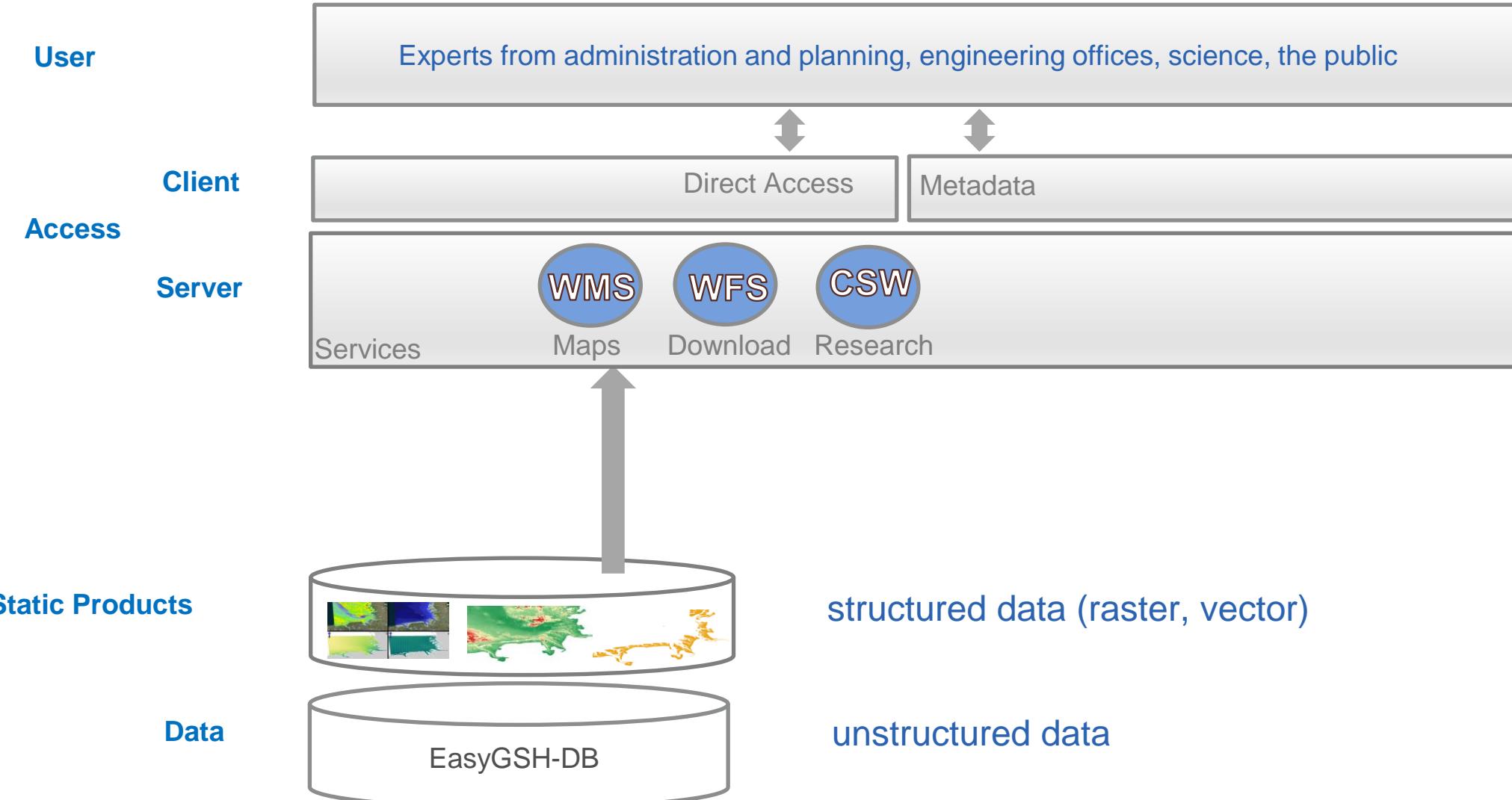
**52north**

exploring horizons

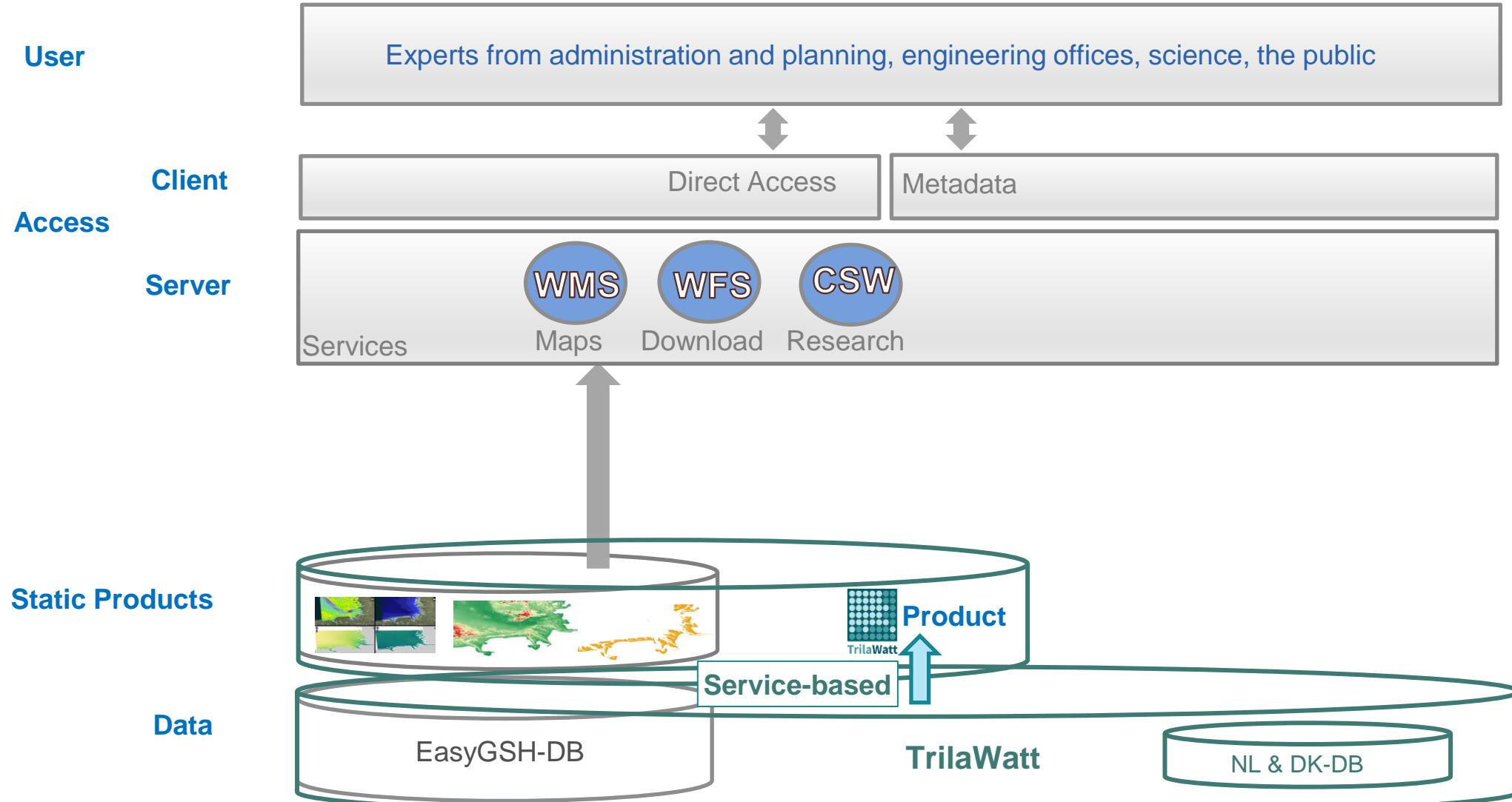


- + Big data handling
- + Extensive WPS operations
- + Datacubes / NetCDF

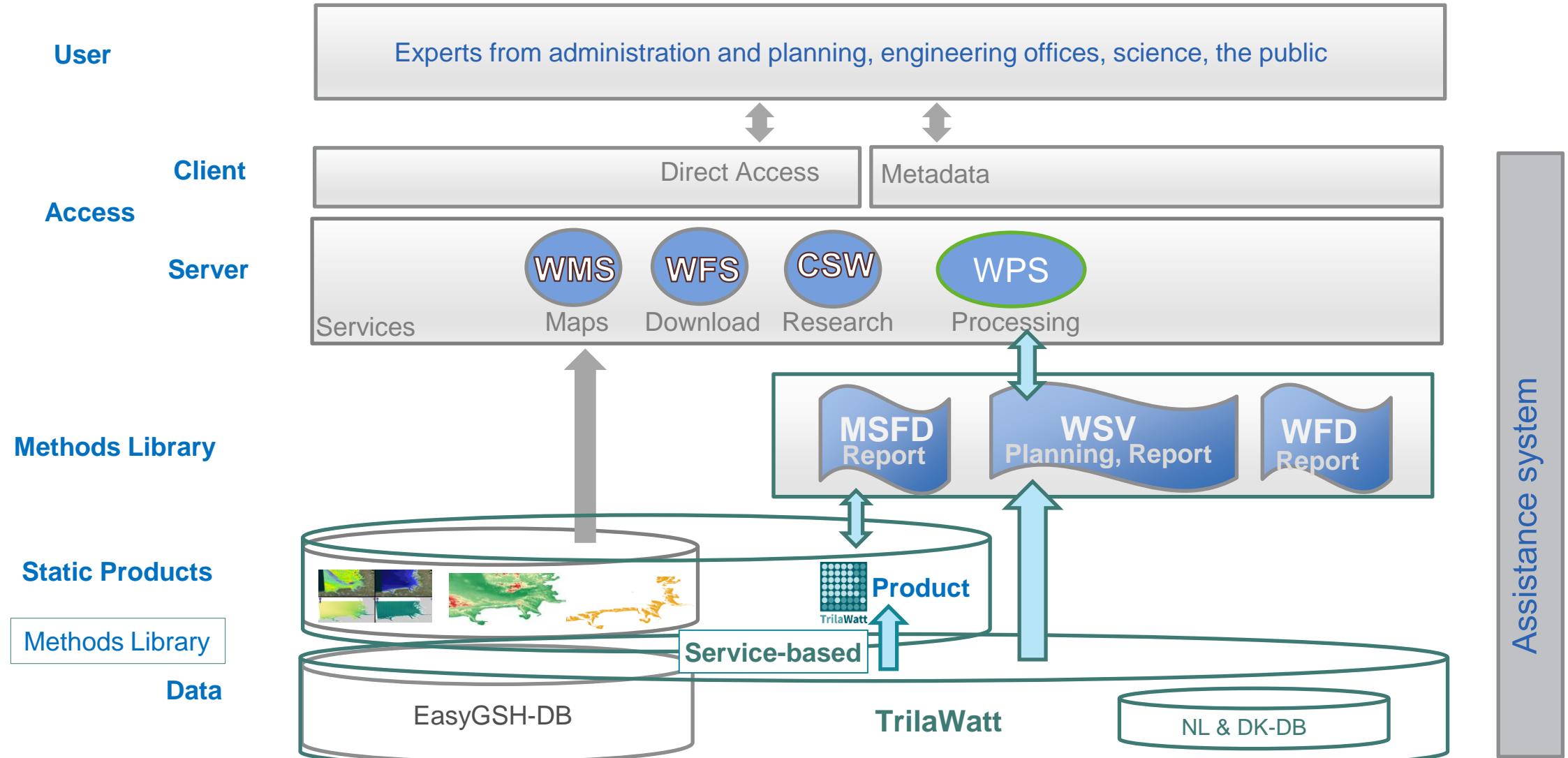
# Existing infrastructure



# TrilaWatt infrastructure: Database



# TrilaWatt infrastructure: Methods



# Application: Risk and potential analysis

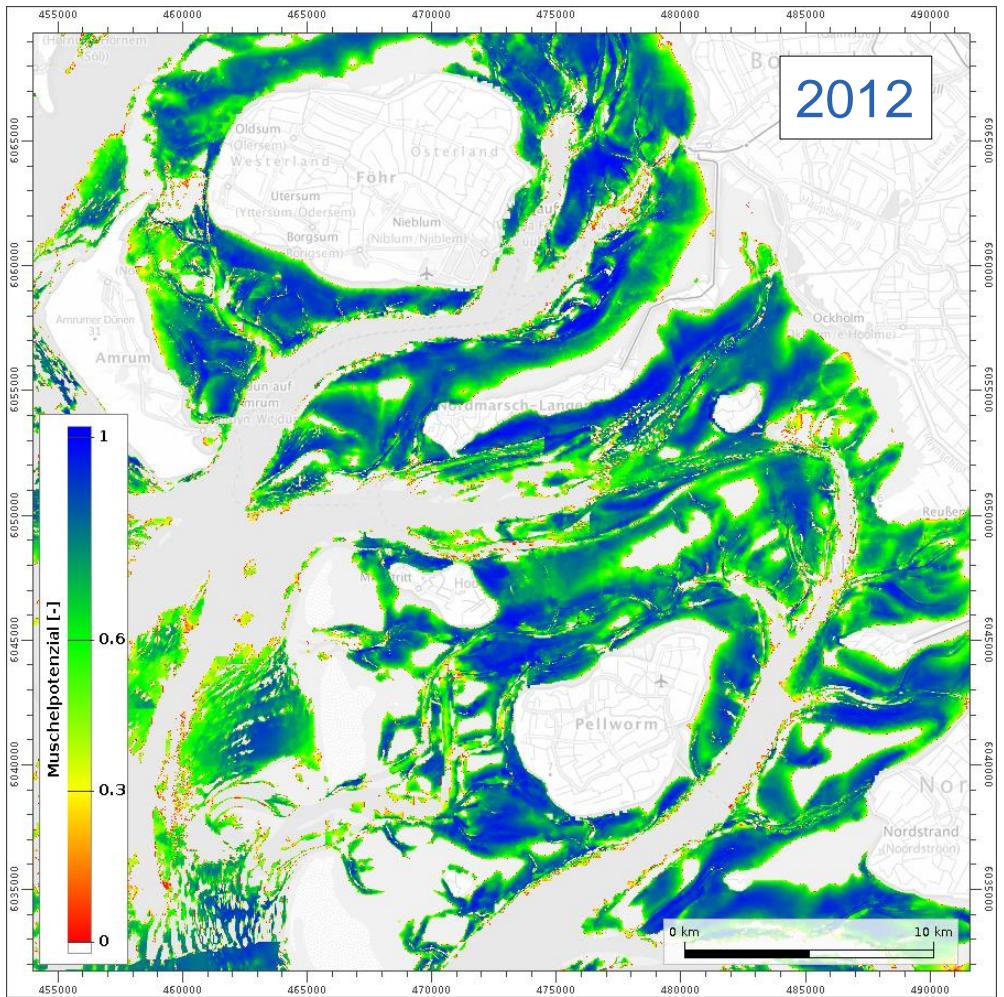
## Risk maps

- Erosion
- Siltation

## Potential maps

- Shell Settlement
- Seagrass Settlement

Shell potential map  
[EasyGSH-DB / BIWA-WATT]



# Methodology: Process automation

## Use of Web Processing Services (WPS)

Sample mussel potential map

\* Salinity limits: ~19-28 ‰

Eulitorale Muschelvorkommen			
Umweltparameter	Minimum	Maximum	Median
Erosions- / Sedimentationsrate [m / Jahr]	-0,2	0,7	-
Sedimentverteilung d50 [mm]	0,079	0,652	0,175
rel. Trockenfalldauer / Tide [%]	0	42,210	14,163
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Wellenintensität / -brechen [W/m²]	0	0,21	0,001
Salinität [‰]	18,676	27,717	24,379

**GeoServer**

**WPS Request-Builder**

Schritt für Schritt WPS Request Builder  
**Prozess wählen**

ras:RangeLookup

Reclassifies a continuous raster into integer values defined by a set of ranges (WPS DescribeProcess)

**Prozessparameter**

coverage\* - GridCoverage2D  
 Input raster

RASTER\_LAYER

band - Integer  
 Source band to use for classification (default is 0)

[19:28]

ranges - Range(0-2147483647)  
 Specifier for a value range in the format ( START ; END ). START and END values are optional. [ and ]

[19:28]

outputPixelValues - int(0-2147483647)  
 Value to be assigned to corresponding range

noData - Double  
 Value to be assigned to pixels outside any range (defaults to 0)

**Prozessergebnisse**

reclassified\* - GridCoverage2D  
 The reclassified raster

Generate

**Authentifizierung**

Authentifizieren (andernfalls werden die Anfragen als anonymous ausgeführt)

**Aktionen**

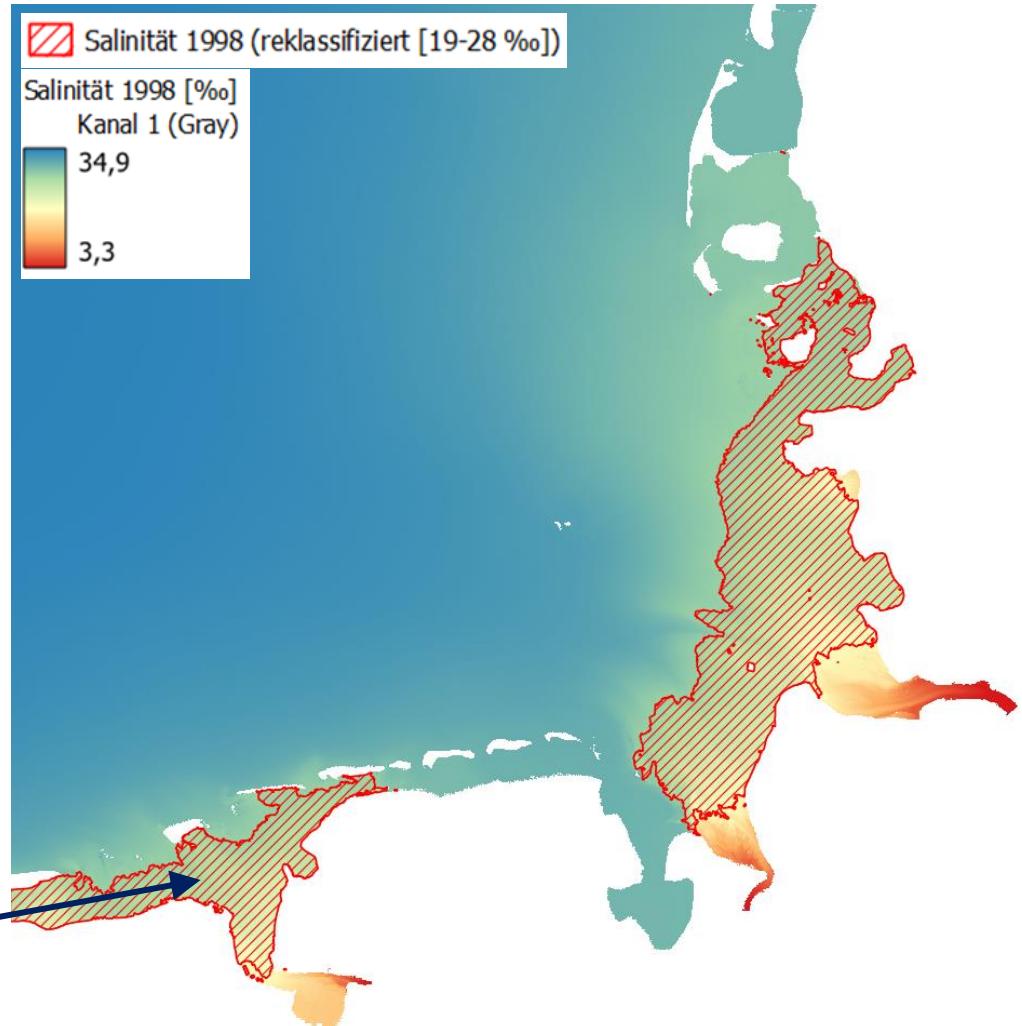
# WPS to assess salt concentration

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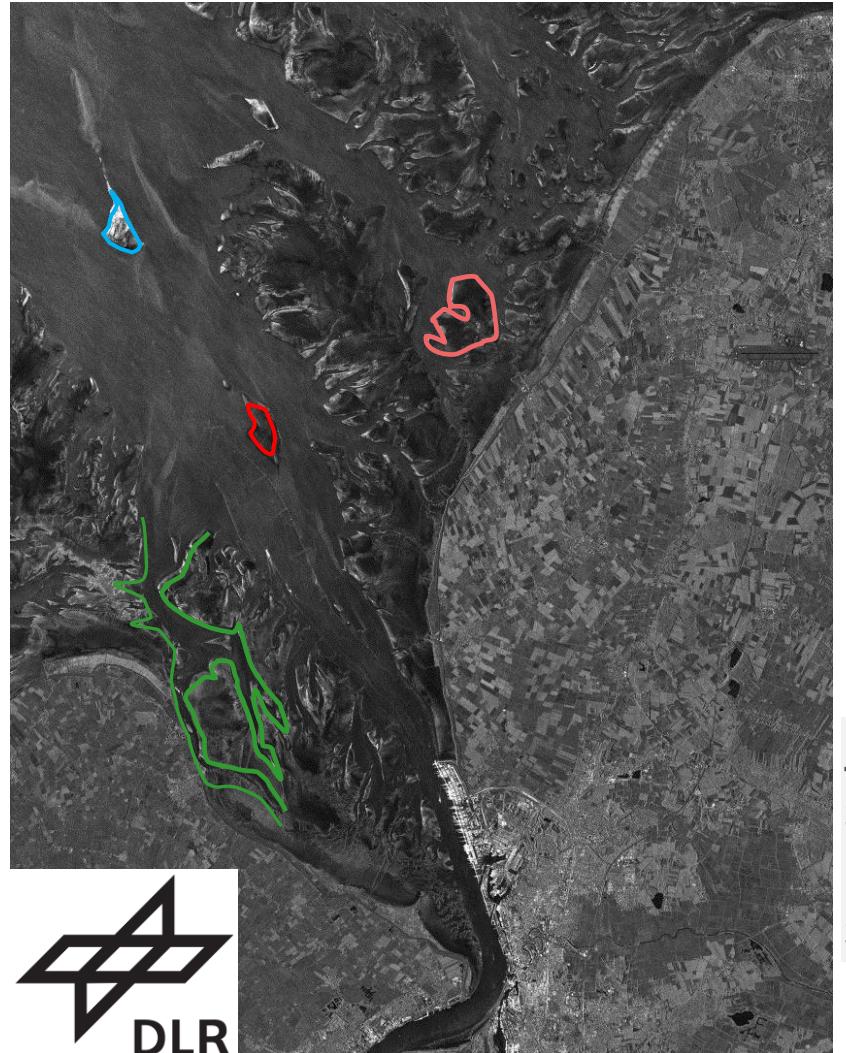
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Result  
WPS  
processing

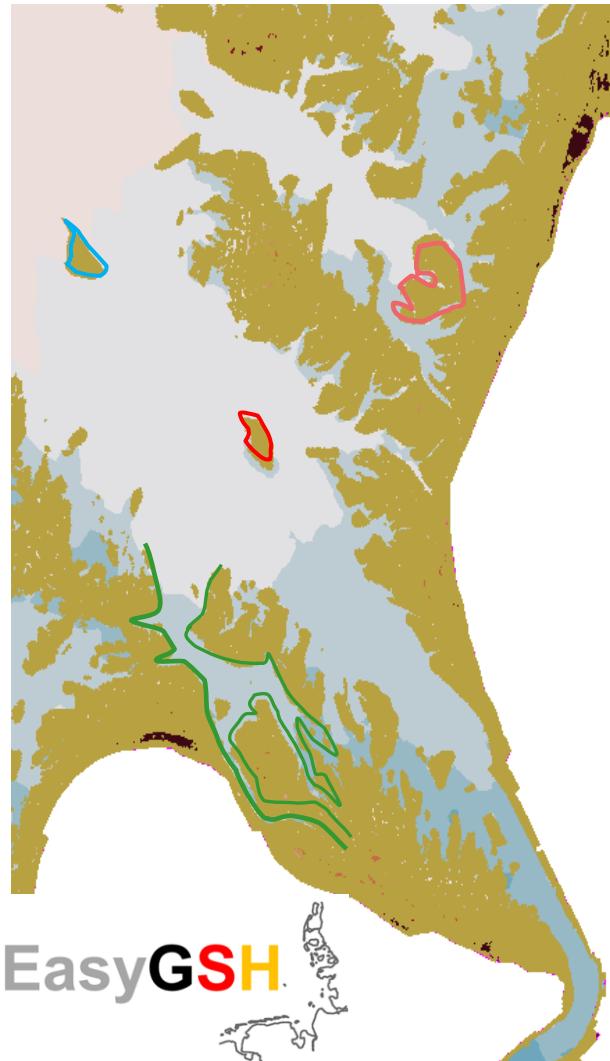


# Application of mudflat edges from satellite imaging



- Wurster Watt
- Tegeler Plate
- Robbenplate
- Fedderwarder Priels

DLR-image:  
3.8.2013 - 17<sup>02</sup> UTC  
**Pixel resolution:**  
3 m



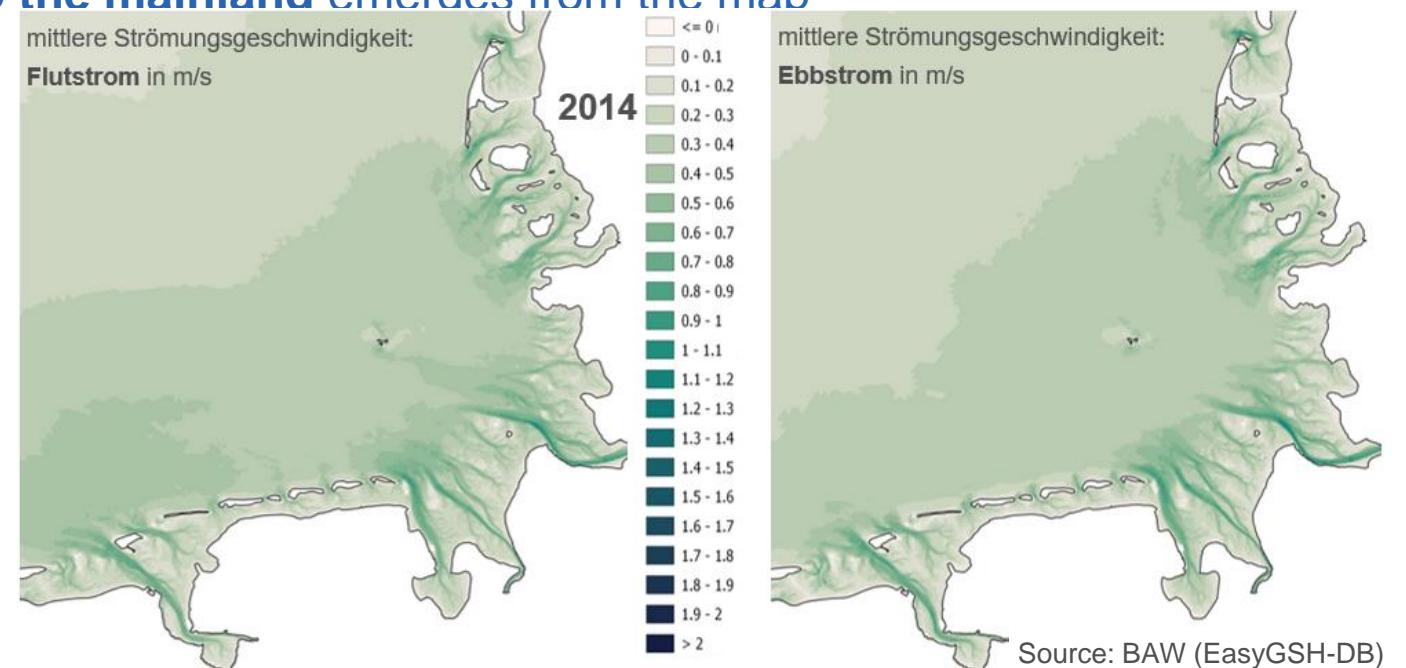
HN-Simulation:  
3.8.2013-17<sup>00</sup> UTC  
**Grid resolution:**  
400 - 500 m, with  
SubGrid ≈ 30 m

# Application: Green Energy

## Site search for tidal energy plants

**GFC** | GREEN FINANCE CORP.

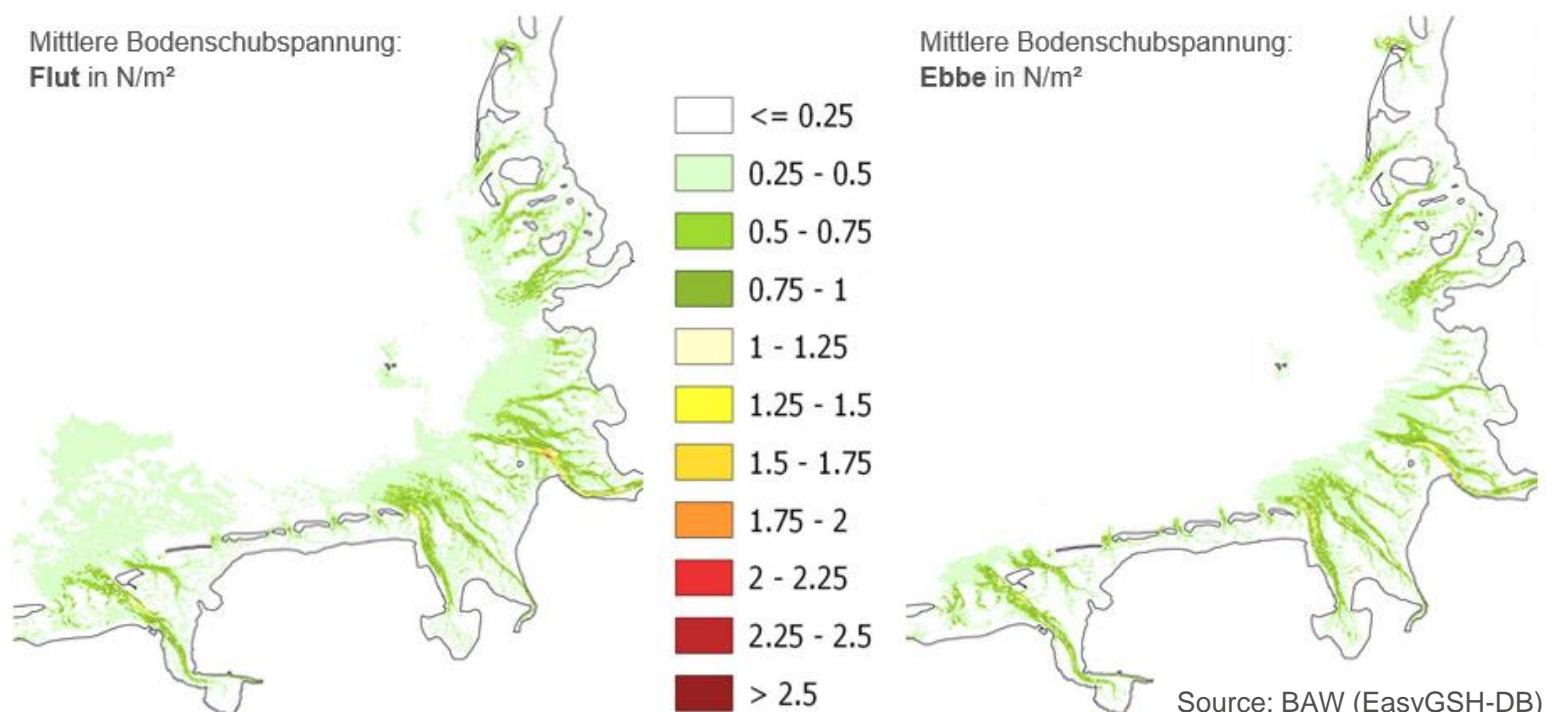
- Finding the necessary tidal current intensity: **Analyses ( $V_{Fm}$ ,  $V_{Em}$ ,  $V_{Fmx}$ ,  $V_{Emx}$ )**
- **Safe Installation depth: Morphological Stability map** (Difference smallest/largest depth z)
- Determination of minimum water depth (**Tlw, min z**)
- **Site selection concerning distance to the mainland emerges from the map**



# Application: Habitat types

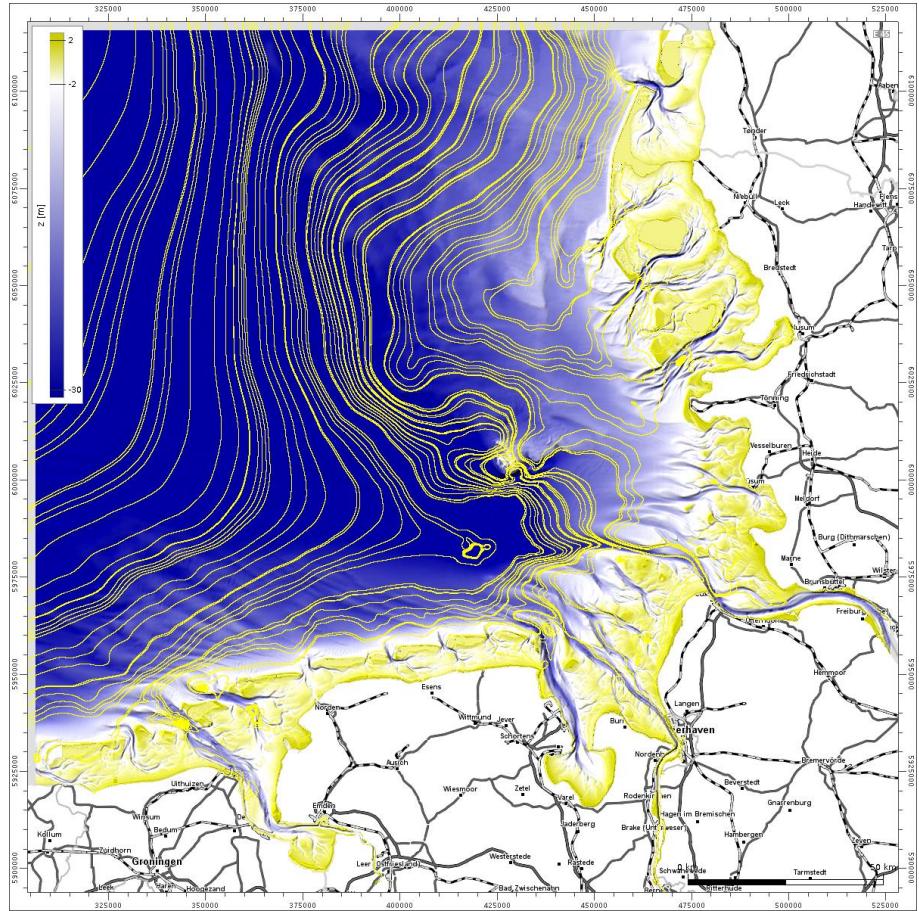
## Mussel beds: Occurrence and population

- Flow velocities and bottom shear stresses: **analyses** ( $V_{Fm}$ ,  $V_{Em}$ ,  $V_{Fmx}$ ,  $V_{emx}$ ,  $\tau_B$ )
- **Morphological stability map** (difference smallest/largest depth z)
- Determination of **minimum water depth** (Tlw, min z)



# Expected project results

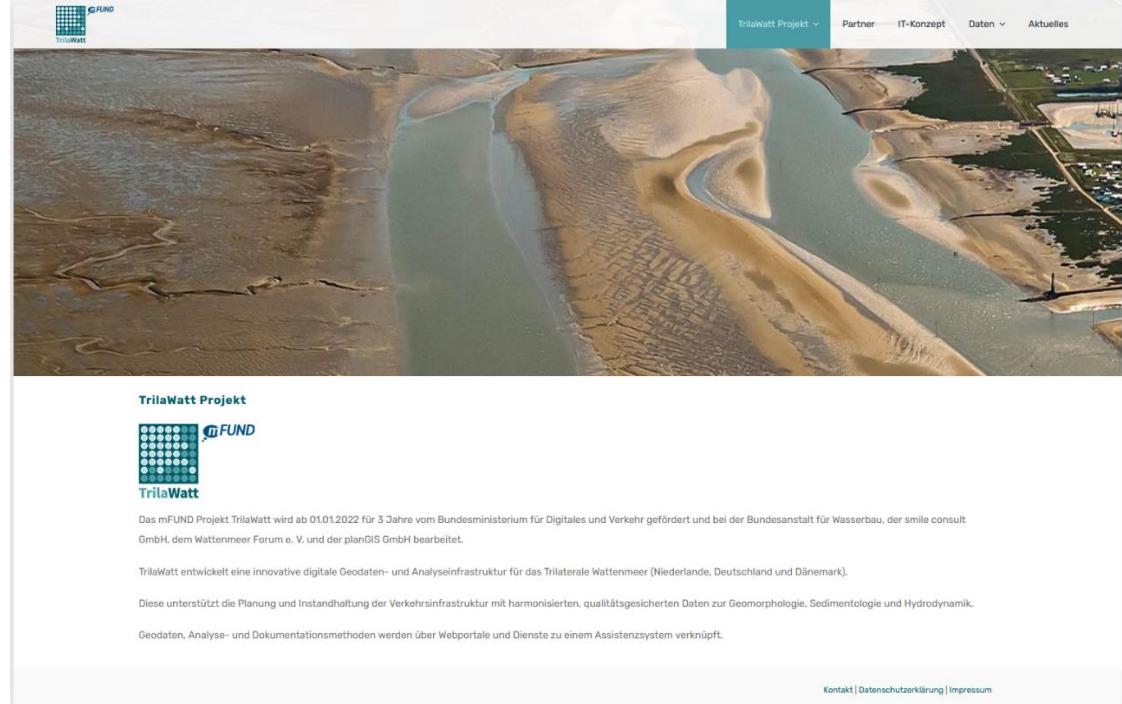
- Synoptic, QS - secured and freely available data base
  - geodata + simulations + analyses
  - bilingual metadata and services
- Data innovation
  - Big-Data-/Smart-Data-management
- Assistance system
  - schemata processing
  - semi-automatic product generation
- Generic infrastructure
  - networked
  - interdisciplinary
- Practice-oriented application
  - material for reporting requirements



resulting streamlines 2006 [EasyGSH-DB]

# Technical networking

- TrilaWatt web portal
  - Project details
  - direct access to database and data products
  - TrilaWatt cloud
- Marine Data Infrastructure Germany MDI-DE
  - Metadata for data and services
  - Catalog search (Catalog Service Web)
  - Map-viewer (Web Map Service)
  - Download (Web Feature Service)
  - Processing (Web Processing Service)
  - MDI-DE working groups
- Trilateral Wadden Sea cooperation



<https://trilawatt.eu/>

# Integration into the Marine Data Infrastructure Germany

Search for data and services  
by harvesting of standardized metadata

International



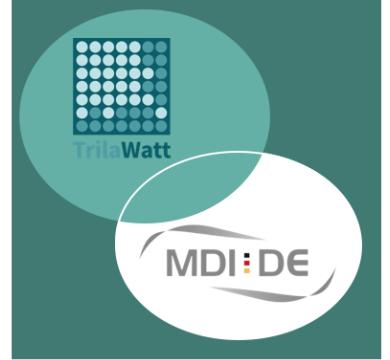
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Subject / Expert Portal

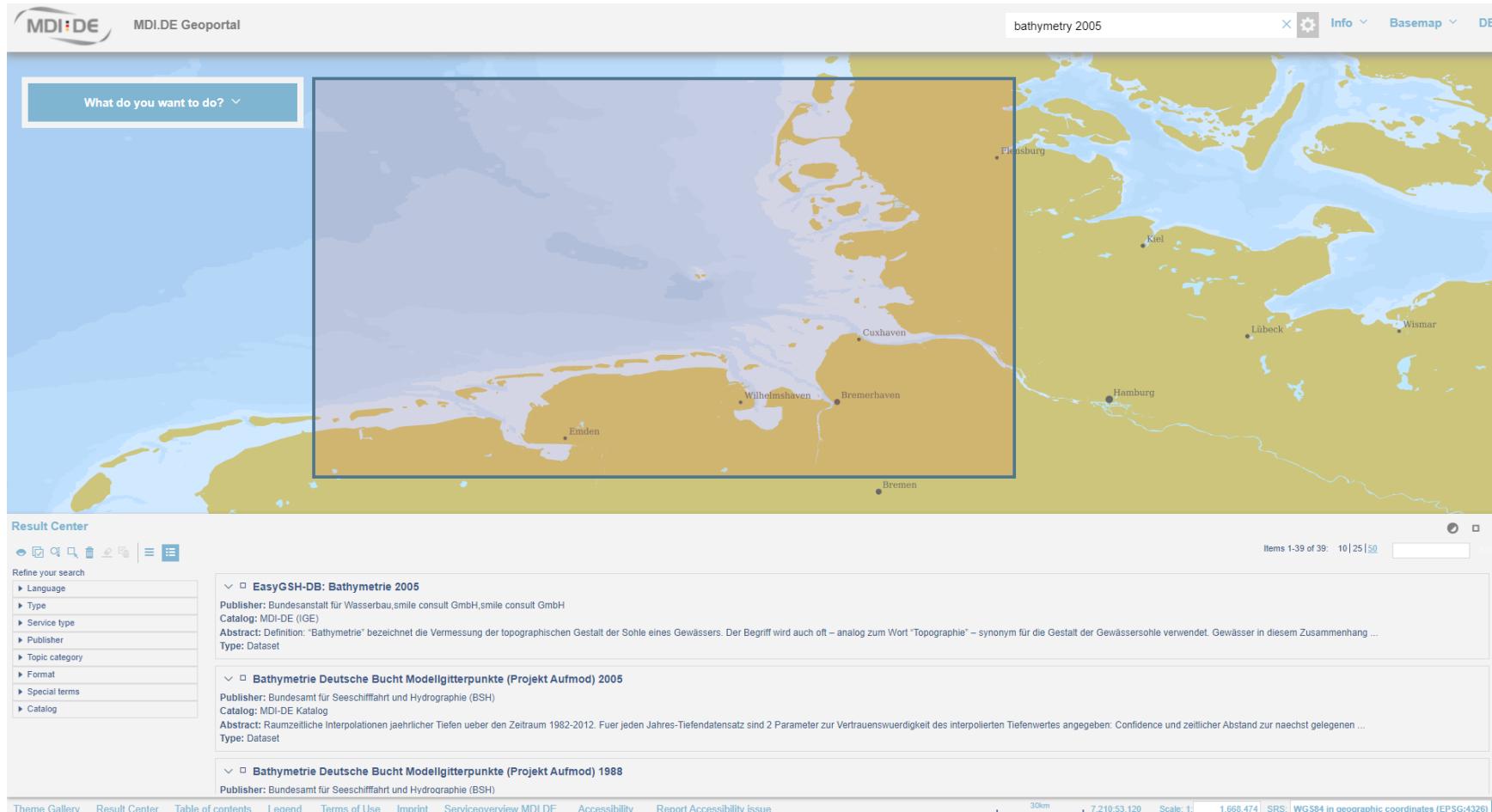


Project Portal



# Search and find data in the MDI-DE

## Using EasyGSH-DB as an example



<https://mdi-de.org>

# Search and find data in the *mCLOUD*

Using EasyGSH-DB as an example

The screenshot shows the mCLOUD search interface. At the top, there is a search bar with the text "Bathymetrie 2005" and a search button. Below the search bar, the results are displayed under the heading "2 Datensätze". The results are sorted by "Relevanz". On the left, there are two filter sections: "RAUMBEZUG (2)" which includes a map of Europe with a bounding box around Germany and surrounding areas, and "ZEITBEZUG (2)". The main result is a card for "EasyGSH-DB: Bathymetrie 2005". The card contains the following information:

- Bereitgestellt durch:** smile consult GmbH (smile)
- Art des Datenzugangs:** ZIP / GeoTIFF / Shape / WFS / WCS / GML / WMS
- Aktualität der Datensatzbeschreibung:** 13.10.2020

<https://www.mcloud.de>

# Search and find data in the INSPIRE Geoportal

Using EasyGSH-DB as an example

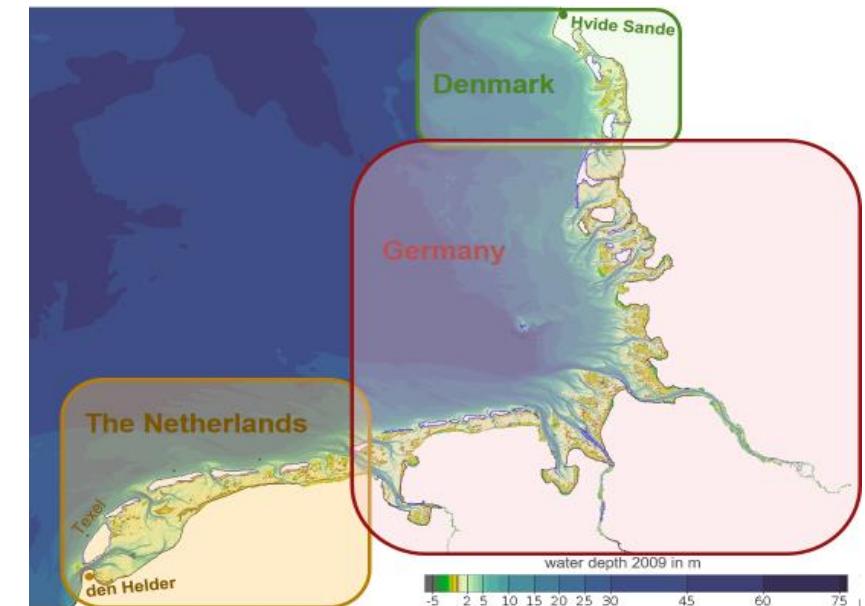
The screenshot shows the INSPIRE GEOPORTAL interface. At the top, there's a banner with the European Commission logo and the text "INSPIRE GEOPORTAL" and "Enhancing access to European spatial data". Below the banner, the navigation bar includes links for "Home", "Priority Data Sets Viewer", "Thematic Viewer", "Harvesting status", and "Find out more about". The main content area is titled "Data sets by" and shows two entries. The first entry is for "Bathymetrie 2005" from "EasyGSH-DB: Bathymetrie 2005". The second entry is partially visible. Both entries have "Properties" buttons. On the left, there's a sidebar with filters for "Properties" (Downloadable, Viewable) and "Spatial scope coverage" (National, Regional, Other). At the bottom, there are pagination controls for "Show 10 entries" and "Showing 1 to 1 of 1 entries".

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# Project execution/ management

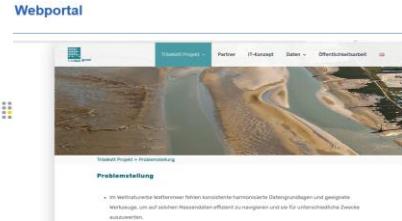
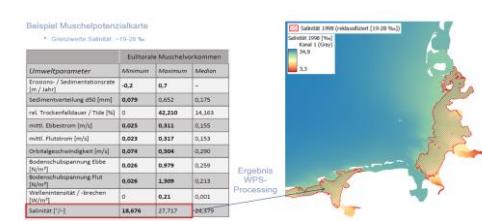
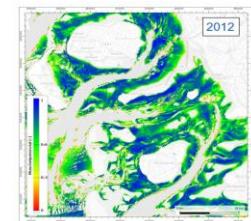
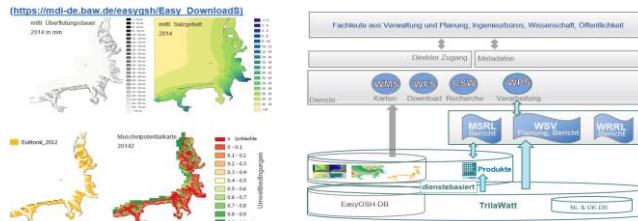
## Next Steps

- Trilateral **stakeholder analysis** - Identification of potential data users, data holders and other users
- Questions and tasks - Identification of **pilot applications** together with the stakeholders
- Involvement of **interested users** in the joint processing of the respective question/task
- Data retrieval and database extension
- Data **harmonization**
- Establish data **interoperability**



# TrilaWatt

- works on **international** level on a **coherent database** for the **Trilateral Wadden Sea Cooperation**
- creates **consistent, quality-assured data records**
- develops services-based **methods** for **automated reporting**
- makes the developed **results** and **products** available via **known data portals**
- would like to encourage **users** from different sectors to become "problem owners" and to seek **cooperation with the TrilaWatt consortium**
- offers the opportunity to work on **selected issues concerning the trilateral Wadden Sea Area**

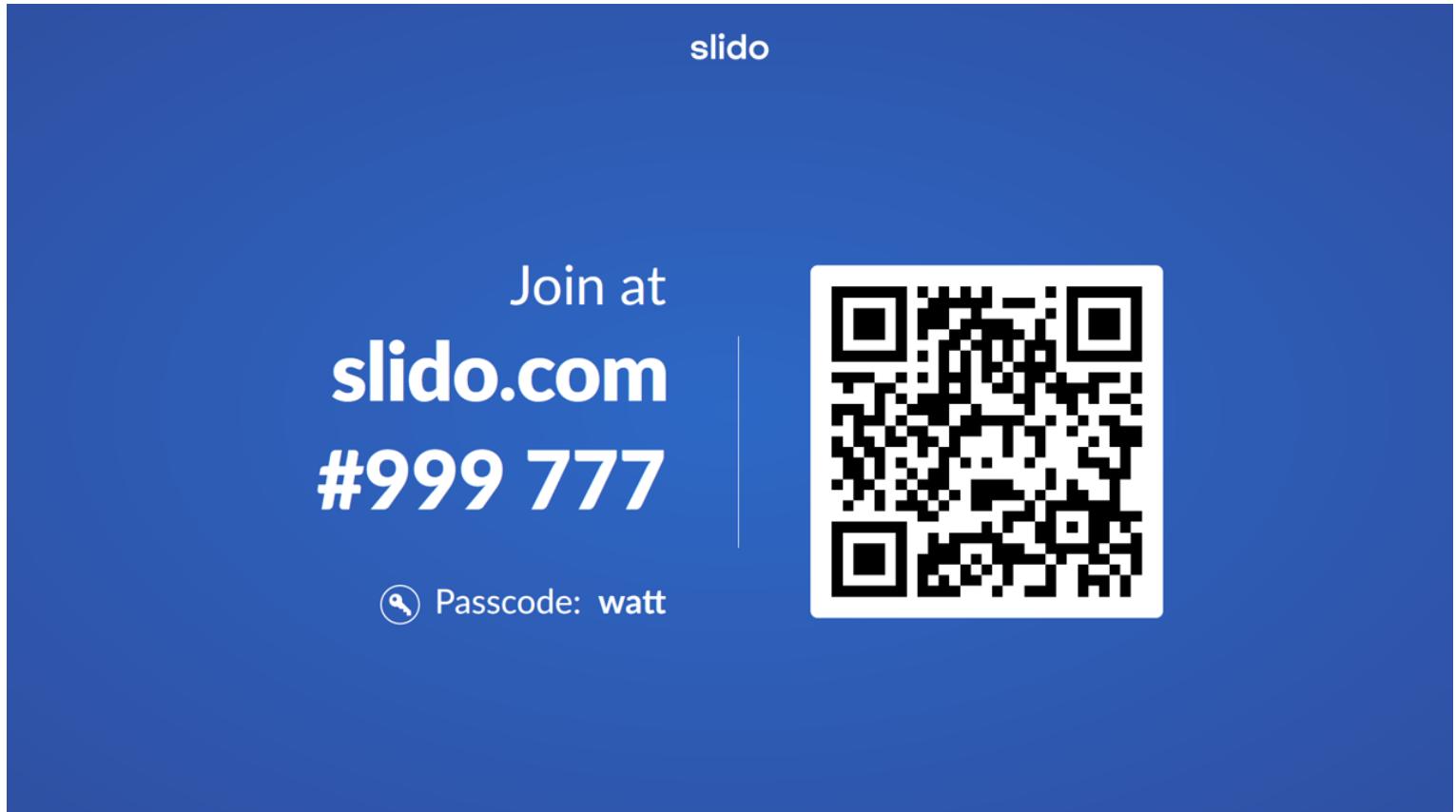


# Discussion and questions in the group of participants

## Discussion (All)

- Form
- Goals
- Content
- Communication
- Deployment
- Usage
- Perspectives

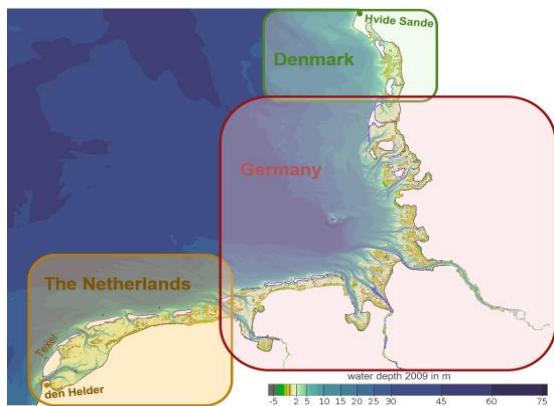
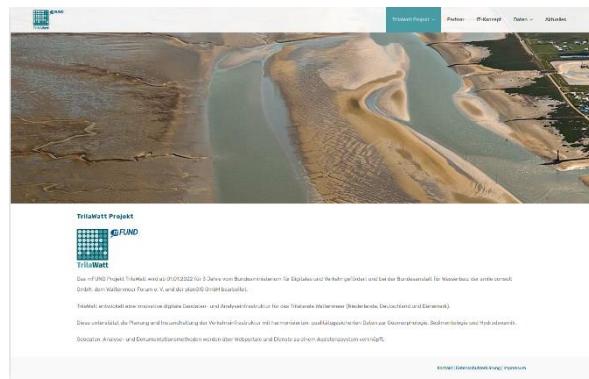
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