



A Vision for Maritime Spatial Planning in the Atlantic: the EU Commission's perspective

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What objectives for a vision?

- UN Sustainable Development Goals
- All are relevant for the Atlantic
- SDG 14 « Life below water » of special importance for the marine environment

TARGET 14-1



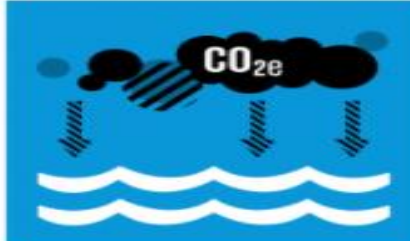
REDUCE MARINE POLLUTION

TARGET 14-2



PROTECT AND RESTORE ECOSYSTEMS

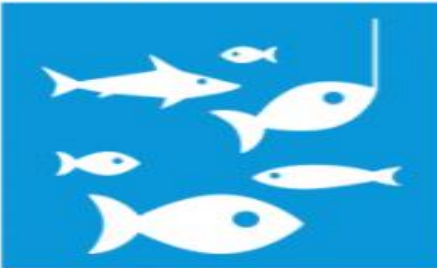
TARGET 14-3



REDUCE OCEAN ACIDIFICATION



TARGET 14-4



SUSTAINABLE FISHING

TARGET 14-5



CONSERVE COASTAL AND MARINE AREAS

TARGET 14-6



END SUBSIDIES CONTRIBUTING TO OVERFISHING

TARGET 14-7



INCREASE THE ECONOMIC BENEFITS FROM SUSTAINABLE USE OF MARINE RESOURCES

TARGET 14-A



INCREASE SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE, RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY FOR OCEAN HEALTH

TARGET 14-B



SUPPORT SMALL SCALE FISHERS

TARGET 14-C



IMPLEMENT AND ENFORCE INTERNATIONAL SEA LAW



SGD 14

- Relevance for the marine environment
- Very important for the Atlantic
- MSP must play a key role in achieving this goal

The European Green Deal

- Putting into motion the 2030 SDGs in the EU
- For the marine environment, seas and oceans, the Green Deal is a Blue Deal
- Sustainable Blue Economy

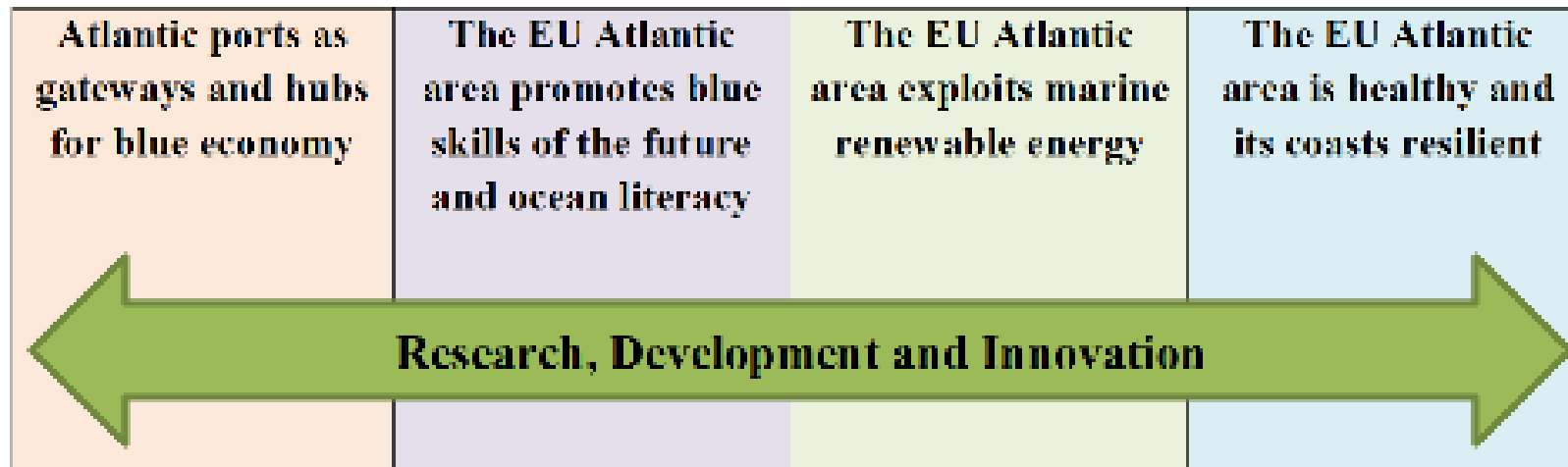


Sustainable Blue Economy

- From « Blue Growth » to a Sustainable Blue Economy
- The Atlantic has a high potential



Atlantic action plan 4 pillars



Goal 1: Ports as gateways for trade in the Atlantic

Goal 2: Ports as catalysts for business

Goal 3: Quality education, training and life-long learning

Goal 4: Ocean literacy

Goal 5: Promote carbon neutrality through marine renewable energy

Goal 6: Coastal protection

Goal 7: Fight against marine litter

Atlantic Action Plan 2.0

- Seabasin vision for the Atlantic
- Concentrates efforts on key areas
- Serves as basis and inspiration for initiatives in the Atlantic

Example of a (MSP) vision

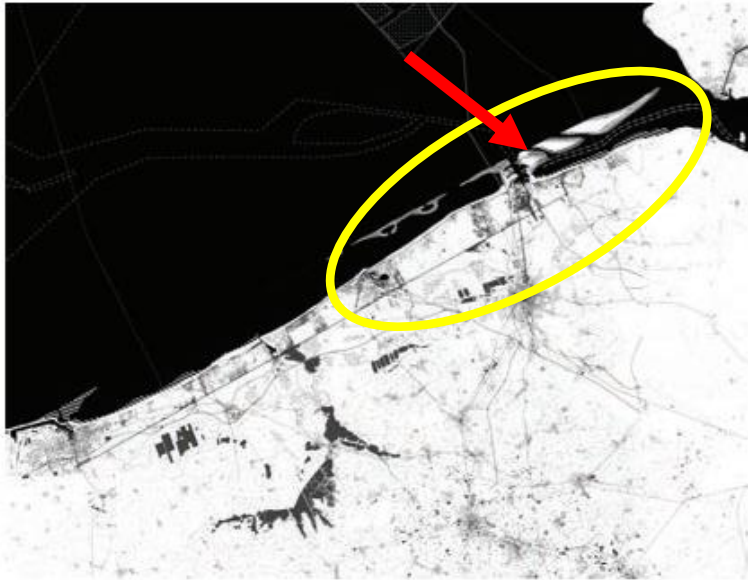
- The Netherlands in 2120



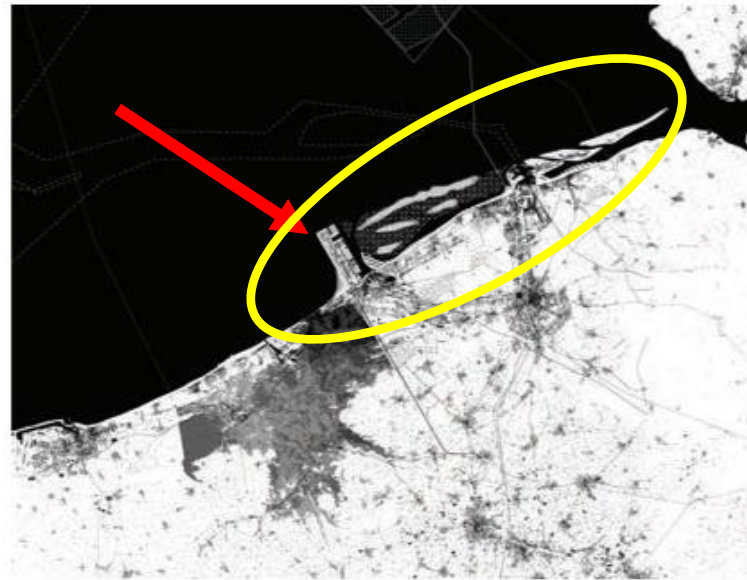
Nederland in 2020 vs Nederland in 2120



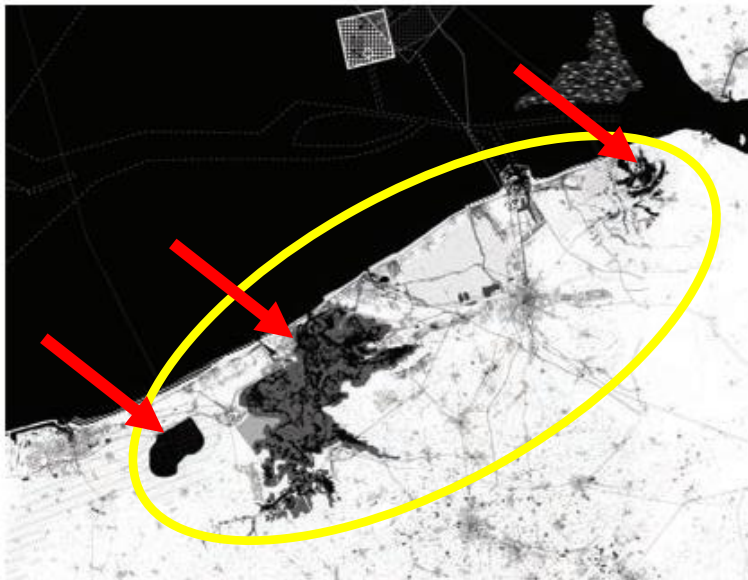
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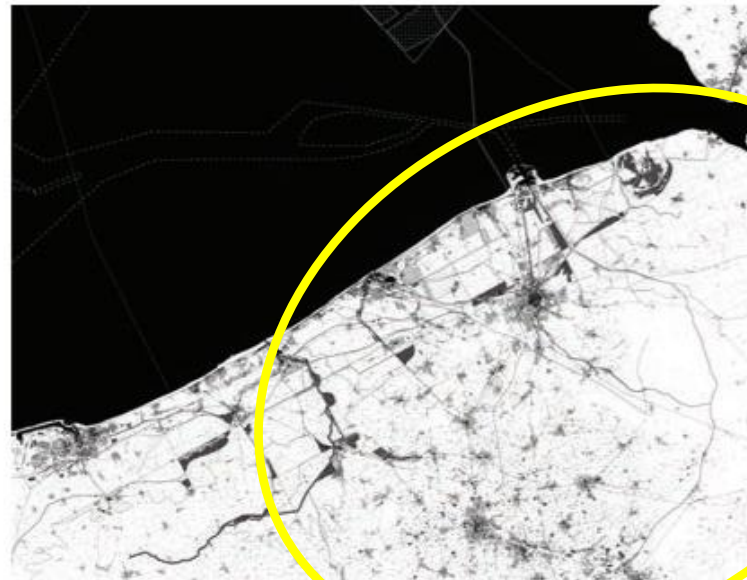
Toekomst 1: Zone



Toekomst 3: Bipool



Toekomst 2: Archipel



Toekomst 4: Mozaïek

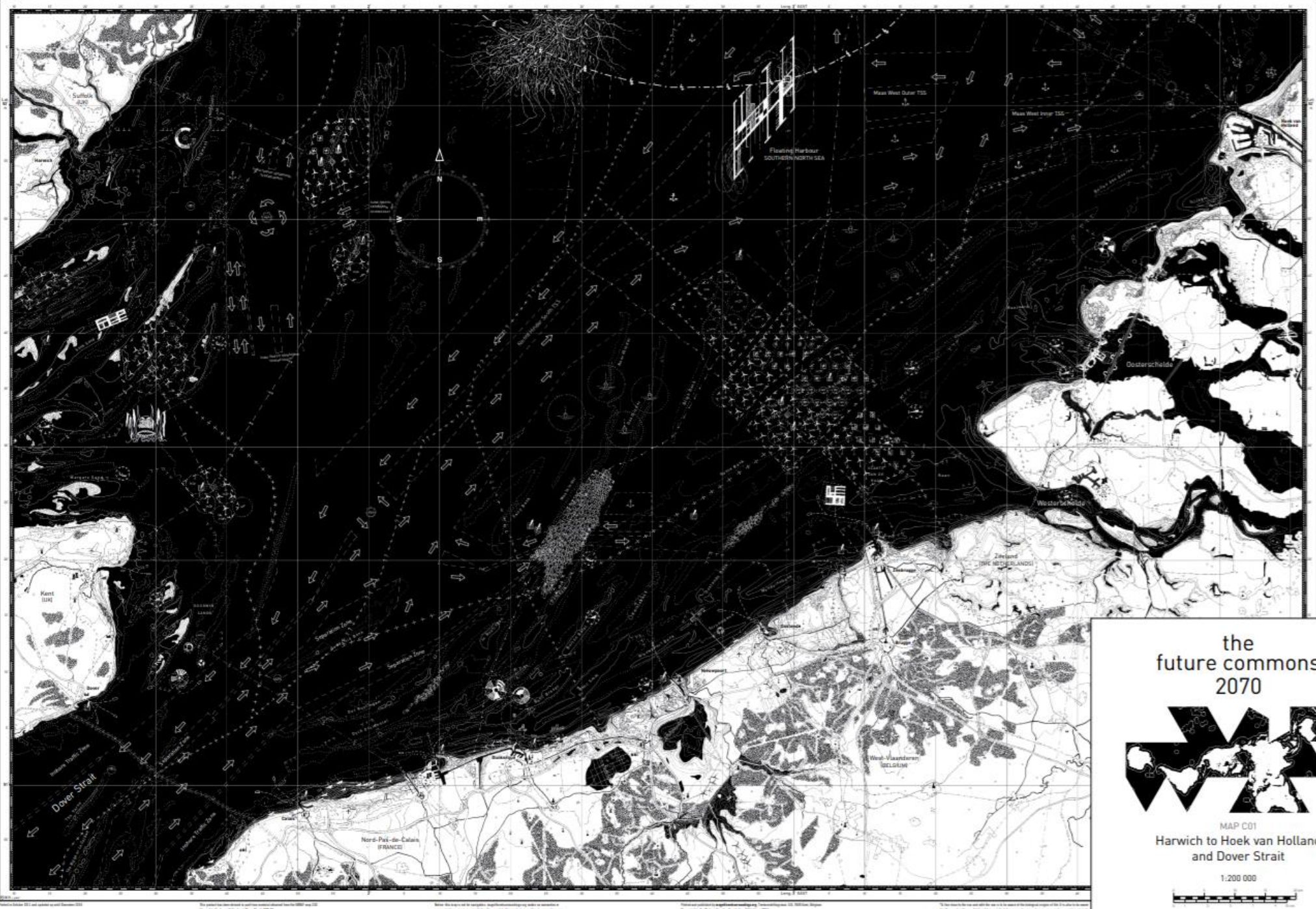
Another example of a vision

- The Belgian coast in 2100

- 1. « Zone »
- 2. Archipelago
- 3. Bipolar
- 4. Mosaic

And yet another (MSP) one!

- The North Sea in 2070



the future commons 2070



MAP C01
Harwich to Hoek van Holland and Dover Strait
1:200 000



What (MSP?) vision for the Atlantic?

- A vision that is coherent with the 2030 SDGs
- A vision that supports the implementation of the European Green Deal
- A vision that delivers a Sustainable Blue Economy
- A vision that contributes to achieve the goals of the Atlantic Action Plan





[More background information at:](#)

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