

[Re]Natured Economy⁺

From pollutants to productive landscapes

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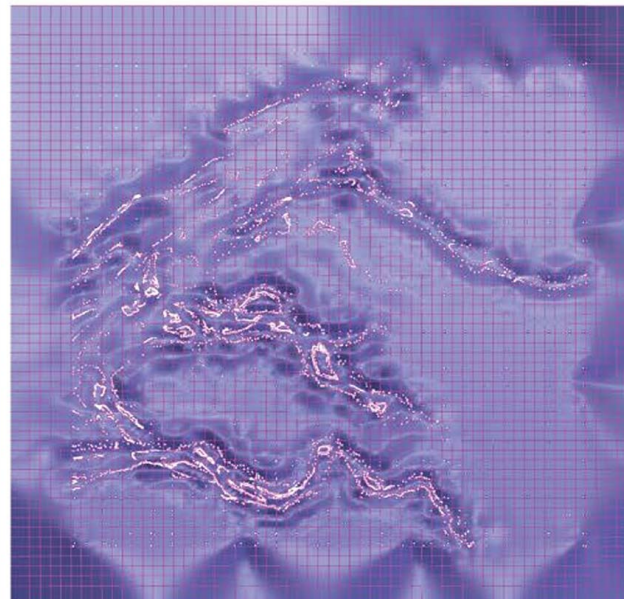
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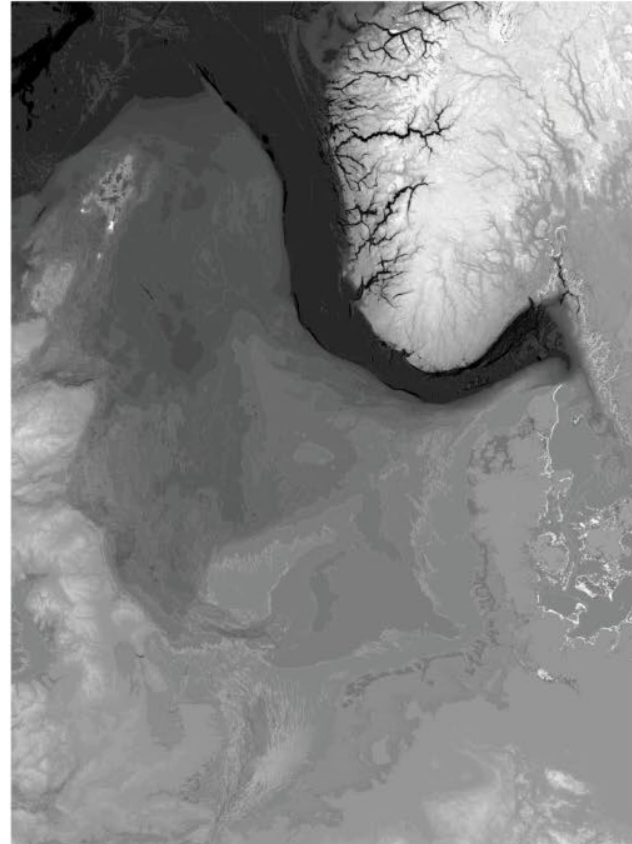
Introduction

Ecology, economy and the demise of dualisms

"[...] nature is not "just there." It is *historical*."

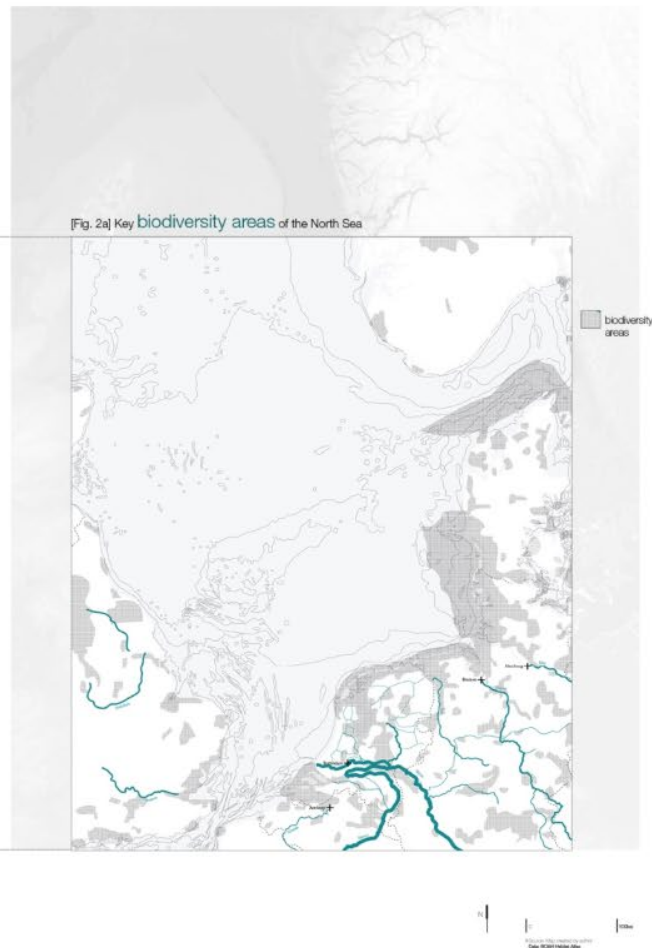
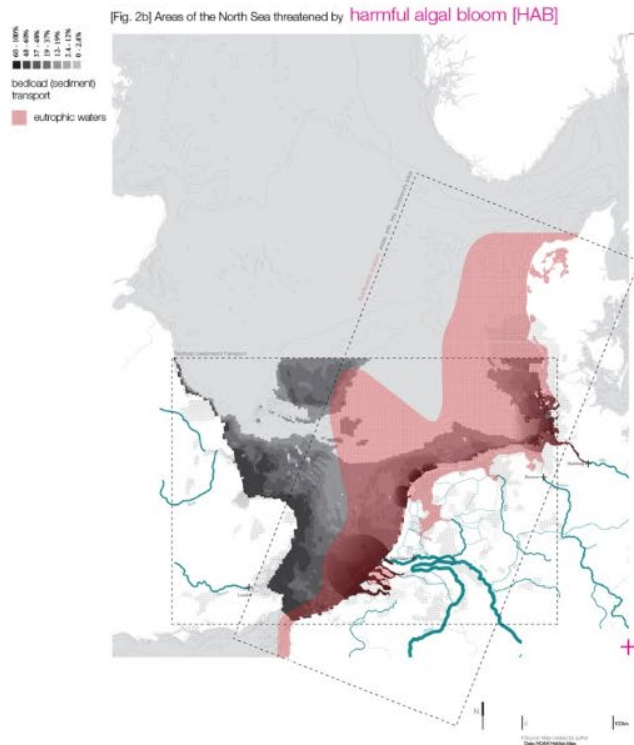
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[Fig. 1] Map of the North Sea_Altimetry-Bathymetry

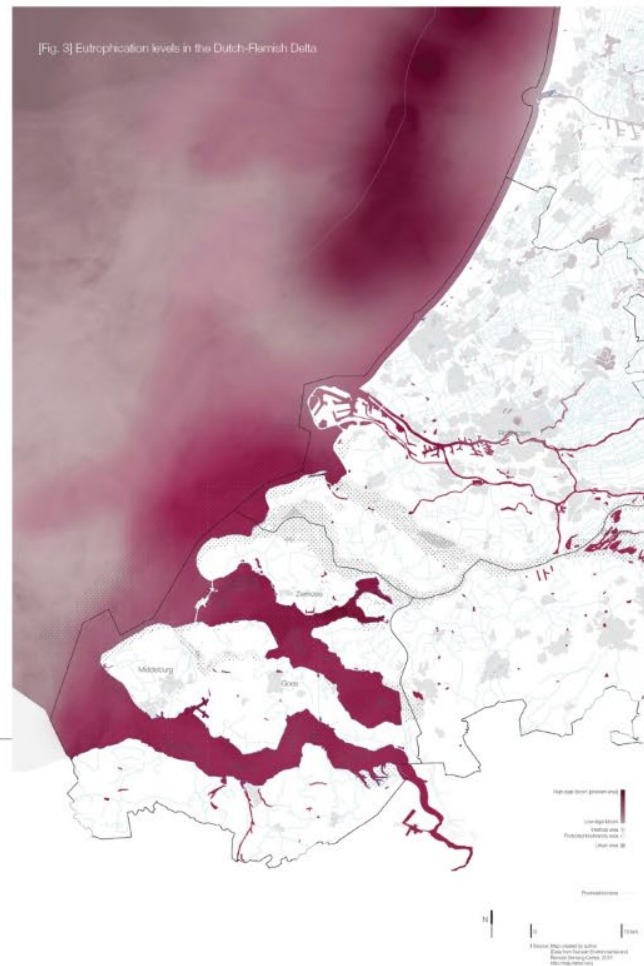
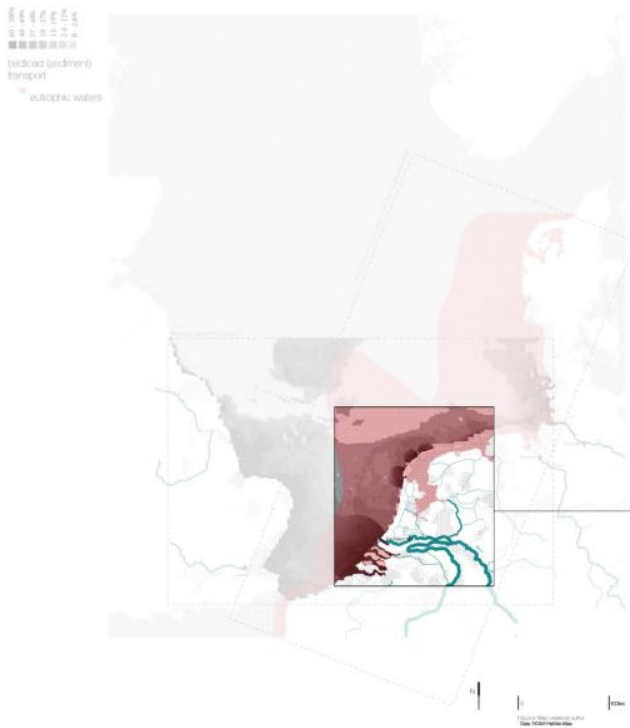


The North Sea perspective

Eutrophication



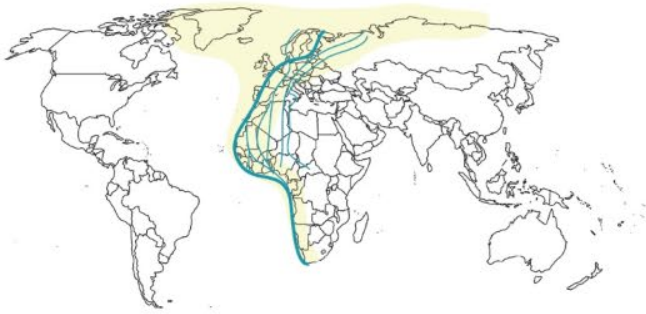
Location: Dutch-Flemish Delta
Eutrophication levels



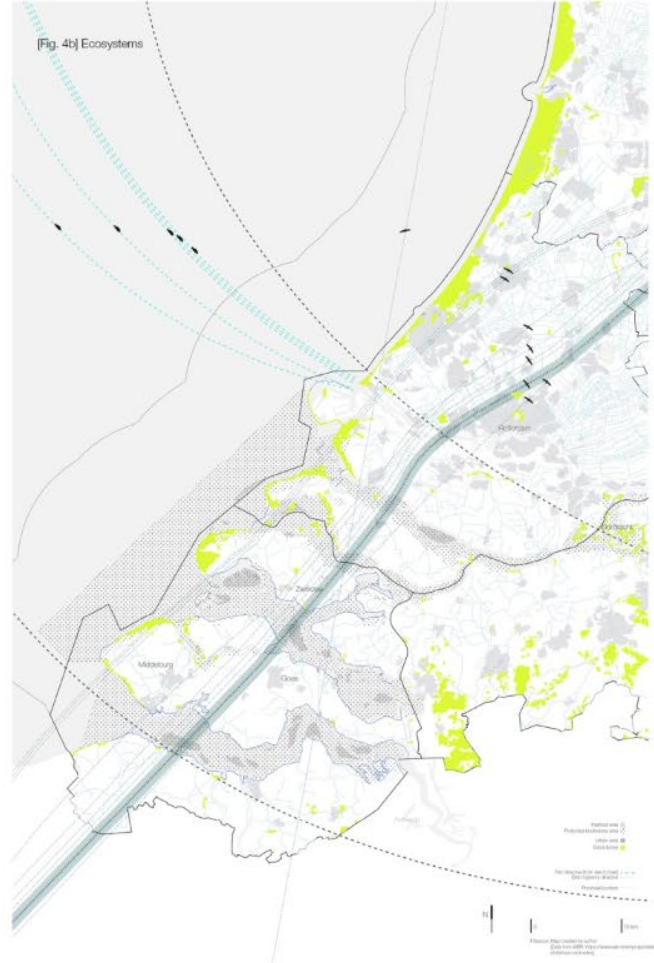
Problem field

[Part 1: Depletion of ecoservices]

[Fig. 4a] Migration pathways for species [Europe-Africa]



! Source: Diagram made by author based on data from goo.gl/R1X8E



Problem field

[Part 1: Depletion of ecoservices]

[Fig. 4c] Dead fish on seaweed on beach at low tide, North Sea coast, Netherlands



¹¹ Source: Alamy, [goo.gl/RL23M](https://www.alamy.com/stock-photo/sea-urchin-on-beach-at-low-tide-north-sea-coast-netherlands-image123456789.html) [shortened (left)] and [goo.gl/UoPpDle](https://www.alamy.com/stock-photo/dead-crabs-on-beach-at-low-tide-north-sea-coast-netherlands-image123456789.html) [shortened (right)]

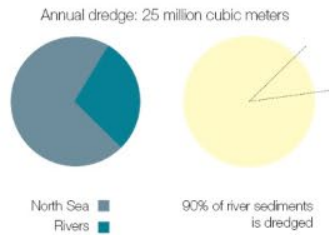


[Fig. 4d] Dead crabs with razor clams on the beach of North Sea, Netherlands

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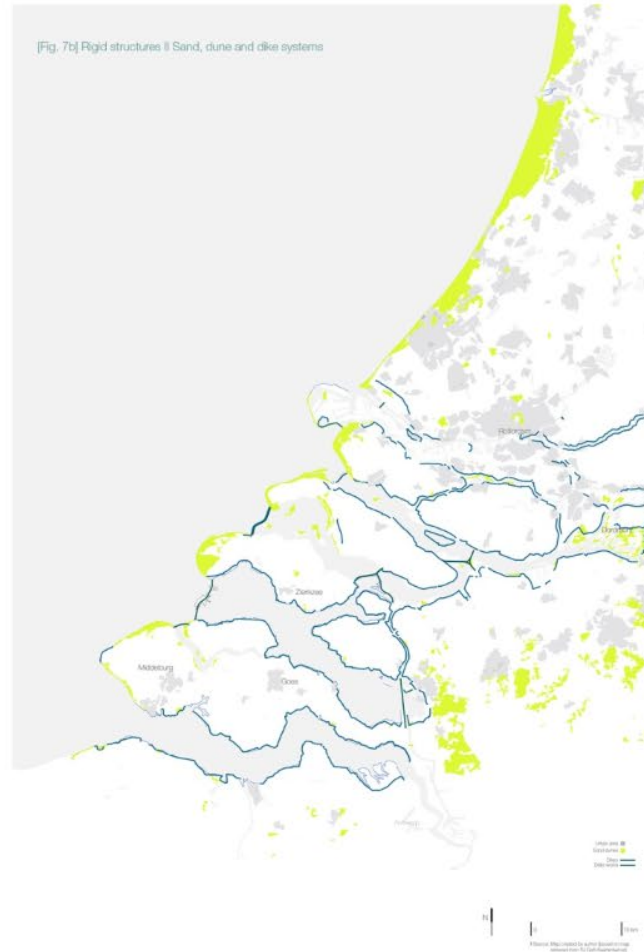
[Part 2: **Sea level rise**_Non-versatile economy_Depletion of resources]

[Fig. 7a] Anthropogenic activities



|| Source: VEN, G.P. VAN DE, 2004. Man-made lowlands. History of water management and land reclamation in the Netherlands. Utrecht: Uitgeverij Mottij.

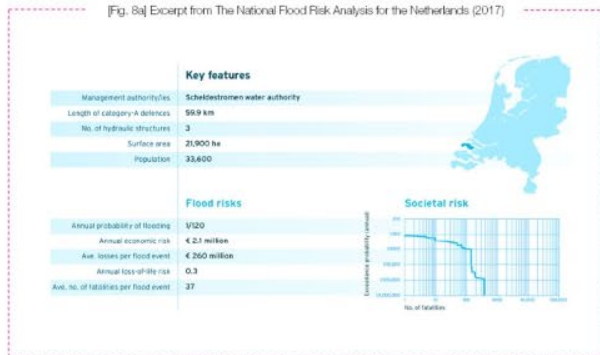
[Fig. 7b] Rigid structures || Sand, dune and dike systems



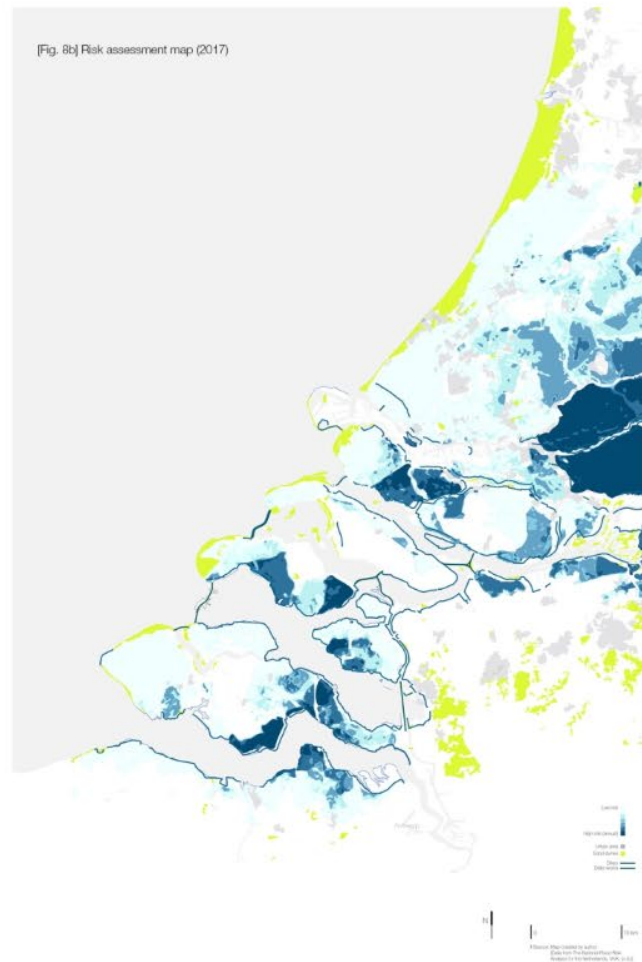
Problem field

[Part 2: **Sea level rise**_Non-versatile economy_Depletion of resources]

[Fig. 8a] Excerpt from The National Flood Risk Analysis for the Netherlands (2017)

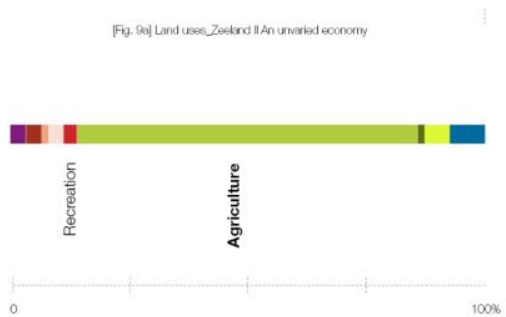


[Fig. 8b] Risk assessment map (2017)

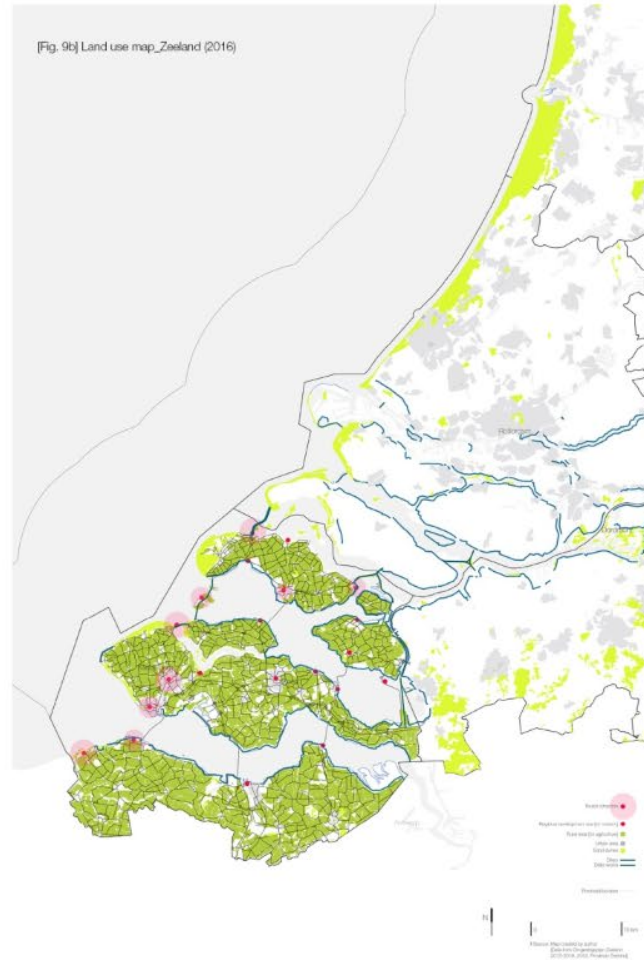


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[Part 2: Sea level rise_**Non-versatile economy**_Depletion of resources]



II Source: CBS, 2016



Problem field

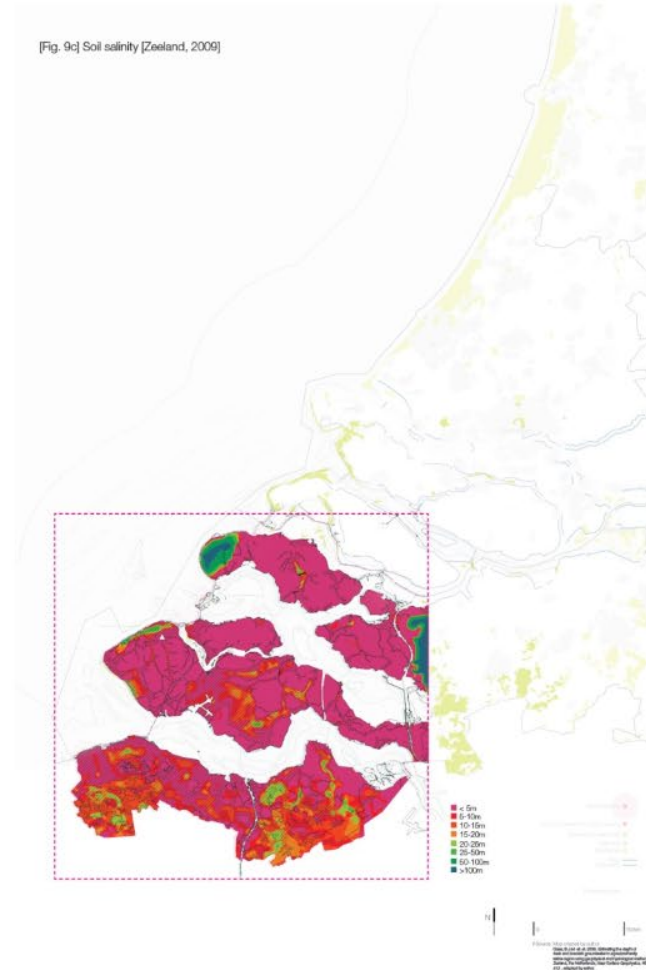
[Part 2: Sea level rise_**Non-versatile economy**_Depletion of resources]

[Fig. 9d] Tulp field. Location: Aardenburg



1 Source: TrekEarth, <https://www.trekearth.com/gallery/Europe/Netherlands/SouthZeeland/Aardenburg/photo1492442.htm>

[Fig. 9c] Soil salinity [Zeeland, 2009]



Research question

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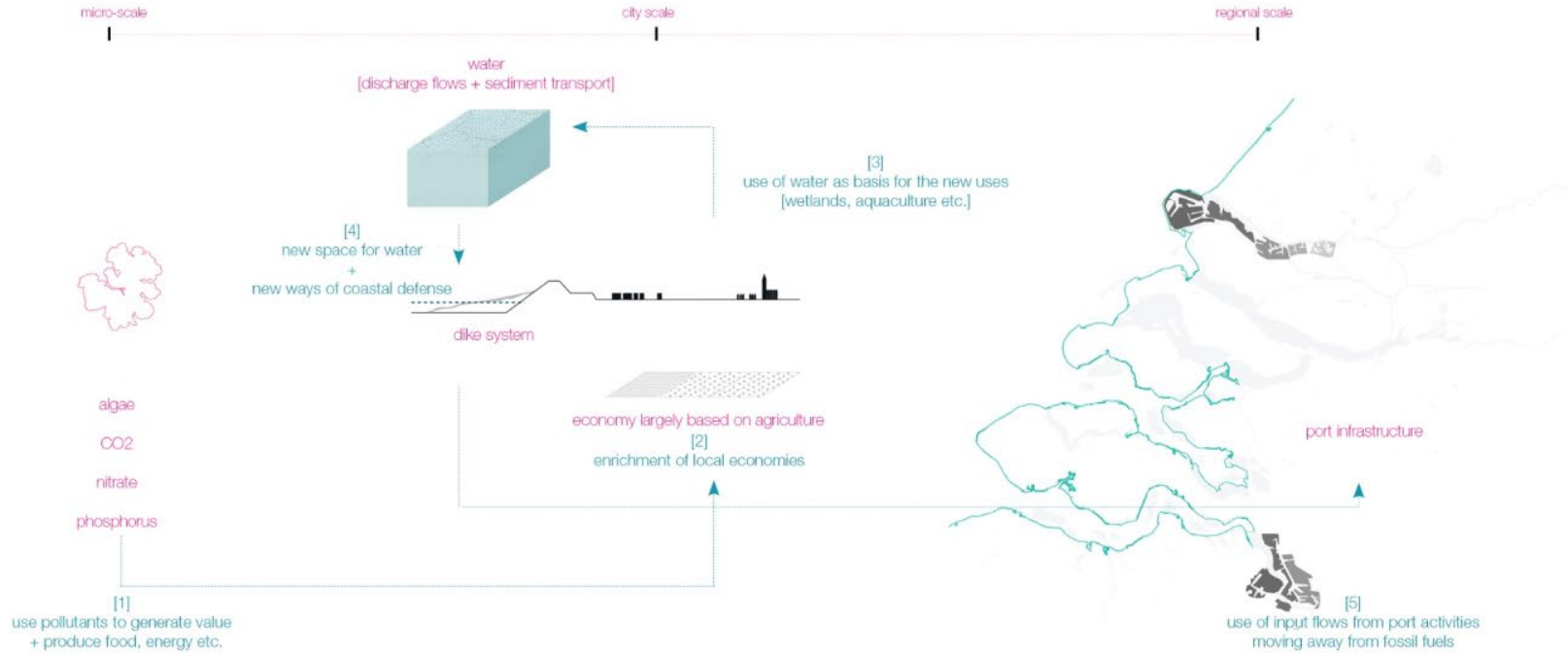
What kind of **shift in production** could subvert negative trends [pollution, sea-level rise, reliance on resources fast depleting] to generate value and facilitate a resilient, yet sustainable economy?

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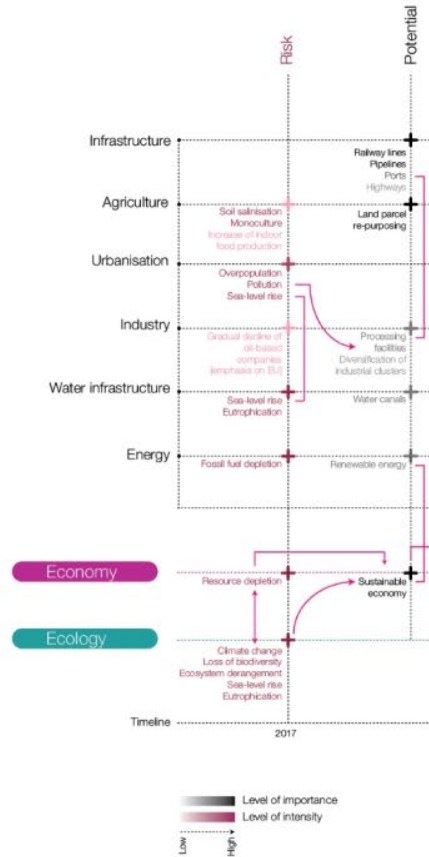
Hypothesis

From pollutants to productive landscapes



Principles matrix [key factors]

Risk and potential in contemporary growth-oriented economy

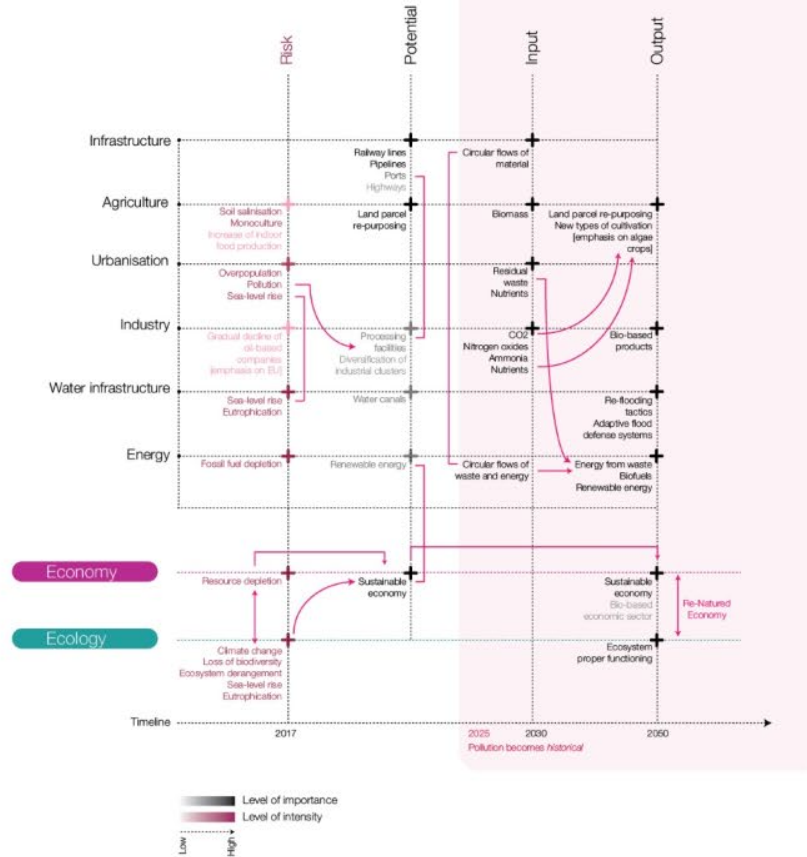


Principles matrix [key factors]

Expected inputs and outputs with regard to **a bio-based economy**

Hypothesis [pollution theorem]:

A win-win situation where negative environmental trends are subverted into production inputs and lead to the enhancement of local adaptive capacity, economic resilience and ecological stability



Expected output

Evolutionary perspective



Research by design [data & spatial factors]

Urbanisation trends

[Fig. 11] Population data - Zeeland

Demographic data - region: Zeeland		
	2015	2016
Population on 1 January		381.252
Live born children	380.726	3.459
Deaths	3.604	3.885
Arrivals in municipality	3.930	
Due to immigration	3.597	4.050
Due to intermunicipal moves	12.510	13.686
Departures from municipality		
Due to emigration	2.568	2.607
Due to intermunicipal moves	12.689	14.388
Net corrections	2	1
Population growth	526	316
Population on 31 December	381.252	381.568

Fact: Zeeland remains the least populated province of the Netherlands
 Overall trend: **Population declines**
Younger population moves to surrounding provinces



II Source: Diagrams made by author. Data from: CENTRAAL BUREAU VOOR DE STATISTIEK (CBS), 2017. Population dynamics; birth, death and migration per region. Retrieved from goo.gl/sPPYcG [Last access: 05/01/2018, 14:26]

Research by design [data & spatial factors]

Agricultural census

[Fig. 12] Agricultural uses + cash flows in the Netherlands

Investment cost and yearly cash flows of agricultural land uses in the Netherlands					
Agricultural land use	Investment costs (€/ha)	Maximum yearly gross revenues (€/ha)	Yearly fixed production costs (€/ha)	Maximum yearly net revenues (€/ha)	Average net revenues in total area (€/ha)
Dairy farming	14,269	7000	-2555	1197	619 [moderate revenues]
Arable farming	7257	7038	-3629	1923	233 [low revenues]
Vegetable growing	14,800	17,942	-8209	4478	1798
Fruit growing	35,858	17,813	-6907	5589	2967
Flower growing	26,254	39,916	-19,552	7222	-2801 [underperforming]
Tree nursery	35,055	49,440	-28,598	9528	622 [moderate revenues]

Proposed agricultural land use:
Aquaculture for algae production + fish farming

[Fig. 13a] Open field agricultural uses - Overall



11 Source: Diagrams made by author. Data [29a] from: DIOGO, V. et al. 2015. An economic theory-based explanatory model of agricultural land-use patterns: The Netherlands as a case study, *Agricultural Systems*, 130, 1–16

Research by design [data & spatial factors]

Ha suitable for aquaculture + re-flooding strategies [Zeeland]

[Arable land]

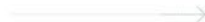
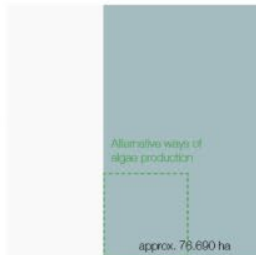
Fertiliser consumption: 241.2 kg/ha



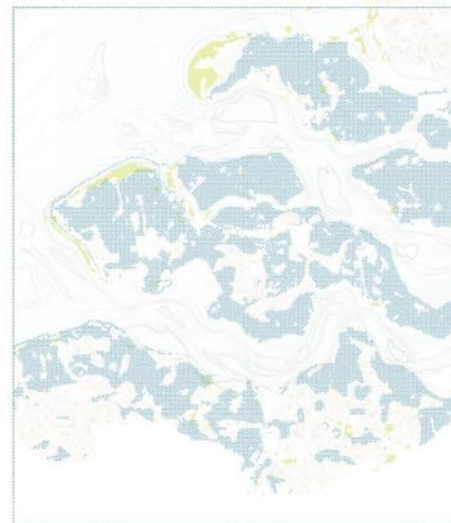
[Potential aquaculture]

Alternative ways of algae production

approx. 76.600 ha



[Fig. 13b] Areas suitable for aquaculture [as retrieved by: PROVINCIE ZEELAND, 2016]



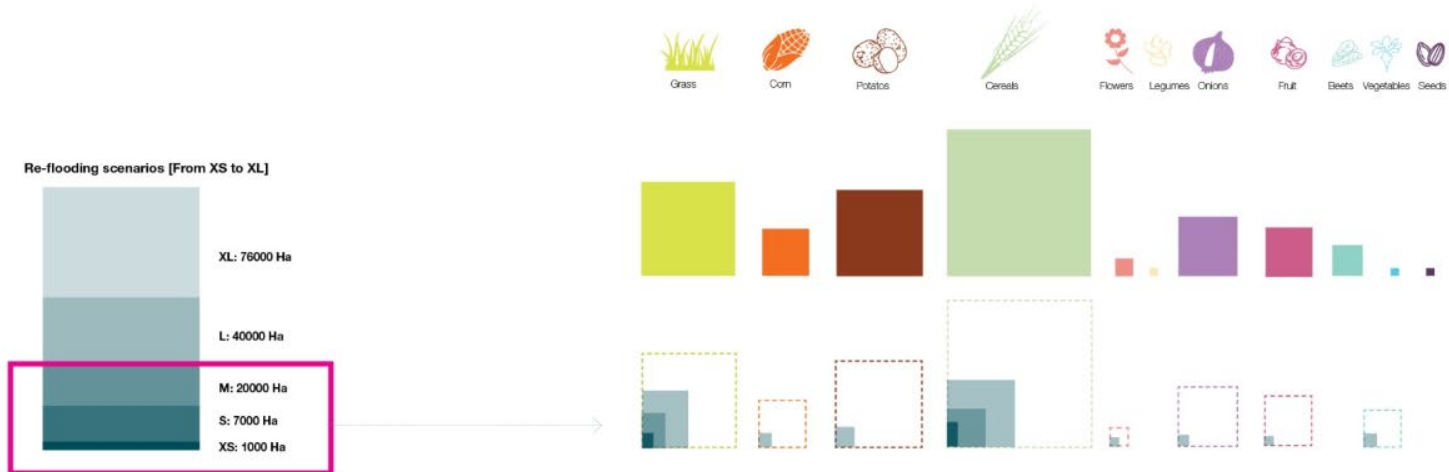
Research by design [data & spatial factors]

Selected scenarios



Research by design [data & spatial factors]

Ha of agricultural products that can be re-purposed for algae production + de-poldering + aquaculture



*Schematic representation of the ha proportion of each product

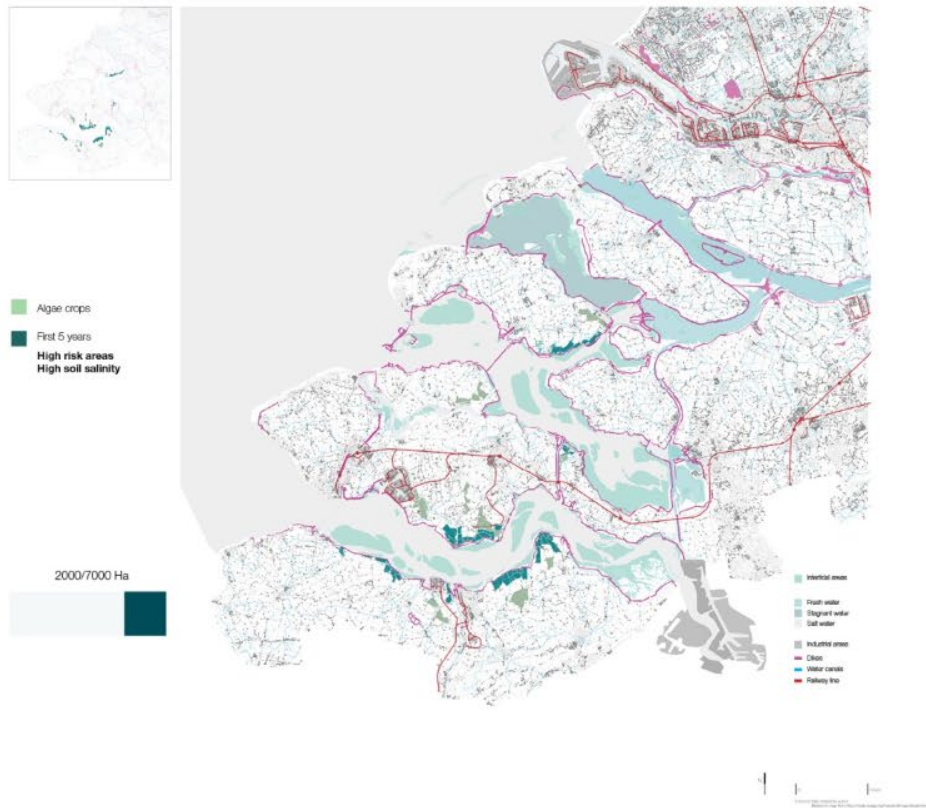
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Spatial representation of scenario S [7000 Ha]



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Spatial development [step 1]

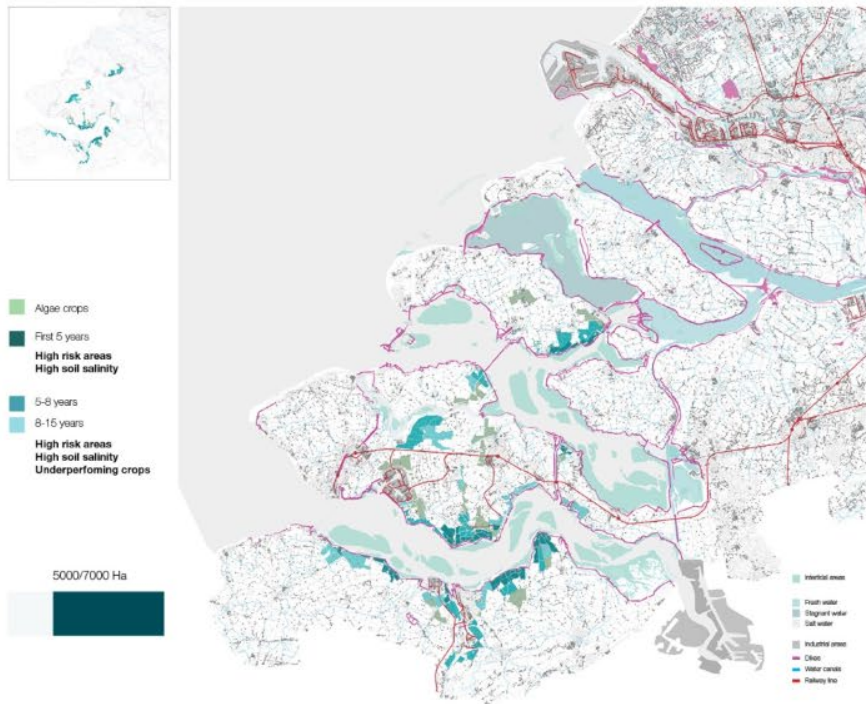


Stakeholders development [dispersed]

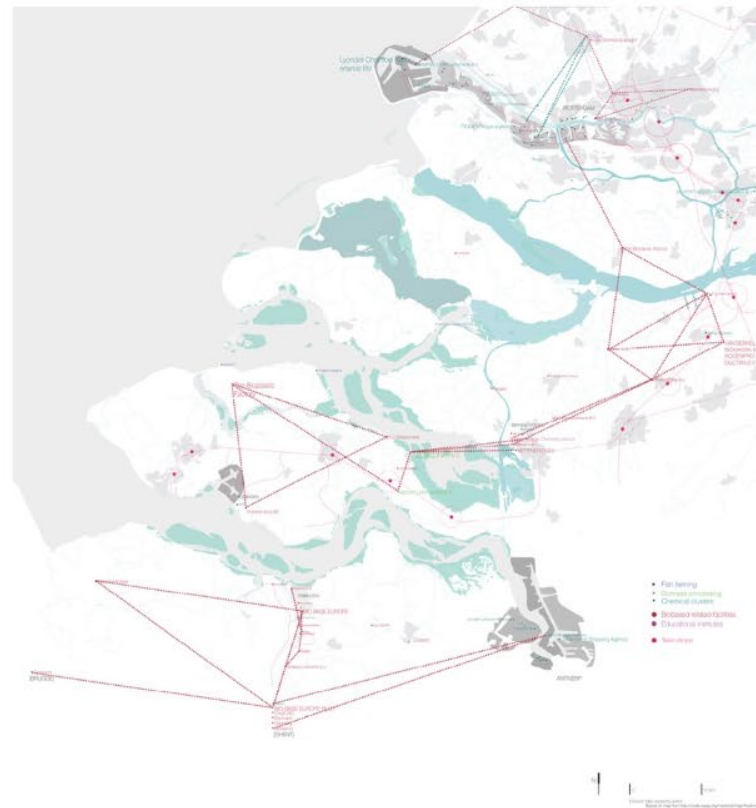


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Spatial development [step 2]

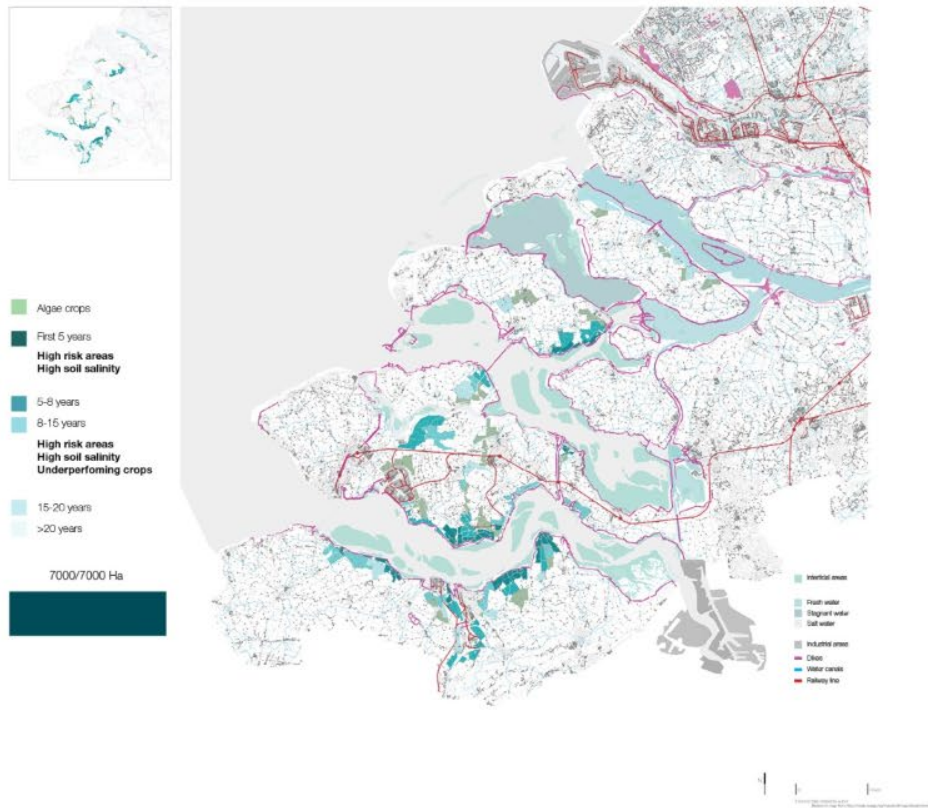


Stakeholders development [establishing connections]

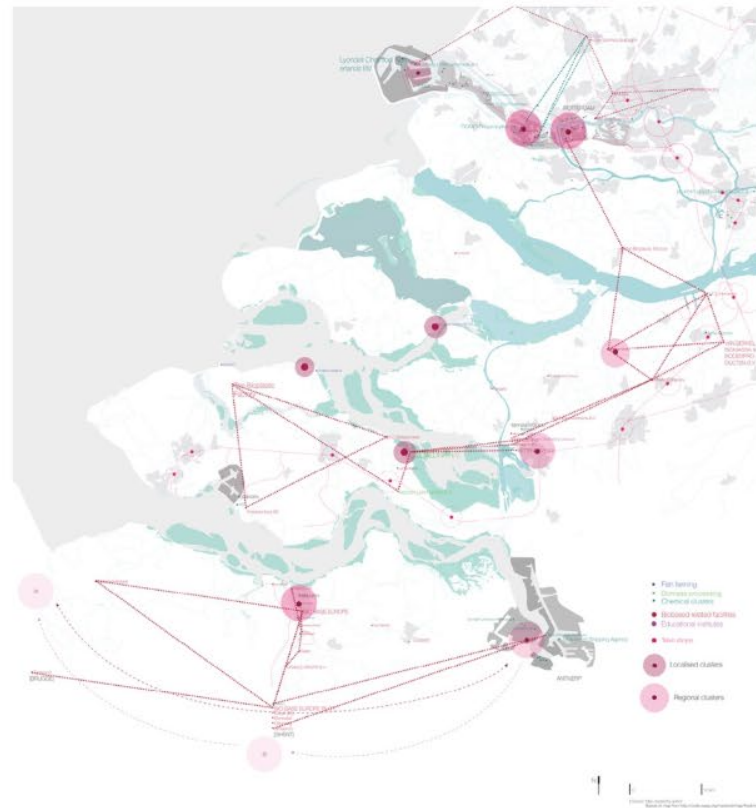


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Spatial development [step 3]

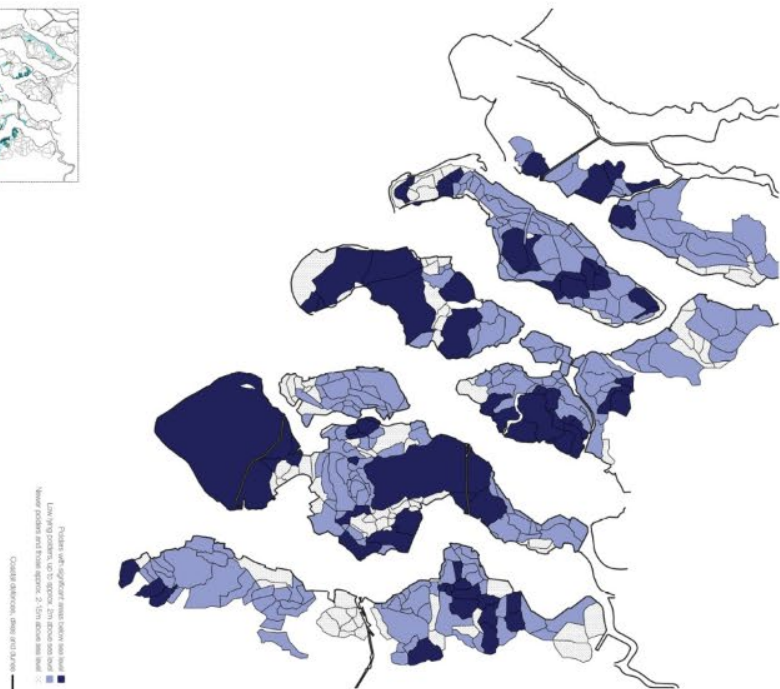
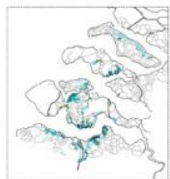


Stakeholders development [clusters formation]

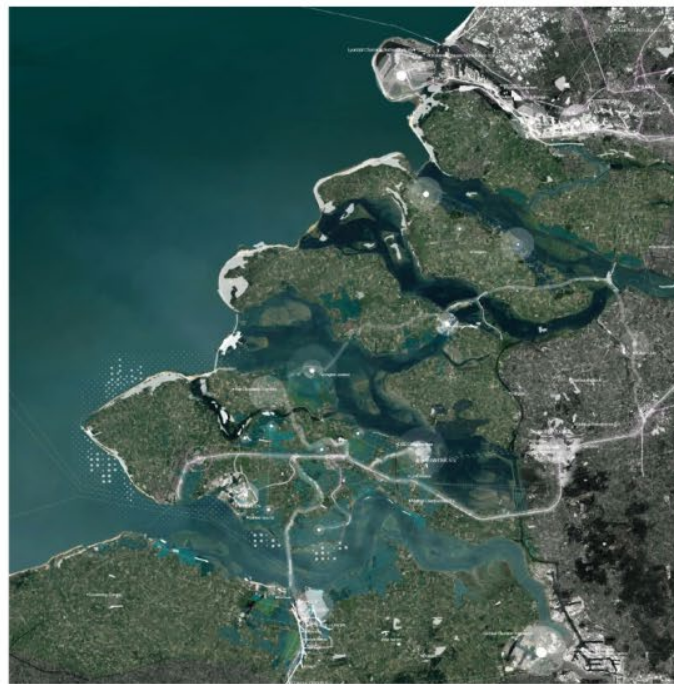


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Polder structure [existing]



Zeeland 2070+



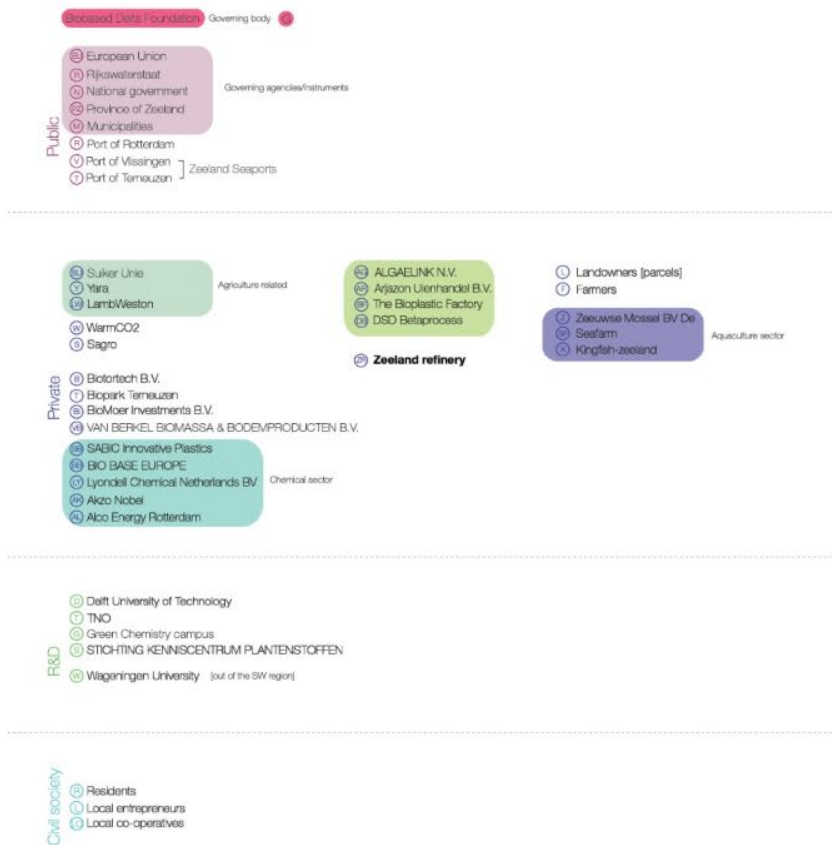
7000/7000 Ha

20000/20000 Ha



From macro to meso-scale

Range of stakeholders

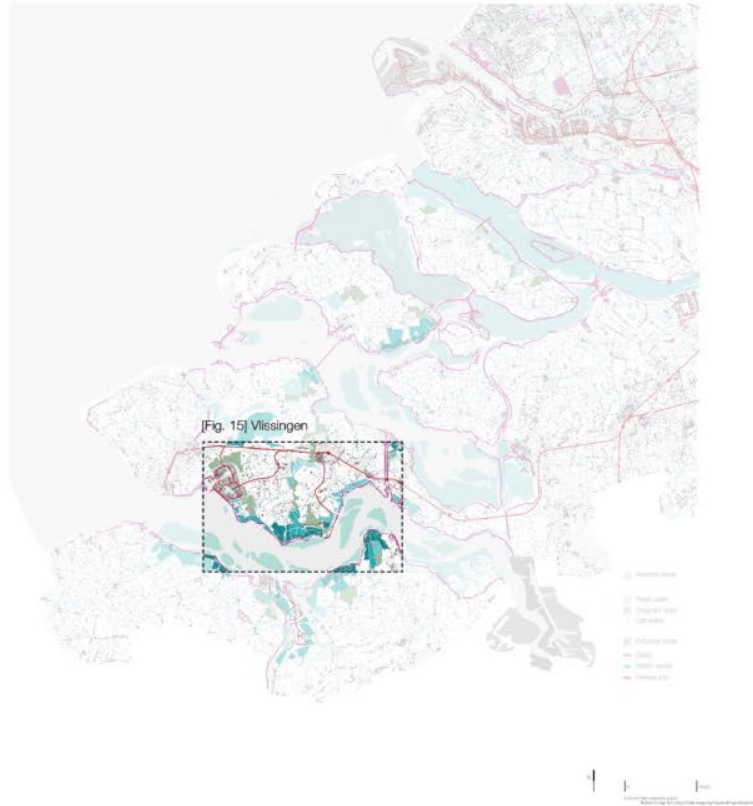


[Fig. 14] Proposed new functions



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Zoom-in location



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Proposed design scenarios

Re-purposed area:
from 1500 Ha to 5000 Ha



Option 1: **Patches + corridors**

[Fig. 16a]



Option 2: **Zones**

[Fig. 16b]



Option 3: **Mixed**

[Fig. 16c]

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Scenario 1

①

algae
aquaculture
1500 Ha



①

Option 1: **Patches + corridors**

Bottom up

[self-steering_space for private initiatives]



②

Option 2: **Zones**



③

Option 3: **Mixed**

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Scenario 1: **Steps**

Existing

- 0 Agricultural + industrial discharges end up in the river



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Scenario 1: **Steps**

Step 1

- 1 Remediation ponds
[macroalgae | macrophytes]

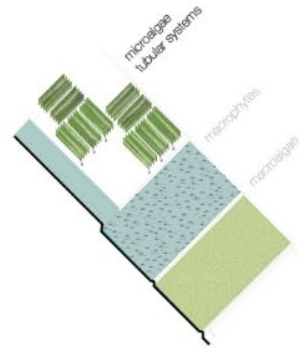


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Scenario 1: **Steps**

Step 2

- 2 Microalgae crops
in proximity to reflooded areas

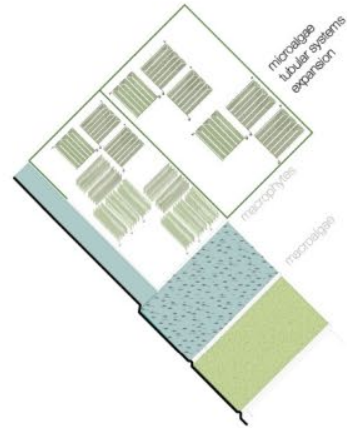


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Scenario 1: **Steps**

Step 3

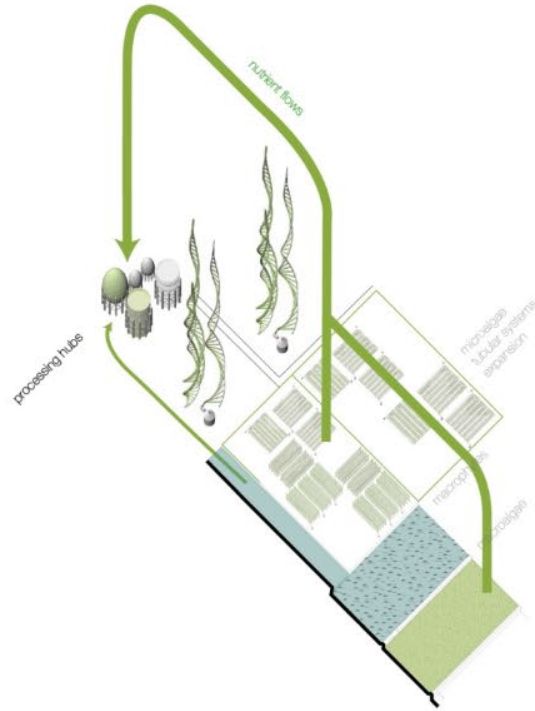
- 3 Microalgae crops [expansion]



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Scenario 1: **Steps**

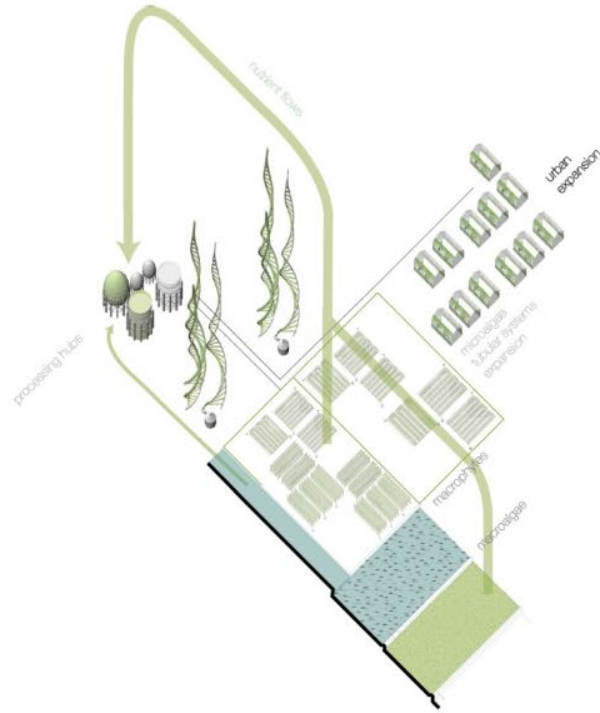
Step 4

- ④ Processing facilities
(infrastructure upgrades)



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Scenario 1: **Steps**

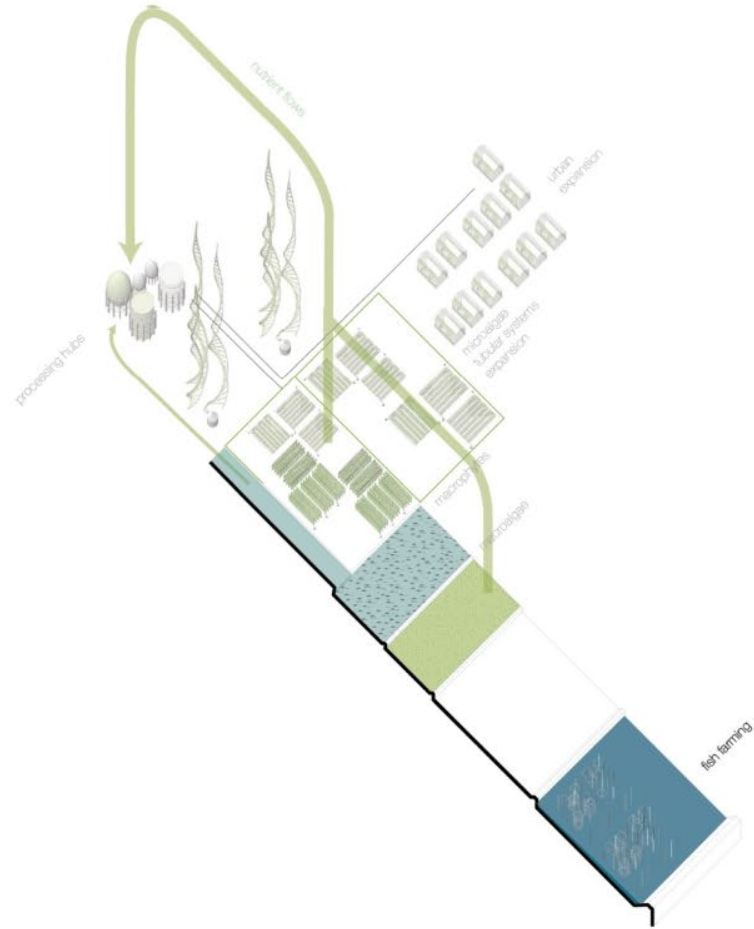
- Step 5**
- 5 Urban expansion
[new homesteads]



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Scenario 1: **Steps**

Step 6

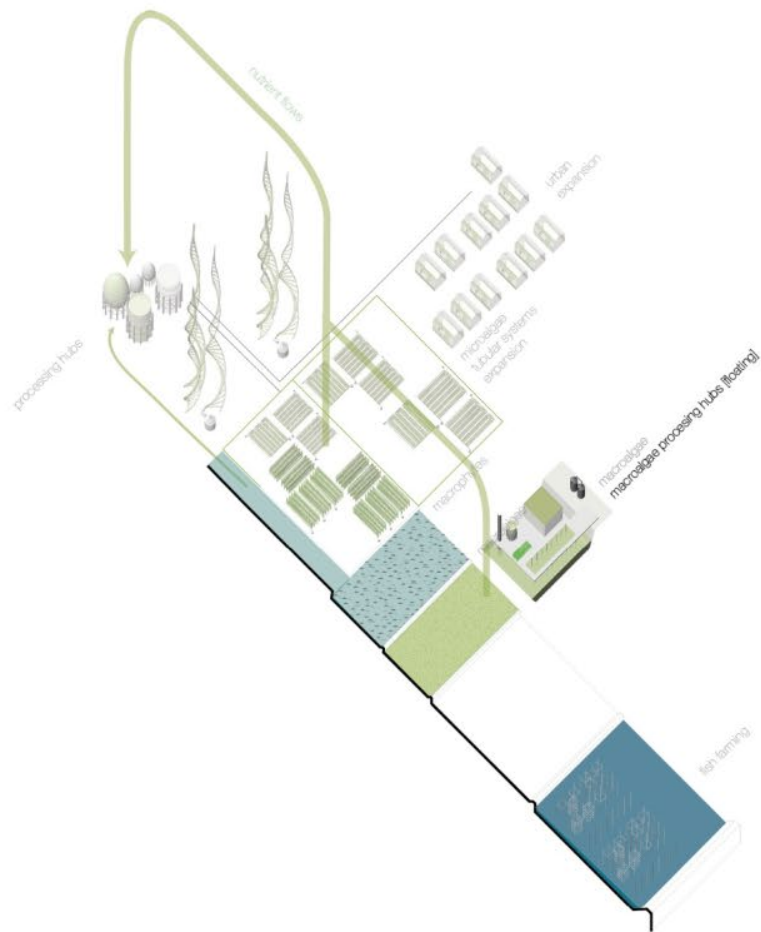
- ⑥ Fish/oyster farming in proximity to the dike system



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Scenario 1: **Steps**

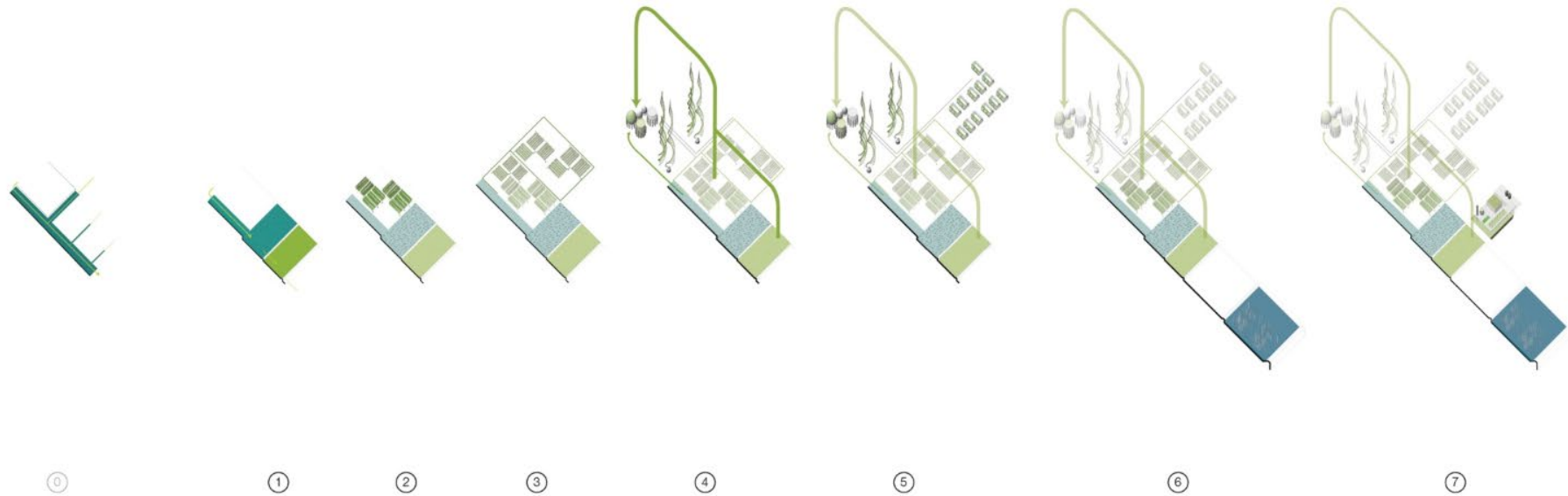
Step 7

- ⑦ Floating processing facilities/hubs



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Scenario 1: **Steps overview**



[Fig. 17-25a] Steps in sequence

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Scenario 2

Re-purposed area:
from 1500 Ha to 5000 Ha

algae ■
aquaculture ■

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■
3500 Ha



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Option 1: **Patches + corridors**



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Option 2: **Zones**
Hierarchical steering
[basic interests_flood protection
+underperforming zones of land]

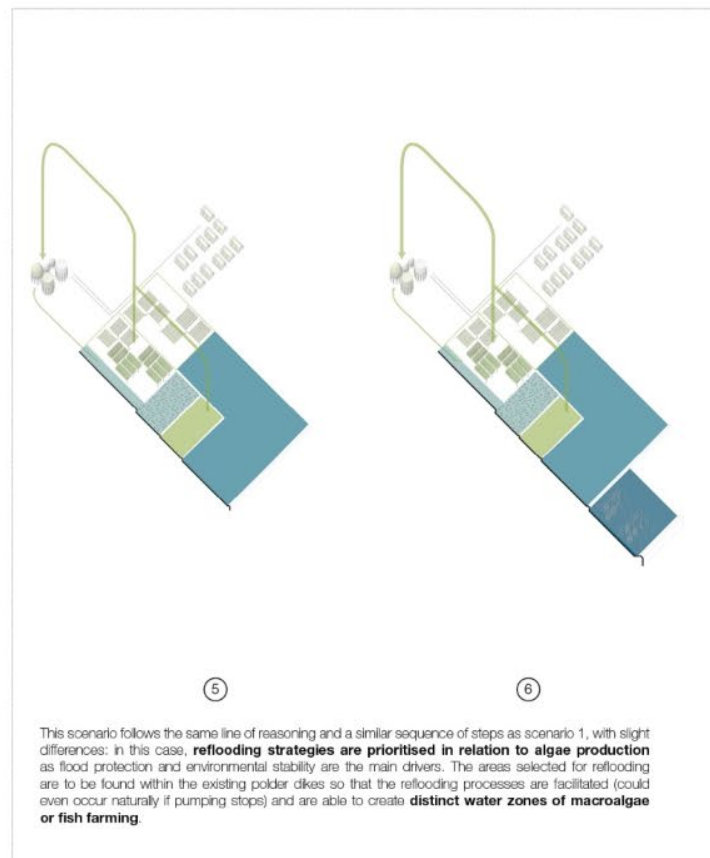
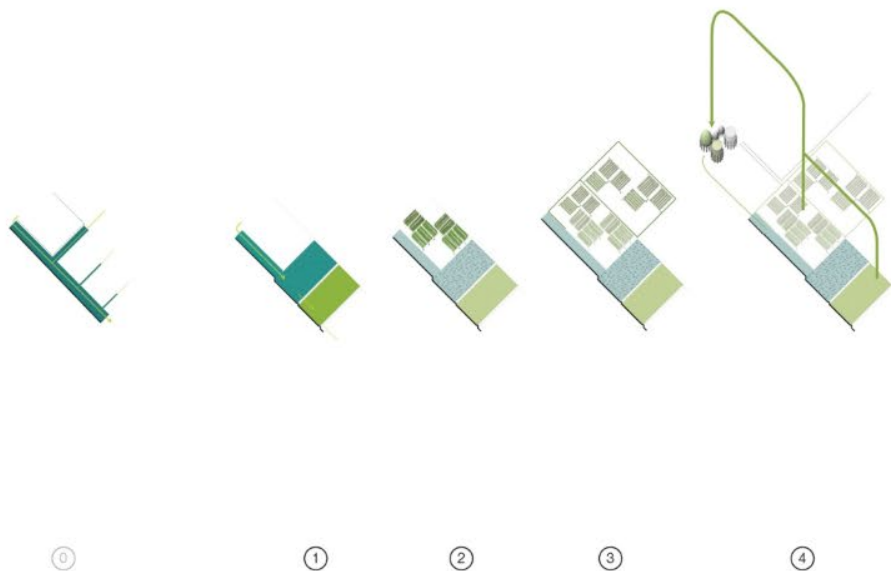


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Option 3: **Mixed**

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Scenario 2: Steps overview



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Scenario 3

Re-purposed area:
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algae 
aquaculture 

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5000 Ha



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Option 1: **Patches + corridors**



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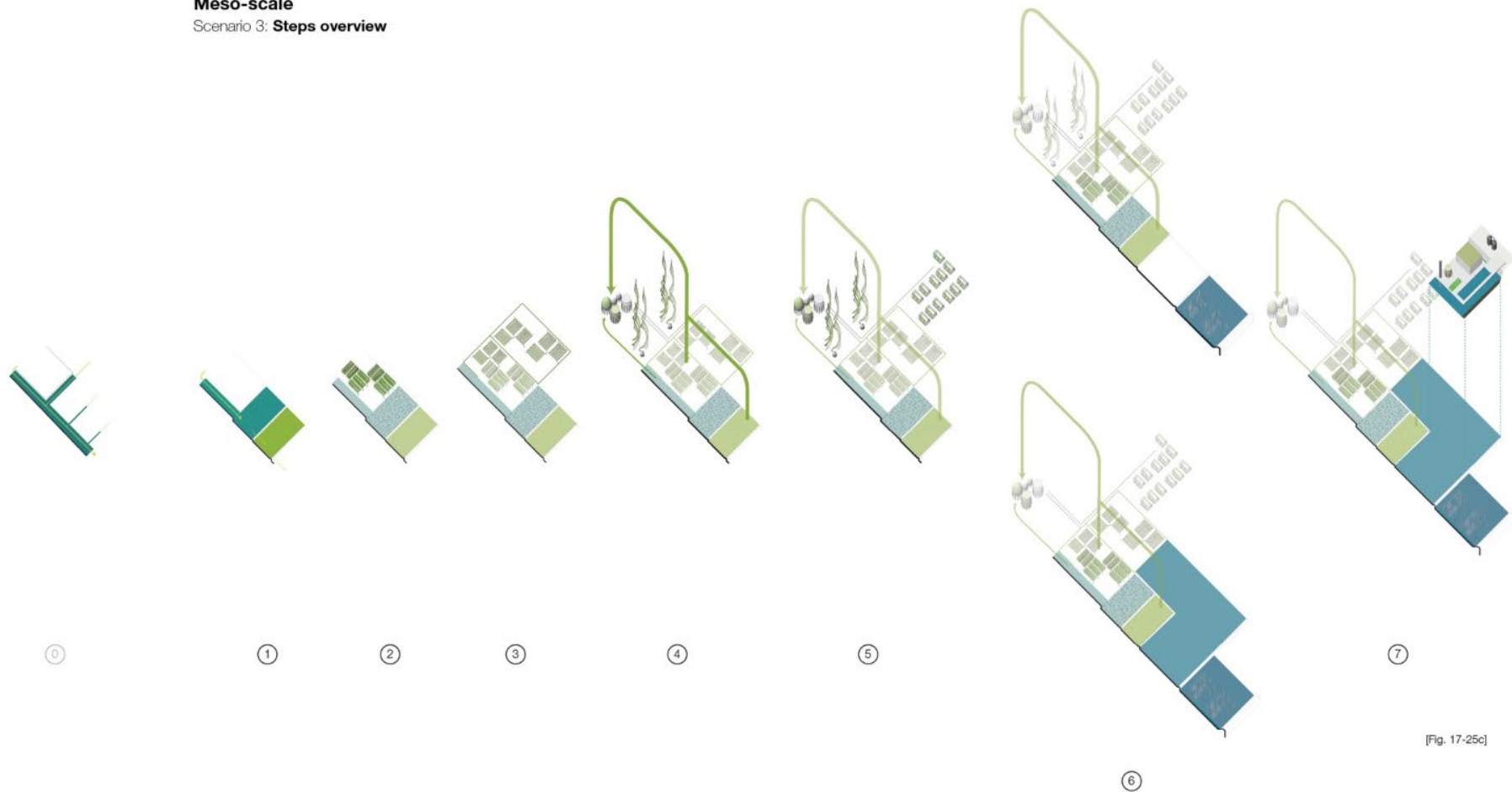
Option 2: **Zones**



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Option 3: **Mixed**
Public-private partnerships
[basic interests_flood protection
+space for private initiatives]

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Scenario 3: **Steps overview**



[Fig. 17-25c]

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Scenario 3: Year 45

[Fig. 25] Stakeholders



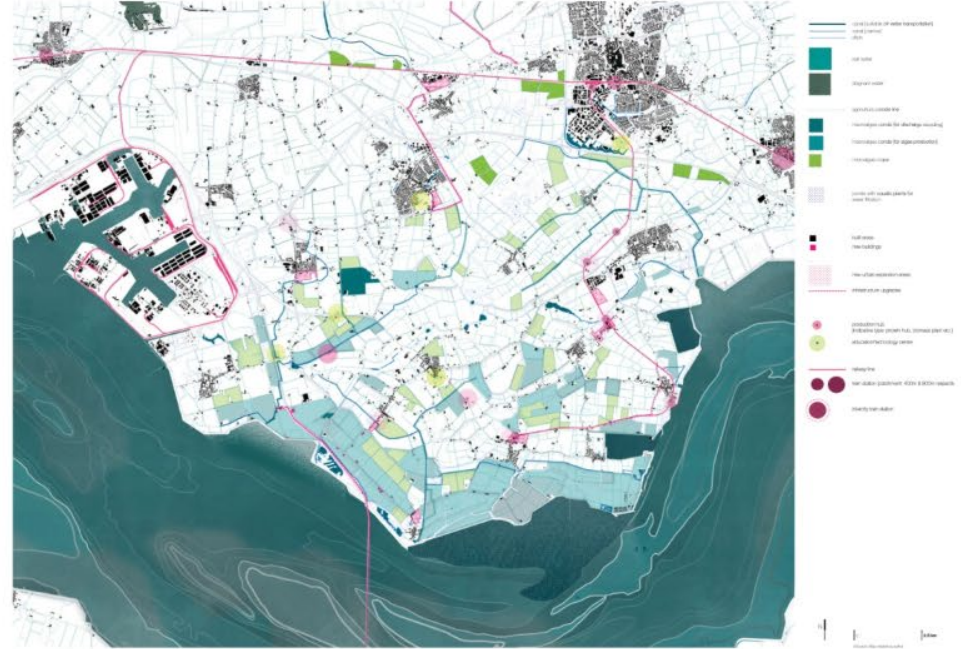
[Fig. 27] Step



[Fig. 26] Timeline



[Fig. 28] Design scenario



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Scenario 3: Year 65

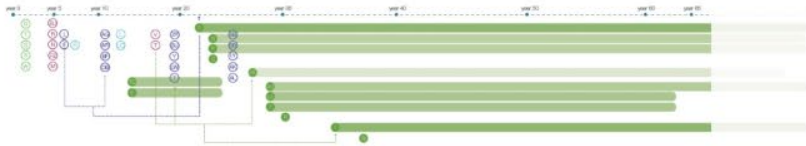
[Fig. 25] Stakeholders



[Fig. 27h] Step



[Fig. 26h] Timeline



[Fig. 28h] Design scenario



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Scenario 3: **Year 70**

[Fig. 26] Overall timeline



[Fig. 29] Design scenario



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Scenario 3: **Land re-purposed**

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[Fig. 29a] Replaced open field agricultural uses



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Scenario 2: **Land re-purposed**

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[Fig. 29b] Replaced open field agricultural uses



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Scenario 1: Land re-purposed

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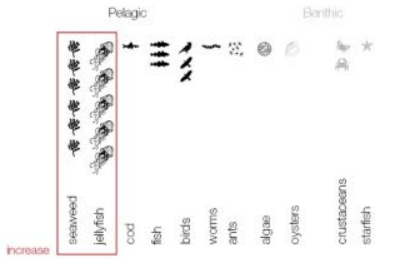
[Fig. 29c] Replaced open field agricultural uses



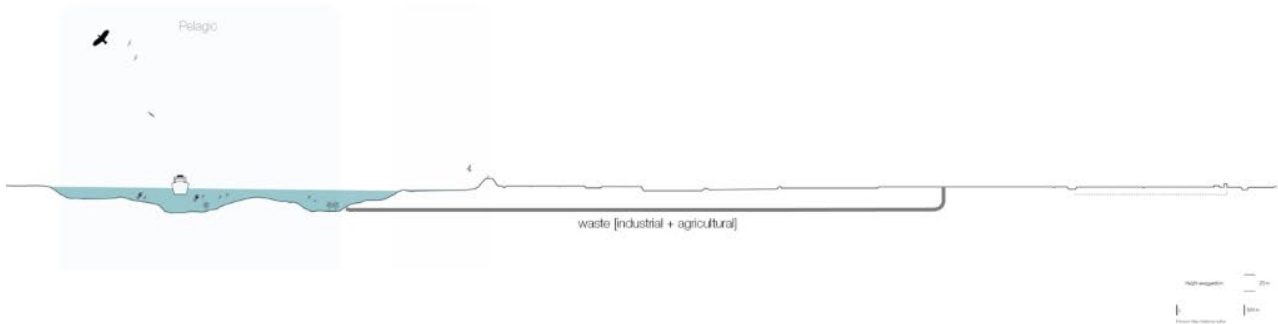
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Scenario 1: Ecoservices

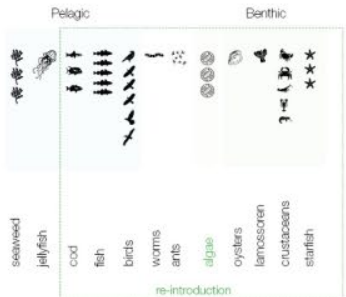
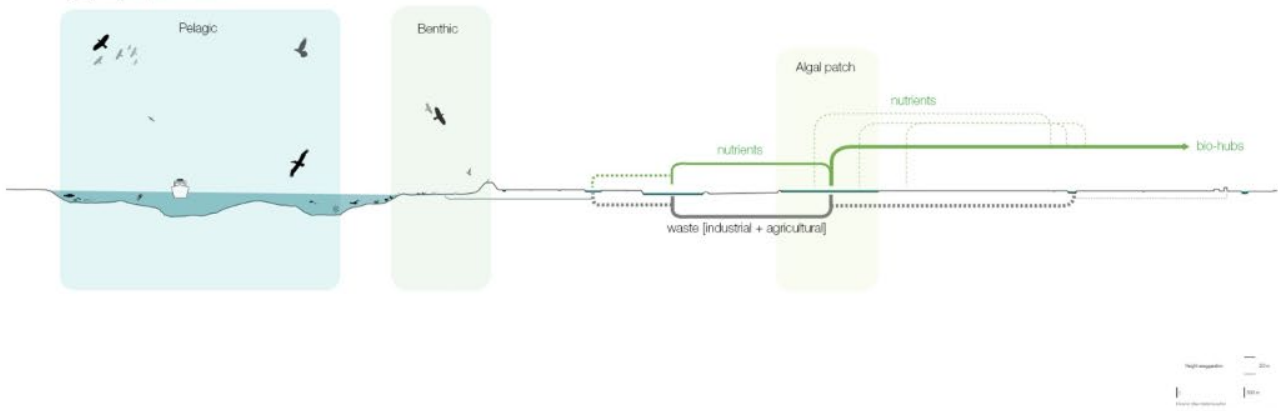
[Fig. 30a] Species



[Fig. 30c] Existing section



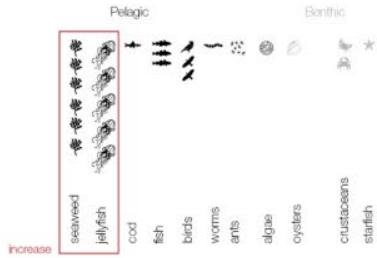
[Fig. 30e] Proposed section



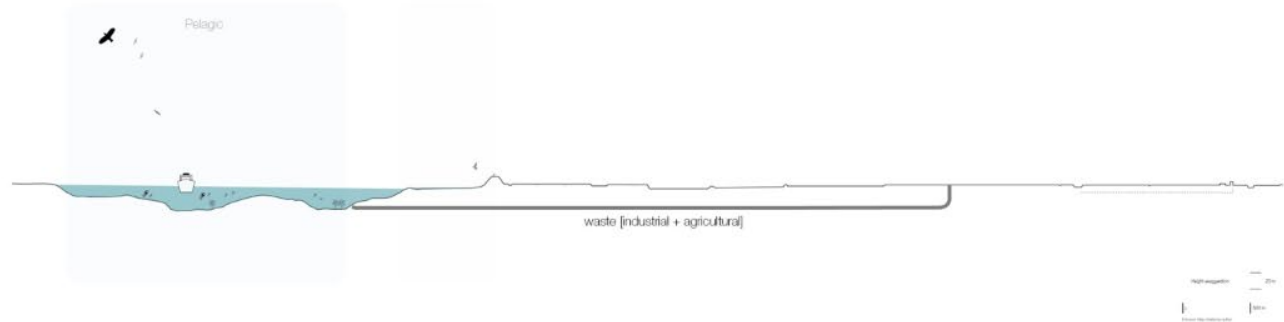
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Scenario 2: Ecoservices

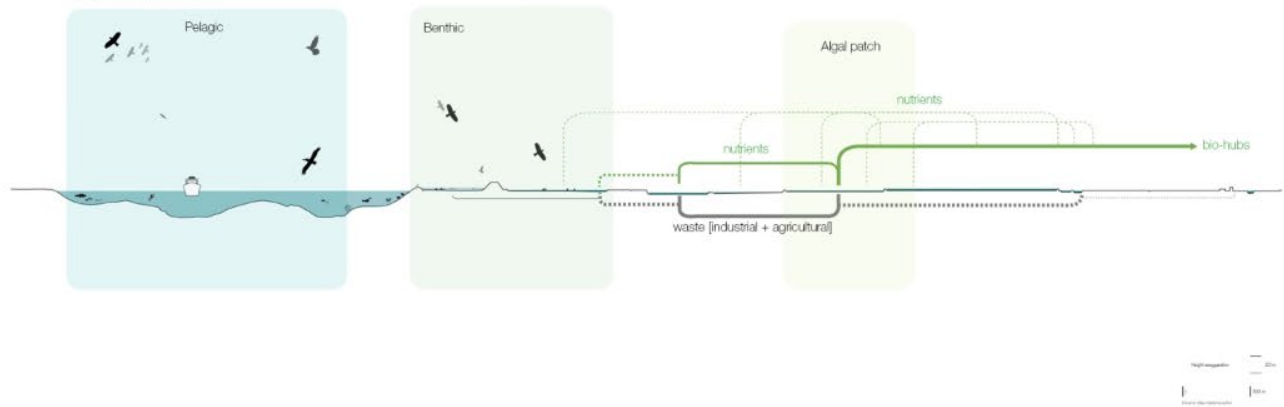
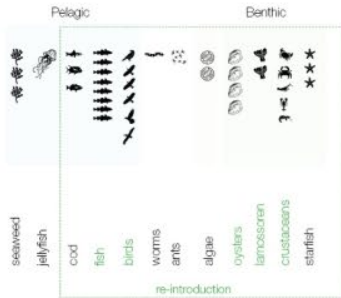
[Fig. 30b] Species



[Fig. 30c] Existing section

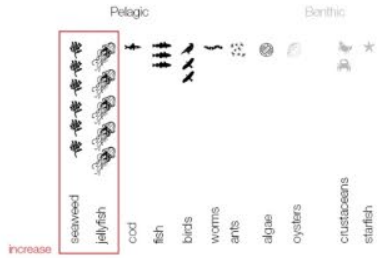


[Fig. 30f] Proposed section

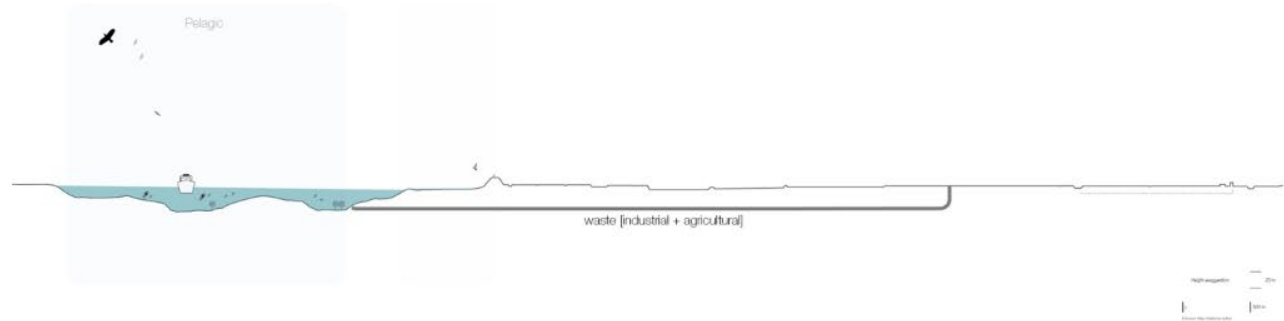


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Scenario 3: **Ecoservices**

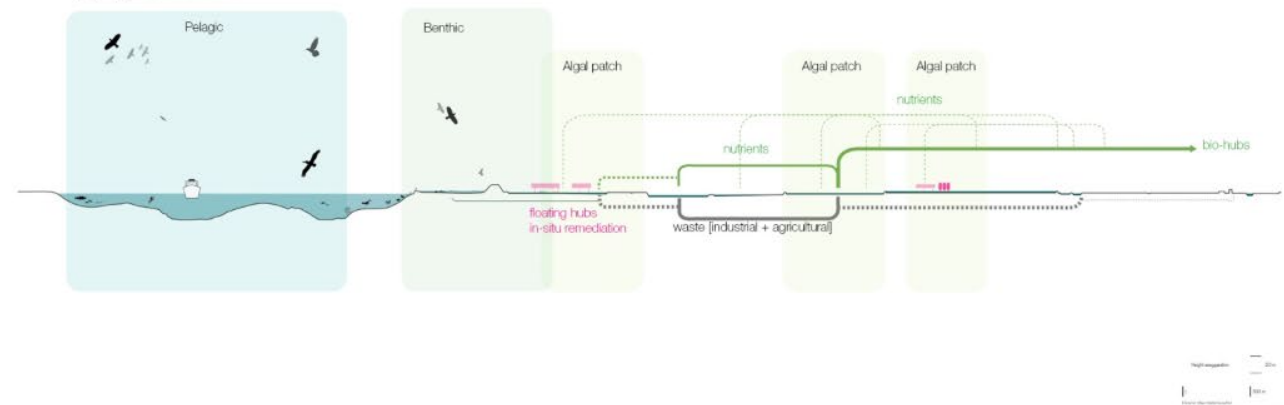
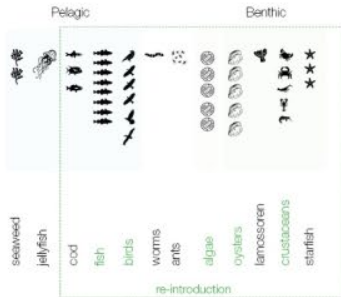
[Fig. 30c] Species



[Fig. 30c] Existing section

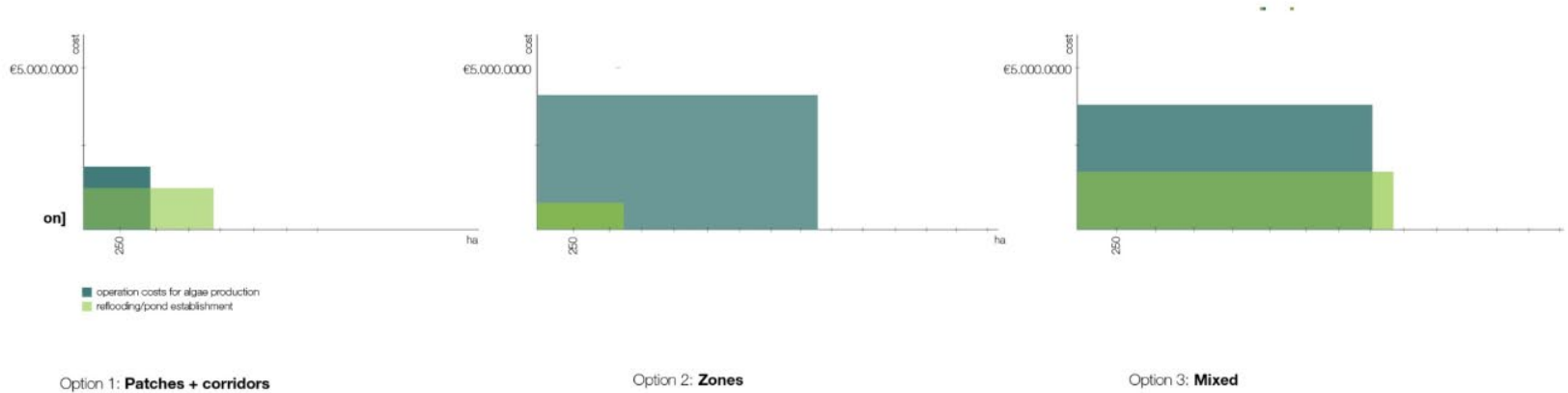


[Fig. 30g] Proposed section



Meso-scale Evaluation: Cost

[Fig. 31a] Cost estimation for each scenario



[Fig. 31b] Calculations index

€5,000/ha of growth pond area for site clearing and pond levees
 €5,000/ ha for paddle wheels (if applicable)

pond parcelation
 Small to medium: 0.2ha -0.5ha -0.8ha -1ha
 Large: >1ha <3ha
 Extra large: >3ha

€7,000/ha for algae harvesting

Total capital investment: €40,000 per hectare
 including: €10,000/ha for operation costs

|| Data from: BENEMANN, J.R., VAN OLST, J.C., MASSINGILL, M.J., WEISSMAN, J.C., & BRUNE, D.E. 2002. The Controlled Eutrophication Process: Using Microalgae for CO2 Utilization and Agricultural Fertilizer Recycling. Proceedings of the 6th International Conference on Greenhouse Gas Control Technologies, 2, 1433-1438. Japan, Kyoto.

Meso-scale Evaluation: Benefit

[Fig. 31c] Benefit assessment for each scenario



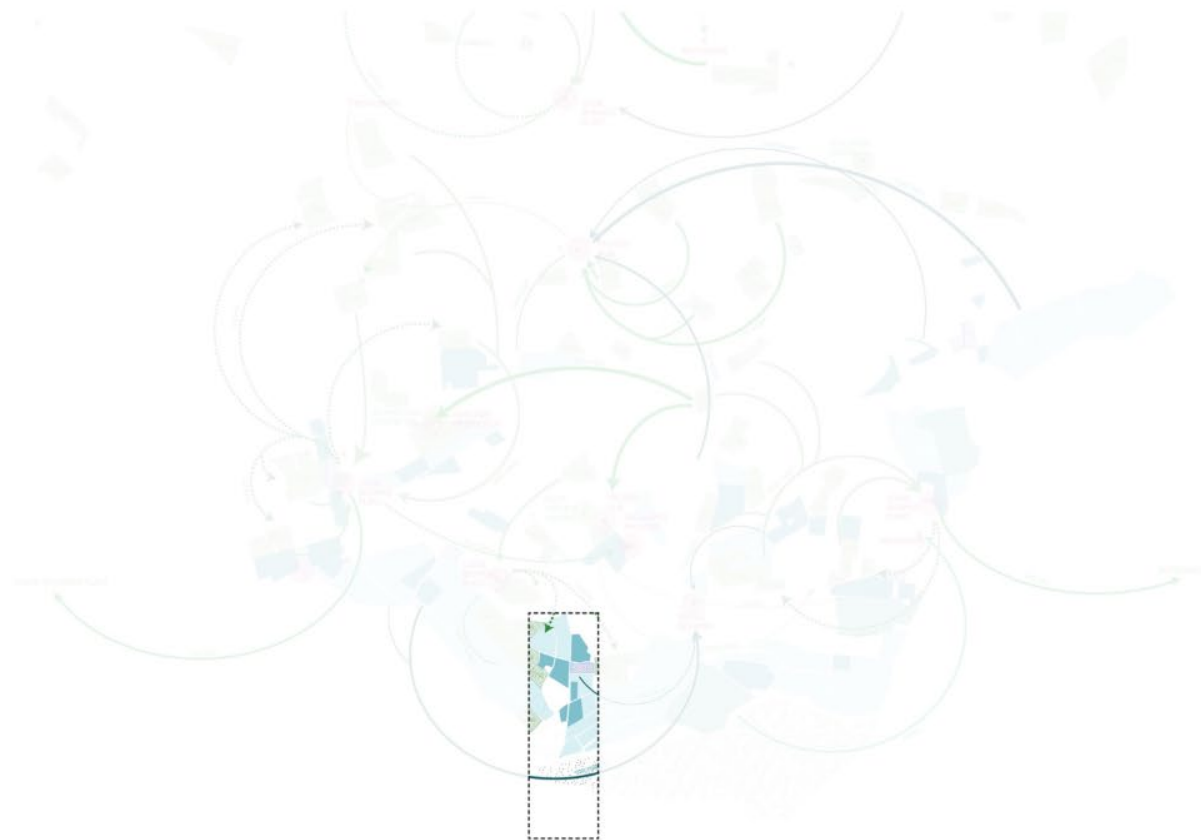
Meso-scale

Scenario 2



Micro-scale

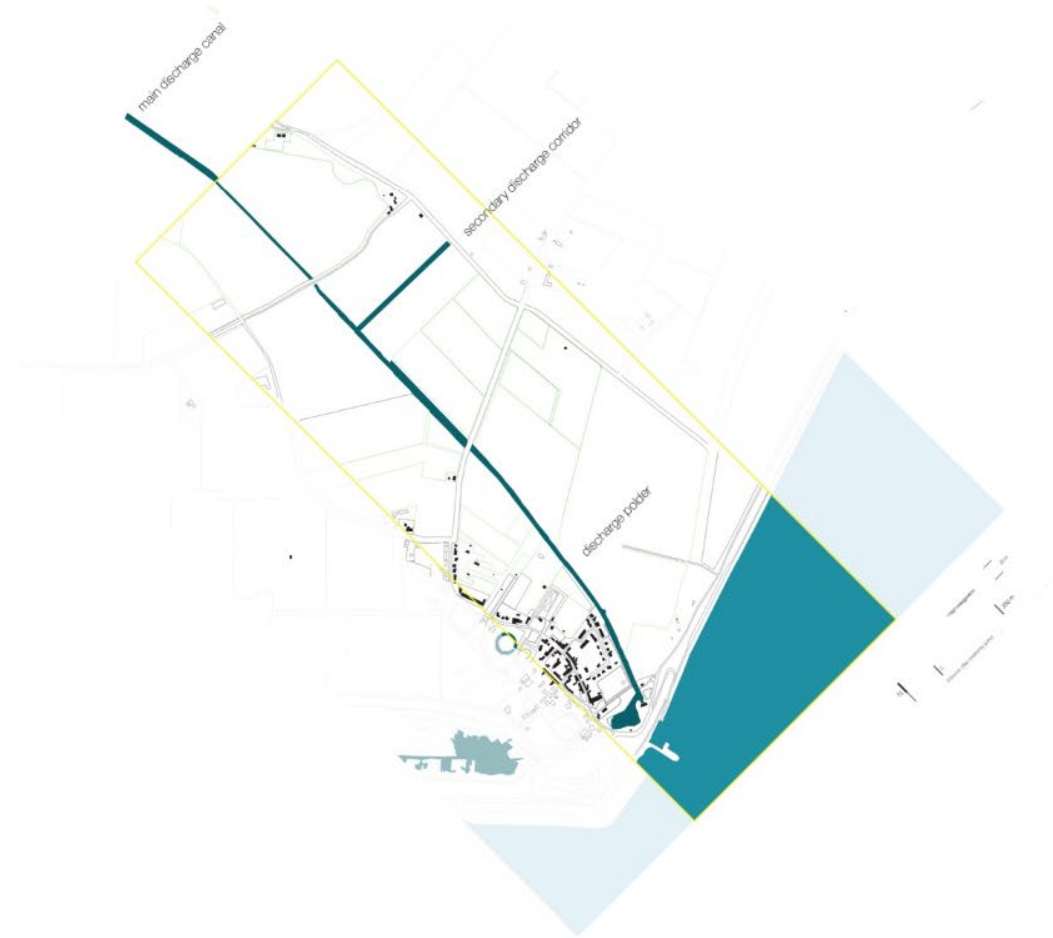
Zoom-in location



Micro-scale
Scenario 3: **Steps**

Existing

- ① Agricultural + industrial discharges end up in the river



Micro-scale
Scenario 3: **Steps**

Step 1

- ① Remediation pond
(macro phytes)



Micro-scale
Scenario 3: **Steps**

Step 2 [part 1]

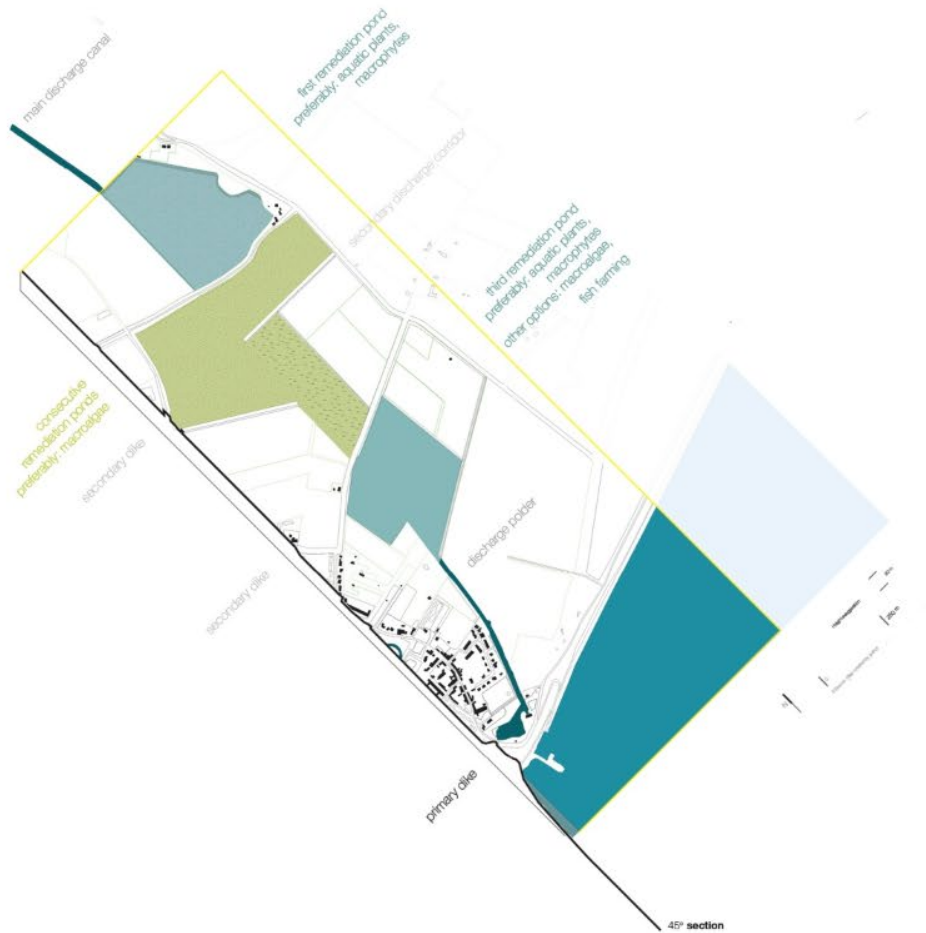
- ② Remediation pond
(macroalgae)



Micro-scale
Scenario 3: **Steps**

Step 2 [part 2]

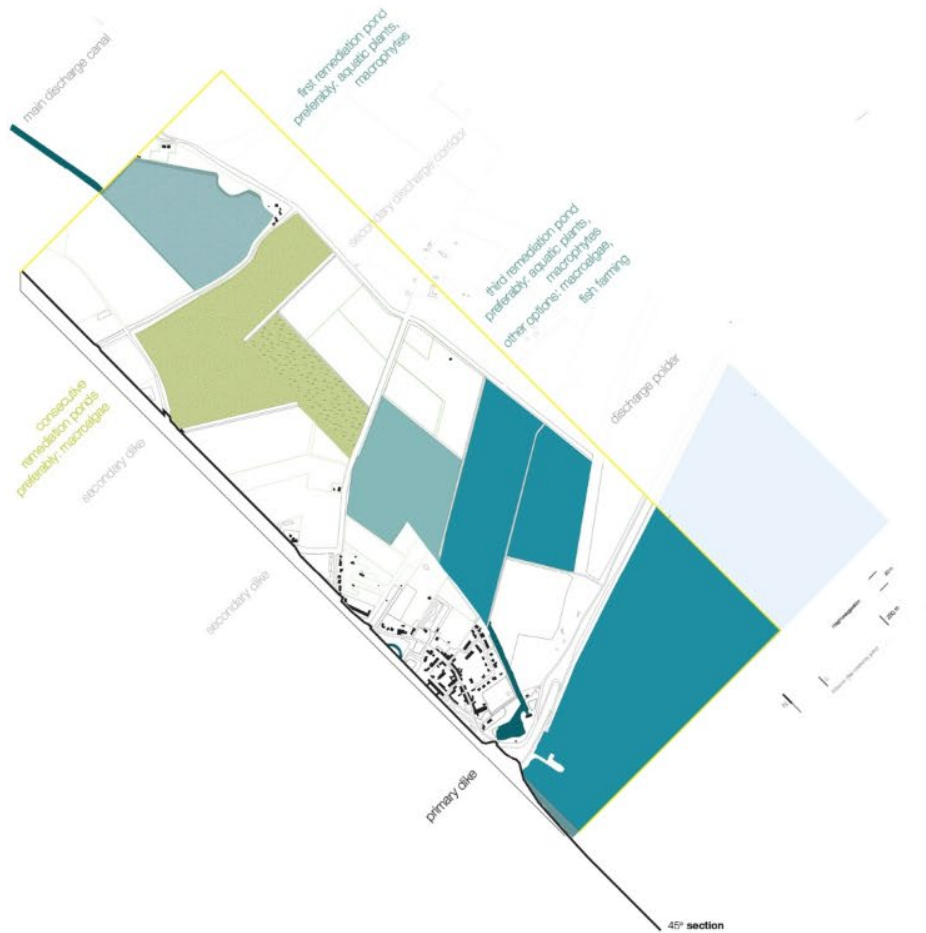
- ② Remediation pond
[macro phytes]



Micro-scale
Scenario 3: **Steps**

Step 3

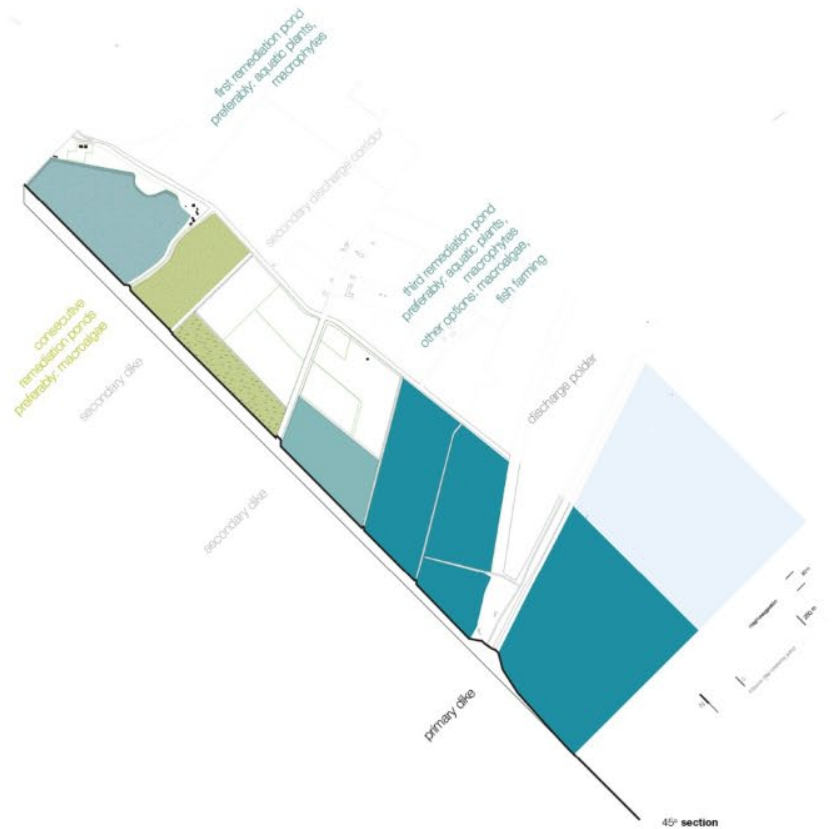
- ③ Aquaculture zones
(macroalgae or fish farming)



Micro-scale
Scenario 3: **Steps**

Step 4

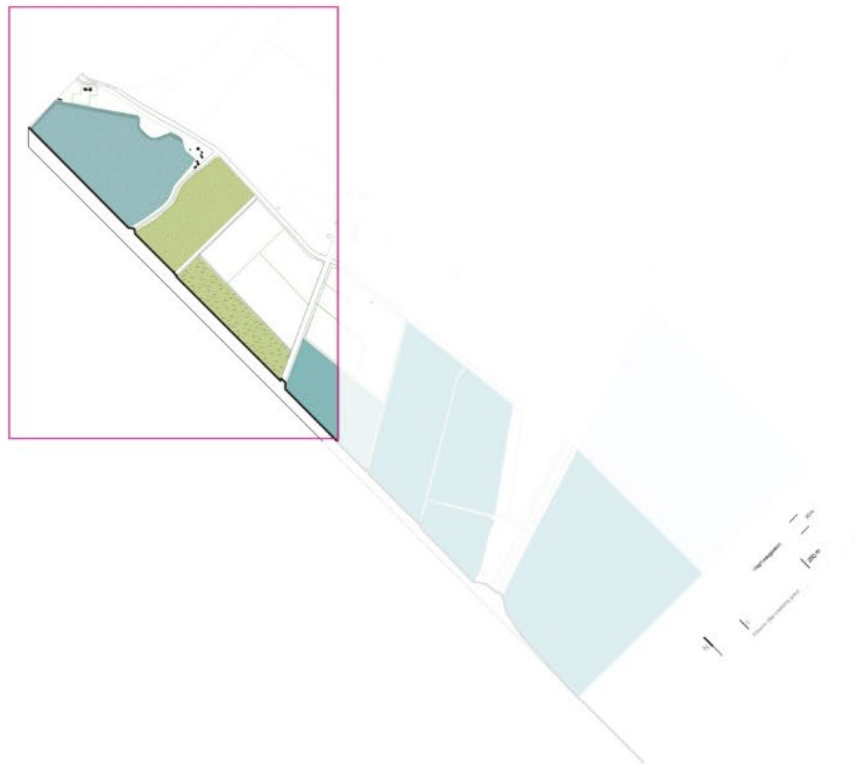
- ④ Aquaculture zones expansion
[macroalgae or fish farming]



Micro-scale
Scenario 3: **Steps**

Step 4

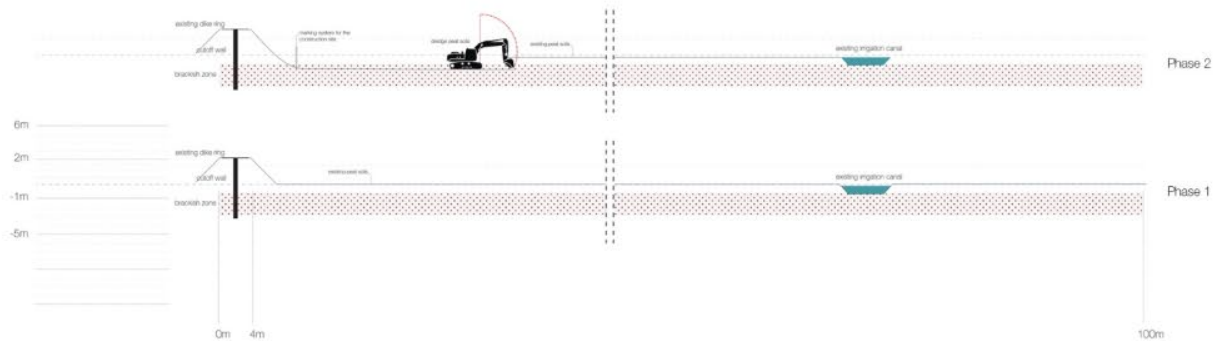
- ④ Aquaculture zones expansion
(macroalgae or fish farming)



Micro-scale

Scenario 3: Steps I Infrastructure plans

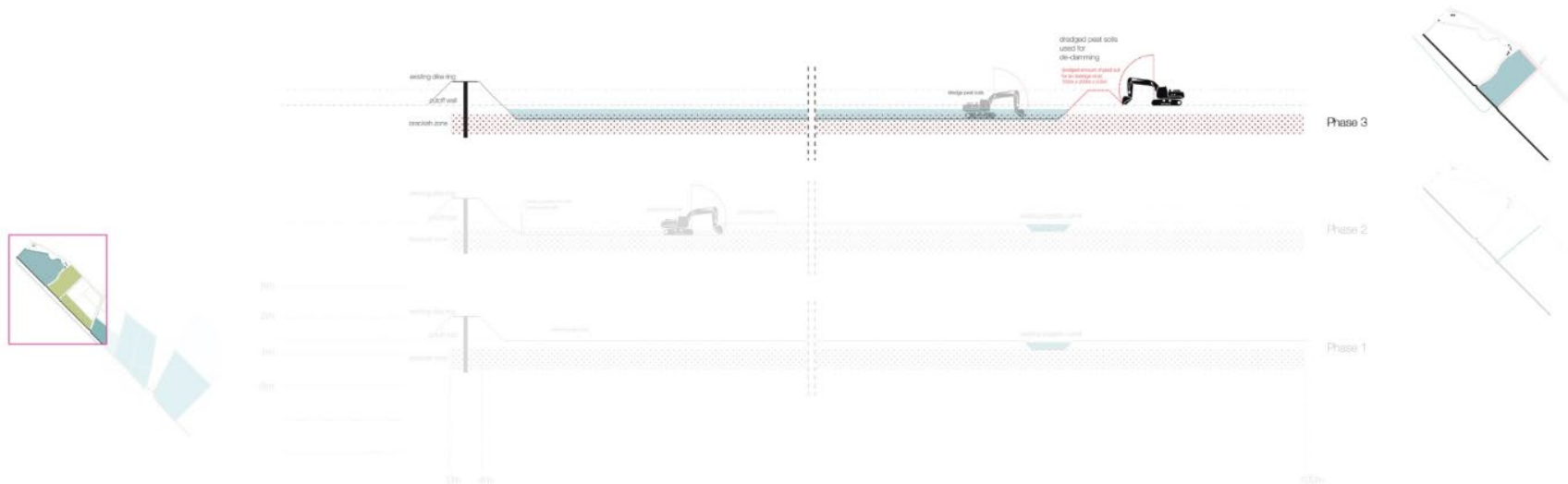
[Fig. 32a] Depoldering evolution [former agricultural land]



Micro-scale

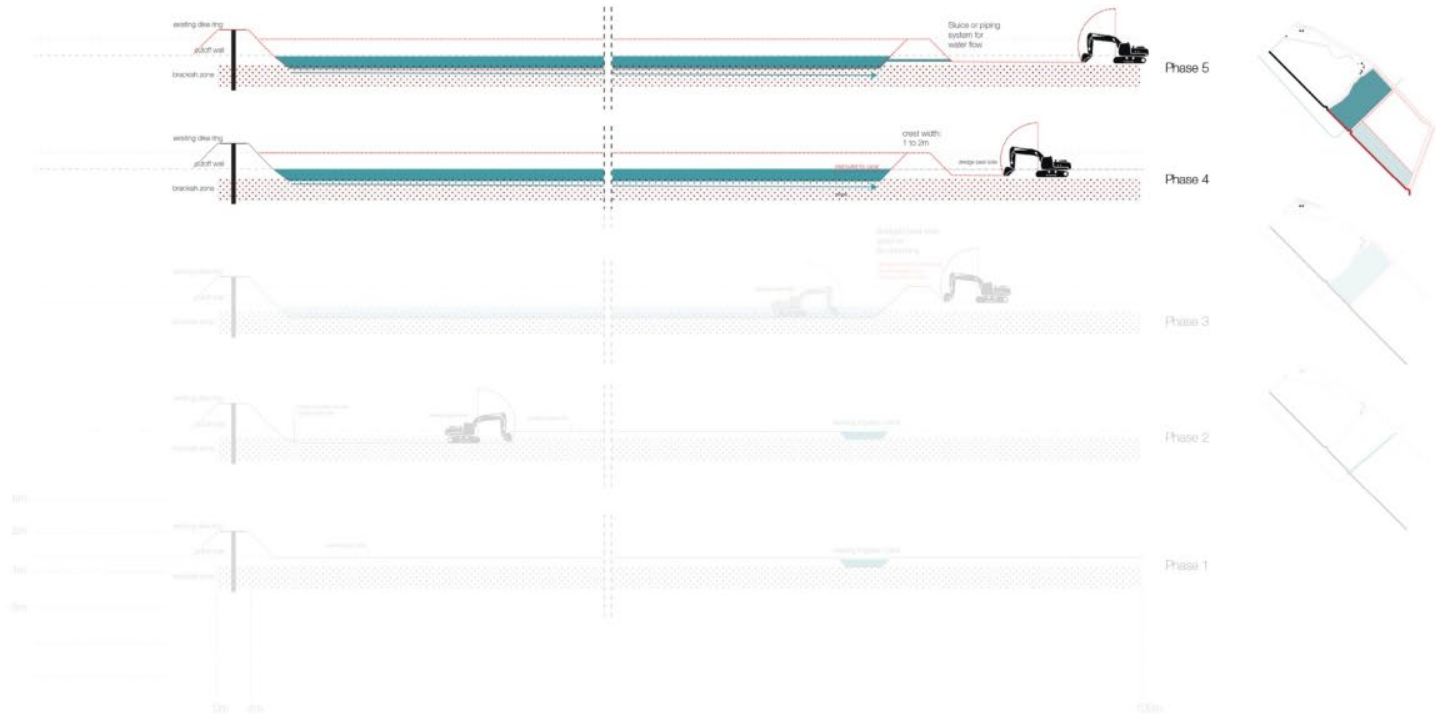
Scenario 3: **Steps I Infrastructure plans**

[Fig. 32b] Depoldering evolution [former agricultural land]



Micro-scale
Scenario 3: **Steps I Infrastructure plans**

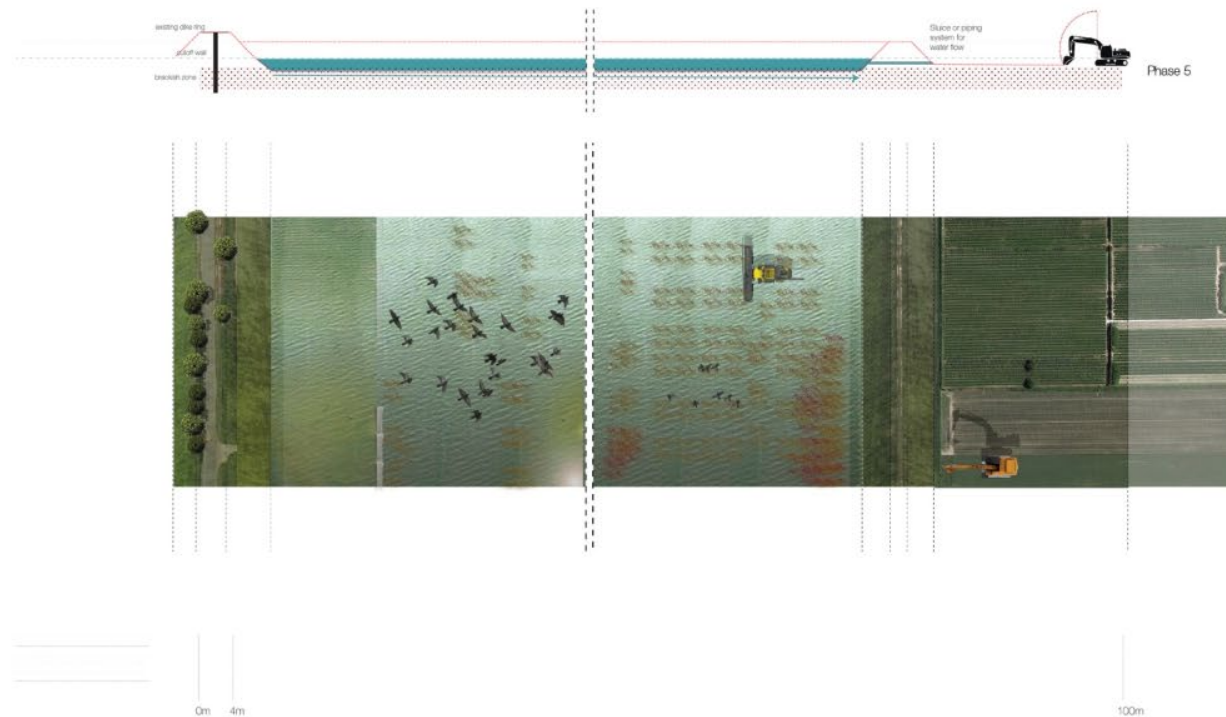
[Fig. 32c] Depoldering evolution [former agricultural land]



Micro-scale

Scenario 3: Steps I Infrastructure plans

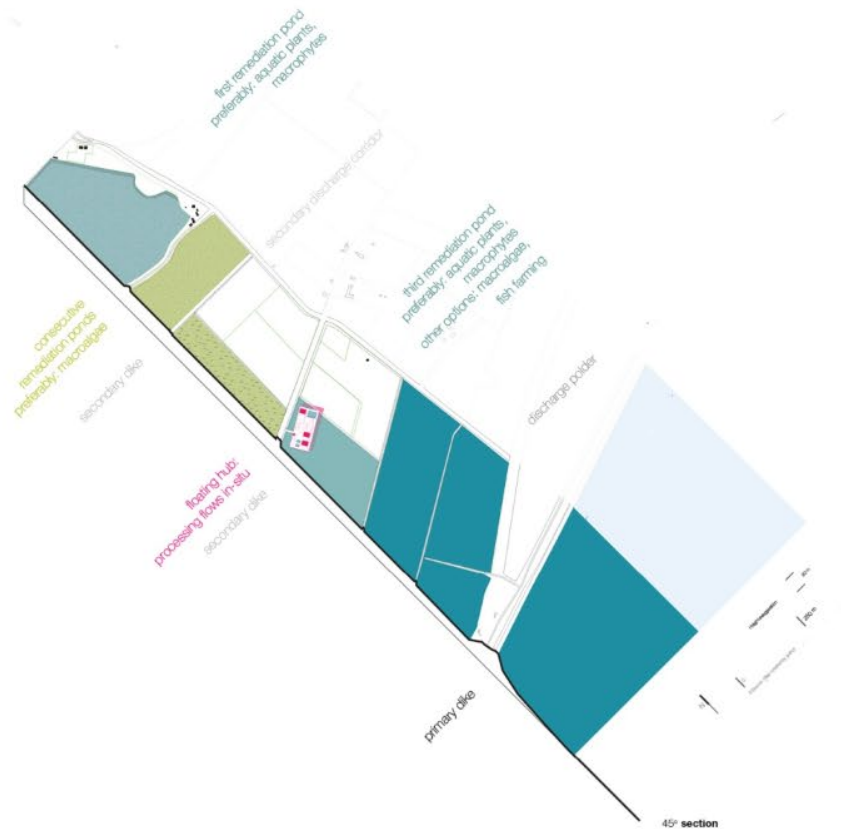
[Fig. 32d] Depoldering evolution [former agricultural land]-visual impact



Micro-scale
Scenario 3: **Steps**

Step 5 [part 1]

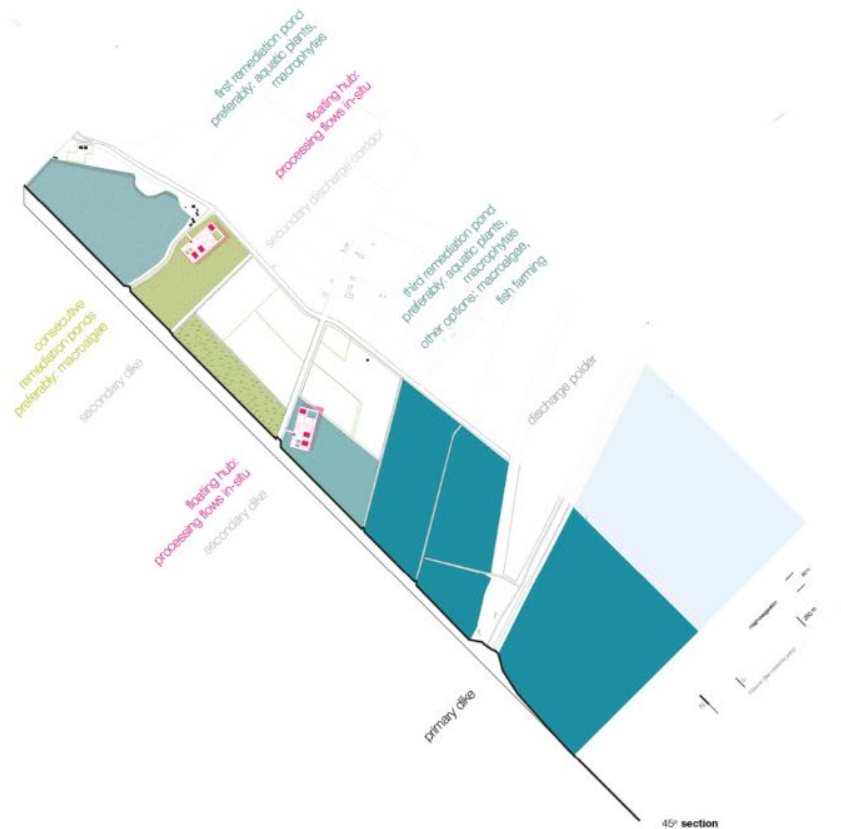
- 5 Floating hubs
[processing facilities]



Micro-scale
Scenario 3: **Steps**

Step 5 [part 2]

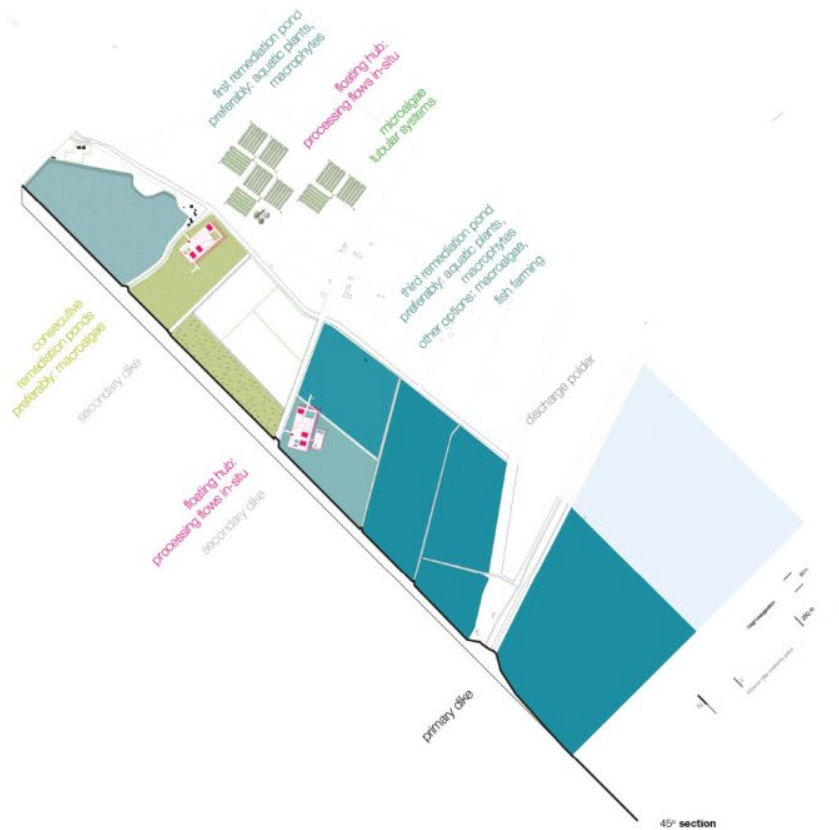
- 5 Floating hubs expansion
[processing facilities]



Micro-scale
Scenario 3: **Steps**

Step 6

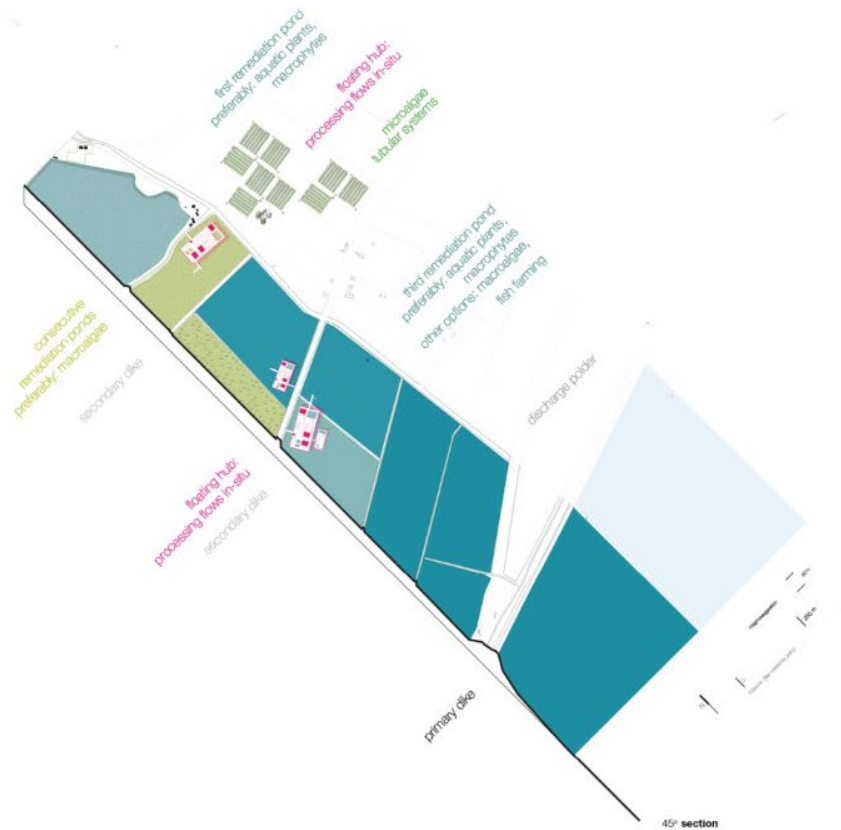
- ⑥ Microalgae crops
[enclosed tubular systems]



Micro-scale
Scenario 3: **Steps**

Step 7

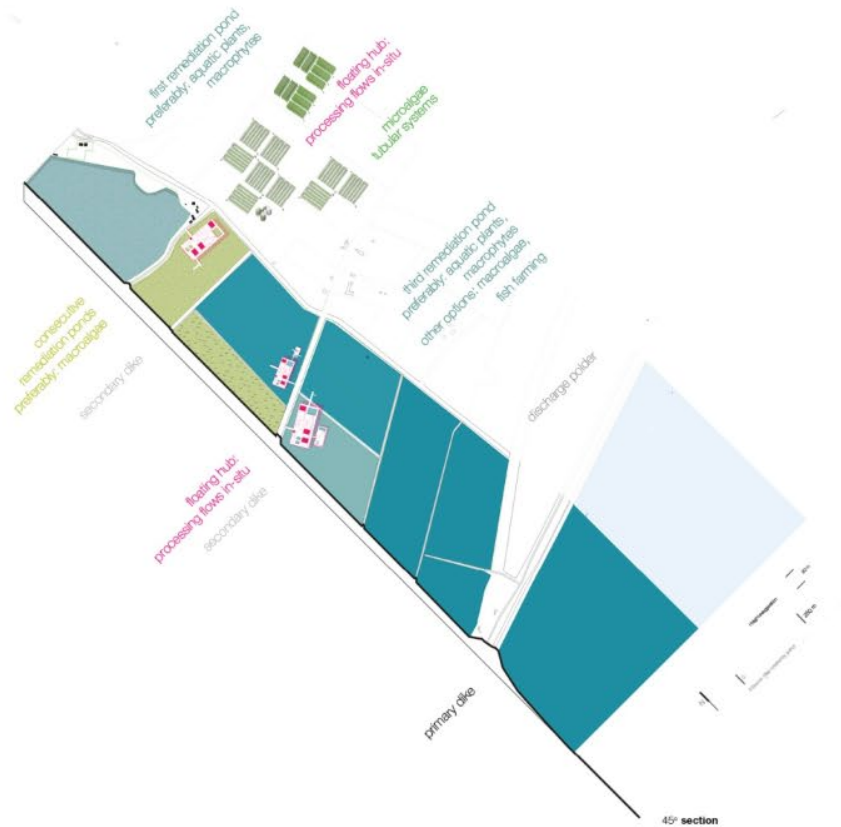
- ⑦ Expansion of hubs and ponds



Micro-scale
Scenario 3: **Steps**

Step 8

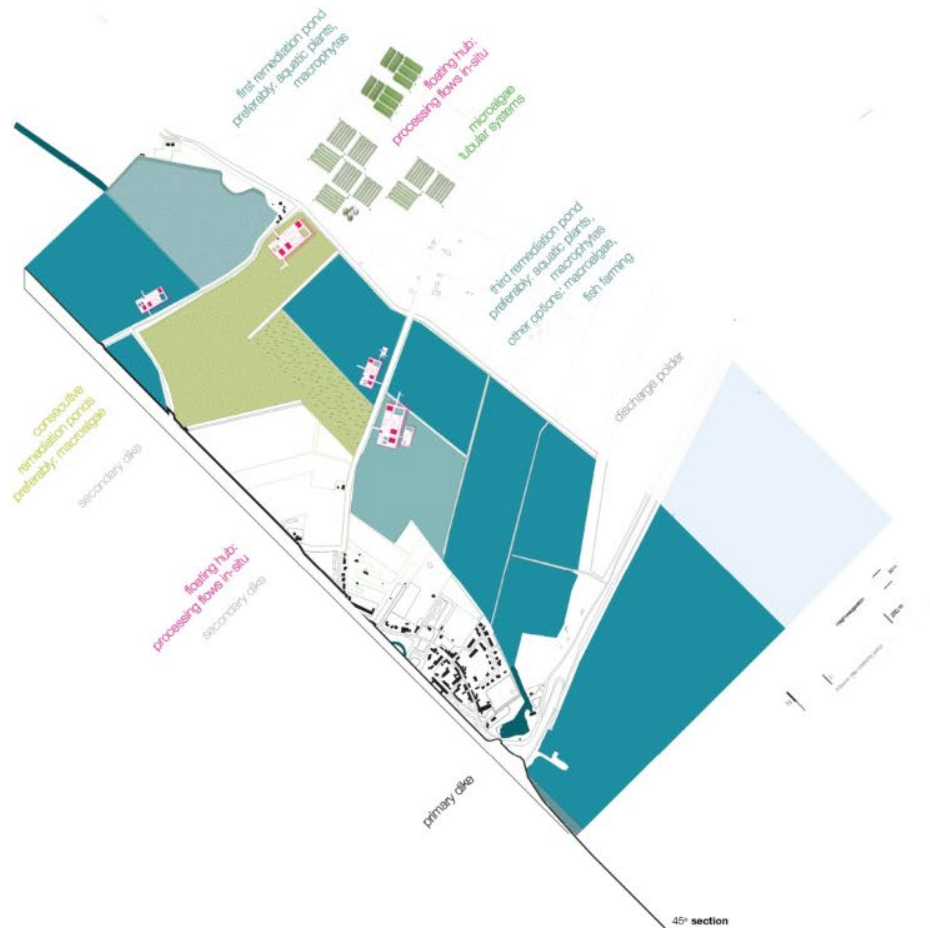
- 8 Expansion of hubs and algae crops



Micro-scale
Scenario 3: **Steps**

Step 9

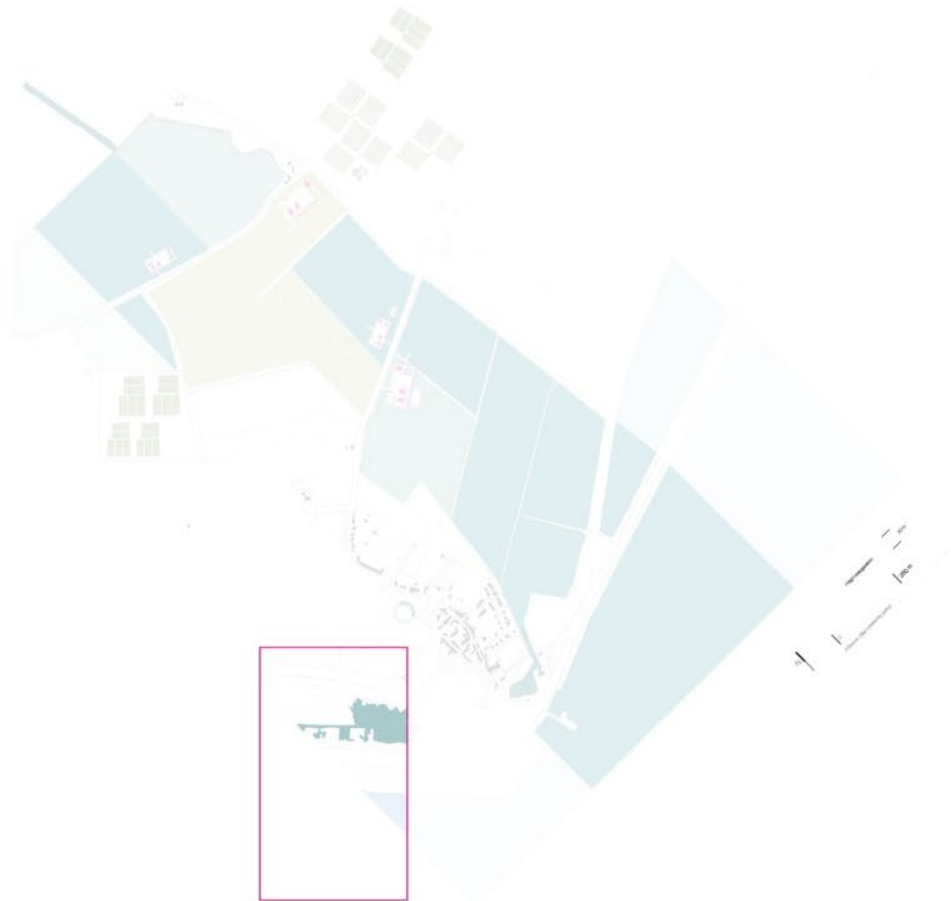
- 9 Systems expansion



Micro-scale
Scenario 3: **Overview**



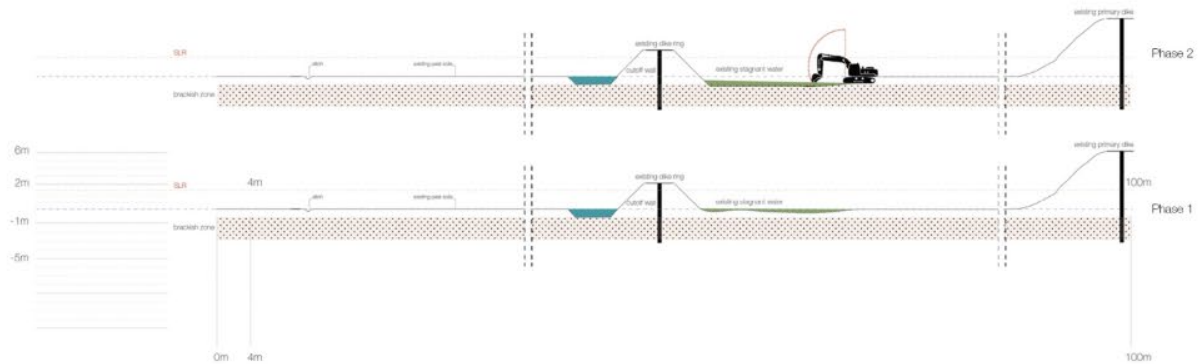
Micro-scale
Scenario 3: **Overview**



Micro-scale

Scenario 3: Overview I Infrastructure plans

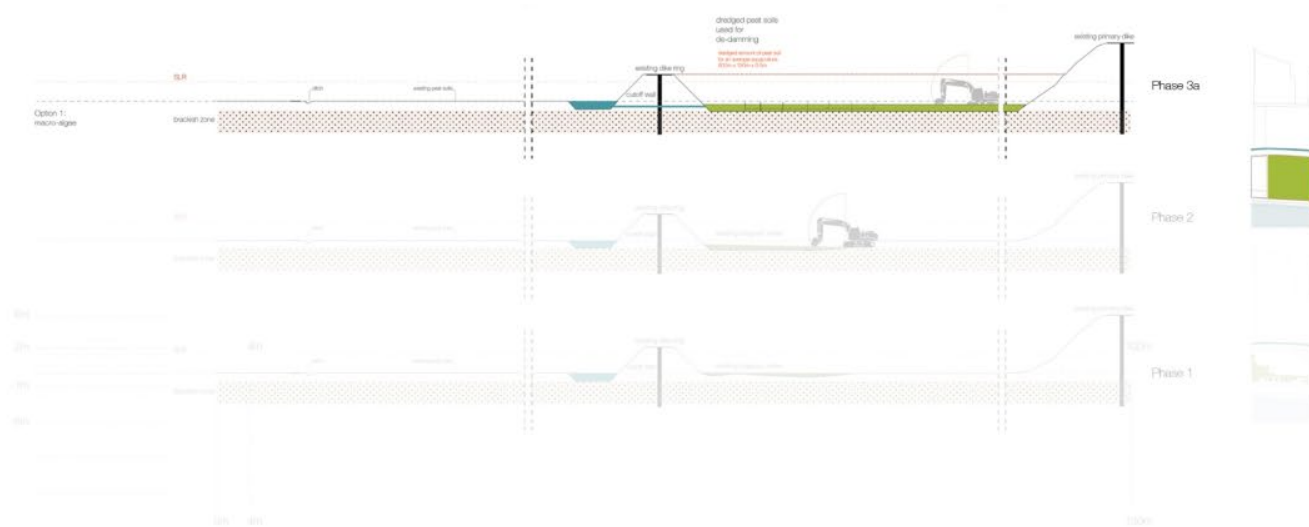
[Fig. 33a] Depoldering evolution (area currently not pumped)



Micro-scale

Scenario 3: Overview I Infrastructure plans

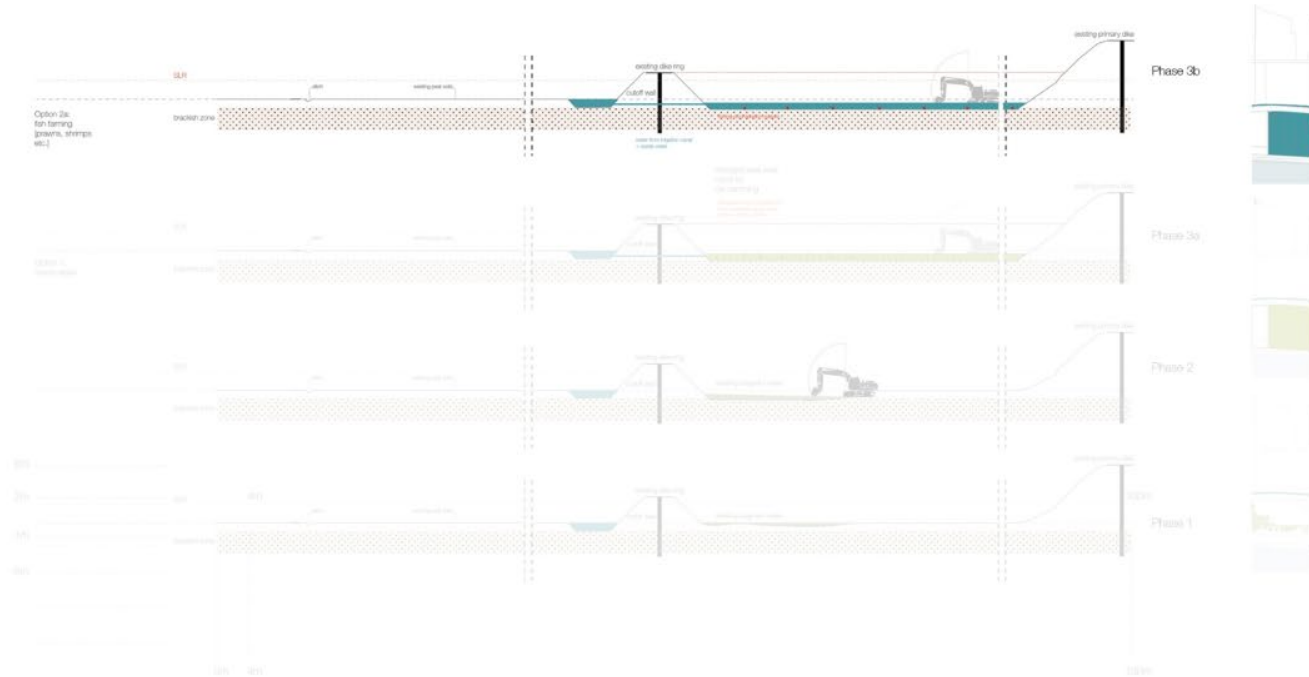
[Fig. 33a] Depoldering evolution [area currently not pumped]



Micro-scale

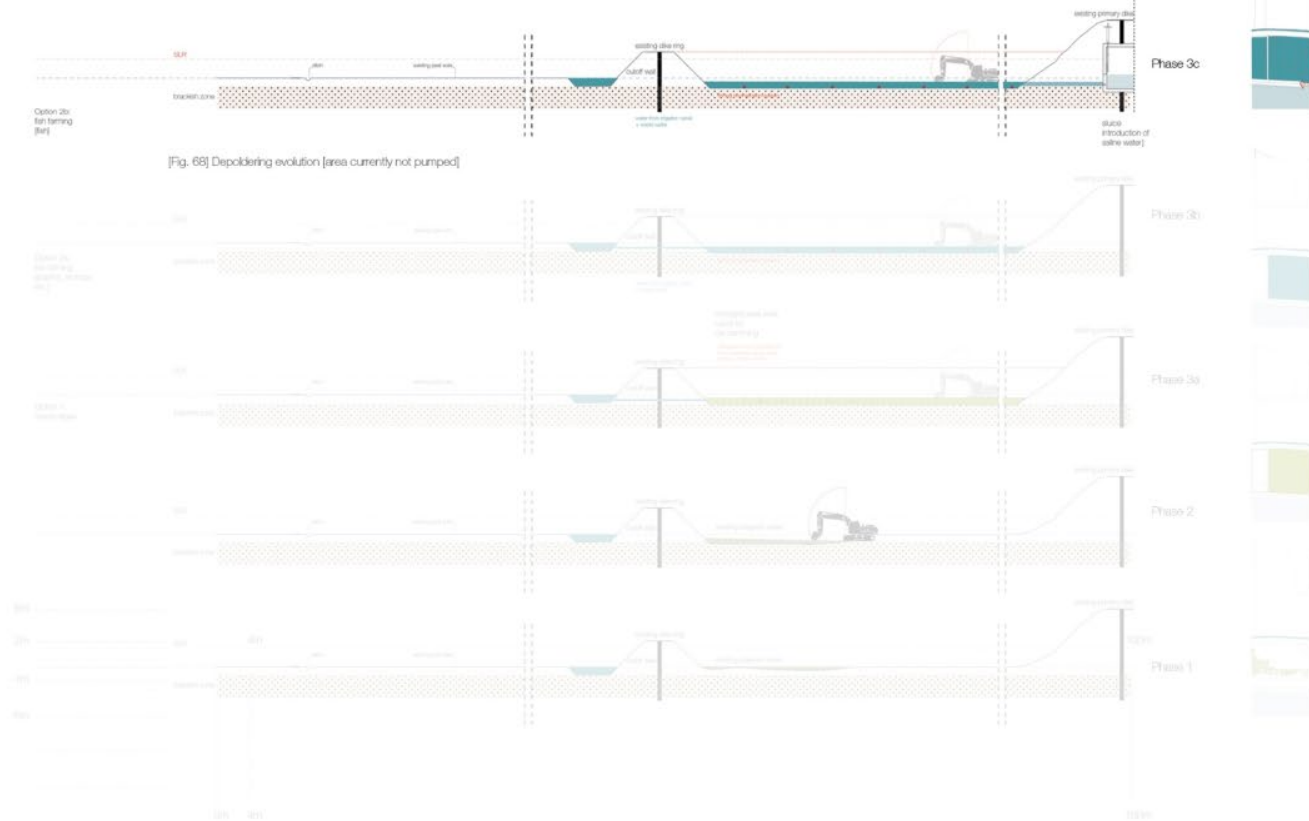
Scenario 3: Overview I Infrastructure plans

[Fig. 33b] Depoldering evolution [area currently not pumped]



Micro-scale
 Scenario 3: **Overview I Infrastructure plans**

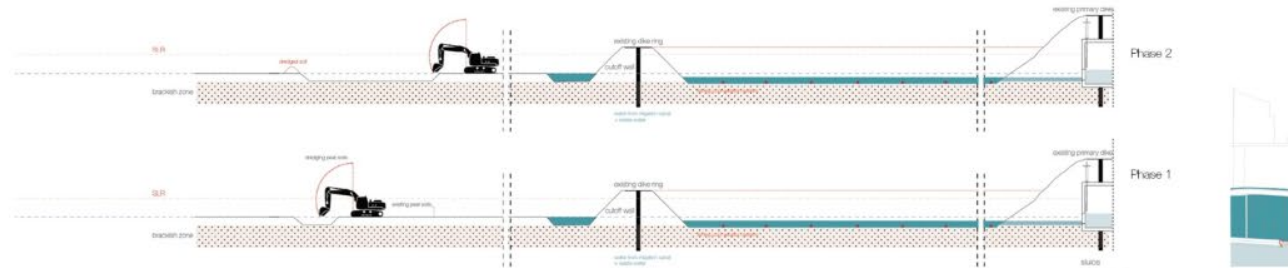
[Fig. 33b] Depoldering evolution [area currently not pumped]



Micro-scale

Scenario 3: Overview I Infrastructure plans

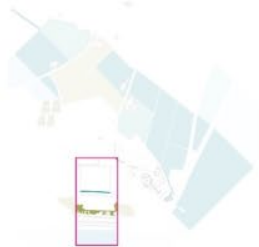
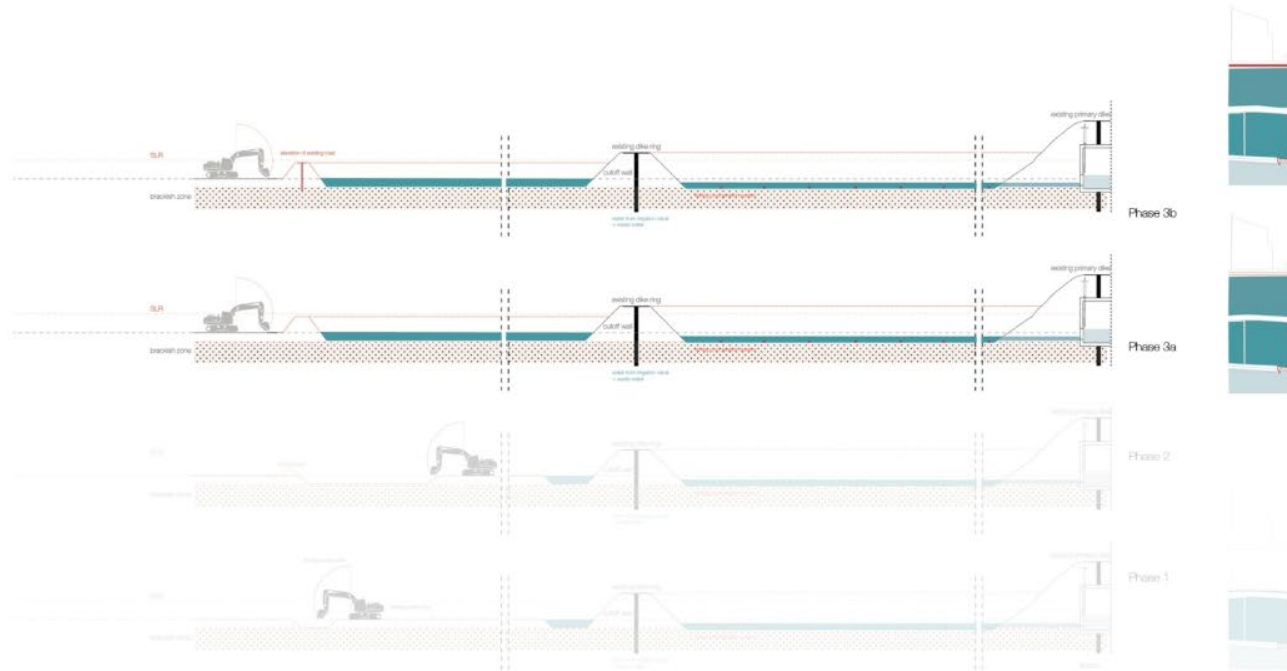
[Fig. 33c] Depoldering evolution + opening up the dike (area currently not pumped)



Micro-scale

Scenario 3: Overview I Infrastructure plans

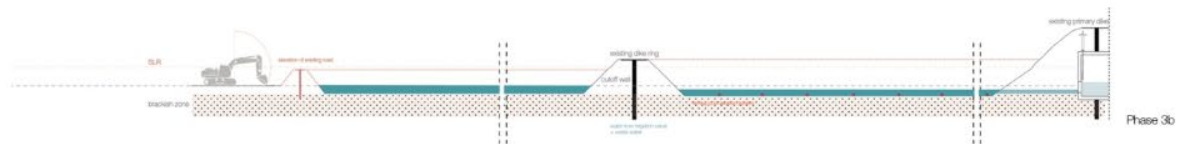
[Fig. 33c] Depoldering evolution + opening up the dike (area currently not pumped)



Micro-scale

Scenario 3: Overview I Infrastructure plans

[Fig. 33c] Depoldering evolution + opening up the dike (area currently not pumped) - visual impact



Phase 3b



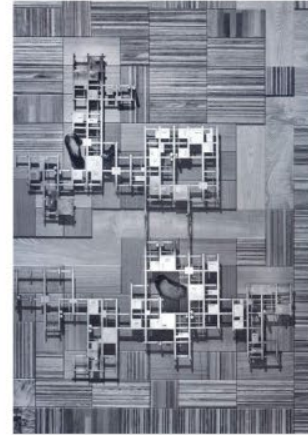
0m 4m

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Micro-scale
Scenario 3: **Reference**



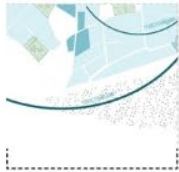
[Fig. 33a] Agricultural city (1960), Kisho Kurukawa



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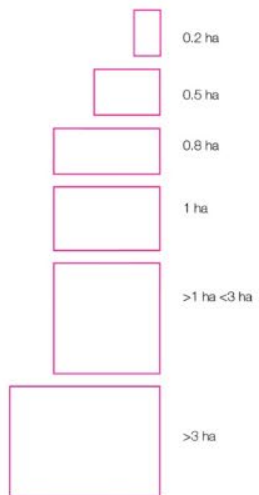


Micro-scale
Scenario 3



Micro-scale

Scenario 3 - Reparcelation options



€5.000/ha for paddle wheels (if applicable)

pond parcellation

Small to medium: 0.2ha -0.5ha -0.8ha -1ha

Large: >1ha <3ha

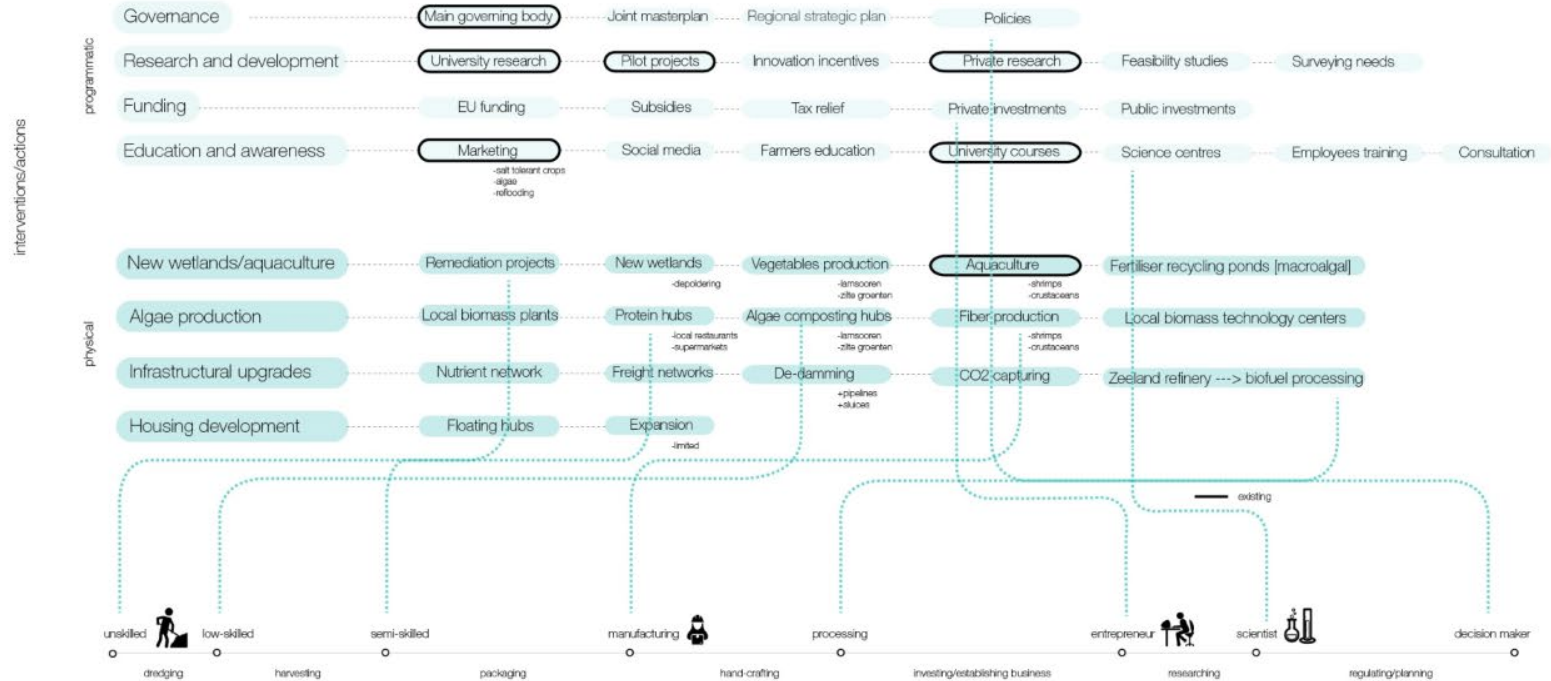
Extra large: >3ha



Governance

Transition in management [part 1]

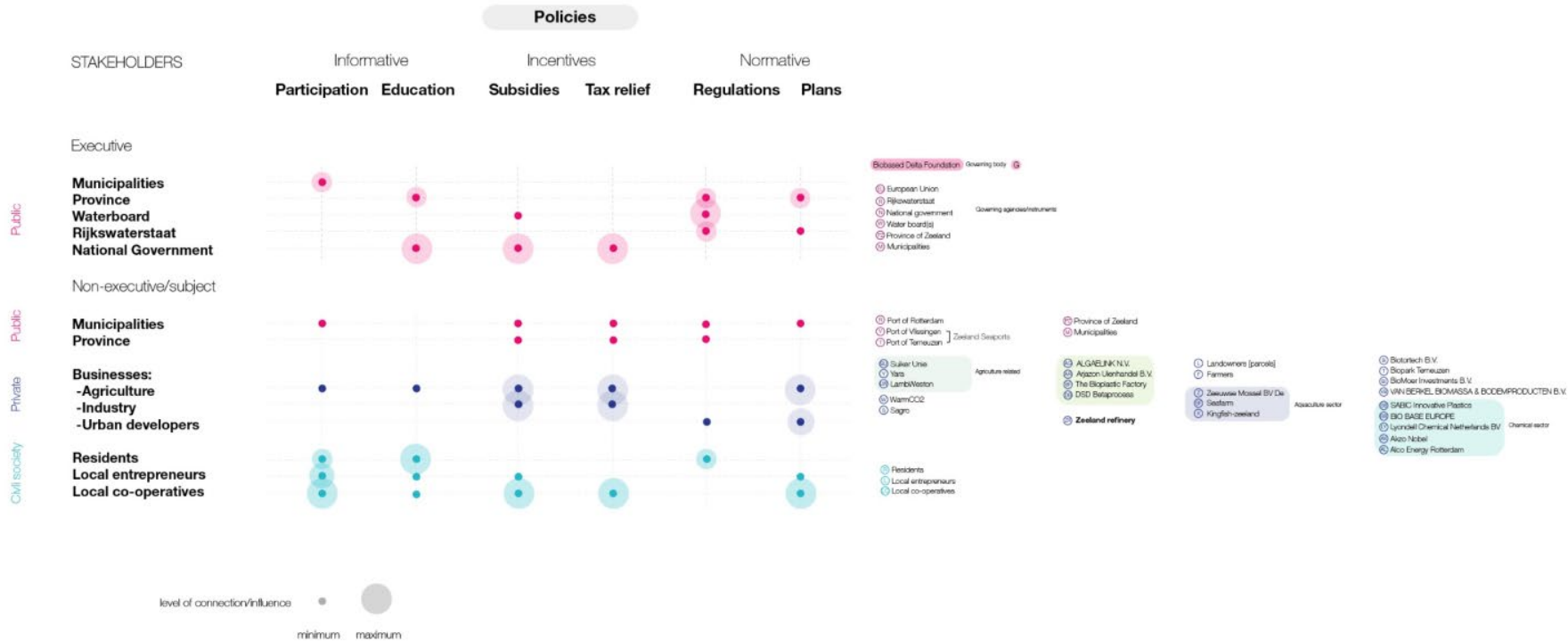
[Fig. 34] Matrix showcasing the transition in management and the respective labour force transformation



Governance

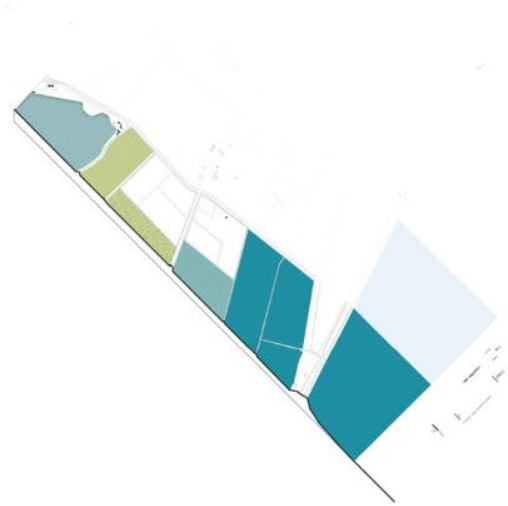
Transition in management [part 2]

[Fig. 35] Policies spectrum



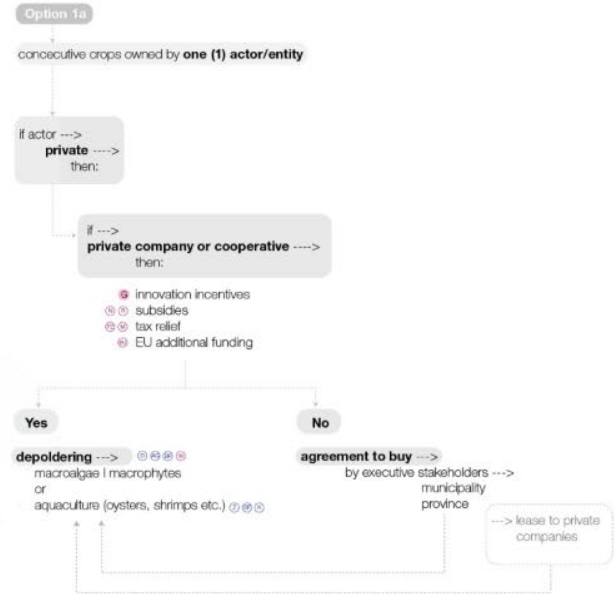
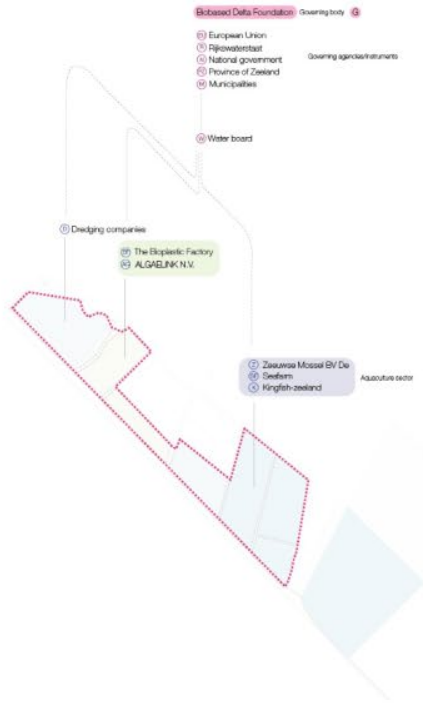
Governance

Model options



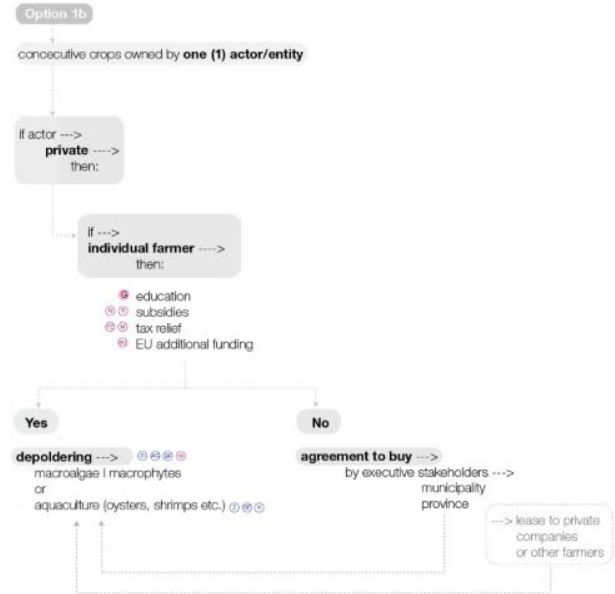
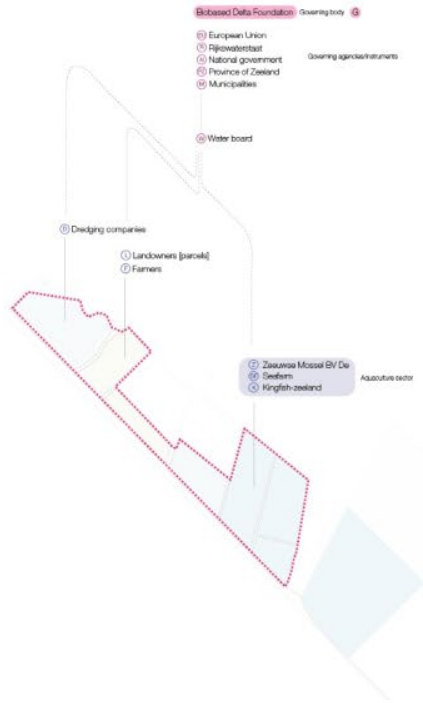
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Option 1a



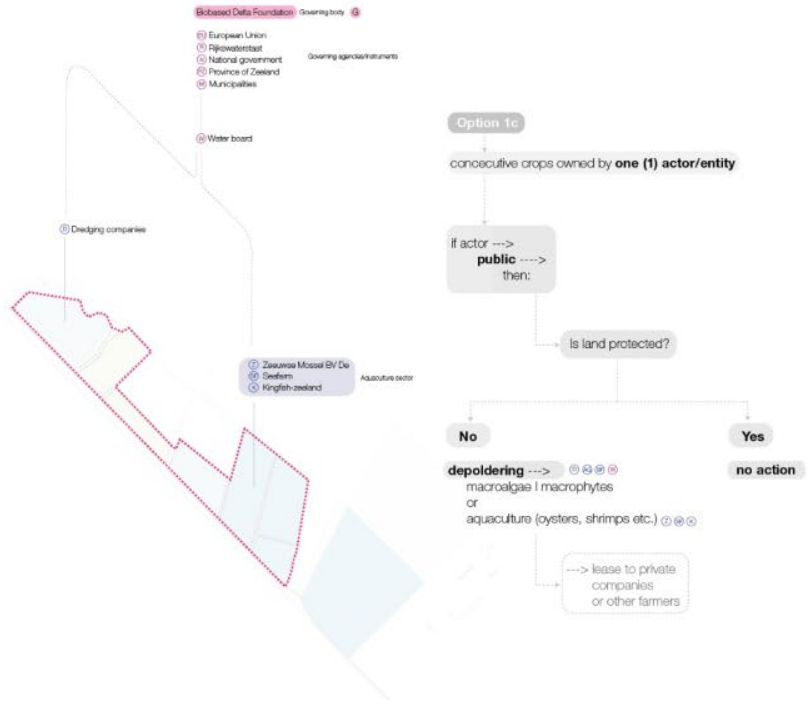
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Option 1b



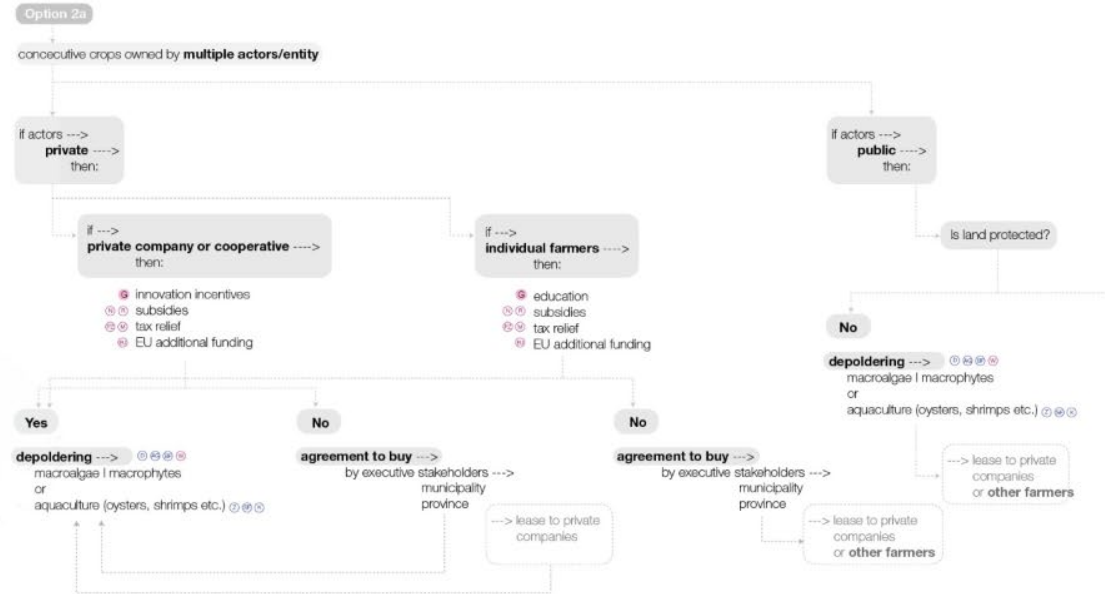
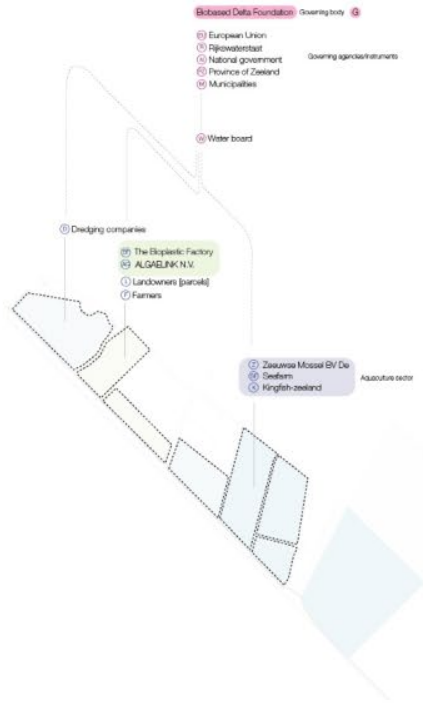
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Option 1c



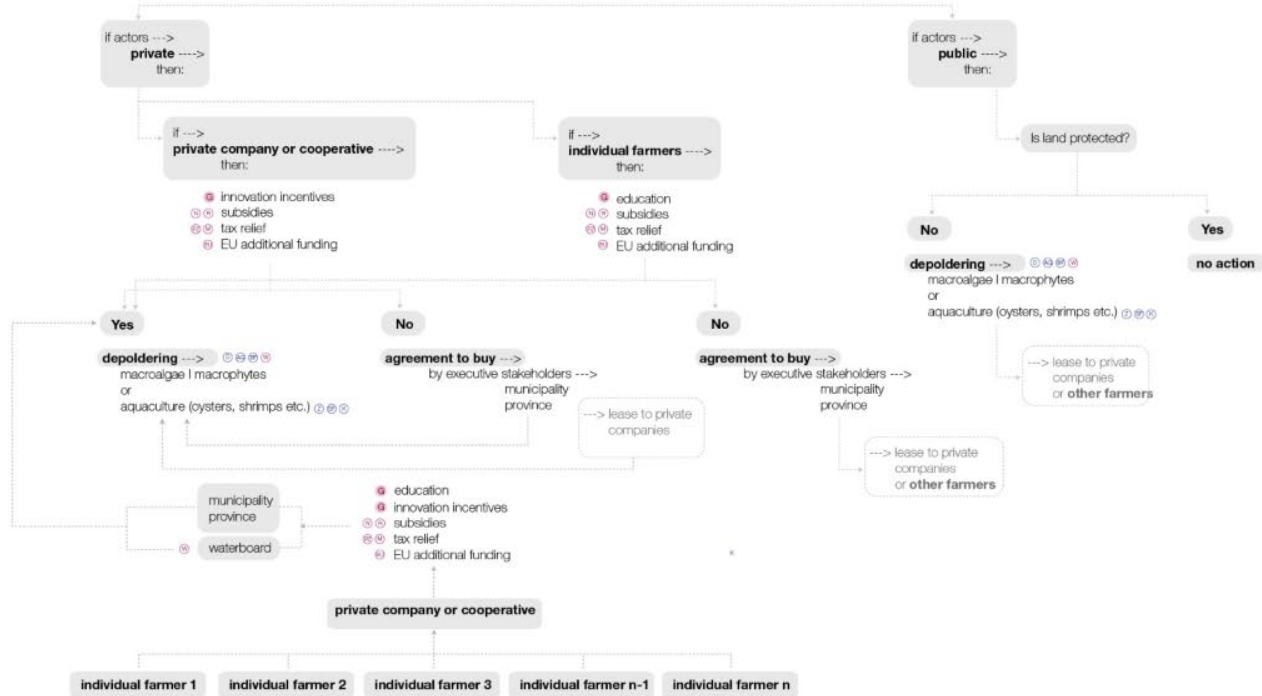
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Option 2



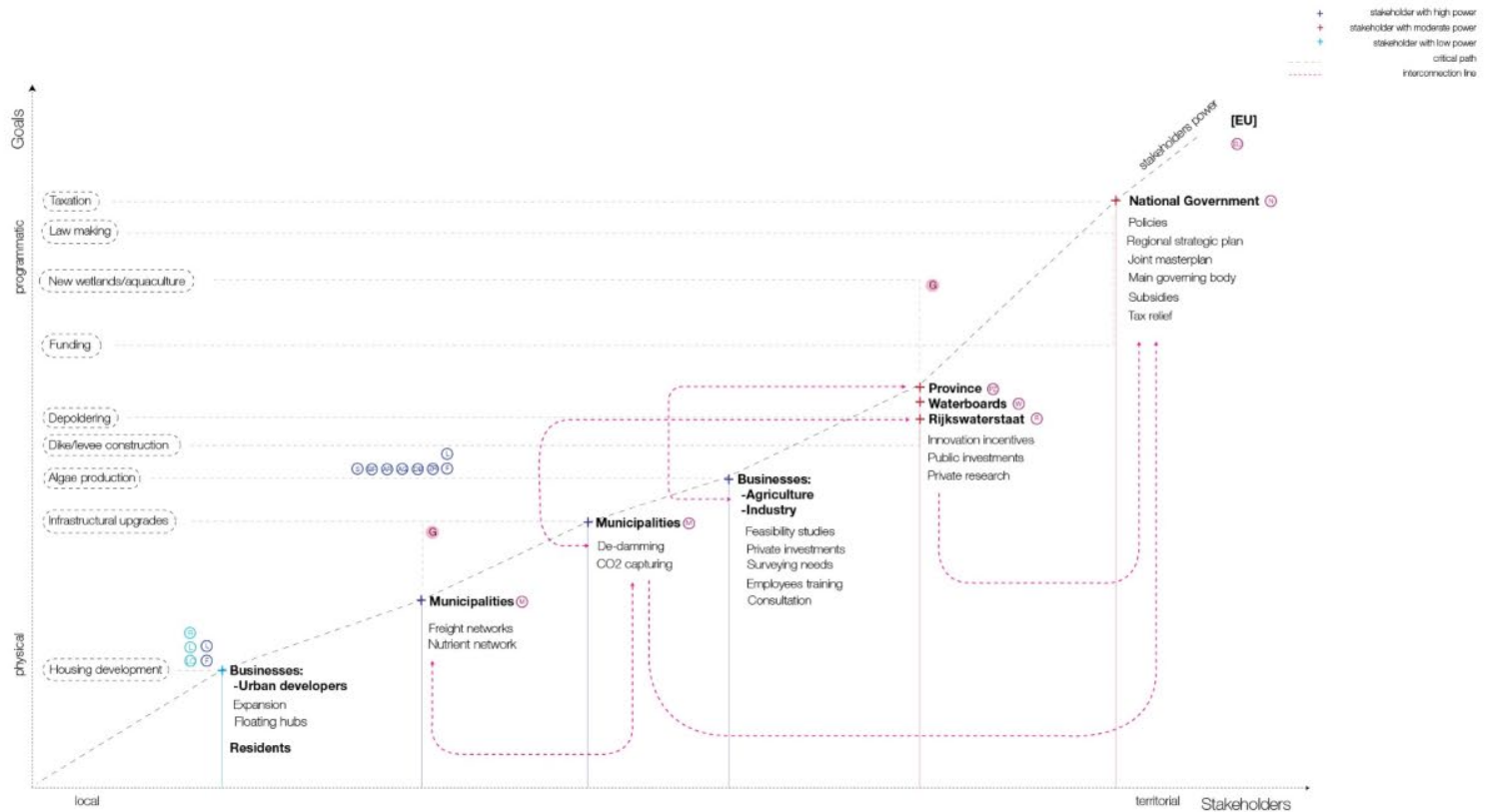
Triggering an emancipatory approach

Networks



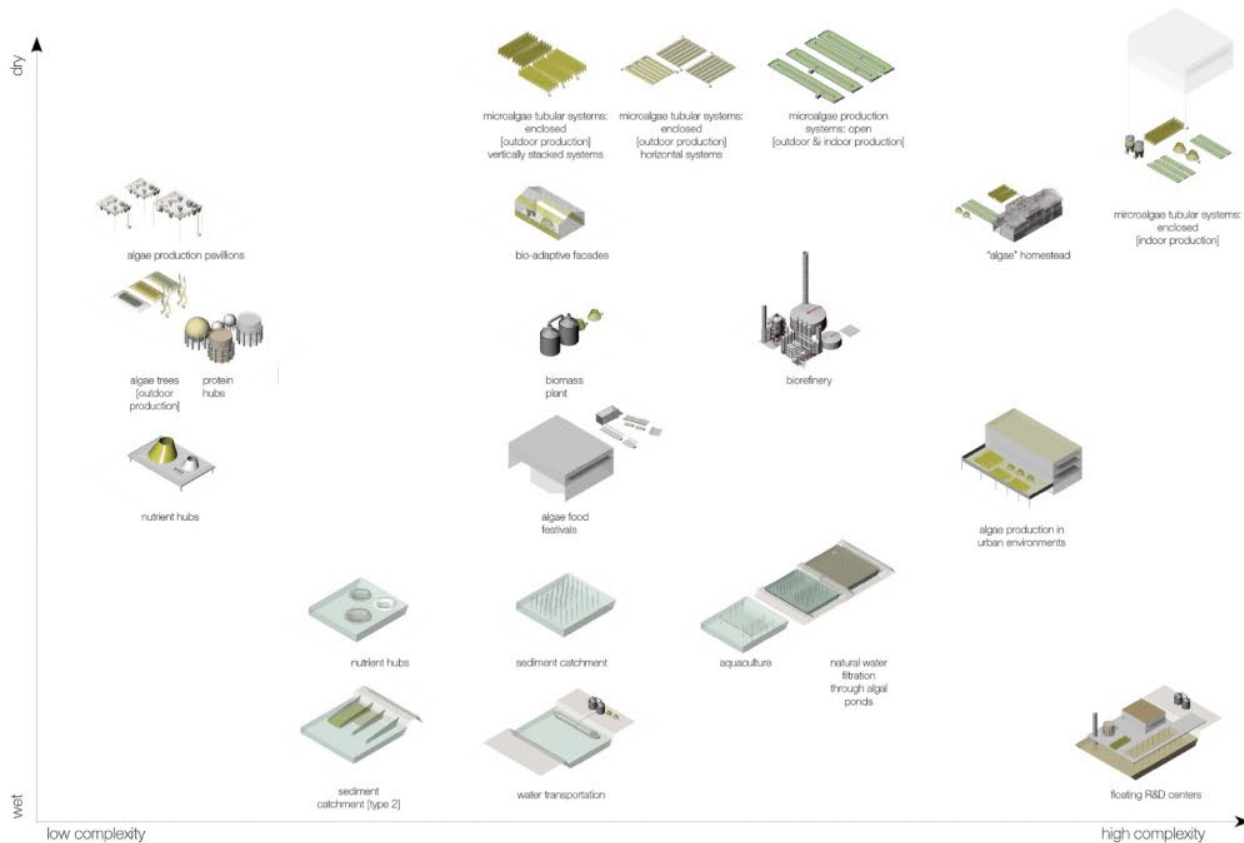
Triggering an emancipatory approach

Stakeholders interrelation



From micro- to nano-scale

Typologies matrix



Nano-scale

Included typologies



[Fig. 36] Algae vineyards 16.00



Nano-scale

Included typologies



Fig. 36| Algae vineyards 16.00



Fig. 37| Algae vineyards 23.00



Nano-scale

1 Source: Photo retrieved from Google Earth Pro.



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[Fig. 38b] Zeeland proposed. Location: Vlissingen



[Fig. 39b] Zeeland proposed. Location: Vlissingen



Source: Diagrams made by author.

Nano-scale

[Fig. 40a] Existing



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[Fig. 41a] Existing



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[Fig. 40b] Zeeland proposed. Location: Vlissingen



[Fig. 41b] Zeeland proposed. Location: Vlissingen port



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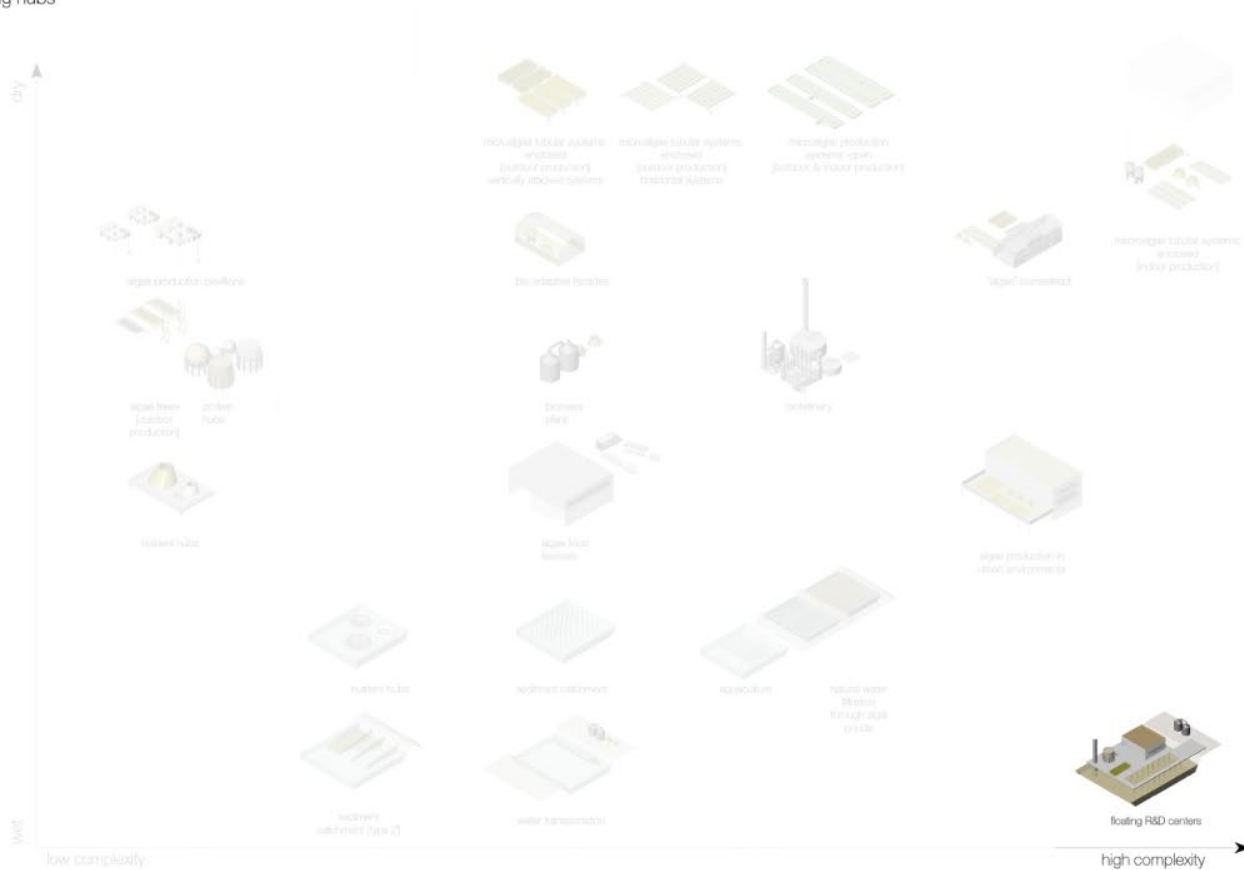
Included typologies



[Fig. 42] Depoldered lands



Nano-scale
Floating hubs



Nano-scale

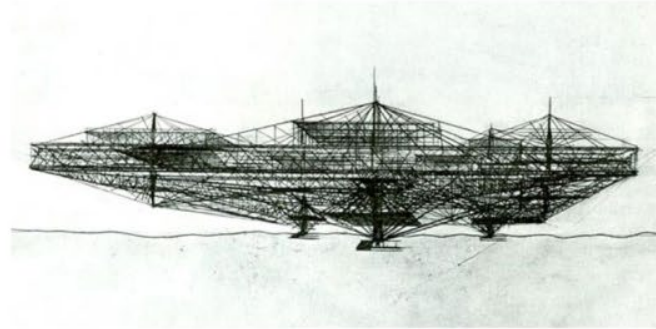
Floating hubs: Reference

[Fig. 43] New Babylon model (1960), Constant Nieuwenhuis



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[Fig. 44] New Babylon sketch (1950), Constant Nieuwenhuis



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Nano-scale
Floating hub

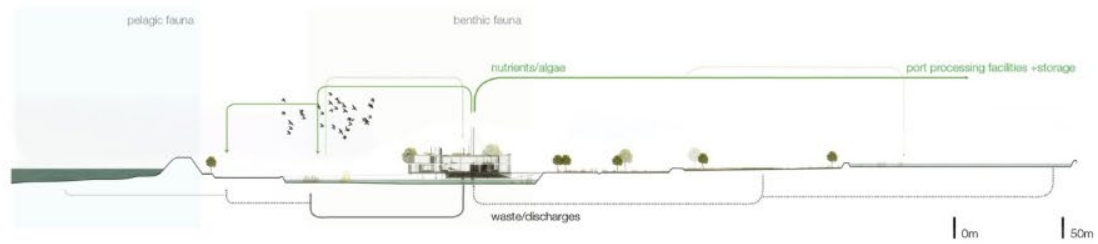
[Fig. 45] Existing situation



[Fig. 46] 80cm Sea Level Rise



[Fig. 47] Hub section



Nano-scale
Floating hub

[Fig. 48] Visual impression

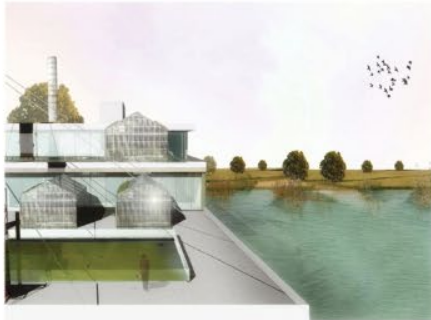


Nano-scale
Floating hub

[Fig. 49] Algae collection point



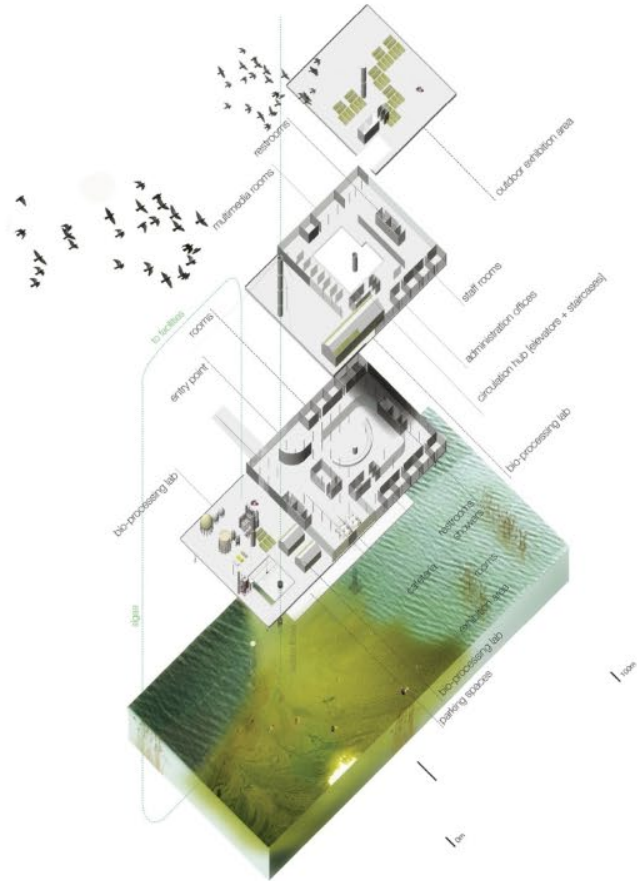
[Fig. 51] Exterior view



[Fig. 50] Algae exhibition area



Nano-scale
Floating hub exploded

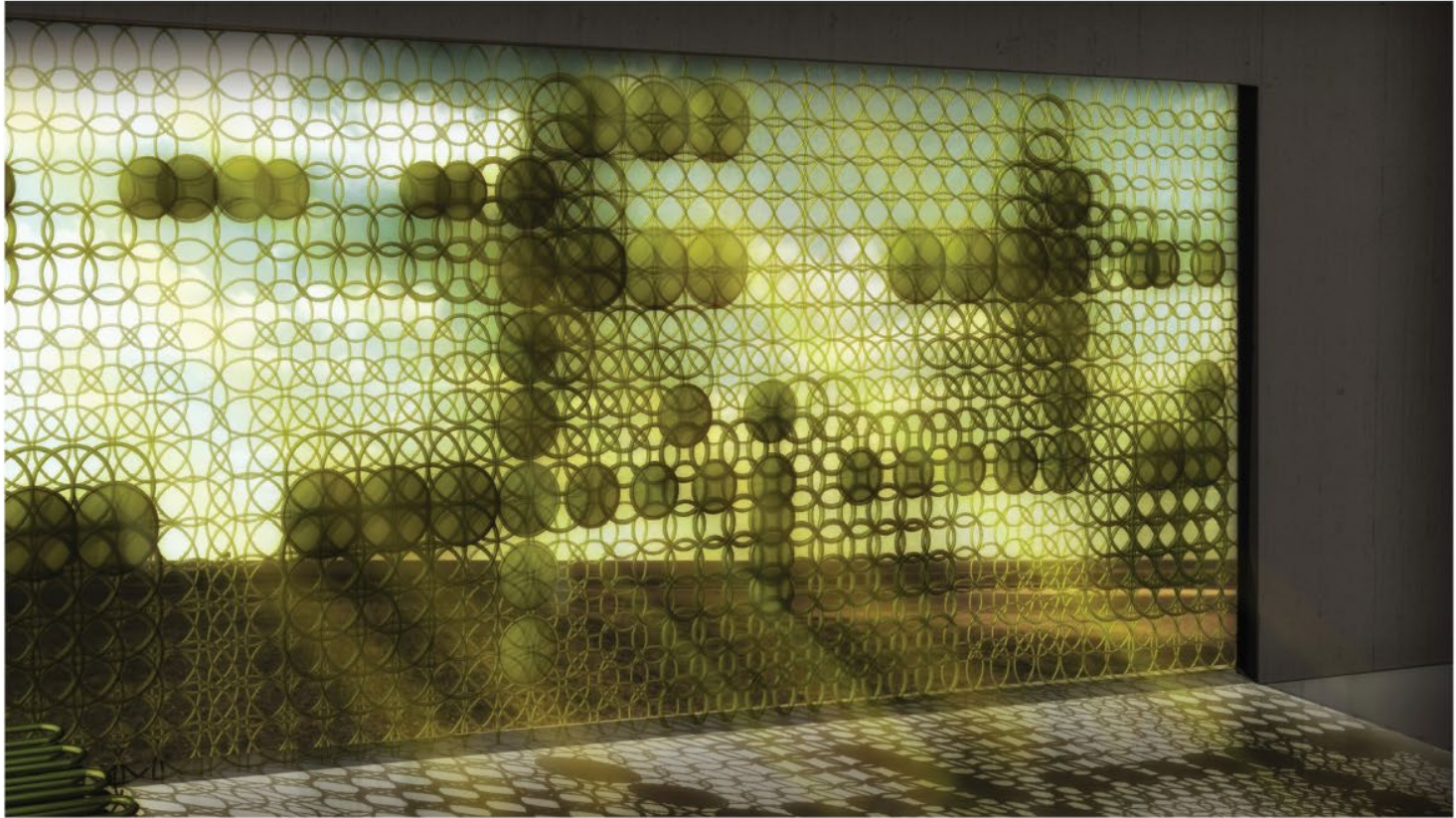


Ultra Nano-scale

Included typologies



[Fig. 52] Bioadaptive facade



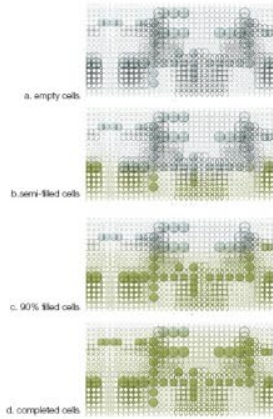
Ultra Nano-scale

The new "body"

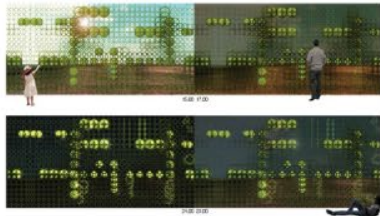
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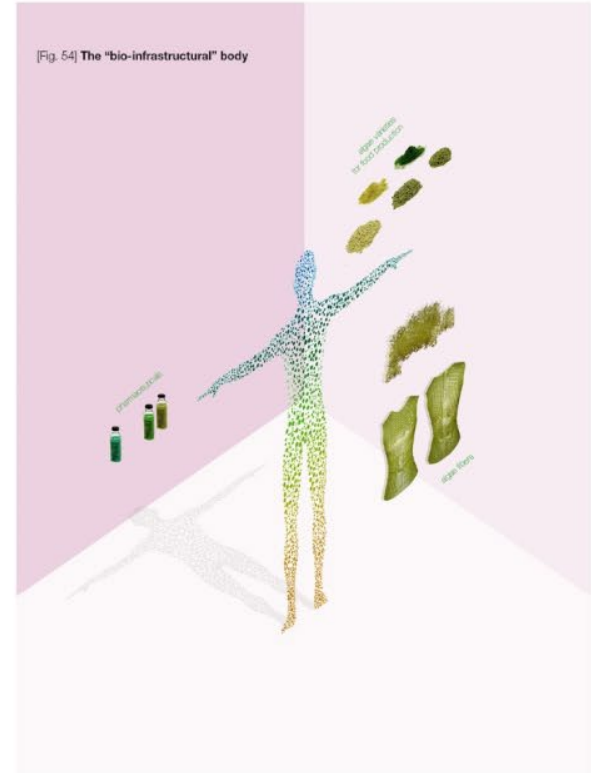
[Fig. 53] Filling cells process



[Fig. 93] Facade throughout the day



[Fig. 54] The "bio-infrastructural" body



Upscaling

From nano- to meso-scale

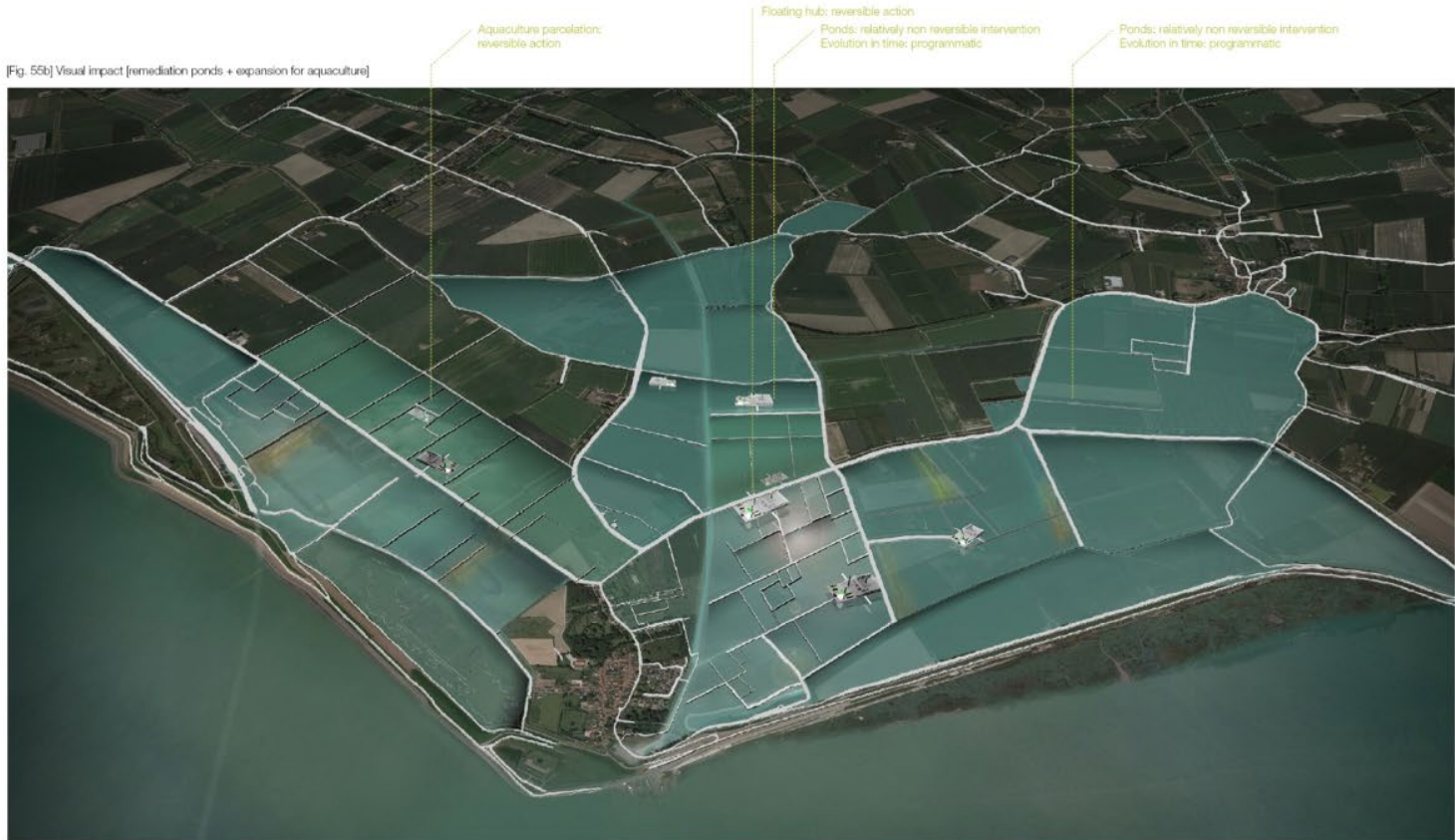
[Fig. 55a] Visual impact (remediation ponds)



Upscaling

From nano- to meso-scale

[Fig. 55b] Visual impact [remediation ponds + expansion for aquaculture]



Upscaling

From nano- to meso-scale

[Fig. 55c] Visual impact [Scenario 3 completed]



Upscaling
From meso- to macro-scale

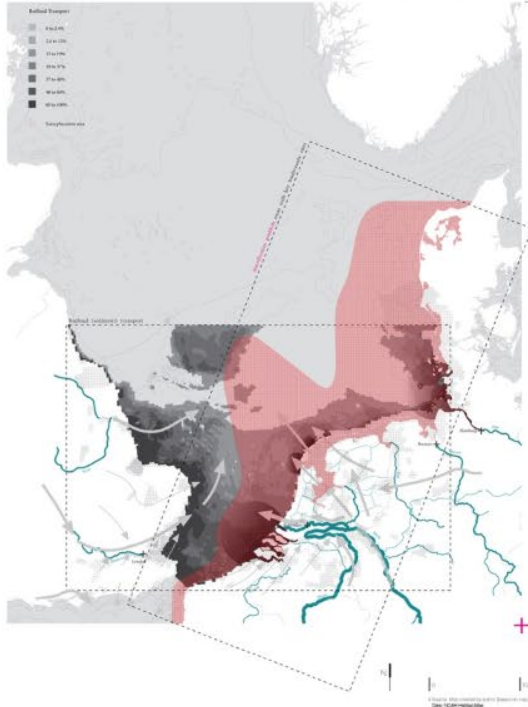
[Fig. 55d] Macro scale



Upscaling

From the Delta to the North Sea

[Fig. 2b] Areas of the North Sea threatened by **harmful algal bloom [HAB]**






[Fig. 4B] Key areas of the North Sea suitable for **biobased economy**



Upscaling

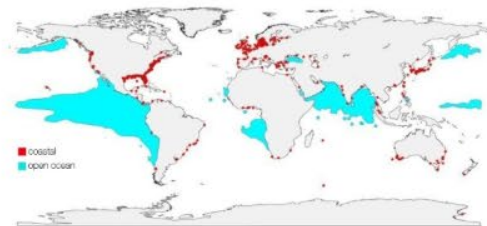
Transferability matrix

Interventions/actions	Problems	port facilities in need of repurposing	underperforming crops/ soil salinisation	environmental instability	eutrophication	surplus of agricultural land
Governance		normative policies: plans for biobased activities enhancement incentive policies: subsidies for companies establishment	incentive schemes for new types of crops	-	-	incentive schemes for new types of use or urban expansion
Research and development		-	-	assessment of flora and fauna decrease	monitoring (GIS) assessment of nitrogen and phosphorus surplus	-
Funding		-	subsidies/tax relief for new types of crops [salt-tolerant]	-	-	-
Education and awareness		-	-	-	-	-
New wetlands/aquaculture		-	macroalgal ponds 	macrophyte ponds 		incentive schemes for wetland establishment/ aquaculture
Algae production		enclosed tubular systems [microalgae] algae trees 	enclosed tubular systems [microalgae] macroalgal ponds 	macroalgal ponds 	consecutive remediation ponds 	enclosed tubular systems [microalgae] 
Infrastructural upgrades		biomass plants technology centers processing facilities for biobased products 	de-damming sluices	-	nutrient network algae collections algae compost facilities	-
Housing development		-	incentive schemes for new types of urban expansion [proposed type: floating hubs]	-	-	incentive schemes for new types of urban expansion [proposed type: floating hubs]

Across time and scales

1 Source: [g]: Brut Nature.
<https://www.facebook.com/brutnature/>
video/247164639173874/

[Fig. 49] Low oxygen zones



1 Source: UN Intergovernmental Oceanographic
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Across time and scales



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