From Landscape to Landscape

Multifunctional adaptation strategies for the Scheldt estuary

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Data source presentation cover: EEA, retrieved from: https://www.eea.europa.eu/ Images without sources are produced by the author Silo mentality - a definition:

Silo mentality is a mindset present when certain departments or sectors do not [willingly or not] share information with others. This type of mentality will reduce efficiency in the overall operation.

As in: http://www.businessdictionary.com/

WHAT? Moving beyond silo mentality in spatial planning

Moving from silos to gradients



From weak to strong sustainability. Based on the work on sustainable development by Giddings et al. (2002) and on socio-ecosystemic sustainability by Morandín-Ahuerma et al. (2019)

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From modernising to ecologising. Based on the work on network interactions by Latour (2007) **Strategic planning.** Based on the work by Albrechts (2006, 2009, 2013)

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(Landscape) Multifunctionality - a definition:

Multifunctionality in landscapes is the ability of the landscape to provide multiple functions and uses, while managing trade-offs and synergies between various services.

As in: Fagerholm et al. (2019)

Multi-actor partnerships - a definition:

Multi-actor partnerships [...] are collaborative processes involving a diversity of actors in order to address complex problems together. They acknowledge the complexities and interconnectedness of issues.





WHY? To integrate environmental actions into cross-border spatial development

Artificial/natural

Because economic growth means more CO₂ emissions



GDP per capita (2011 international dollar value)

OWID based on Global Carbon Project & UN Population (2017).

Retrieved from: https://ourworldindata.org/grapher/co-emissionsper-capita-vs-gdp-per-capita-international-?stackMode=absolute&t ime=1800..2016&country=NLD.

Artificial/natural Nature thrives in the lockdown

Emboldened wild animals venture into locked-down cities worldwide



▲ Sika deer cross a road in Nara, Japan. The animals have been wandering through city streets and subway station: Photograph: Tomohiro Ohsumi/Getty Images

Wild boar sighted near Barcelona. Retrieved from: https://www.theguardian.com/ world/2018/nov/04/wild-boar-sighted-near-barcelona-city-centre-looking-for-food Wild animals are slipping to explore. Retrieved from: https://en.mercopress. com/2020/04/02/wild-animals-are-slipping-to-explore-empty-streets-of-lock-downedcities

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As Humans Remain In Lockdown During Coronavirus Pandemic, Animals Roam. Retrieved from: https://www.forbes.com/sites/carlieporterfield/2020/04/09/as-humanslockdown-during-coronavirus-pandemic-animals-roam/#30ac07a7cb0d Amid coronavirus pandemic, animals reclaiming empty cities. Retrieved from: https://www.dw.com/en/amid-coronavirus-pandemic-animals-reclaiming-emptyWild boar sighted near Barcelona city centre looking for food

The animals, usually resident in nearby hills, are venturing close to the Sagrada Família



Adult and young Wild boars searching for food on a street in Barcelona. Photograph: Alamy Stock Photo

Wild animals are slipping to explore empty streets of lockdowned cities

Thursday, April 2nd 2020 - 08:55 UTC





Wild boar have descended from the hills around Barcelona in Spain while sika deer are nosing their way around the deserted metro stations of Nara in Japan.

As Humans Remain In Lockdown During Coronavirus Pandemic, Animals Roam



Apr 9, 2020, 03:38pm EDT



Deer cross a road in Nara, Japan, where groups of deer have begun foraging in the city's residential ... [+] GETTY IMAGES

HOME - INTERNATIONAL + LAS SHEE ARE SMOG-FREE AND FEACOCKS ARE ROAMING THE STREETS OF DUBAI PHOTO LA's skies are smog-free and peacocks are roaming the streets of Dubai. Photos show how nature has returned to cities shut down by the coronavirus pandemic. Twar Mede Boars

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- Aside from slowing the spread of the novel coronavirus, social distancing has had the unintended side effect of reducing pollution and replenishing wildlife across the globe.
- Several cities have seen a reduction in air pollution, while mountain goats overran one Welsh town as people stay indoors.
- The coronavirus has infected over 2.4 million and killed more than 165,000, with over 40,000 deaths in the US.
- Visit Business Insider's homepage for more stories.



Foto: Peter Byrne/PA Images via Getty Images Herds of mountain goats that normally live outside Llandudno, Wales, have taken over while the town's human residents are staying indoors.

Full article

Artificial/natural

Because urbanisation reached a planetary dimension

The Planetary Thünen Town at the beginning of the twenty-first century. Agglomeration zones in orange, plotted against the totality of the used part of the planet in black, including agricultural lands (cropland, grazing), forestry zones, mining areas, and transport infrastructure (ground, marine). Source: Katsikis (2018); Brenner & Schmiid (2015)

Urban/rural

Because of the emergence of megaregions



Data sources: EEA, retrieved from: https://www.eea.europa.eu/; OSM retrieved from: http://www.geofabrik.de/

Border regions

Because of the transnational nature of megaregions and ecosystems



Data sources: EEA, retrieved from: https://www.eea. europa.eu/; EMODnet, retrived from: https://www. emodnet.eu/; OSM, retrieved from: http://www.geofabrik. de/



Silo mentality in Natura2000

EU Biodiversity Targets (2020)	Progress at mid-term (2015)	
2020 Headline Target	No significant progress towards the target	

Excerpt from the EU biodiversity strategy mid-term review (2015). Retrieved from. https:// ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/biodiversity/comm2006/pdf/mid_term_review_summary.pdf





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Nature conservation vs human activity

Farmers' strike Source: RTL nieuws.







Economy



Society



Climate change

Warming stripes (1850-2018) Source: WMO, 2018.

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Achieving climate neutrality

Europe aims to achieve net-zero emissions by 2050.

Retrieved from: https://ec.europa.eu/ info/strategy/priorities-2019-2024/ european-green-deal_en



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Achieving climate neutrality, but how?

Achieving economic neutrality, at the risk of ignoring environmental resilience and human health

Excerpt from the IEEP first analysis of the EU Green Deal (2019). Retrieved from. Retrieved from: https://ieep. eu/publications/first-analysis-of-the-european-green-deal

Achieving ecosystem restoration



"Bringing nature back into our lives"

Excerpt from the EU biodiversity strategy for 2030. Retrieved from. https://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/biodiversity/strategy/index_en.htm





How to prepare for climate resilience beyond 2050?



Evaluation Evolutionary resilience



WHERE? The Scheldt-estuary region

Location choice: the Scheldt estuary

Environmental, climatic and spatial challenges are largely managed with silo mentalities:

- Protected ecosystem at risk
 Flooding, salinisation and sedimentation control
- Cross-border and peri-urban region

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3	- Water			
	Natura 2000 areas			
	Ports			
	Industry			
	Buillt environment			
	Rhine-Meuse-Scheldt delta			
	National borders			

Data sources: EEA, retrieved from: https://www.eea. europa.eu/; EMODnet, retrived from: https://www. emodnet.eu/; OSM, retrieved from: http://www.geofabrik. de/



Green growth in the delta: from mosaic to pastel



Delta concept plan 1.0 and 2.0. From mosaic to pastel. Source: de Vlieger, (2018)



Main research question

SRQ1 Concepts



How to align spatial, environmental and climate actions in the Scheldt-estuary region towards long-term green growth development? And to what extent can multi-functional uses and multi-actor collaboration facilitate this transformation?

Sub-research questions

SRQ1

How to define green growth in spatial development and planning?

SRQ2

How to assess the systems at stake? Which are their challenges, opportunities and interrelations?

SRQ3

How to facilitate strategic multi-actor collaboration? How can their interaction levolve over time?

Governance

SRQ4

How to combine multiple functions and actors in single development areas?

Concepts

Systems

Strategy

HOW? Green growth concept

Conceptual framework

SRQ1a

How to define green growth and why does it matter?

Strategic regional planning Environment Society FCONOMY ↔·····Multifunctional and cross-border peri-urban gradients······ Citular and bio Healthy and adaptive Ecosystem-based and resilier Collaborative governance

Based on: **Doughnut model** (top) by Raworth (2012); **SDGs** hierarchy (bottom left) by Rockström & Sukhdev (2016); **Green economy** diagram (bottom right) by EEA (2015) model

HOW? (2) Spatial systems and interventions

Spatial systems Towards a strategic perspective



Operational goal

Clusters

Biophysical systems Goal



Environmental resilience

Adapt and restore ecosystems and address climate uncertainty



Cultural systems Goal



Societal well-being

Increase population health and adaptive capacity



Biophysical

Resource systems Goal



Economic neutrality

Implement circular carbon flows and bio-based economy



Spatial systems Challenges







Overall data sources:

Atlas Natuurlijk Kapital. DOV (Databank Ondergrond Vlaanderen).

EEA (European Environment Agency).

EMODnet (European Marine Observation and Data Network).

Geodan.

Geopunt.

INBO (Instituut voor Natuuren Bosonderzoek).

OSM (Open Street Map).

OSPAR (Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the North-East Atlantic).

PDOK (Publieke Dienstverlening Op de Kaart).

Operational goal

System assessment



Environmental resilience Interventions



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Adapt and restore ecosystems and addre climate uncertainty



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Biodiversity

Climate-related

Flooding risk Salinisation Sedimentatio Subsidence Drought

Interventions

Challenges

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Soil composition

Base laver

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Societal well-being Interventions



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↓ Challenges

Internal: Green accessibility Active mobility Cultural landscapes

Climate-related: Public transport accessibility Services accessibility

Interventions

Challenges x Land uses & population density

Base layer

Clusters

Healthy urbanism in: Urban cores Peri-urban cores Infrastructural corridors Ports

Economic neutrality Interventions





Interventions Challenges

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Clusters of interventions Environment


Environmental strategies



Legend

Water
Restored sand and mud flats for sedimentation and erosion management
Depoldered coast for salt marsh restoration and land formation
Saline seepage for salt marsh restoration
Water storage in creeks for freshwater provision
Floodable low valleys for excess water storage buffer

Fresh water loam ridges for afforestation

Fresh water sand ridges for afforestation and heather restoration

Paved areas for increased soil filtration measures (de-paving)

Protected natural areas

Expansions and new connections of the ecological network





Social strategies

0 5 10 15 km



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Economic strategies

0 5 10 15 km

Legend

Water Residential areas Circular ports Heat network Biomass digester from surrounding sources Soil Organic Carbon Food and biomass crops 0 Agroforestry Extensive pig farm Extensive cattle farm Extensive poultry farm C Horticulture New pipelines for carbon -(2)and hydrogen 6 Waste sorting centres Bio refineres Electricity storage New wind farms New high voltage connection <--->



HOW? (3) Collaborative, cross-border and evolutionary governance

Governance structures Towards a strategic perspective



Collaborative planning

Mobilise all actors involved Create co-producing arenas Facilitate multi-level agreements



Dynamic Adaptive Pathways

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Collaborative planning

Mobilise all actors involved Create co-producing arenas Eacilitate agreements

Biophysical

Governance goal

Institutional frameworks In search of multiactor and cross-border arrangements



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Institutions

European Regional Local Cross-border

Arenas Stakeholders and Facilitators

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Dynamic Adaptive Pathways

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Institutional frameworks In search of multi-

cross-border

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Institutions European Regional Local Cross-border I Arenas Stakeholders and Facilitators I Scenarios Four pathways to climate neutrality:

Governance assessm

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Multi-actor interaction Current situation

Onion diagram. Based on: Czischke









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Create co-producing arena Facilitate agreements

> Arenas Stakeholders and Facilitators

Public











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Evolutionary governance Moving through short- medium- and long-term targets

2030

Carbon neutrality (EU Green Deal)

-50% GHG emissions compared to 1990 values No Net Loss (EU Biodiversity strategy 2030)

+30% Natura2000 areas on land and +30% on sea 25% agricultural area to organic farming 10% agricultural area to nature management 50% river banks re-naturated

2050

Carbon neutrality (EU Green Deal)

-95% GHG emissions compared to 1990 values

Ecosystem recovery (UN Convention on Biodiversity)

All ecosystem are partially recovered and have net positive biodiversity

2080

Climate resilience (proposed target)

Sources: EU Green Deal, retrieved from: https://ec.europa.eu/info/ strategy/priorities-2019-2024/ european-green-deal_en; EU Biodiversity strategy: https:// ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/ biodiversity/strategy/index_en.htm









Dynamic Adaptive Pathways

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Evolutionary governance Four types of policy action



Evolutionary governance Four types of policy action





Evolutionary governance Dynamic Adaptive Pathways (preferred option)

Legend



2060

2050

Current sistuation

Technical actions

Individual actions

Green

actions

actions

De-growth

2020

2030

2040

2080

2070

HOW? (4) Regional strategy and design

System interrelations Towards a strategic perspective



Strategic regional planning *multifunctional and multiactor*



Scheldt vision 2080

Co-producing desired futures in collaborative arenas



Strategic actions

solutions to

Environmental resilience



Strategic plan

Managing trade-offs and synergies on the regional scale











Pilot projects

Test options



Backbones

Develop regional infrastructure



Neutrality targets

Through backbones and local projects implementation



Resilience targets

Through the shift to full eco- and biobased solutions



From Landscape to landscape Two case studies of landscape transitions

1- Towards sustainable and resilient agriculture

2- Towards sustainable and resilient ports

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Data sources: Google maps, retrieved from: https://www.google.com/maps

Transition towards sustainable agricultural landscapes



Data sources: Google maps, retrieved from: https://www.google.com/maps

Current situation: challenges and potentials



Data sources: PDOK, retrived from: https://www.pdok.nl/; TOP10 Netherland, retrived from: https:// zakelijk.kadaster.nl/; and see surces of slide 31





Data sources: PDOK, retrived from: https://www.pdok.nl/; TOP10 Nederland, retrived from: https://zakelijk.kadaster. nl/

Pilots completed:

1- Increased freshwater storage in sandy creeks for orchards and forestry

2- Crop rotation and natural field edges management

3- Agricultural waste digester for decentralisted heat network



Backbones completed:

1- Increased freshwater storage in sandy creeks, coupled with public and slow mobility routes, and extended power lines

2- Recreational routes along field edges and organic farming corridors, coupled with extended power lines


Backbones filled by local projects

1- Fully developed freshwater storage in sandy creeks

2- Fully developed organic farming linked with agro-tourism services

3- Fully developed local heat network

4- Full renewable energy production



Long-term climate resilience

1- Freshwater storage in sandy creeks for fruit crops and forestry

2- Depoldering/salty seepage for saline agriculture linked with recreational routes and agro-tourism services

3- De-growth of the technical energy network



Current situation



Data sources: Google maps, retrieved from: https://www.google.com/maps





Transition towards sustainable port landscapes



Data sources: Google maps, retrieved from: https://www.google.com/maps

Current situation: challenges and potentials

Data sources: GEOPUNT, retrived from: http://www.geopunt.be/; OSM, retrived from: http://www.geofabrik.de/; and see surces of slide 31



Current situation:

- Polluting port activities
- Unattractive living environments

Data sources: GEOPUNT, retrived from: http://www.geopunt.be/; OSM, retrived from: http://www.geofabrik.de/



Pilots completed:

1- Constructed wetland parks along port edges, coupled slow mobility routes and renewable energy production

2- Carbon-neutral steel pilots: carbon capture and use; biocoal; hydrogen as coal replacement

3- Circular waste storage sites in empty port plots



Backbones completed:

1- Passenger lightrail next coupled with transit-oriented developments and green connections

2- Carbon and hydrogen pipeline coupled with constructed wetland corridors and RE generation

3- Circular waste storage site network



Backbones filled by local projects

1- Fully developed multimodal hubs around new stations in connection with the landscape

2- Fully developed constructed wetland network with emerging forestry. Also, developing carbon-based sector

3- Fully carbon-neutral port with phased-out coal

4- Circular port



Long-term climate resilience

1- Restored ground waters that support forestry and, hence, biobased products

2- Fully circular steel from recycling and renewable energy sources

3- Circular waste network supported by new waste upcycling facilities



Current situation



Data sources: Google maps, retrieved from: https://www.google.com/maps







Results summary Were the questions answered?

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Governance





Strategy









Thank you









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