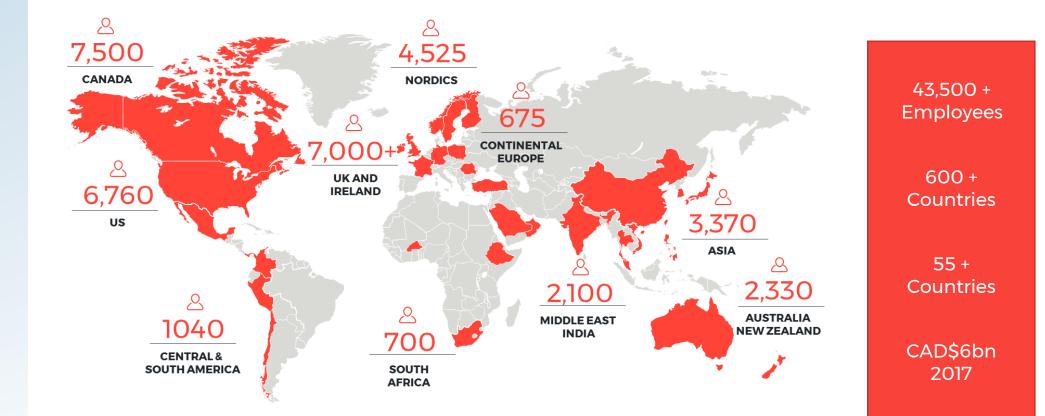
# Reducing the Impact on and from Coastal and Marine Environments

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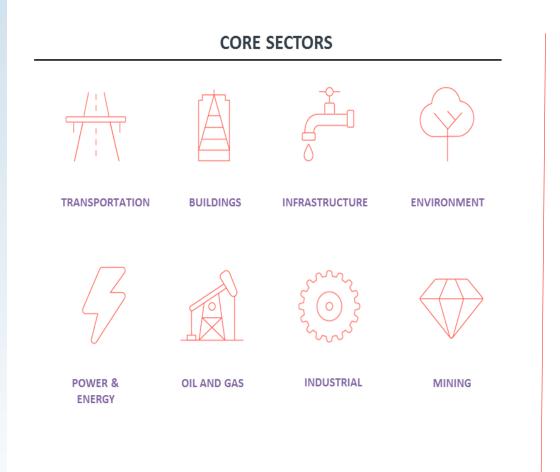
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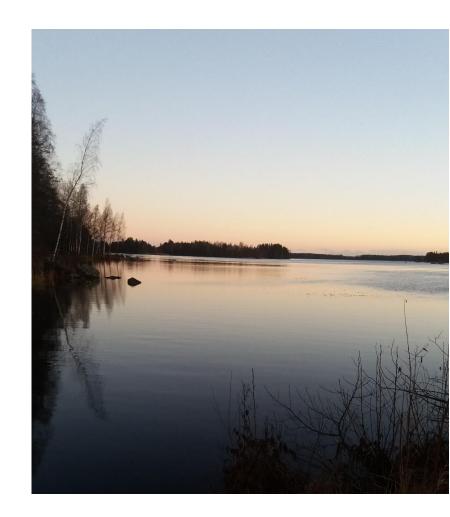
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- Integrated water management;
- Policy & government upskilling;
- Sustainable water supply & allocation;
- Water treatment;
- Water distribution;
- Climate change;
- Trans-boundary issues;
- Monitoring networks;
- Regional resource mapping;
- Well development;
- Associated support:
  - Financing
  - Consultation
  - Environmental

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# Water related projects

- Groundwater, freshwater and marine water.
- Biological values and ecological services.
- Environental and human health.
- Developing methods for water treatment, cleaning of polluted ground water/waste water from polluted areas/industries.



## **Regulations**

We are working with both national and EU regulations:

- Swedish environmental code
- European Water directive (Ecological and Chemical status)
- Drinking water directive
- Habitat directive
- $\circ$  European flood directive



- 160 km of fishing nets are lost in Sweden annualy.
- WWF Germany for the EU INTERREG MARELITT Baltic.
- Enivrionmental impact assessments.
- Different methods are used when retrieving lost fishing nets.
- Method polish fishermen (WWF) have designed a method.
- Different equipment exists which will impact the environment to different extent.



#### MARELITT Baltic

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- The methods were compared with bottom trawling and a zero alternative.
- The focus was on benthic/bottom habitat in the Baltic Sea.
- The different habitats have different sensitivity for the diffrent effects.
  - Example sea grass bed



The evaluation and to grade the different methods we looked at the:

oEffect (abrasion)

Sensitivity (Holas II, Helcom)

oImpact=Effects\*Sensitivity

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						Baltic Ecosystem

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MARELITT Baltic

 The report will be used during planing of retrieval operations.

Highlights wich
 conciderations needs to be
 taken during retrieval.



Photo: Marelitt partner, Simrishamn kommun

# **Sediment and polutants**

- Polutants come from many sources.
- Urbanised areas, industry, the shipping industry and agriculture.
- They end up in the water.
- Sediment function as a sink for many pollutants.
- No disturbance the pollutants slowly be burried and taken out of the ecosystem.





# Dredging

- Distribution of pollutants.
- The history of different pollutants.
- In Sweden polluted sediment can't be used in any contruction.
- Polluted sediment is classified as waste.
- Transported to a waste deposit on land.
- Expensive and large amounts of transport.
- o Dumped.





# Dredging

- The maritime industry in Sweden is steadily increasing.
- One of the most busiest routes in the world.
- Shallow, many narrow straits and small island.
- The ships are also increasing in size. Increased ship size requires larger and deeper harbours/passages.
- Harbours are high intensity areas often with polluted sediment.
- In order to increase a depth or construct a larger harbour dredging and removal of sediment is necesary.



Source: www.roanokunderwriting.com



Source: www.ourbalticsea.com

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## **Environmental status**

- According to the environmental swedish regulation all registered waters has a goal to achieve good envrionmental status.
- Industries are not allowed to worsen the environmental status.

# **Marine spatial planing**

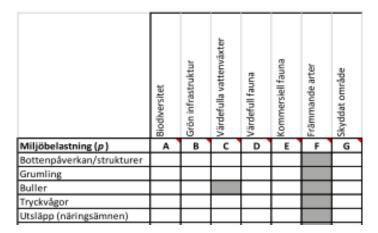
- First Swedish marine spatial plan
- The goal with the plan is to improve the marine environment.
- Swedish waters consist of three basins and each bassin had one plan.
- For each basin WSP performed a environmental impact assessment.
- Different habitats, species, protected areas, biological values, ecological services, physio- and chemical factors and geomorphology.

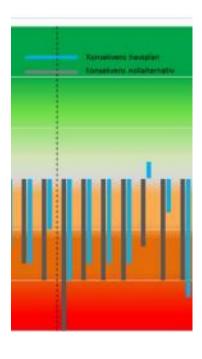


# **Marine spatial planing**

- We identified the environmental effects linked to the marine sectors icluded in the plan.
- Interaction between each sector and environmental effects and impacts.
- Having a plan was also compared with the zero alternative (not having a plan).



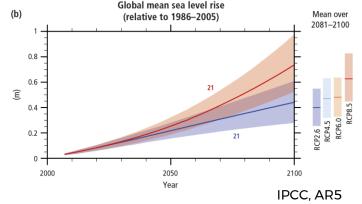






#### **Coasts under pressure**

- Growing urbanization, industrialization, and transportation close to the sea
- Increasing coastal population density
- Habours getting larger or transformed into residential areas
- Land reclamation
- Degradation of coastal ecosystems and natural buffers
- Sea level rise
- Higher water levels and more extreme events





Coastal zones are getting more vulnerable to flooding and erosion.



#### **Coastal flood risk**

- Risk for injuries and loss of life
- Structural damages to buildings, infrastructure, harbours and coastal defences
- Socio-economic consequences, direct and indirect damages
- Environmental impacts, saltwater intrusion, pollution
- Coastal erosion, loss of land



# **Risk management in coastal communities**

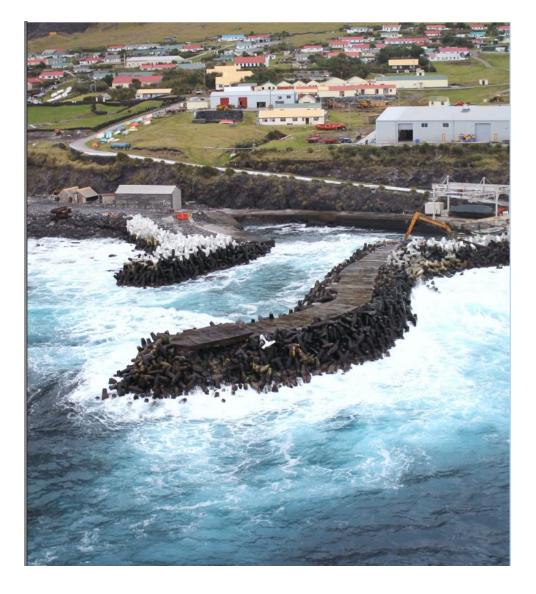
Challenges

- How can we reduce todays and future risks for coastal communities?
- How close to the water can we build new infrastructure?
- How can we protect what is already there?
- How do we deal with uncertainties in climate scenarios? Time scale? Acceptable risk?
- What are appropriate adaptation measures?
- What are the costs and the benefits of climate change adaptation?

## **Coastal protection**

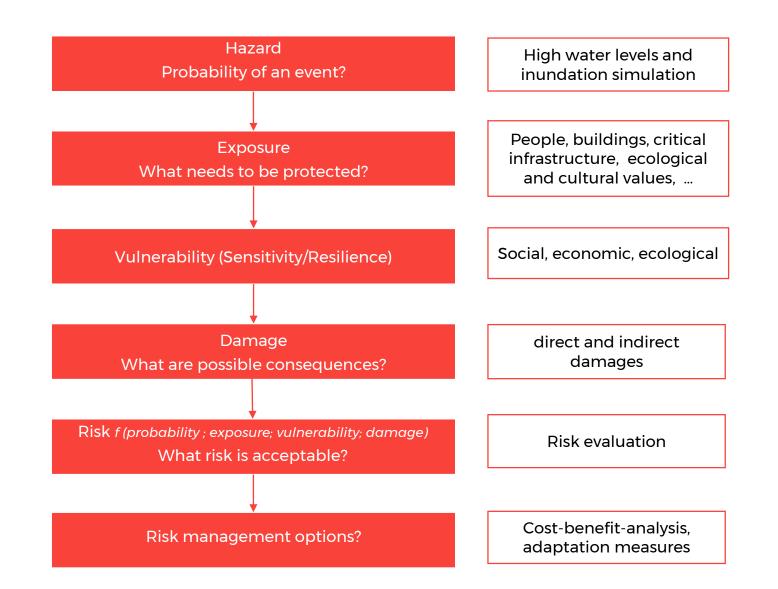
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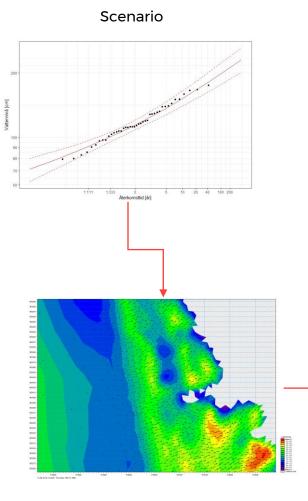
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#### **Risk analysis**



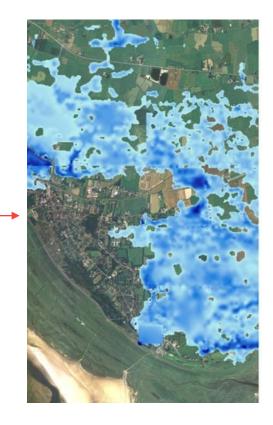
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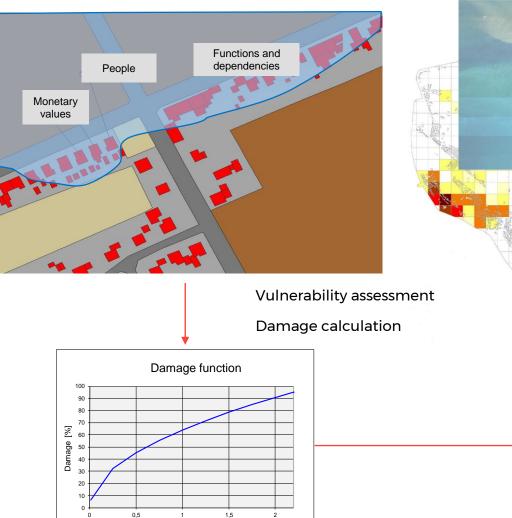
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Hydrodynamic modelling (2D modelling, MIKE21)



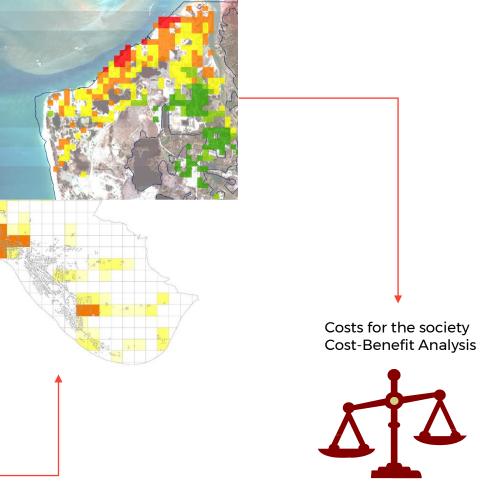
Inundation map with distribution of water depths and flow velocities)

# **Risk analysis**



Water depth [m]

#### Risk map (damage/probability)



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# **Risk assessment in coastal communities**

- Multiple hazards, cloudburst, river flooding and high water levels at the coast
- Hydrodynamic modelling of different events and combined scenarios





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# **Risk assessment in coastal communities**

- Multi-risk assessment
- Prioritization of adaptation measures

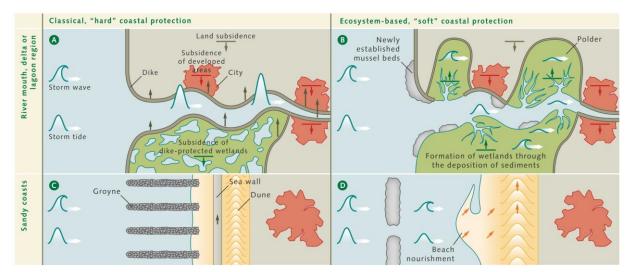




# **Risk management in coastal zones - outlook**

Climate change requires sustainable adaptation and flexible solutions

- Detailed risk assessment
- Hard -> soft solutions (e.g. concrete structures -> beach nourishment)
- Resistance -> resilience
- Nature-based solutions
- Making space for water



Source: World Ocean Review 5 (2017). maribus gGmbH, https://worldoceanreview.com/en/wor-5/ adapted from: Temmerman et al. (2013): Ecosystem-based coastal defence in the face of global change. Nature, 504, 79–83.