



# DELTA VISIONS


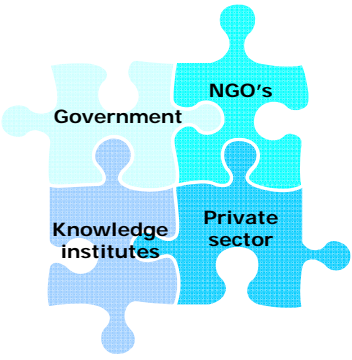
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## Netherlands Water Partnership

- Single access point for information on the Dutch Water sector
- Promote the Dutch Water Sector abroad
- Accelerate and support of innovation
- Stimulate and support co-operation between public sector, private sector, knowledge institutes and NGO's
- Enhance the Dutch contribution towards the MDG's



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Content

- Basics of water management in the Netherlands
- Ambitions CA Delta Vision vs. NL Delta Committee
- Challenges in finding a balance:
  - Water supply
  - Ecosystems
  - Flood protection
- Organization and funding
- Dutch water sector in the USA

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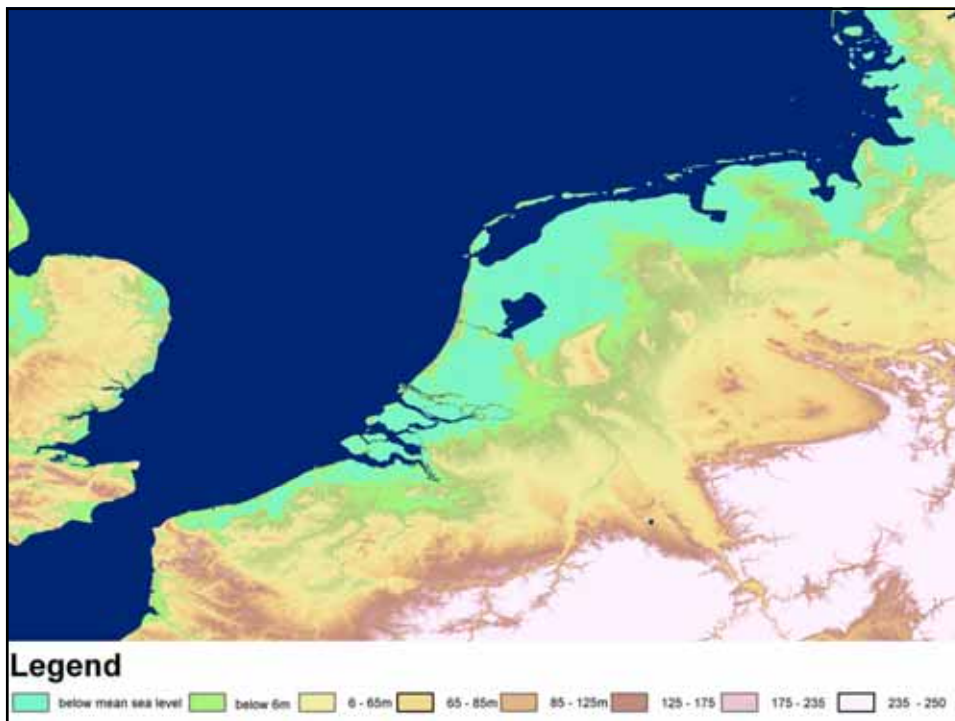
Introduction

## Historic interaction with water




- Water as a continuous challenge
- Water as a part of Dutch culture
- Water as an inspiration for innovation

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## Facts & Figures



The Netherlands protected against flooding

■ Floodable land if there would be no flood defences

- Lowest point 21 ft. below sea level
- Highest point 900 ft. above sea level
- Approximately 2000 miles primary flood protection structures with legally prescribed safety standards
- Without dunes or levees, 66% of The Netherlands would be flooded on a regular basis
- 70% of our GNP (550 billion €) is threatened by floods
- large cities like Amsterdam and Rotterdam are below sea level

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Working together with water

Delta Vision in California

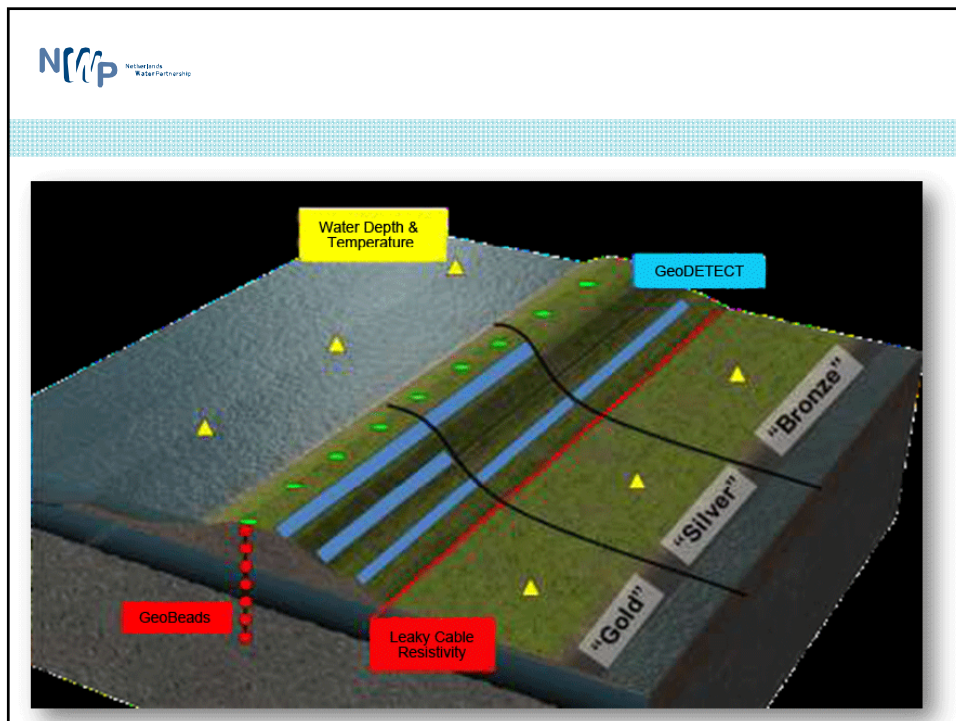
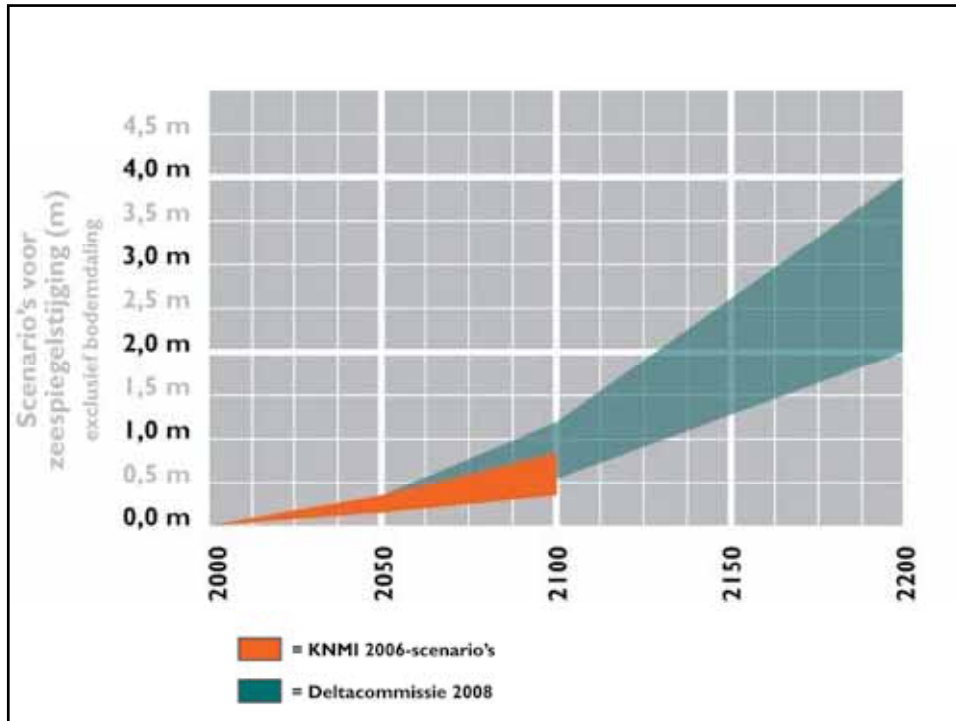


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Our Vision for the California Delta

Delta Committee in the Netherlands

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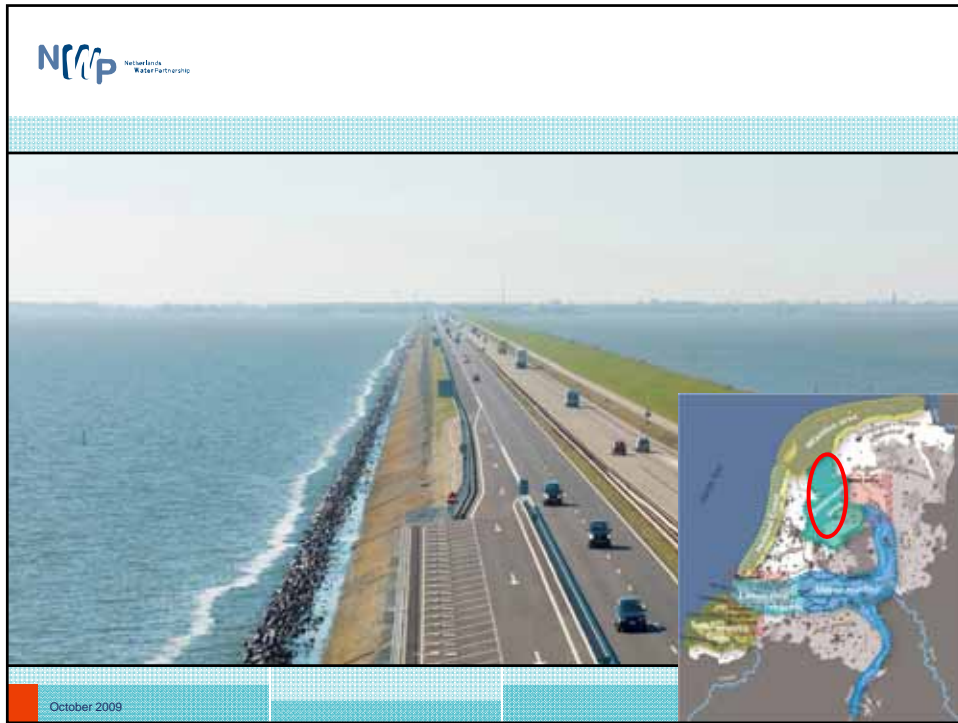


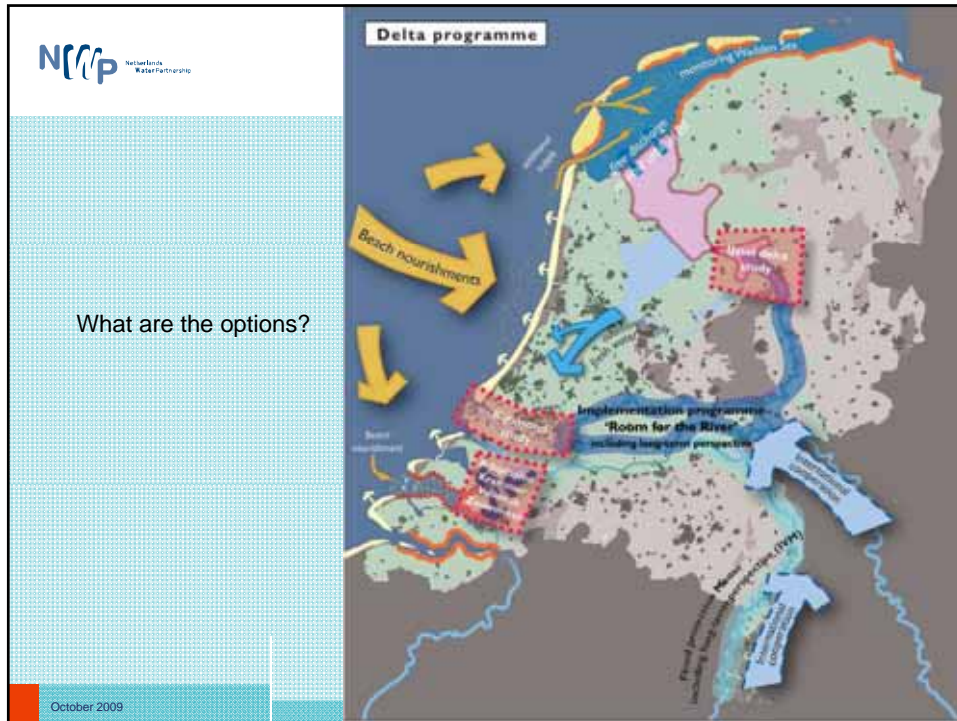


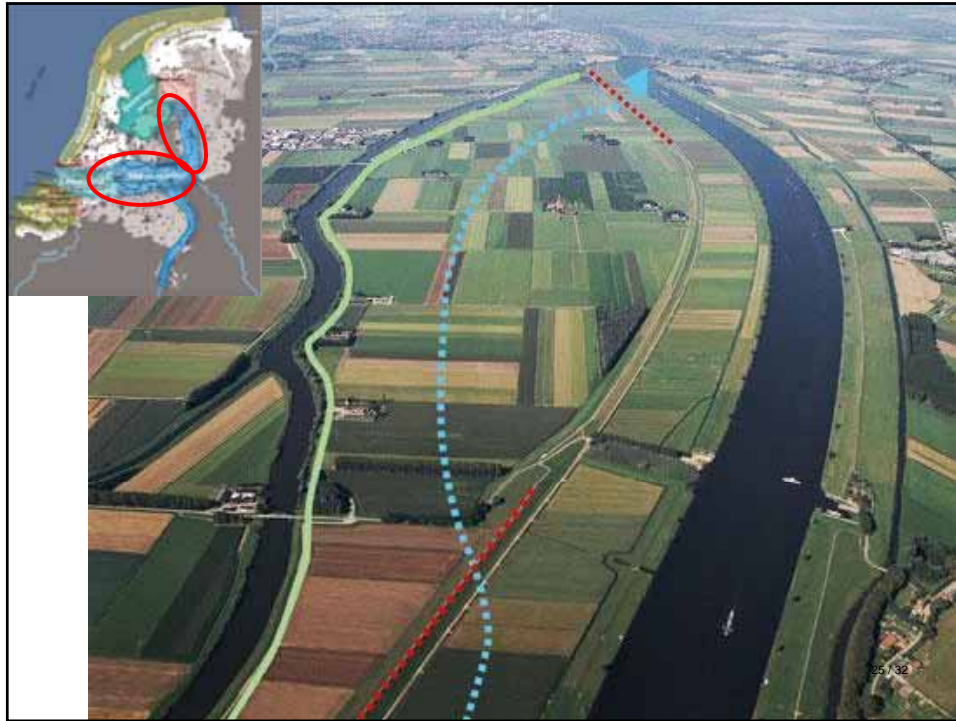














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Other recommendations

- Delta Fund
- Delta Director
- Delta Act

*Working together with water*  
A Delta Fund Booklet for water users  
Findings of the Delta Commission report '100 jaar Delta' (2003-2008)

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