

## Summary P2038 - Wetlands in the IJsselmeer

Project number : P2038  
 Short title : Wetlands in the IJsselmeer  
 Type/Theme :  
 Estimated costs :

### Consortium

Consortium		Stakeholders
Consortium leader	Stichting Wetlands in het IJsselmeer i.o.:	
Other members	IMSA Amsterdam GeoDelft Ecorys	

If nothing happens, the IJsselmeer will remain a dull, grey pool. So far, planners have submitted over 200 proposals for rearranging the area, but all of these lacked support among the many parties involved because the set-up was too sectorial. An innovative social process is required to break through this situation. This may lead to controversies, but also offers the possibility to combine innovative water management with ecological and spatial improvements.

### Objective and bottlenecks

A socially supported vision of the rearrangement of the IJsselmeer, including wetlands, with recovery of the ecological functions as the first matter of importance. The IJsselmeer is a dull, grey pool of water surrounded by high dikes. The area has limited natural value. The ecological quality is decreasing and bordering areas such as 'Gooi- en Vechtstreek' and 'Waterland' are threatened by house construction and infrastructure. As yet no overall and integrated solution exists for these problems, let alone support among the numerous organizations involved.

### Plan of approach

- Phase 1: Feasibility study with the central question: what technical and social prerequisites are required for the intended rearrangement of the IJsselmeer?
- Phase 2: Knowledge development: In this phase the difficult choices must be made. Continuous interaction between science, politics and interest organizations will lead to new possibilities in water management, nature, planning and economics.
- Phase 3 (action programme) and
- Phase 4 (communication) are not enclosed in this LMW project





## **Results**

Phase 1: Clarity regarding the feasibility of the approach including realization of wetlands in the IJsselmeer. To achieve this clarity, among other things, taboos and 'mantras' will be identified.

Phase 2: Plans that are further elaborated, in more detail than the sectorial plans made so far. Scientific underpinning of the pros and the cons of alternatives.

Phase 3: Action programme based on technique and economics by the consortium and an accompanying action programme of interest groups. Product: support in politics and in policy.

Phase 4: Social and political planning, decision making and budgeting.

## **Final result**

Rearrangement of the IJsselmeer, including realization of a number of wetlands. This will offer possibilities for space, nature and economy in the water rich Northern part of the conurbation of Western Holland.

## **Keywords**