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# **GLOBAL CO<sub>2</sub> EMISSIONS:**

Possible Solutions from the European Dredgers

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#### Presentation's Objectives Demonstrate that:



➡ Dredging is not a problem ... it is part of the solution !

- Building with Nature provides a frame to design and implement innovative approaches for waterborne infrastructures including pro-active carbon management.
- ⇒ Blue Carbon should be part of sustainable strategies for carbon management in coastal zones !

Provide food for thought on the role of the dredging sector in global and local carbon management strategies.

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### Dredging is not a problem ... it is part of the solution !

Dredging is essential to support waterborne Transport Infrastructures

- Port expansion in densely populated and urbanised areas
  - "Reclaim land on the sea"
- Ports' access for bigger ships:
   *\* Access channel deepening*
- Guaranteed navigational depth:
   *Maintenance dredging*



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- Contaminated sediments on seabed or riverbeds:
  - "Environmental dredging"

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"Around 80% of the largest population centres in the world are found in coastal areas" R. Waterman

#### Dredging is not a problem ... it is part of the solution ! Dredging also facilitates and protects other coastal activities worldwide (Coastal) Cities need

- Intersection Energy and resources:
  - " "Offshore Oil & Gas installations"
  - **F** "Offshore Wind Farms"
    - "Aggregate Mining"
- Protection from water
  - "Coastal and flood protection"
- Recreation
  - "Leisure infrastructures"





#### European Dredgers'Business Model Dredging Plus



Dredging Plus: focus on dredgers' technology + focus on other sciences ! Paradox: Focus + No Focus ?? high-tech, high added value, high-wage

Results:

- Thigh added value and capital intensive
- acyclical and diversified (geography & activities)
- <sup>©</sup> innovative & creating new job opportunities









### Any Problems ? Large-scale Dredging Projects



- Development of large-scale projects characterised by
  - Complex environmental legislation
     (Directives is National Laws is Interpretation?).
  - Long-lasting procedures
  - Extensive environmental requirements
  - Uncertainties on project impacts
- ➡ Delays (leading sometimes to cancellation).

# Main Types of Obstacles to Building Waterborne Infrastructures



Mainly Legislative, Market & Governance Obstacles translating into:

⇒<u>Environmental legislation</u>: multilayered & complex.
⇒<u>Costs Horizons</u>: Life Cycle vs Project ?
⇒Lack of Knowledge: go vs no go ?









#### Eco-dynamic Design

An ecodynamic design of a sand nourishment is characterized by:

> Design serves integral objectives: Guarantee coastal safety, create space for nature



development and recreation

- Implementation of a large sand volume (10-20 mln m3 or more)
- Envisaged life span 20 years
- Incidental disturbance of ecosystem

Cheaper in the long term

 Use natural processes for distribution of sand. Gradual evolution, ecosystem capable of following morphological changes.

Minimise Disturbance/Compensation

#### Traditional Design



Envisaged life span 5 years

Frequent disturbance of ecosystem.

A traditional design of a sand nourisment is characterized by:

- Primary objective: Shoreline maintenace. Other objectives of secondary importance
- Implementation of a medium sand volume (2-5 mln m3)

d Cheaper in the short term

- **Frequent Disturbance**
- d Compensation can be significant



# Lack of Knowledge (*≠* lack of decision/action)

*"Monitoring brings more in learning than in control"* 

"Governance models to support knowledge building!" "Newly acquired knowledge to support Governance models !"

"New knowledge for new projects"





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#### CO<sub>2</sub> Strategy Overview



<u>UNDERSTAND</u> CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from dredgers

2009

procedure and methodology for raw data collection; collect fact based emission figures from dredgers; establish transparent industry-backed methodology; cooperation & information with IMO/EU/Member States; develop dredgers' alternative to EEDI.

#### **Implementation**:

Main objective:

**Establishment**:

Approach:

- ➢ information gathering;
- EuDA/IADC joint Statement in 2010;
- ➢ internal knowledge building; and
- > specific message formulation to selective communication;
- ➢ information of IMO, European Commission & Member States.



#### Sustainable waterborne Transport Dredgers' Commitment to CO<sub>2</sub>

#### Cycle Pumping Sand on 1000 m and 18.5 km sailing : CO<sub>2</sub> emission 5.00 4.50 4.00 Emission (kg CO<sub>2</sub>/m<sup>3</sup> loaded) 3.50 3.00 2.50 2.00 1.50 1.00 0.50 0.00 1960 1970 1990 2000 201 1980 Year of construction or main engine refit A set of fact based emission figures for different types of dredging operations 1. under normalized conditions. A transparent calculation method to estimate the energy performance of specific 2. types of dredging vessels considering variable project specifications. 3. A benchmark for future emission reduction. **European Dredging Association 2016**

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Environmental



### EEDI for Dredgers?



EEDI not suitable for reducing dredging emissions because dredgers **use energy to both sail and work**.

Emissions of a dredger are depending on the specific project conditions such as:

⇒ Soil conditions
⇒ Depth
⇒ Space for manoeuvring
⇒ Loading and unloading requirements





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 $(\text{kg CO}_2/\text{m}^3)$ 

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### CO<sub>2</sub> emissions EuDA Comments on MRV Regulation



The European Dredging Association's views are:

- ✓ MRV system should be global (IMO);
- ✓ Annual reporting;
  - ⇒ No publication of individual ships' performance;
- ✓ from ships >**5,000GT**;
  - ⇒ Excluding small emitters (ships < 5,000GT);
- ✓ voyages into, out of and between EU ports;
  - ⇒ What about 'working' vessels ? Dredging cycles ? Project approach;
- ✓ Use existing (IMO) systems/data;
  - ⇒ ISO 14064 (GHG accounting and verification) ?
- ✓ (if possible) other  $GHG/SO_x/NO_x$  (*not standard on board*);
- $\checkmark$  link to carbon offsetting (e.g. blue carbon restoration).



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#### CO<sub>2</sub> emissions Global Economy & Waterborne Transport

- Emissions reductions cannot be disconnected from global economy (and global trade);
- Absolute targets, such as -40% / -50% by 2050, cannot be achieved with relative measures on emission sources, particularly when the global economy is booming;
- Complementary work needs to be done on the atmospheric concentrations of CO<sub>2</sub>.



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#### What is Blue carbon?

- ✓ oceans & coastal biotopes that are <u>natural carbon sinks</u> (mangroves, seagrasses, salt marshes, coral reefs, etc.);
- ✓ <u>captures atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub></u> through the plants' **photosynthesis**;
- <u>stores carbon in the long-term</u> through the natural growth processes in the ecosystems' plants and animals (respectively the gross primary and secondary productions).



#### "Blue carbon" ecosystems:

- ✓ play a significant role in the global carbon cycles;
- $\checkmark$  are important carbon sinks;
- ✓ provide a range of valuable other services (ecosystems services);
- ✓ their enhancement, restoration or development should be better integrated in coastal development projects (Building with Nature approach).





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#### WODCON XXI EuDA Paper: Carbon Strategies



	<b>Investment based</b>	Operational
Strategy at company/ project level	<ul><li>(1) Invest in fleet efficiency</li><li>or alternative fuels</li></ul>	<ul> <li>(2) Project-based: offset loss of mangroves / salt marsh / seagrass</li> <li>(replant).</li> </ul>
Strategy/Policy at sector/intersector level	(3) Up-front <b>investment</b> in large plantations	(4) Carbon trading: buy $CO_2$ certificates to compensate for project or fleet
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⇒Blue Carbon should be part of sustainable strategies for carbon management in coastal zones !

⇒Pro-active carbon management includes either:
 ⇒Project based replanting
 ⇒Upfront investment in large-scale carbon uptake

Pro-active carbon management using nature based design (eg Building with Nature) provides opportunities to the dredging industry!

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### The Way Forward: Building with Nature







### Need for a Paradigm Switch



➡ From defensive approach, minimising environmental impact,

"Environment = Constraint"

To constructive approach, optimising "Environment = Opportunity" full (socio-)economic and environmental potential.

Considering the project's added value to:





#### Building with Nature A Nature-Based Concept



#### **Building with Nature**

is a partnership with Nature, integrating both physical and biological aspects of Nature into a project's design, EcoDynamic Design or Geo-Engineering, and its implementation so that the project integrates more harmoniously and more harmlessly into Nature and when possible to Nature's benefits.

"Where Nature and Man work together for their mutual benefit."





#### **Building with Nature in Indonesia**



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# Blue Carbon: Mangrove restoration Demak



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### Conclusions



- Dredging is not a problem ... it is part of the solution !
- → Dredgers can and do contribute to
  - $\checkmark$  CO<sub>2</sub> emissions reduction;
  - $\checkmark$  CO<sub>2</sub> Offsetting;
  - ✓ Mitigation of Climate Change Effects.
- Building with Nature provides a frame to design and implement innovative approaches for waterborne infrastructures including pro-active carbon management.
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### Conclusions

#### Blue Carbon next steps



#### **Blue carbon**: $\checkmark$ oceans & coastal biotopes that are <u>natural</u> carbon sinks (mangroves, seagrasses, salt (MBM); marshes, coral reefs, etc.); captures atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> through the plants' $\checkmark$ photosynthesis; stores carbon in the long-term through the natural $\checkmark$ growth processes in the ecosystems' plants and animals (respectively the gross primary and secondary productions). **Examples** CO<sub>2</sub> emissions reduction: $\checkmark$ emissions reductions cannot be disconnected from Seagrasses global economy (and global trade); Tidal Salt Marsh ✓ -40% by 2050 are impossible to achieve if only acting on the emission sources; **Estuarine Mangroves** ✓ Blue Carbon reduces $CO_2$ atmospheric Oceanic Mangroves concentrations = offsetting opportunities that can be bought/sold. All Tropical Forests

#### **Prerequisites**

- ✓ Establishment of Market Based Measures
- ✓ **Political recognition** (IMO, EU); and
- direct link (market certification) to MBM;
- ✓ Functioning MBM market.









### **Thank you !**

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More on Building with Nature @:



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- from 1 EEA Member State
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- with a turnover (2015): €9.2 bn
- +/- 25,000 European direct employment
- >50,000 indirect employment (supply and service companies)

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