

Introduction of speakers - MARE Policy Day

Stakeholder participation in marine management: connecting practice with theory

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Opening:

Jan Busstra is head of the Division of Marine and International Water Policy at the Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment. In this position he is responsible for the establishment of a strategy of North Sea 2030, the implementation of the Marine Strategy Framework Directive, MSFD (Kaderrichtlijn Mariene Strategie, KRM) and the coordination of ocean policy. His international portfolio includes OSPAR, the European Integrated Maritime Policy and the representation of the Netherlands as Maritime Director at the European coordination of the Marine Strategy Framework Directive.

Dilemma 1 – Unsatisfactory outcomes of stakeholder processes

Pim Visser is the Chief Executive of VisNed, a Dutch demersal fisheries association of Dutch Producer Organisations. He is also the manager of the Fish Auctions in Northern Holland. As fisher representative he is member of the North Sea Advisory Committee since 2004 and since 2014 also President of the EAPO (European Fish Producer Organisations).

Esther Turnhout is Full Professor at the Forest and Nature Conservation Policy Group of Wageningen University, the Netherlands. Her research program “The Politics of Environmental Knowledge” includes research into the different roles experts play at the science policy interface, the political implications of policy relevant knowledge, and the participation of citizens in environmental governance

Dilemma 2 – Representation of stakeholders

Christine Absil is the program director fisheries at the Good Fish Foundation. The aim of the Good Fish Foundation is a transition to sustainable and responsible fishery and aquaculture through sustainable sourcing. The organisation is targeting consumers, suppliers, processors, traders and the government in the Netherlands and Europe. The Good Fish Foundation has taken over the management of the VISwijzer from Northsea Foundation.

Before Christine worked at the Northsea Foundation (1998-2016) and was vice chair of the Executive Committee of the Northsea.

Sebastian Linke is associate professor in Environmental Social Science at the University of Gothenburg. He studies the interface between science and society for sustainable development with a focus on fisheries and marine management and the changing relations between scientists’ and other stakeholders’ knowledge under new forms of environmental governance.

Dilemma 3 – Dilemmas for engaging stakeholders stakeholders in decision making processes

Hans Nieuwenhuis is Program Director Benelux at the Marine Stewardship Council. The Marine Stewardship Council is an international non-profit organisation established to address the problem of unsustainable fishing and safeguard seafood supplies for the future. Before Hans worked at the Ministry of Economic Affairs as project leader Natura 2000 in the North sea (2008-2013).

Luc van Hoof (MSc fisheries and economics 1988, PhD Marine Governance 2010) has been working on the African continent for 15 years after which he got involved in European and Dutch fisheries with a focus on Governance in Fisheries Management, both at the level of stakeholder involvement in the policy process as in scientific support to policy development. He is currently employed by Wageningen Marine Research, is member of the board of MARE, Centre for Marine Research, is Executive Secretary of EFARO, the European Fisheries and Aquaculture Research Organisation and is member of the EU Scientific, Technical and Economic Committee for Fisheries (STECF).

