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Thematic session: Restoration and nature-based solutions

ASCOBANS Technical Workshop to develop guidelines for cetacean-friendly MSP, 28th June 2023
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Restoration goals of the Global Biodiversity Framework

Target 2. 30% of degraded areas are under effective restoration

- Ensure that **by 2030 at least 30% of areas of degraded terrestrial, inland water, and marine and coastal ecosystems are under effective restoration**, in order to enhance biodiversity and ecosystem functions and services, ecological integrity and connectivity.



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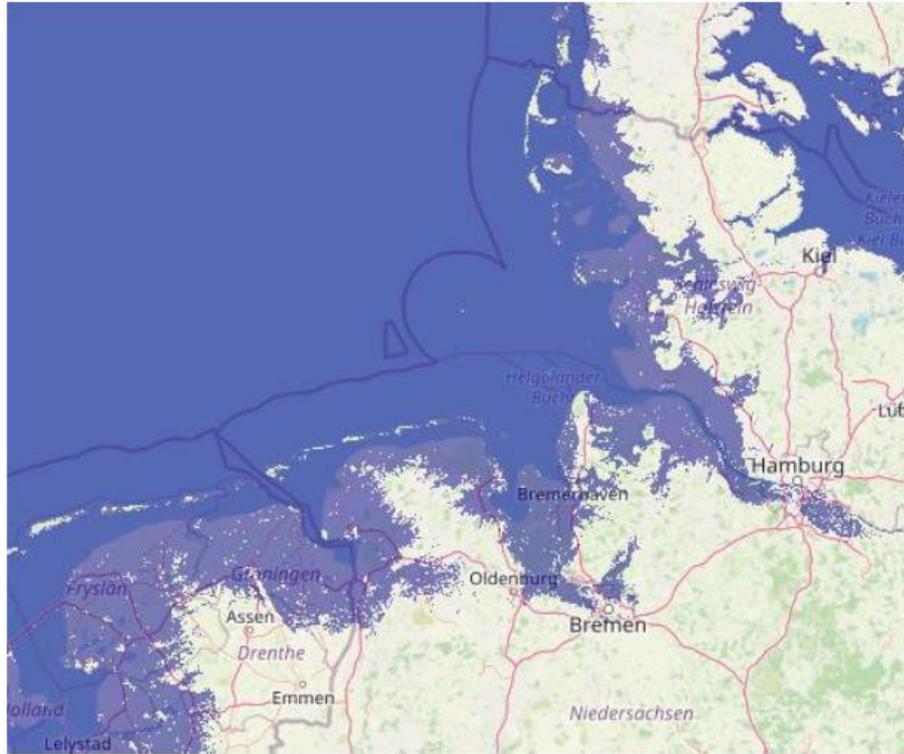
Passive versus active restoration

Drivers of marine restoration

- Offsetting/compensation linked to infrastructure development
- Coastal protection
- Erosion control
- Carbon sequestration
- Water filtration
- Other land-sea interactions (e.g. pollution)
- Food provisioning
- Recreational opportunities
- Cultural values
- ... (lots of ecosystem services)



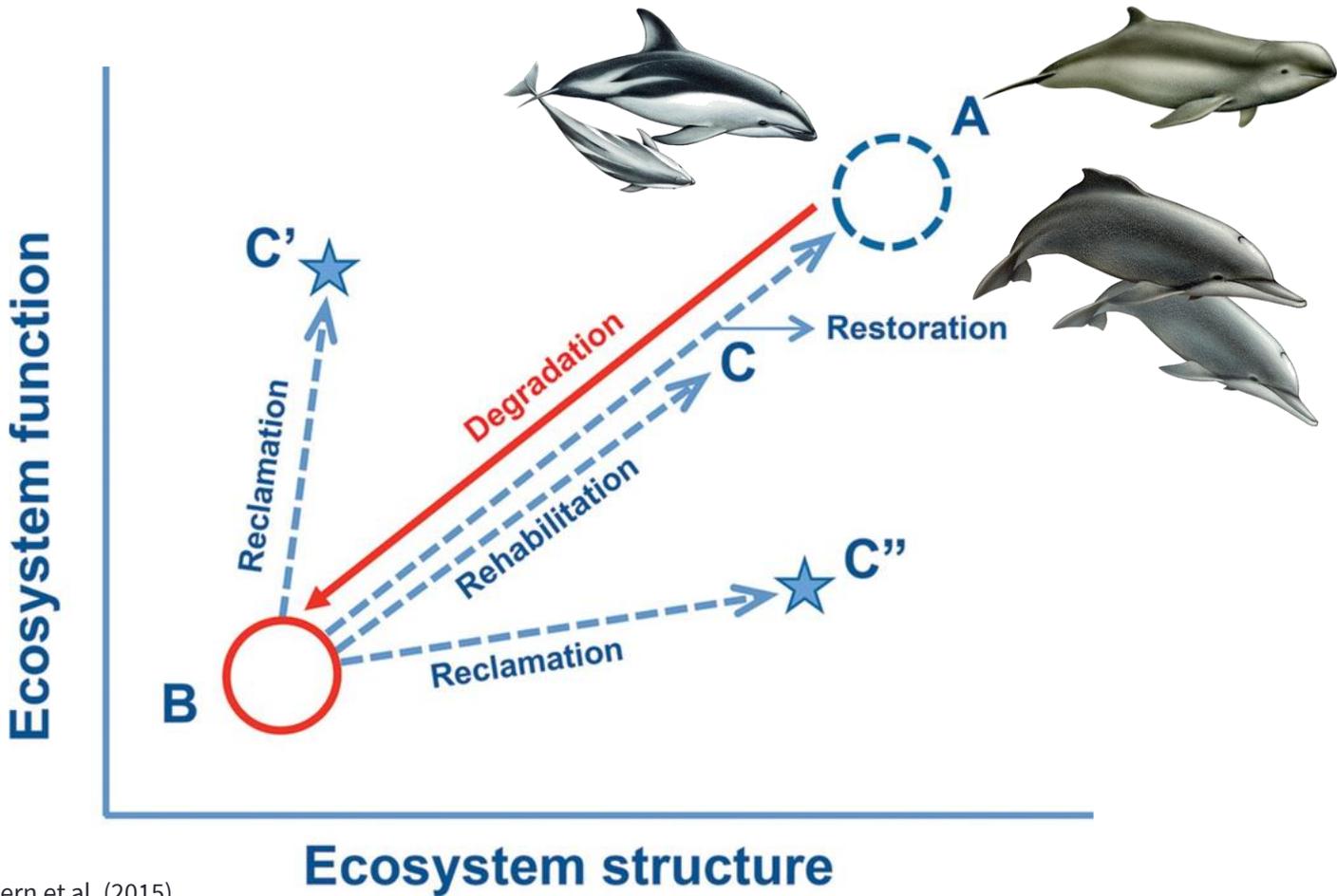
Why we need to act ASAP (e.g. projected sealevel rise for 2100)...



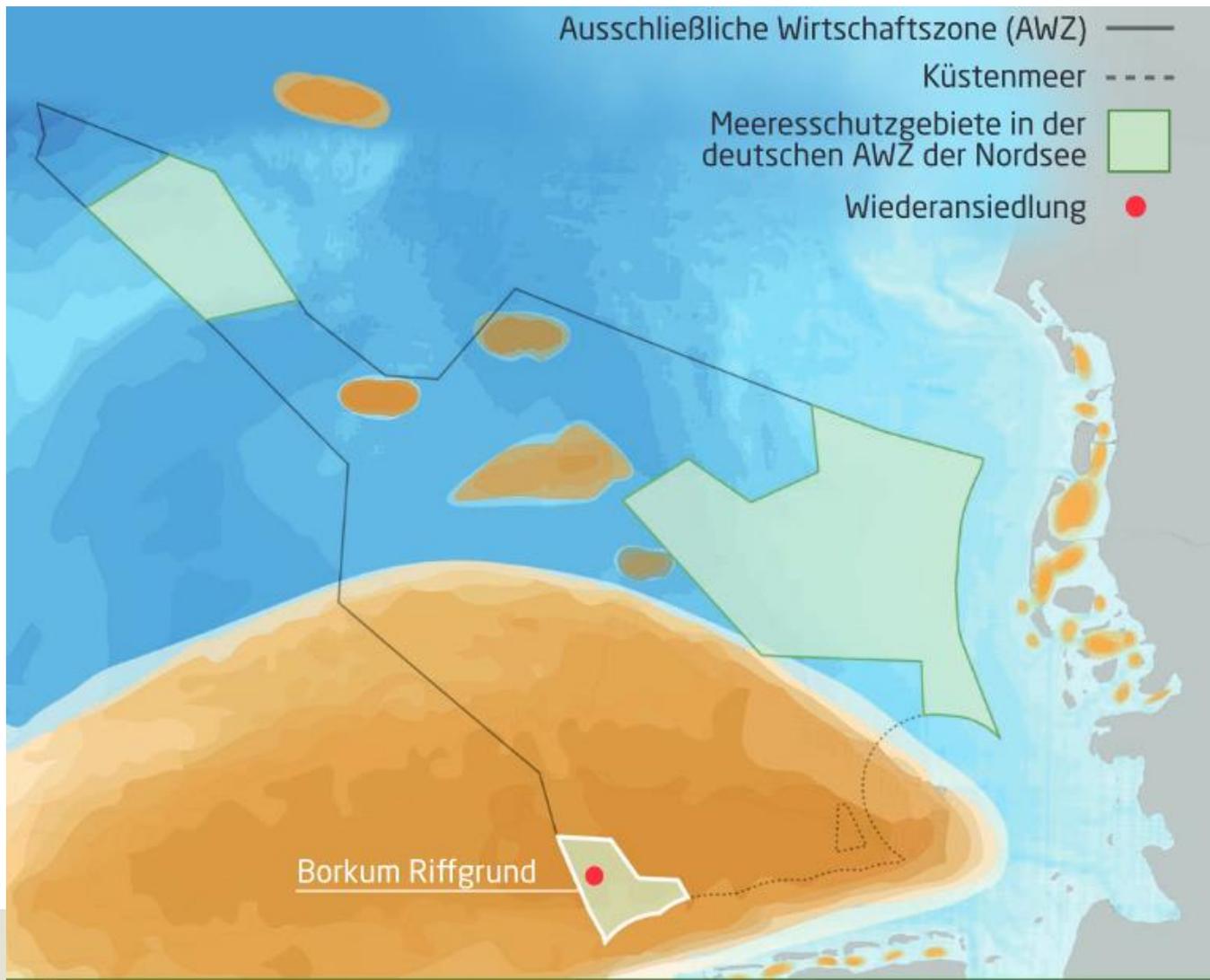
Taken from: <https://sealevelrise.hcu-hamburg.de/>.



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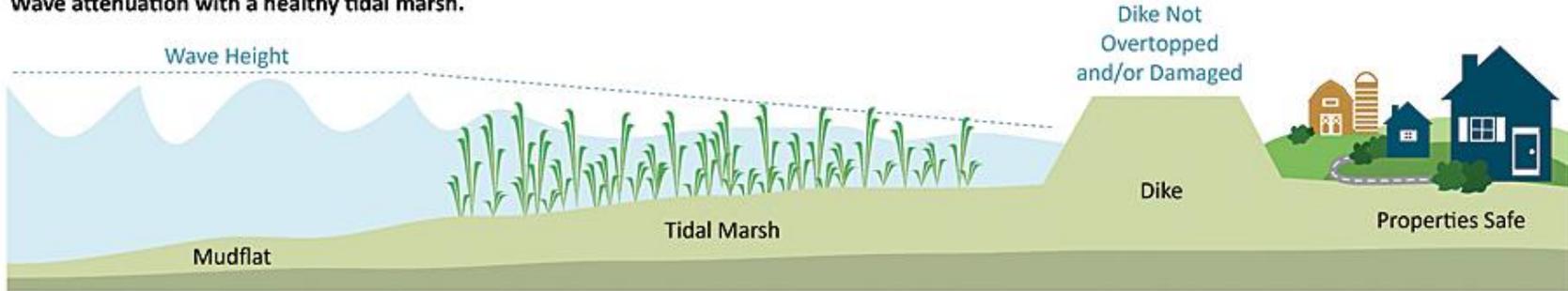


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Most marine restoration currently takes place along the coast...

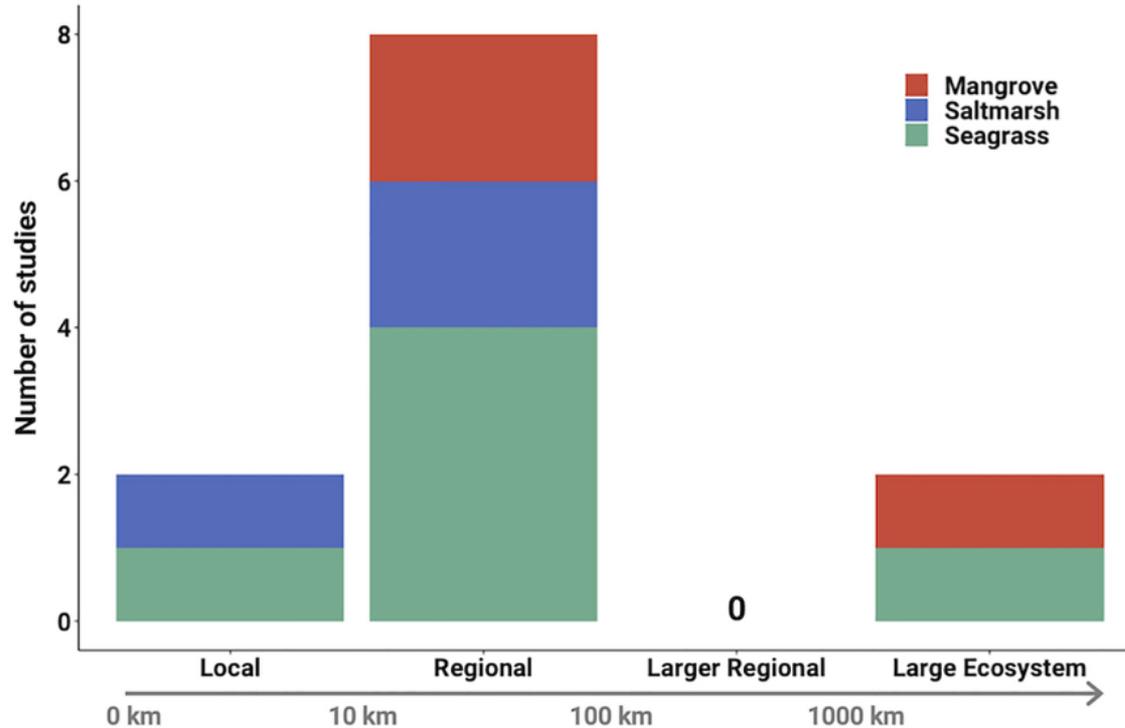
Wave attenuation with a healthy tidal marsh.



Wave attenuation with a degraded tidal marsh.



And increasingly at larger scale...



Taken from: Lester, Sarah & Dubel, Alexandra & Hernan, Gema & McHenry, Jennifer & Rassweiler, Andrew. (2020). Spatial Planning Principles for Marine Ecosystem Restoration. *Frontiers in Marine Science*. 7. 328. [10.3389/fmars.2020.00328](https://doi.org/10.3389/fmars.2020.00328).

**For discussion:
why does MSP currently only rarely include
zones/measures for nature restoration?**

**(when we are in parallel constantly looking
for areas for offsetting)**