

# EXPLORING THE REMEDIATION OF CONTAMINATED SEDIMENTS IN FLANDERS

# SEDIMENT EXPLORER

#### (WATERBODEMVERKENNER)

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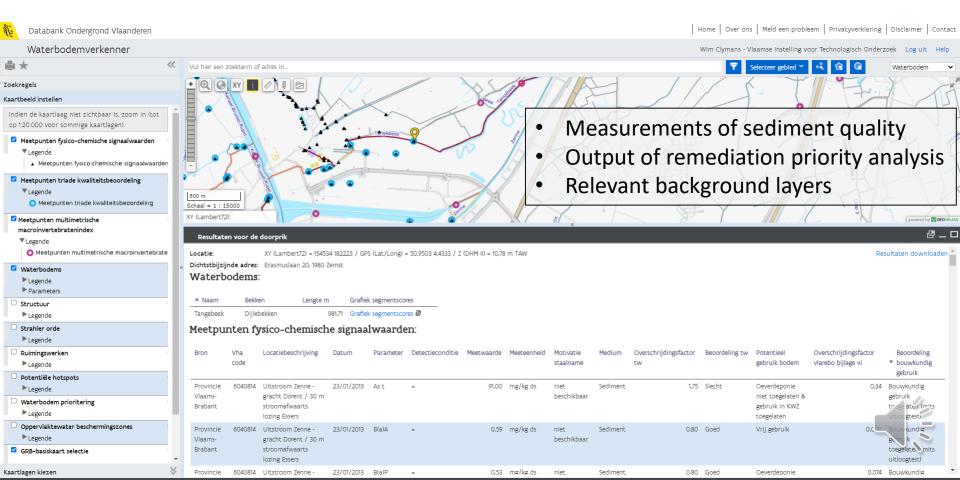


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**INTEGRATED SEDIMENT MANAGEMENT** 

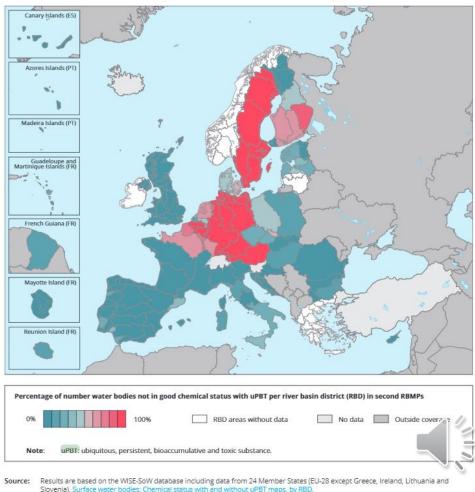
- Current measures address mainly the impact of urban & industrial waste water on water quality at a basin scale
- Impact of historic contaminated stream sediments and those currently deposited?
  - => Flemish Sediment Management Concept of the River Basin Districts of Scheldt & Meuse (Edward Van Keer; this session)

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Map 3.1a Chemical status per RBD with uPBTs

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- I. to **identify potentially critical sites** that allow decision makers to prioritize in efforts on further investigation, remediation and management thereof
- II. to perform a **societal cost-benefit analysis** of remediation to better understand the financial requirements and benefits



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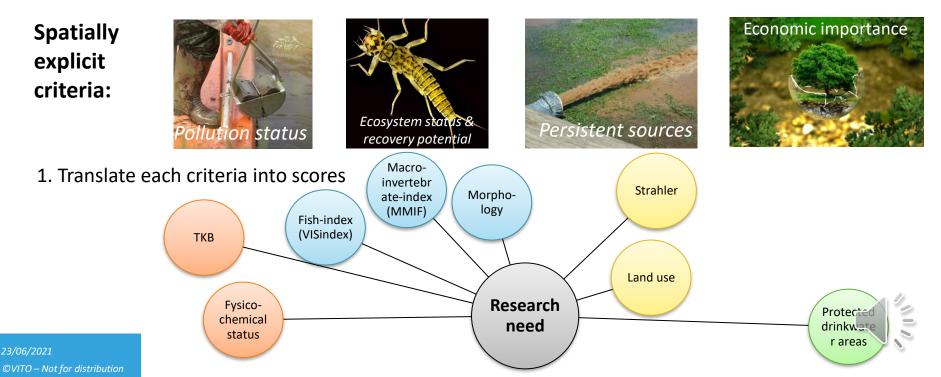






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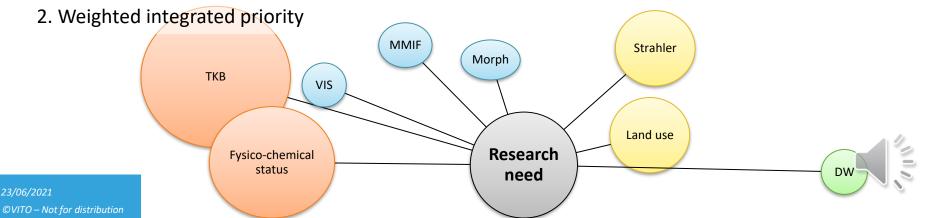


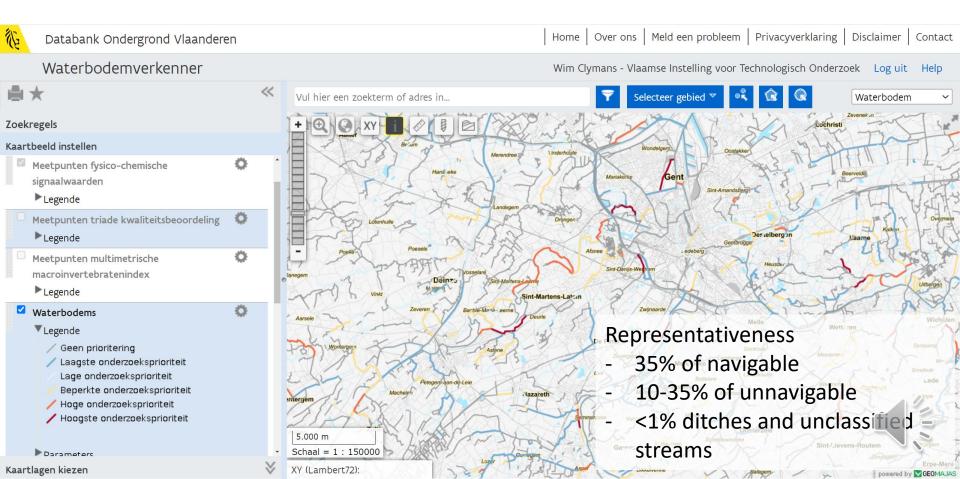


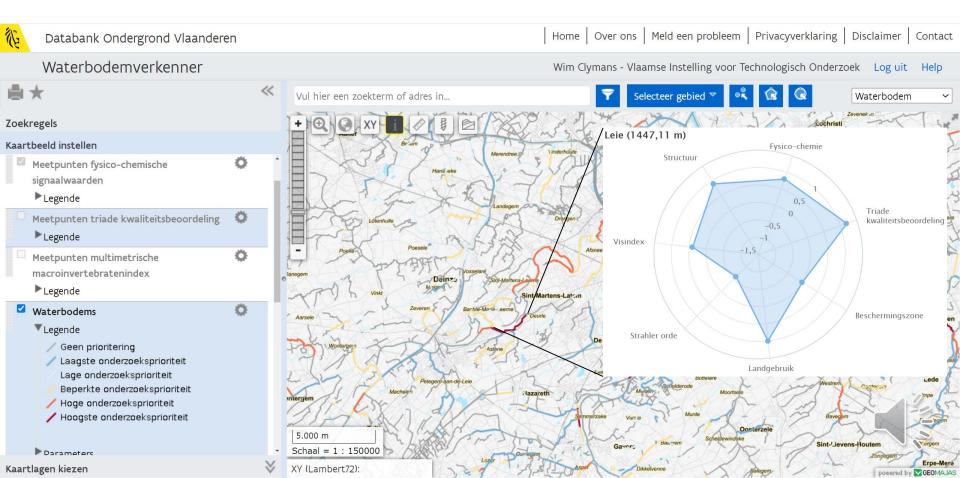
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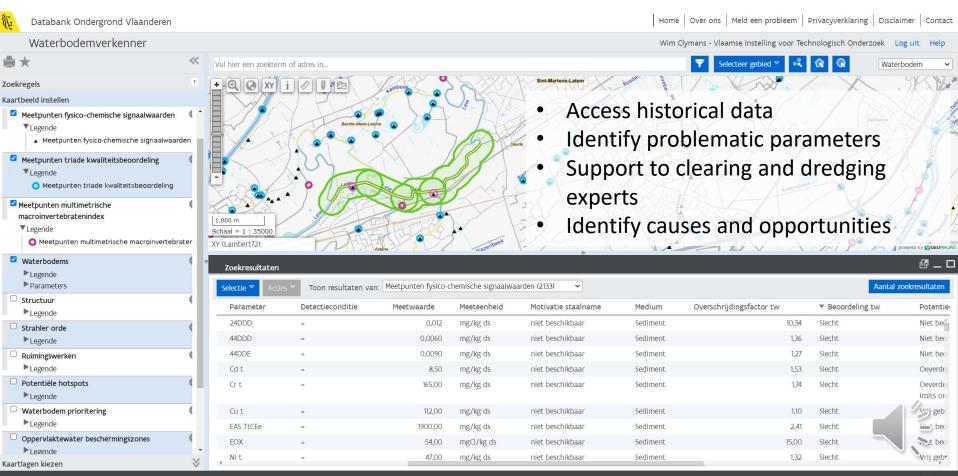
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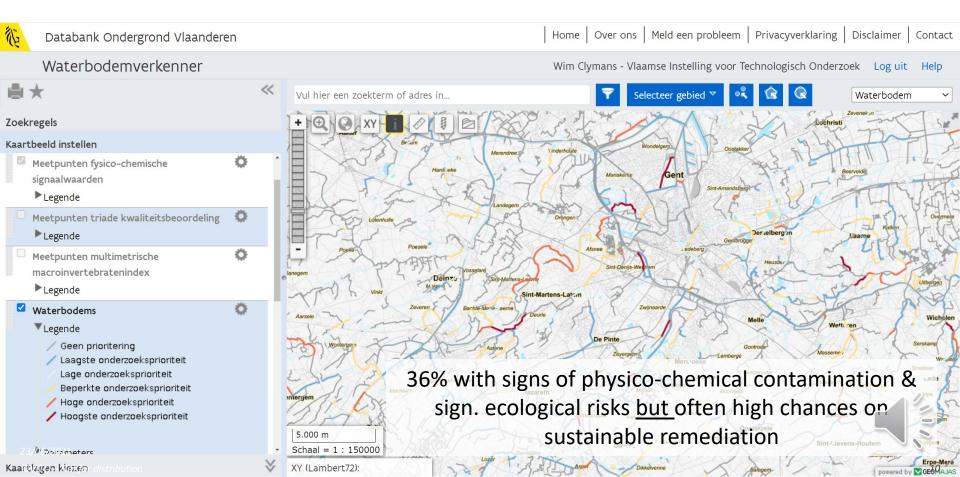














#### SOCIETAL COST-BENEFIT ANALYSIS

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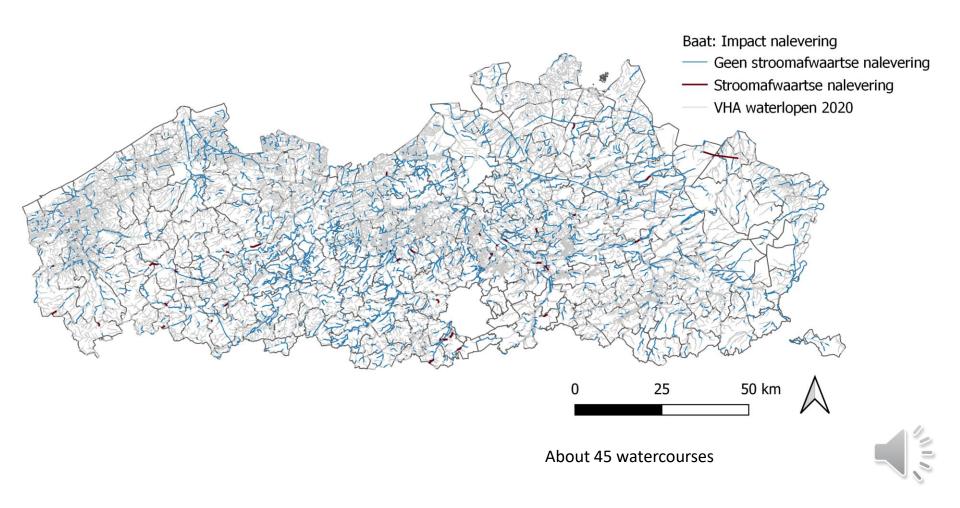
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- II. Distinction between navigable and unnavigable waterways
- III. Focus on remediation of sullied sediment (not removal to secure navigability or riparian zones)

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Costs related to site investigation and evaluation		Avoided processing cost for the watercourse under investigation	
<ul> <li>Costs related to the remediation process:</li> <li>Estimate of contaminated volumes</li> <li>Individual steps: Design of site over removal to specific processing cost (ifo contamination degree)</li> </ul>		Avoided processing cost for the watercourses downstream of the one under investigation (i.e. indication of downstream propagation)	
<ul> <li>O Unit costs (€/r Flanders (AECC</li> </ul>	m³ or €/ton) provided by sector experts DM study)	in Improved surface water quality (i.e. identified relation between pollution in surface water and sullied sediment)	
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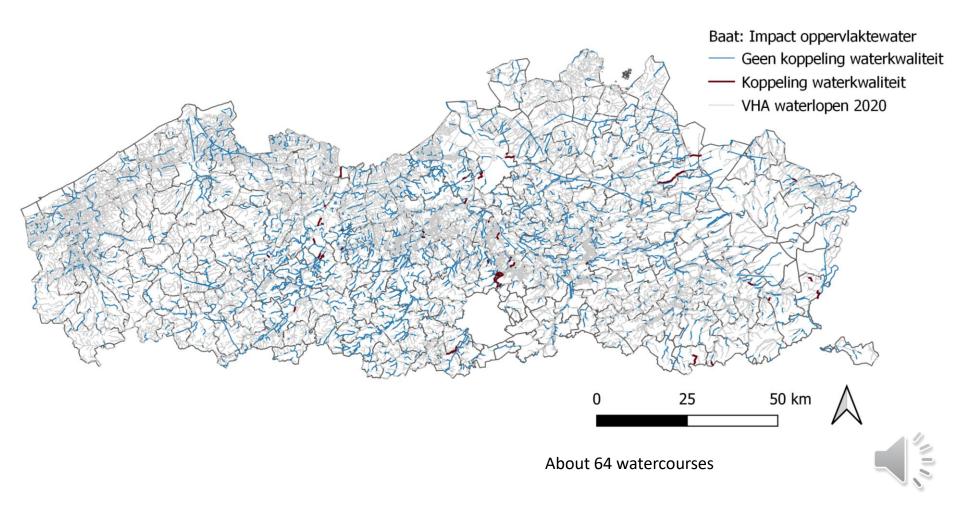
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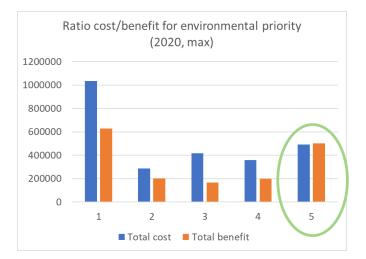
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#### BENEFITS COMPENSATE ABOUT 60-95% OF THE REMEDIATION COSTS

	Flanders <b>(mio €)*</b>			
	Min	Max		
Costs				
Navigable	336	624		
Unnavigable	308	1026		
Total	644	1650		
Benefits				
Navigable	328	411		
Unnavigable	260	515		
Total	588	926		



\*Based on 5.4% of all water courses

Alternative scenario's:

- Remediation of unnavigable watercourses in coming 30 yrs followed by the navigable waterways
- Tackling known hotspots with high chance on sustainable remediation

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