

## membership

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## publications

VLIZ website: <http://www.vliz.be>

### VLIZ Nieuwsbrief

an attractive illustrated newsletter on marine research and policy in Flanders; published three times a year; free to VLIZ members only (in Dutch)

### 'De Grote Rede'

the one and only free informative magazine on sustainable management of the Flemish coastal area; sent to subscribers three times a year (in Dutch)

### VLIZINE

free, monthly electronic newsletter about marine research and policy in Flanders, including job vacancies, conferences and workshops, news-flashes etc. (in Dutch)

### VLIZ Collected Reprints

an annual compilation of scientific papers by Flemish marine researchers

### VLIZ Library Acquisitions list

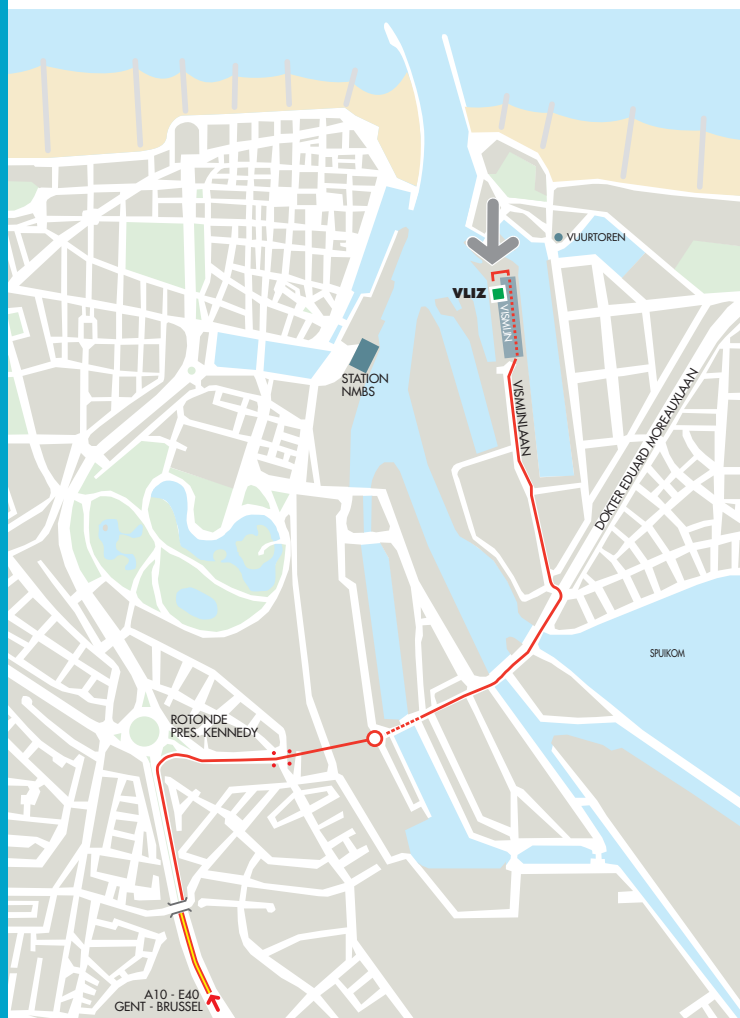
a free, electronic list of VLIZ library acquisitions, distributed on a weekly basis

### VLIZ Special Publications

a series of publications related to special activities (conferences, workshops, etc.)



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**VLIZ**  
a forum for  
marine research  
and policy in  
Flanders  
(Belgium)



## the forum and international contact for marine research in Flanders

Despite its small size, Flanders hosts some 500 scientists, technicians and managers – spread over some 70 units – who deal with the marine and coastal environment: a surprisingly large and highly fragmented human resource! VLIZ is keen to guide you through this labyrinth of marine sciences in Flanders.

## information advice

Whether you are an international expert, scientist, policy-maker, student, teacher or inquisitive citizen, we always try to respond to your questions and hunger for information with a suitable answer or advice. Our activities include the organization of conferences and workshops and the production of a series of publications

## flanders marine data and information centre

As a policy-maker or scientist you are undoubtedly aware of the value of well-structured, quality-controlled databases. VLIZ treats data as historical monuments: with special care and an eye for optimizing availability for research groups and public bodies. Besides fostering and opening up datasets of research groups – in close consultation with the data providers – we produce new databases as well. The strong involvement of VLIZ in international networks guarantees the use of the highest standards.



## oceans of books

Are you looking for books, reports, scientific papers, atlases or CD-ROMS related to the marine environment in the southern part of the North Sea, and more specifically the Flemish/Belgian coast? Or are you taking a stroll along more than two hundred metres of shelf space filled with fascinating literature? Then the library of the Flanders Marine Institute is the place to be! It is presently by far the largest public source of information on the Flemish coast and Belgian coastal waters. And dozens of new publications arrive here every week.

## logistic support to researchers

VLIZ does its best to assist marine scientists by providing logistic support. The 'RV Zeeleeuw' (a pilot vessel of the Fleet Division of the Waterways and Maritime Affairs Administration, converted into a multifunctional ship) and a rigid inflatable boat are placed at the disposal of marine research teams. VLIZ maintains and manages the shared research equipment and infrastructure, and provides research facilities and onshore storage space for samples and heavy oceanographic equipment.

In addition, greenhouse facilities (four units of 100 m<sup>2</sup> each) are made available for dune research, thanks to a formal agreement with the Waterways and Maritime Affairs Administration.

