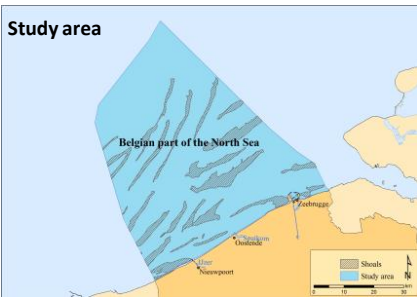




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In 2010, the Flanders Marine Institute compiled a species list for the Belgian marine waters. It contains currently accepted scientific names for sea creatures appearing in the Belgian part of the North Sea, mainly based on the knowledge of field experts and – for some taxonomic groups – complemented with available literature.



What is included in the list?

- ✓ All known species from the marine and brackish waters in the study area with established populations (including alien species)
- ✓ Vagrant, exotic and drift species
- ✓ Species (probably) extinct in the Belgian part of the North Sea (not observed over the last 30-100 years)

Help us to complete the list!

Although probably incomplete, this Register does represent the most complete list of marine species occurring in the Belgian part of the North Sea at the moment. As marine biologists are still intensively studying the Belgian part of the North Sea and new or yet undocumented species will 'surface', this Register will constantly be updated in the future.

Comments from our users are very much welcomed! So if you come across incorrect or incomplete information, or if you are willing to contribute to this initiative, please contact us!



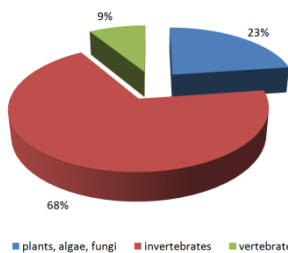
Future?

Additional efforts will be undertaken to list all known species of the coastal zone, including the salt marshes, mud flats, dunes, and brackish areas (Scheldt estuary).

How does BeRMS relate to other Registers?

All taxonomic Registers maintained at VLIZ are part of the World Register of Marine Species (WoRMS; www.marinespecies.org). WoRMS is managed and maintained by taxonomic experts, guaranteeing the taxonomic correctness of the included species names.

What lives here?



Not yet in the list: Bacteria, Protozoa and Bacillariophyta

We're not on our own!

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