

# ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS

## HOW OFTEN DO YOU GO TO THE BEACH?

- ☐ Regularly  
☐ Occasionally  
☐ Exceptionally

## HAVE YOU EVER SEEN A LARGE SPREAD OF GREEN ALGAE OR FOAM ON THE BEACH?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

## DOES THE PRESENCE OF FOAM OR GREEN ALGAE ON THE BEACH BOTHER YOU?

- ☐ Not at all ☐ A little ☐ A lot

## IF SO, IN WHAT DEGREE WOULD THIS PHENOMENON PREVENT YOU FROM COMING BACK ON THE BEACH?

### FOAM UP TO:

- ☐ The ankle  
☐ Knee  
☐ Thigh

### SPREAD OF GREEN ALGAE:

- ☐ Spared spots  
☐ A few meters  
☐ A hundred of meters

## TO YOU, FOAM/GREEN ALGAE ON THE BEACH OR IN THE SEA:

	Yes	No	No idea
It smells bad	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
It is dirty	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
It looks beautiful	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
It pollutes the water we swim in	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
It is dangerous to Man and animals	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## TO YOU, THIS PHENOMENON IS:

	Yes	No	No idea
A natural biological phenomenon	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A phenomenon linked to an accidental pollution	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A phenomenon caused by human activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## WHICH WOULD COME FROM:

	Yes	No	No idea
A pollution of the soils (fertilizers)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Water pollution (industrial or domestic detergents)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Climate change (increase in temperatures)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## DO YOU KNOW THE PHENOMENON OF EUTROPHICATION IN COASTAL AREAS?

- ☐ Not at all  
☐ A little  
☐ Very well

# WHAT IS EUTROPHICATION?

Algae grow in the sea sustained by nutrients and light. But, when there are too much nutrients in the water (nitrates and phosphates), the algae overgrow and disturbs the marine environment.

This enhanced growth of algae phenomenon is called eutrophication. Depending on the environment (quiet bay or rough seas) and the type of algae, it can be observed in different forms:

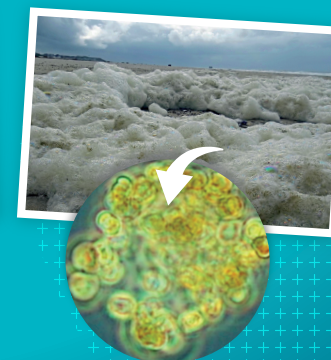
## GREEN TIDE

## OR

## FOAM



MACROALGAE



MICROALGAE

Eutrophication causes a deterioration in water quality. The phenomenon is spreading in space and time in the North Sea and the English Channel. The nutrients responsible are mainly due to human activities.

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## BECOME A SENTINEL OF EUTROPHICATION

When you see a proliferation of green algae or foam, take a picture and send it to us with the date and place of your observation at:

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January 2013 - Wimereux (62) - North of France

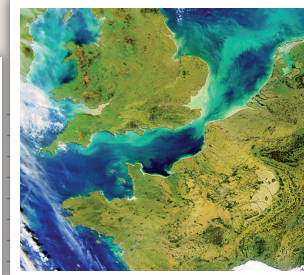
## TO HAVE MORE INFORMATION

Scientists from various institutions and research disciplines are united in a European project called ISECA (Information System on Eutrophication of our Coastal Areas).

For decades, they observed the algae development on the coastline individually with their own scientific tools. Thanks to ISECA, their knowledge is now brought together in a single database in order to anticipate the phenomenon evolution and to inform the authorities and the stakeholders so they can take appropriate measures.



In situ measurements



Observation from space



THOSE EXPERTS  
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## WHY DOES THE SEA PRODUCE FOAM?

A cross discipline and cross border integrated project on coastal eutrophication offering information, education and science to stakeholders and the public at large in the Interreg 2 Seas Zone (Belgium, England, France and the Netherlands).



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