

# DEBATE

16.00-17.00

**Moderator: Gert Verreet**

**Panel:**

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**Haitze Siemers**

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**Thomas Rammelt**

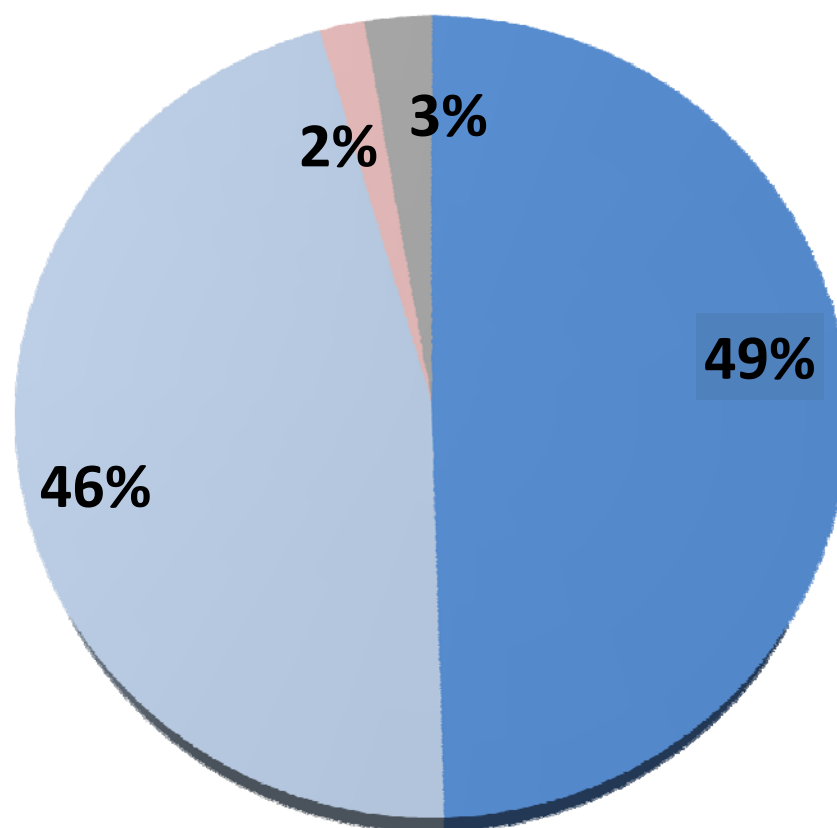
*NGO: Stichting De Noordzee*

Statements questionnaire:  
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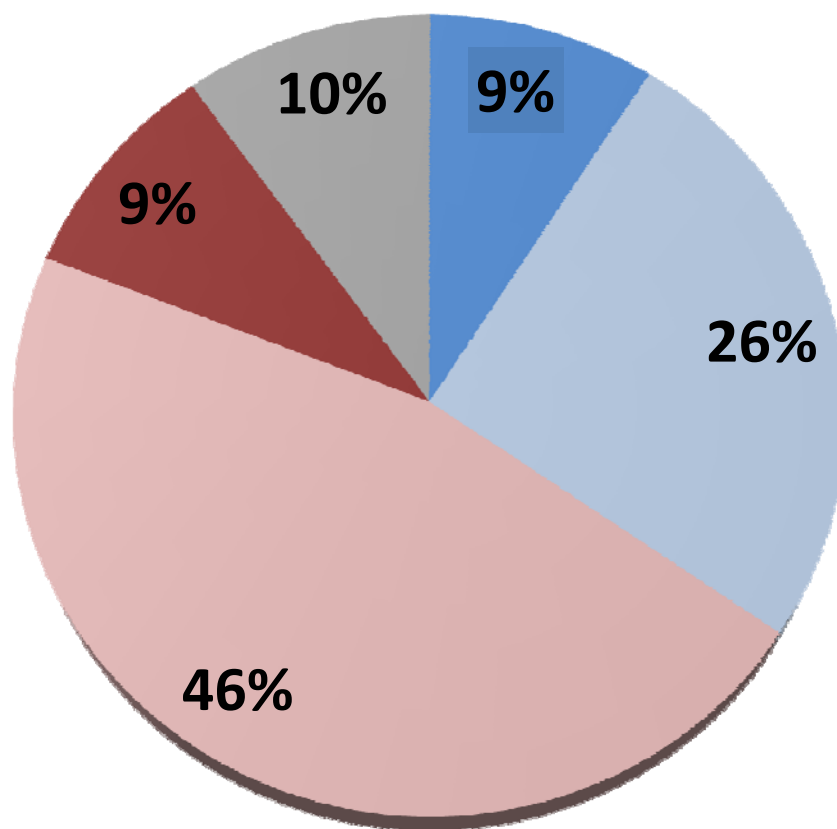
**Statement 1:** *MPAs are important tools to operationalise/implement EAM*

■ **Totally agree** ■ **Agree** ■ **Disagree** ■ **Totally disagree** ■ **No opinion**



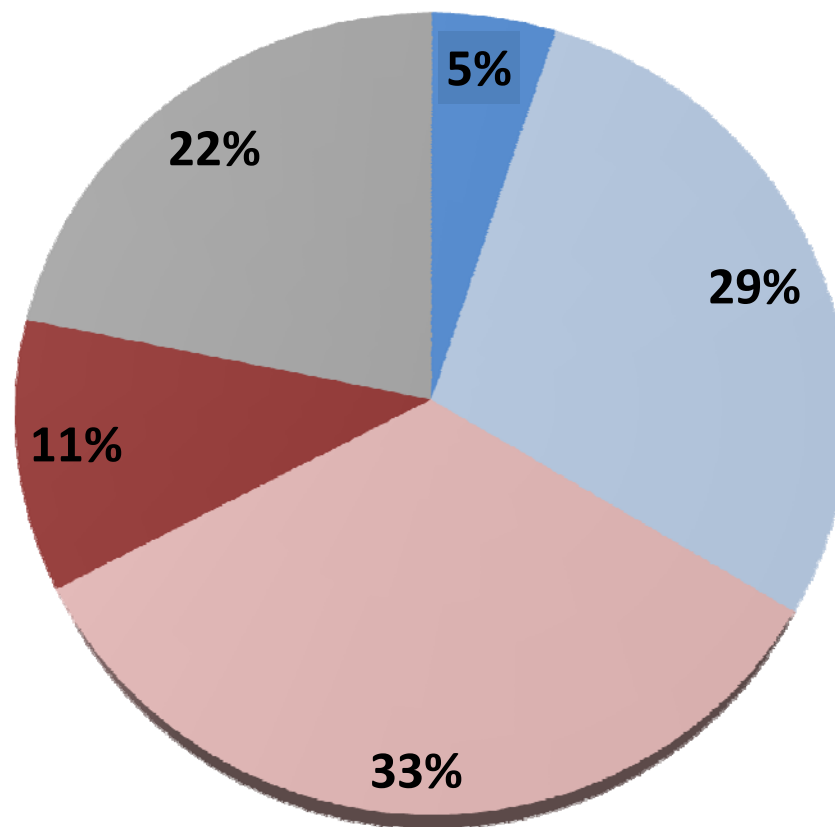
**Statement 2:** *We possess all the information (e.g. the accurate distribution of marine species and habitats) we need to reach “ecological coherence” of MPAs in the North Sea*

■ **Totally agree** ■ **Agree** ■ **Disagree** ■ **Totally disagree** ■ **No opinion**



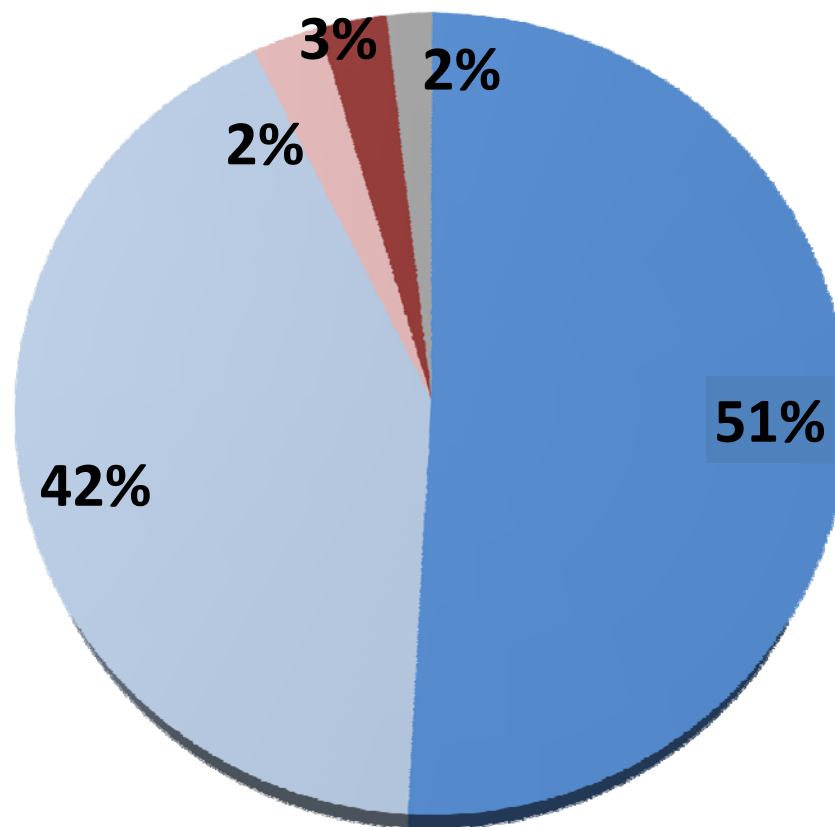
**Statement 3:** *The network of MPAs proposed for the North Sea is representative and coherent across National boundaries*

■ Totally agree ■ Agree ■ Disagree ■ Totally disagree ■ No opinion



**Statement 4:** *Networks of MPAs are important tools to increase the resilience and reduce vulnerability of marine ecosystems to anthropogenic pressure and climate change*

■ **Totally agree** ■ **Agree** ■ **Disagree** ■ **Totally disagree** ■ **No opinion**

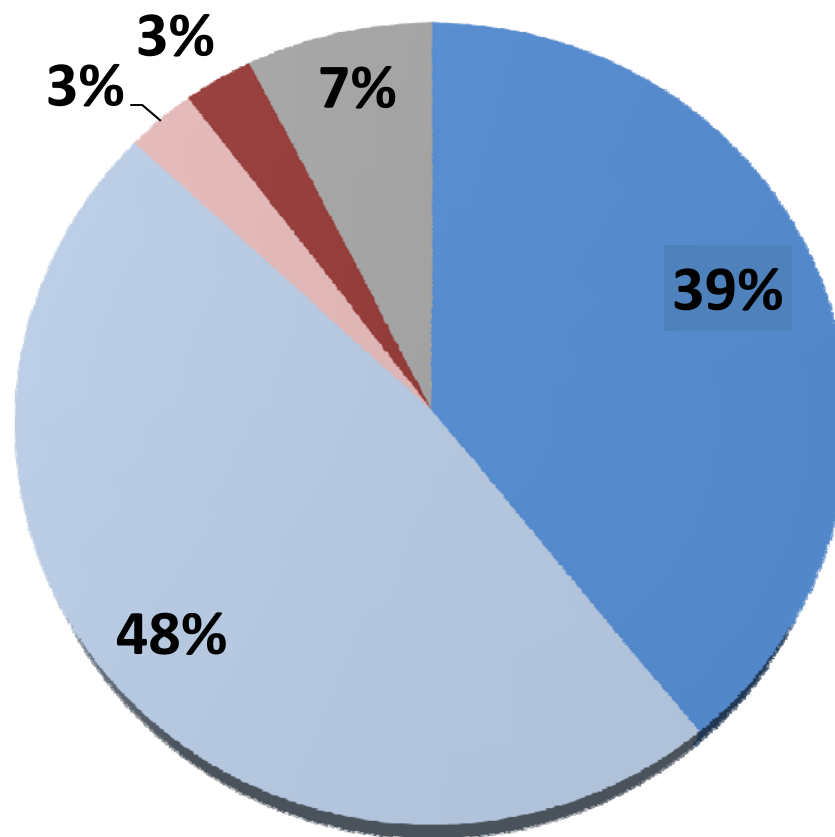




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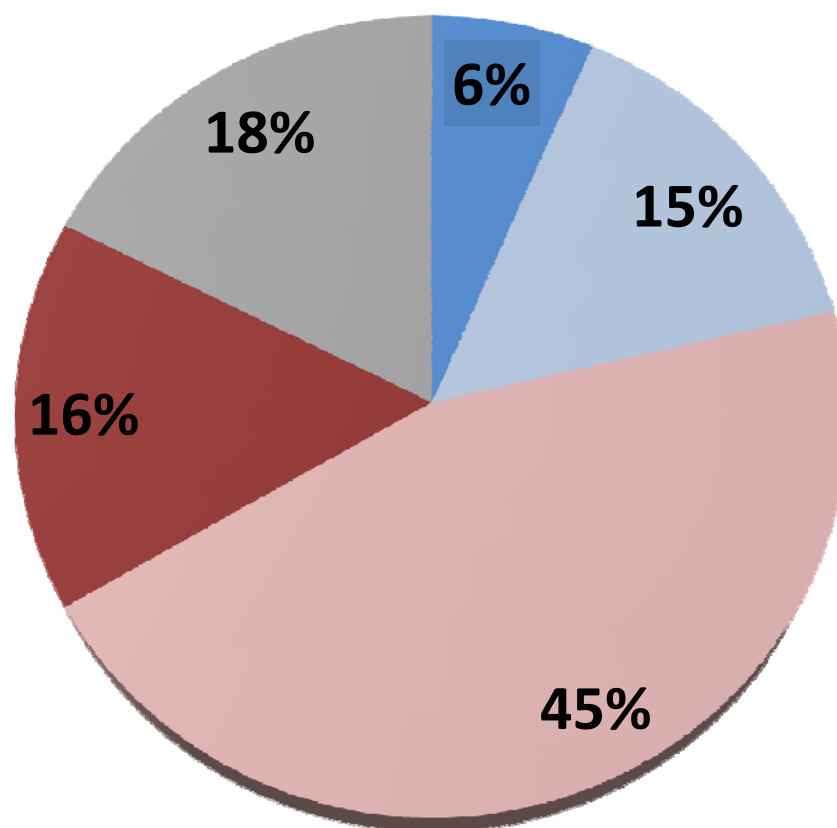
*Reducing impacts on ecosystem engineers using (no-take) MPAs is a powerful tool in modern conservation efforts (EAM)*

■ **Totally agree** ■ **Agree** ■ **Disagree** ■ **Totally disagree** ■ **No opinion**



**Statement 6:** *Connectivity has been adequately taken into account in designing the network of MPAs in the North Sea*

■ Totally agree ■ Agree ■ Disagree ■ Totally disagree ■ No opinion



### Statement 7

*Factoring in ecosystem services and socio-economic considerations is a critical part of MPA priority setting and network design*

■ **Totally agree** ■ **Agree** ■ **Disagree** ■ **Totally disagree** ■ **No opinion**

