

Ecosystem changes associated with offshore wind farms: bridging the gap between biogeochemical effects and its repercussions for ecosystem functioning and services

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Europe: 2030 Energy Strategy

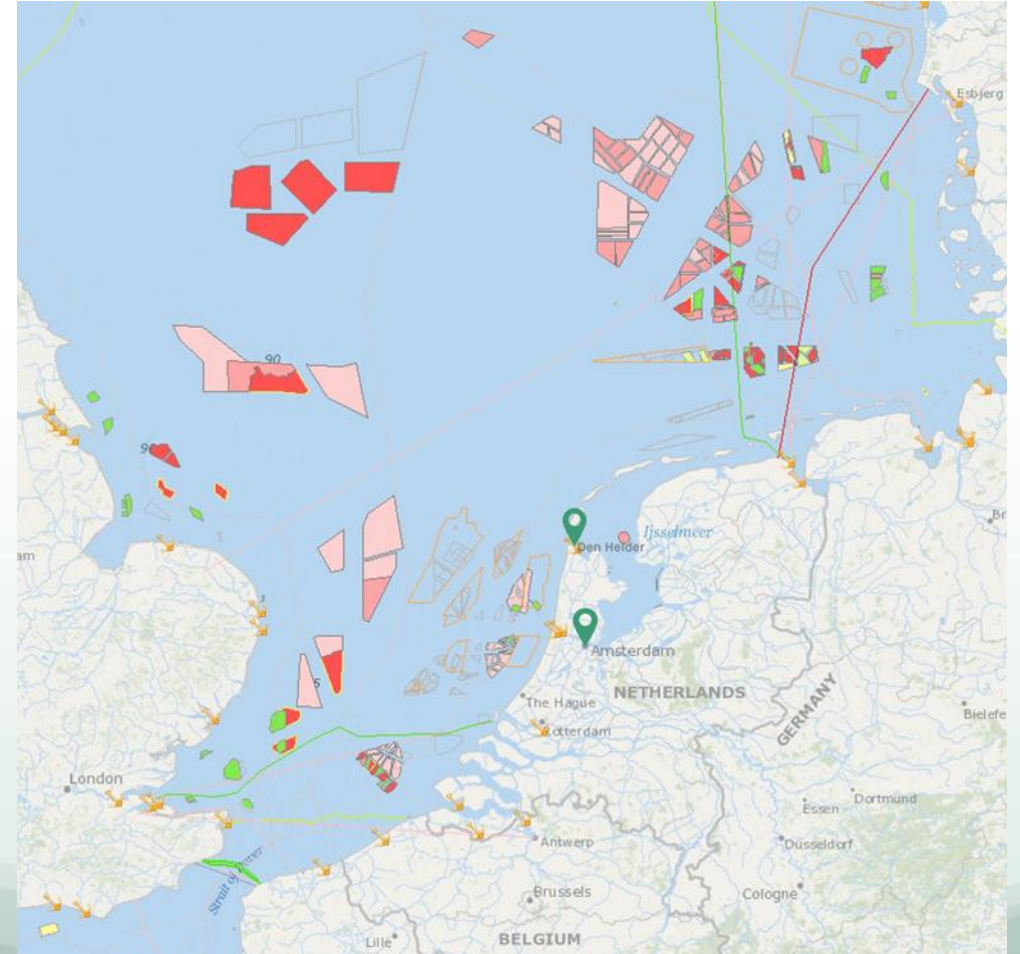
2030 Energy Strategy



- 40% cut in greenhouse gas emissions compared to 1990
- At least a 27% share of renewable energy consumption
- At least a 27% energy savings compared with business-as-usual scenario

Renewable energy: offshore wind in EU

- 4149 wind turbines
- 92 wind farms
- 11 European countries
- 18.84GW
- 25 GW by 2020



Wind turbines – fouling fauna

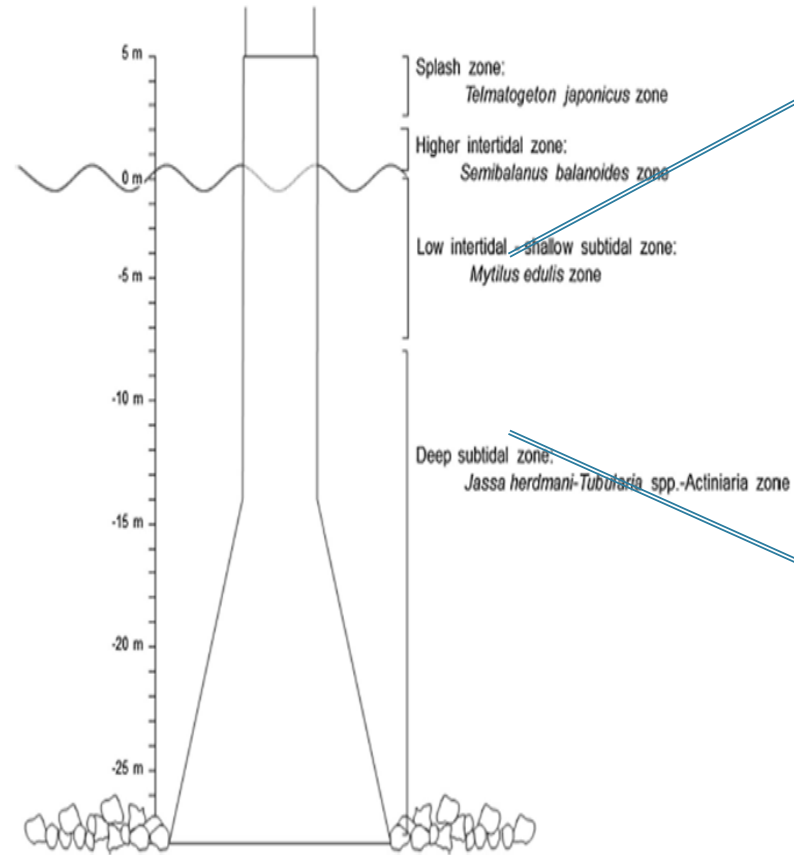


Fig. 6 Vertical zonation pattern on the gravity based foundations of the wind turbines

- *Mytilus edulis*: 18.8 – 38.7 kg m⁻² (Krone et al. 2013)

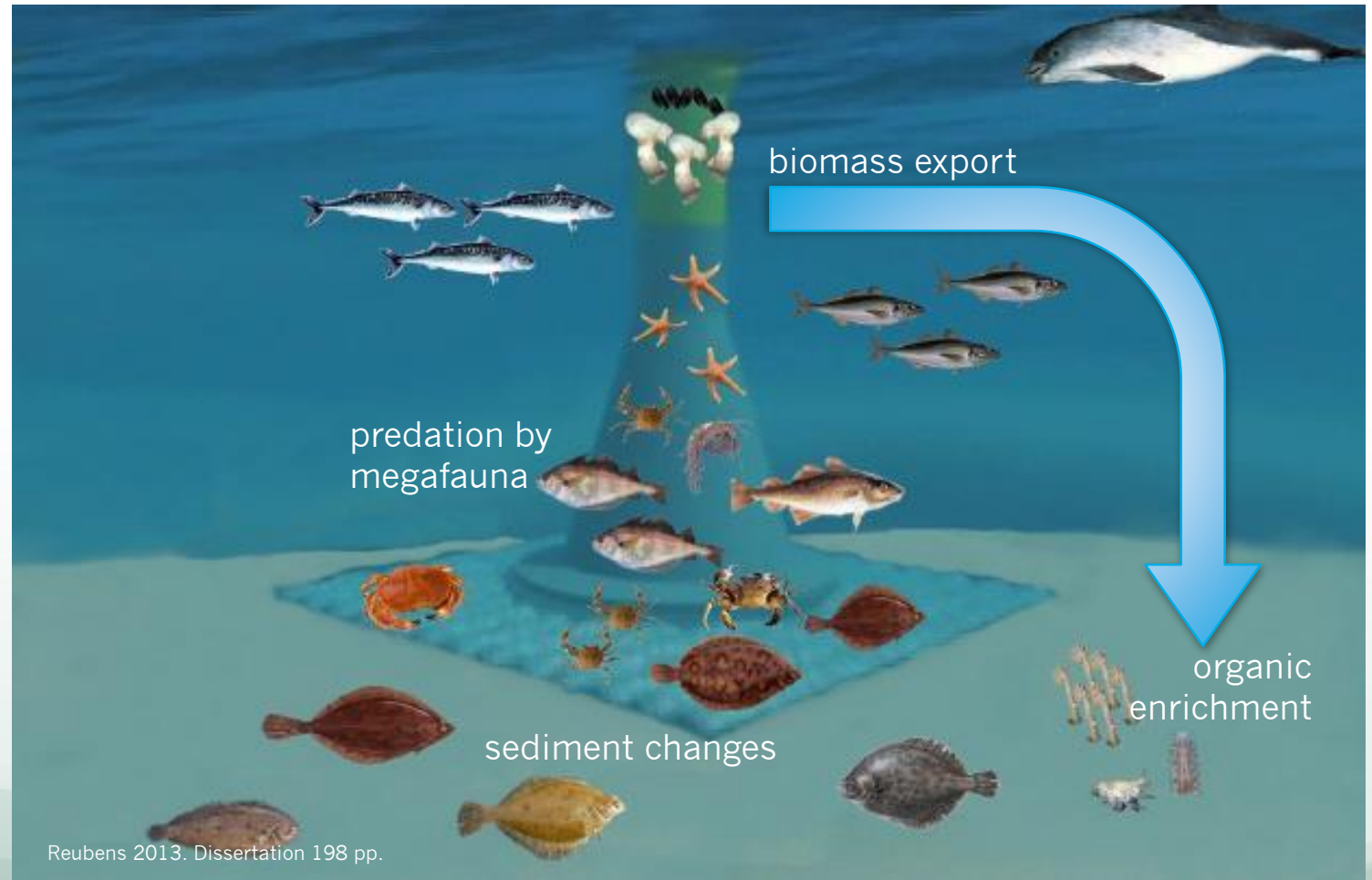


- *Jassa herdmani*: minimum 10⁴ ind m⁻² (De Mesel et al. 2015)



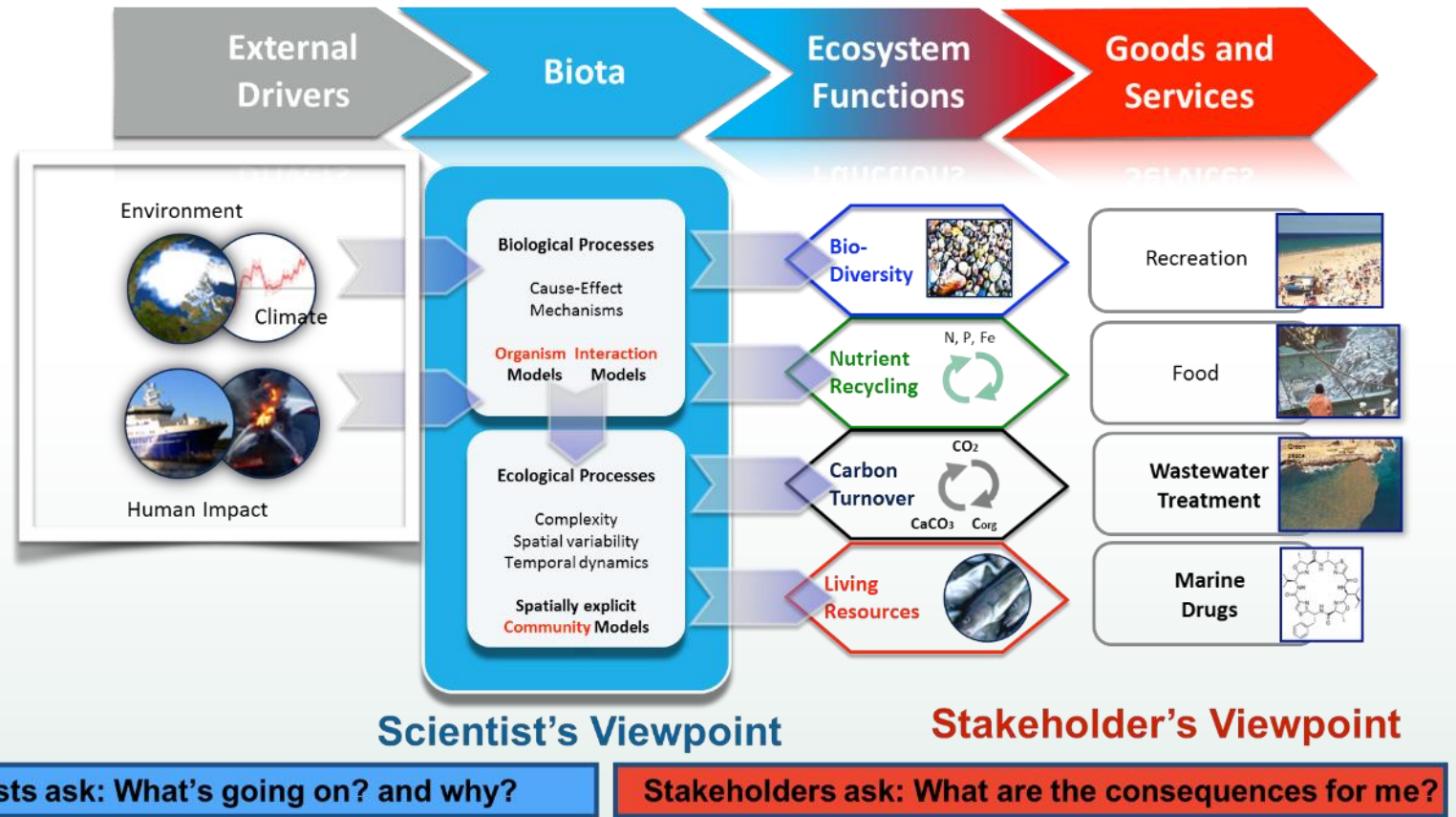
OWF change local community composition

- Fouling fauna
 - Filter feeders
- Attraction of
 - Fish
 - Large crustaceans
- Export of organic matter



So what?

- important for society?
- provisioning of ecosystem services?



Bridging the gap between two separated research fields

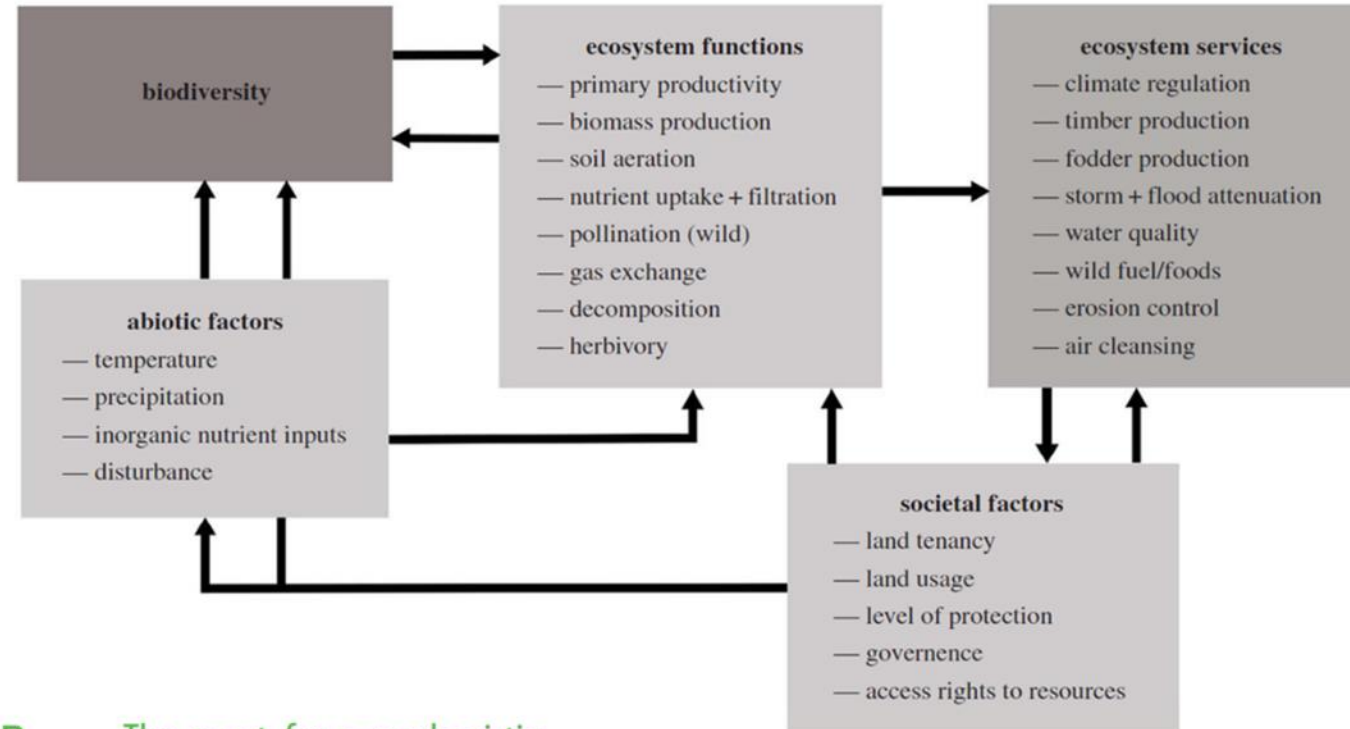
‘Bridging the gap’



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- Bridging the gap between benthic ecologists, ecosystem modellers, oceanographic modellers, social scientists
- Bridging the gap between senior scientists and early career researchers

Inspiration



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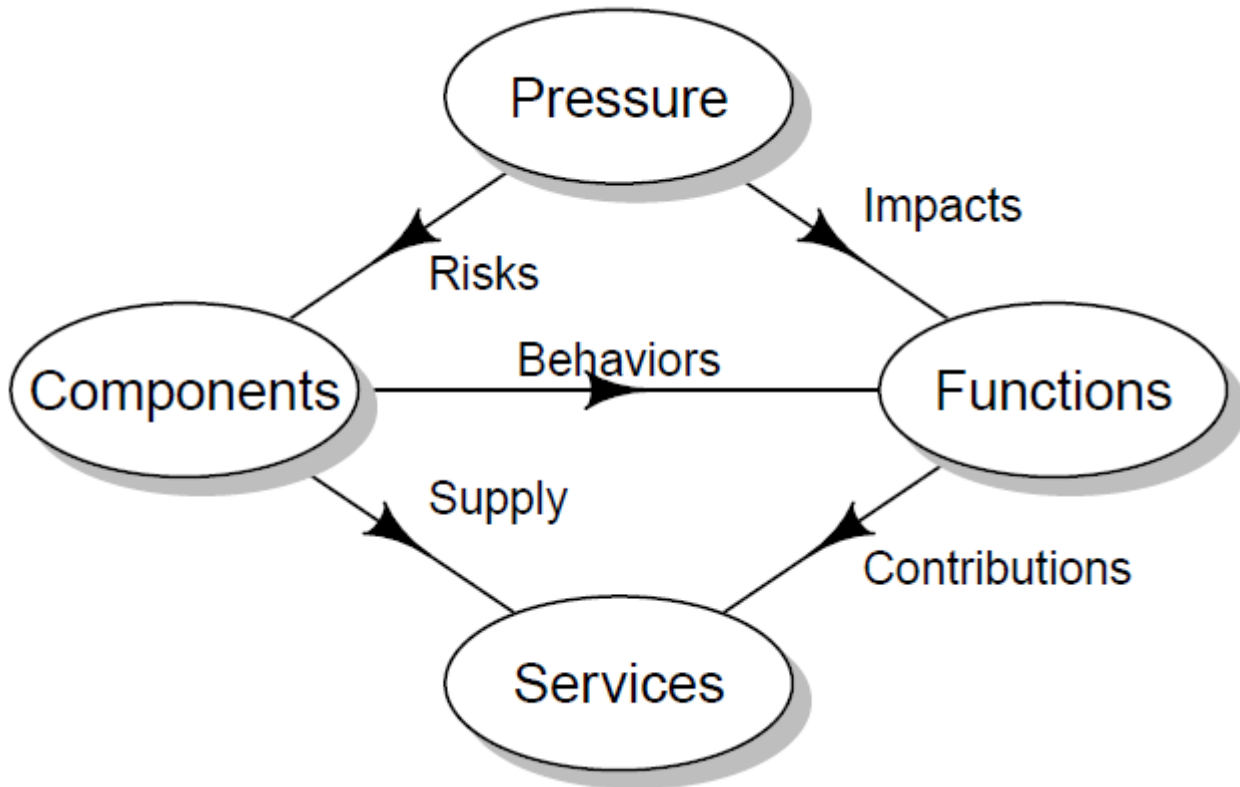
The quest for a mechanistic understanding of biodiversity – ecosystem services relationships

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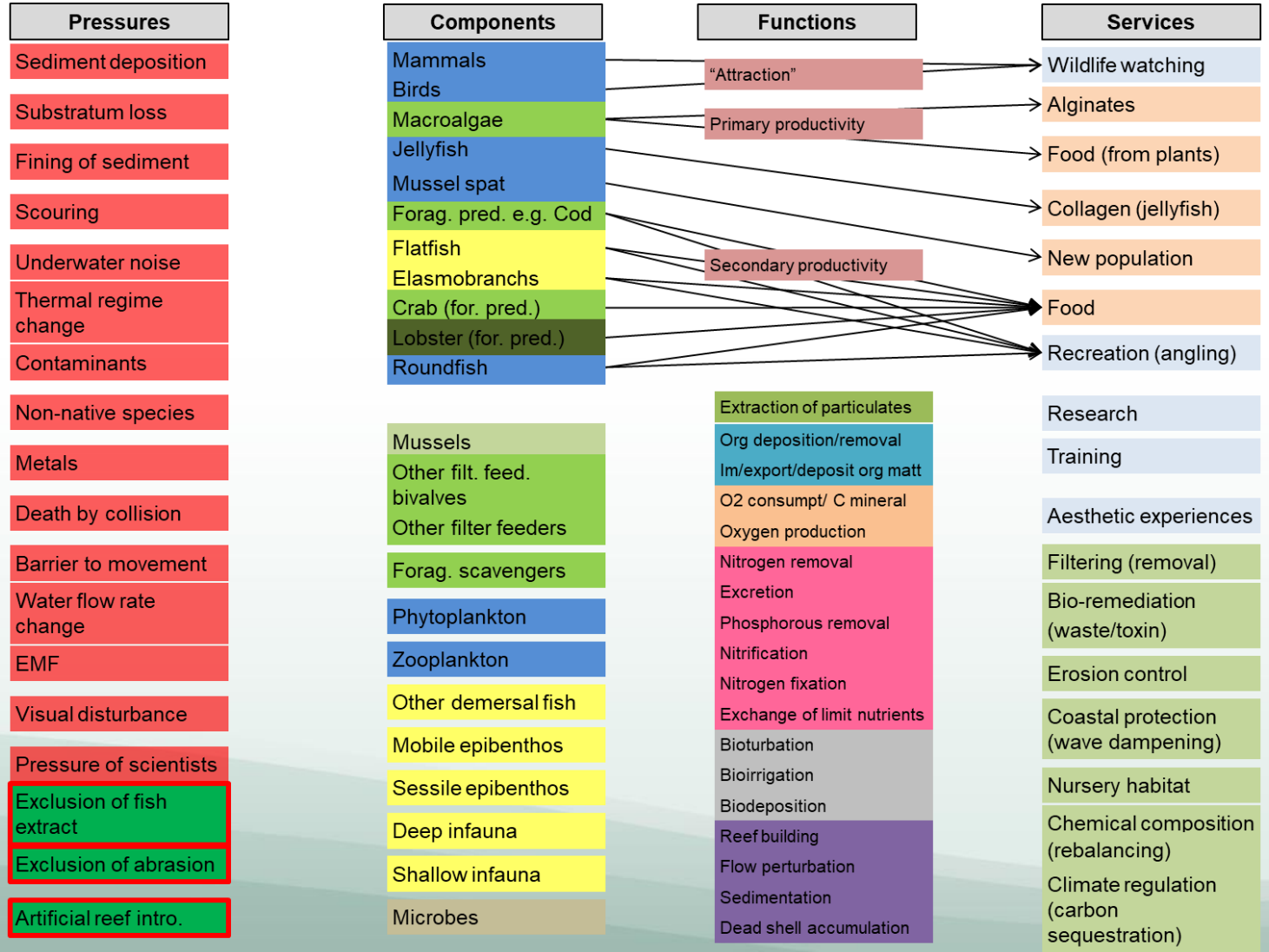
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From concept to operationalisation and quantification

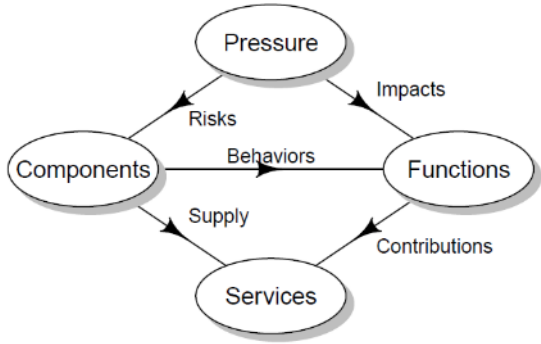


- Pressures: relevant to MSFD
- Components:
 - species/functional groups
 - Turbine/EPL/sediment/water
- Ecosystem functions: De Groot et al (2012)
- Services: CICES

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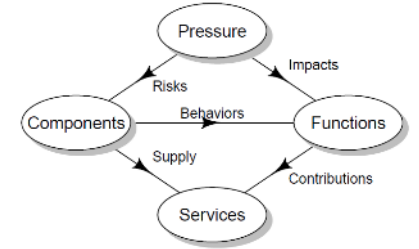
ECOSYSTEM PROCESS	ECOSYSTEM FUNCTION	Blue Mussel				other calcifying filter feeders				non calcifying filter feeders (i.e. Jassa)			
		Effect Size	Effect Are	Reference	Certainty	Effect Size	Effect Are	Reference	Certainty	Effect Size	Effect Are	Reference	Certainty
Biomass production	Primary productivity												
Biomass production	Secondary productivity												
Biomass production	Attraction												
Organic Matter Transformation	OM decomposition and removal												
Organic Matter Transformation	import/export OM												
Organic Matter Transformation	deposition of OM												
Inorganic Matter Transformation	Extraction of inorganic particles												
Ecosystem metabolism	O2 consumption												
Ecosystem metabolism	C mineralisation												
Nutrient Cycling	nitrogen removal												
Nutrient Cycling	nutrient excretion												
Nutrient Cycling	phosphorous removal												
Nutrient Cycling	nitrification												
Nutrient Cycling	denitrification												
Nutrient Cycling	nitrogen fixation												
Nutrient Cycling	exchange of limiting nutrients (i.e. silicate)												
Allogenic engineering	bioturbation												
Allogenic engineering	bioirrigation												
Allogenic engineering	biodeposition												
Habitat Creation	reef building												
Habitat Creation	flow perturbation												
Habitat Creation	sedimentation												
Habitat Creation	dead shell accumulation												

Magnitude score (Code)	EFFECT SIZE: Magnitude of effect or change definition
+2	Moderate to large positive effect on ecological component, process or function
+1	Slight to small positive effect on ecological component, process or function
0	No effect/neutral effect on ecological component, process or function
-1	Slight to small negative on ecological component, process or function
-2	Moderate to large negative on ecological component, process or function

Effect area (Code)	Spatial scale
1	Local: turbine + Erosion protection layer
2	OWF scale: within the OWF array
3	Regional (outside the OWF, incl. multiple arrays)

From concept to operationalisation and quantification

- How much stress is put on service 's' by the presence of operational OWF?



$$\text{Stress}_s = \sum_{f \in P} \sum_{l \in \text{scales}} s_{p,l} \left[\sum_{c \in C} f_{l,c} R_{p,c} \left(\sum_{f \in F} B_{c,f} * C_{f,s} + \sum_{c \in C} S_{c,s} \right) + \sum_{f \in F} I_{p,f} * C_{f,s} \right]$$

through organisms (bracketed over the first two terms)
through functions (bracketed over the first term of the inner sum)
direct supply (bracketed over the second term of the inner sum)
direct impact (bracketed over the third term of the inner sum)

Risks $R_{p,c}$

Pressures	
Components	1 1 2 1
	3 2 1 1
	2 1 2 2
	1 1 1 2

Behaviors $B_{c,f}$

Components	
Functions	1 1 2 1
	3 2 1 1
	2 1 2 2
	1 1 1 2

Contribution $C_{f,s}$

Functions	
Services	1 1 2 1
	3 2 1 1
	2 1 2 2
	1 1 1 2

Supply $S_{c,s}$

Components	
Services	1 1 2 1
	3 2 1 1
	2 1 2 2
	1 1 1 2

Impacts $I_{p,f}$

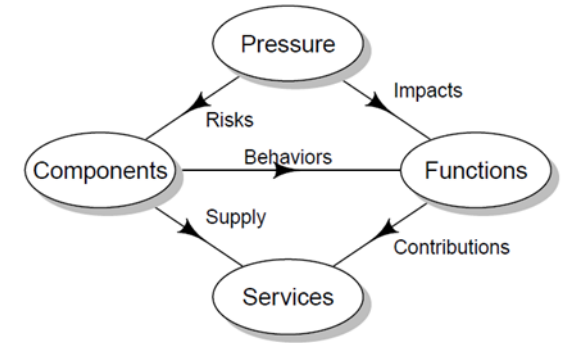
Pressures	
Functions	1 1 2 1
	3 2 1 1
	2 1 2 2
	1 1 1 2

Contribution $C_{f,s}$

Functions	
Services	1 1 2 1
	3 2 1 1
	2 1 2 2
	1 1 1 2

From concept to operationalisation and quantification

- Which key functions should be monitored?



exposure to pressure

relevance *organisms* *direct impact*

$$\text{Monitoring importance}_f = \sum_{s \in S} C_{f,s} \left[\sum_{p \in P} \left(\sum_{c \in C} f_{l,c} R_{p,c} B_{c,f} + I_{p,f} \right) \right]$$

		Functions			
		1	2	3	4
Services	1	1	1	2	1
	2	3	2	1	1
	3	2	1	2	2
	4	1	1	1	2

		Pressures			
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Work (to be) done

- R script for numerical analysis: finalised
- Tables completed
 - To be reviewed by ICES WGMBRED experts
 - 12-15 february 2019
- Numerical analysis (spring 2019)
- Writing and submitting manuscript (end 2019)

Thank you!

