

# Die Leistung der Sedimente in deutschen Küstenmeeren –

## Bewertung der Funktion mariner benthischer Systeme im Kontext menschlicher Nutzung – Leistungen der Ostsee (SECOS)

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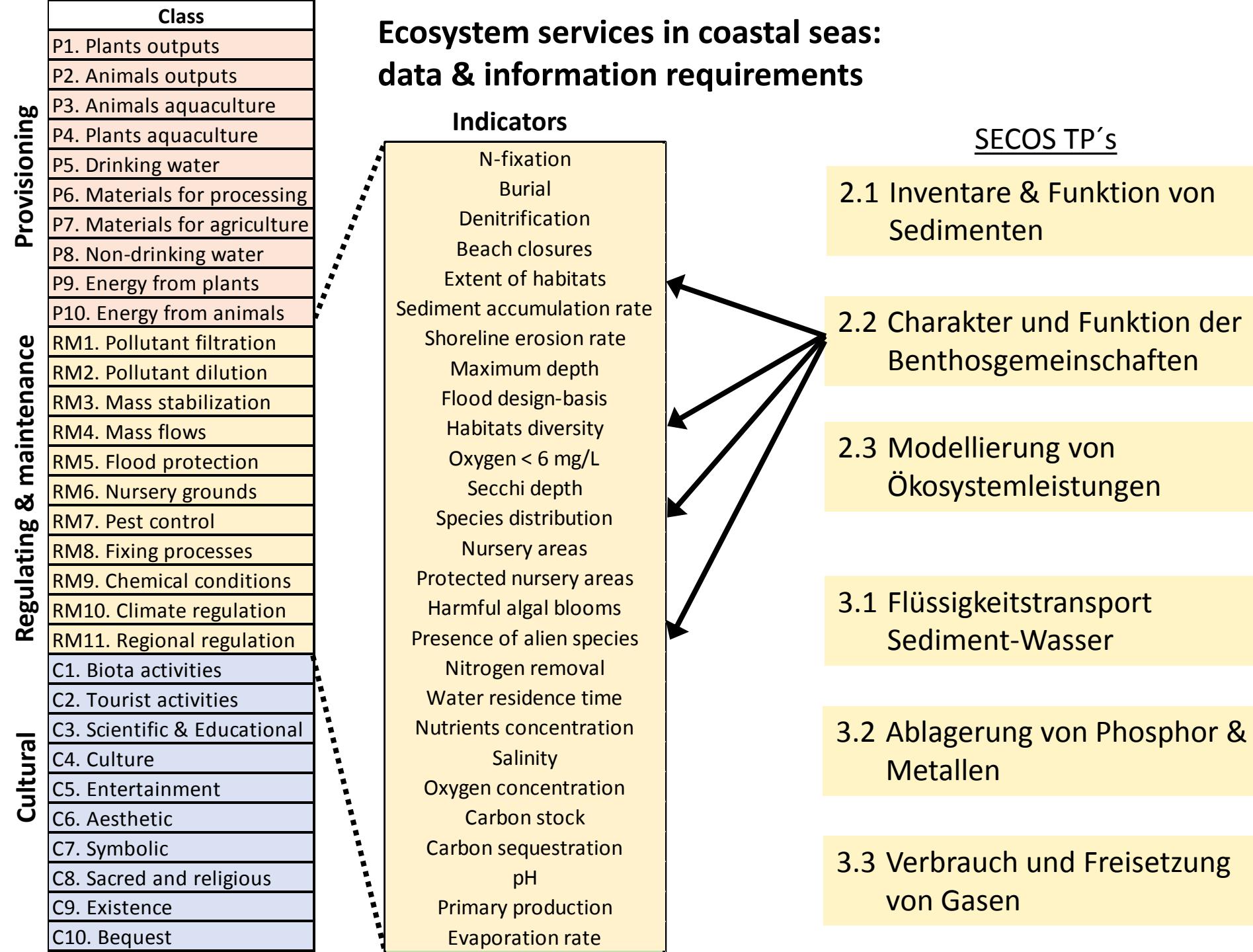




# Ecosystem services in coastal seas as a framework for marine research

## An ecosystem service assessment:

- Supports a **comprehensive understanding** of structures, processes and dependencies in coastal seas
- Allows the **reflection and visualization** of changes in ecosystems, resulting from anthropogenic impacts, measures or global changes
- Supports the **transfer** of complex messages to a broader public
- Supports the **implementation** of environmental policy, spatial planning and an ecosystem based management
- Provides a **justification** for protection or remediation measures
- Serves as **framework** and container for integrated and aggregated basic research results



# How can society benefit from research on benthic organisms?

## 2.2 Charakter und Funktion der Benthosgemeinschaften



Seabed habitat

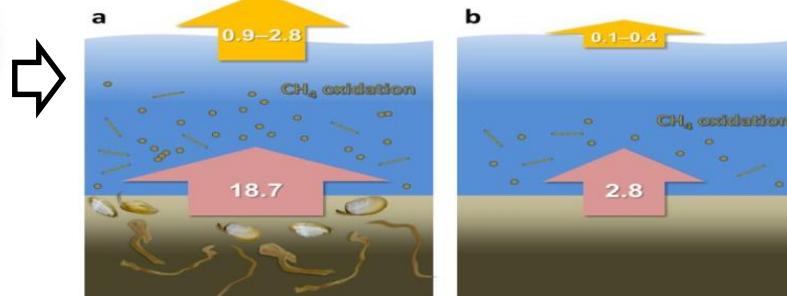


Balanced use with conservation of natural resources (*trade-offs, cost-effect*)



Values & advantages: economic value, intangible human well-being

**Function:** e.g. nutrients and exchange of greenhouse gases, burial of harmful substances

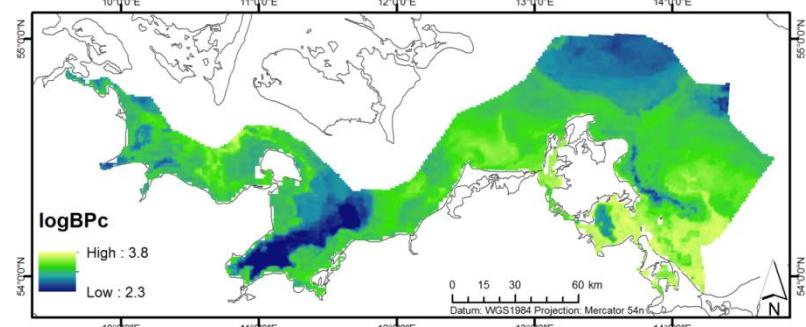


Bongalia et al. 2017 Sci. Rep.

**Ecosystem services:** e.g. food, climate regulation



On a wide range of spatial scales – for management & spatial planning e.g. bioturbation /(-irrigation) potential



Gogina et al. 2017; Renz et al. subm.

e.g. Lohrer et al. 2015; Villnas et al. 2018

# Bioirrigation potential of benthic communities (BIPc)

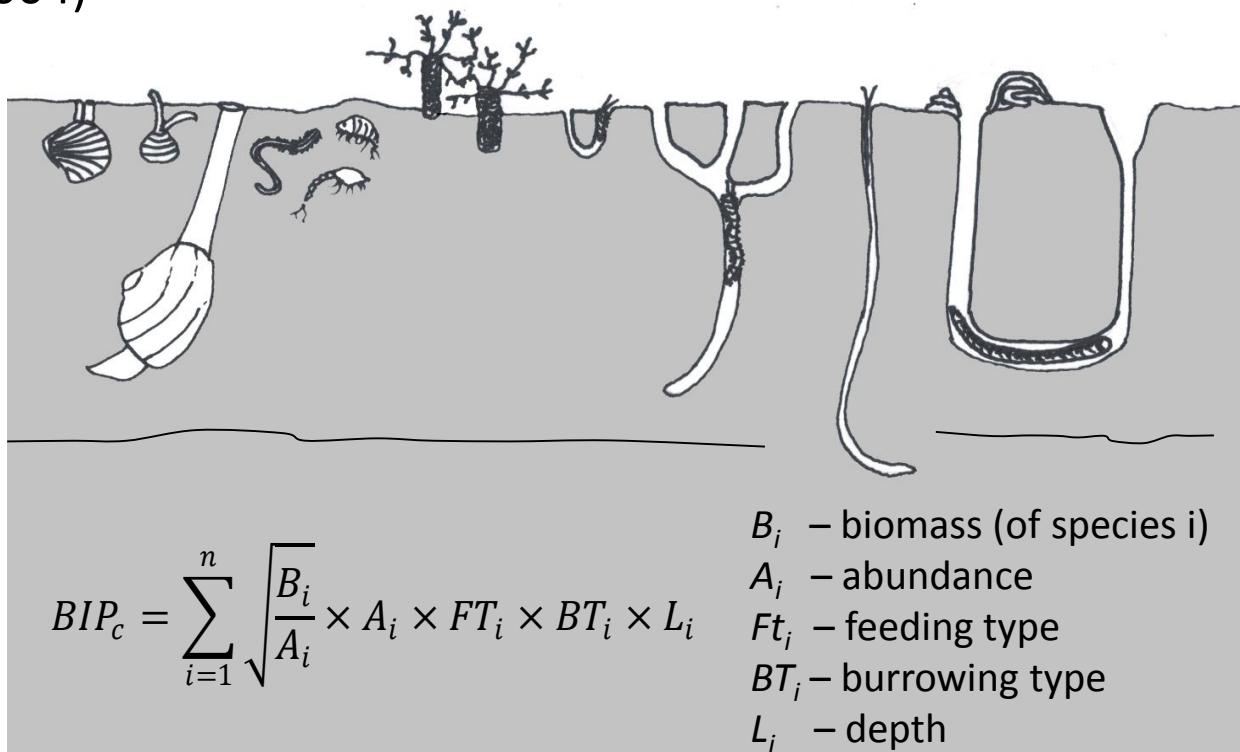
Marine Strategy Framework Directive: descriptor 6 (biodiversity & sea floor integrity)

- aiming to assess condition and function of benthic communities
- easily applicable descriptors are requested

## Development of an index to predict relative intensities of bioirrigation

- biomass and abundance weighted scoring system
- fundamental functional traits analogy to the particle related bioturbation potential (Solan et al. 2004)
- wide applicability:  
largely available  
macrofaunal data

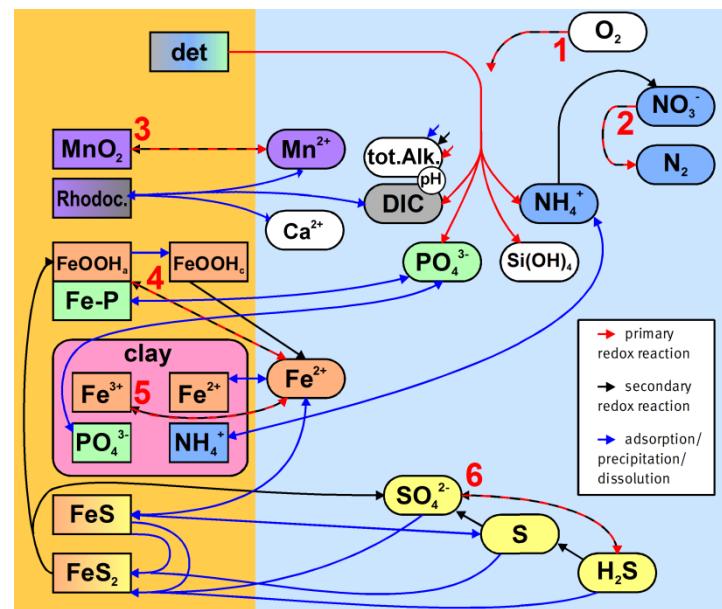
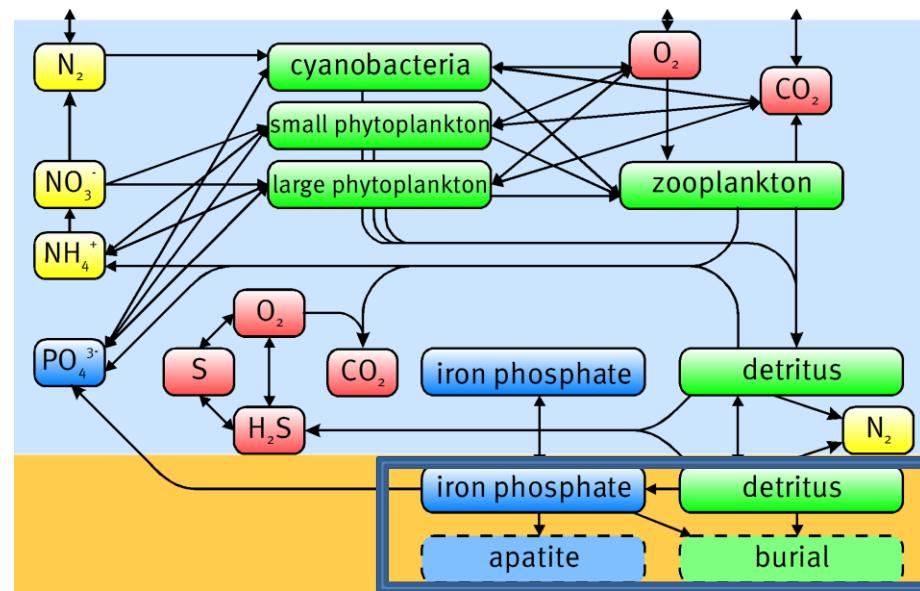
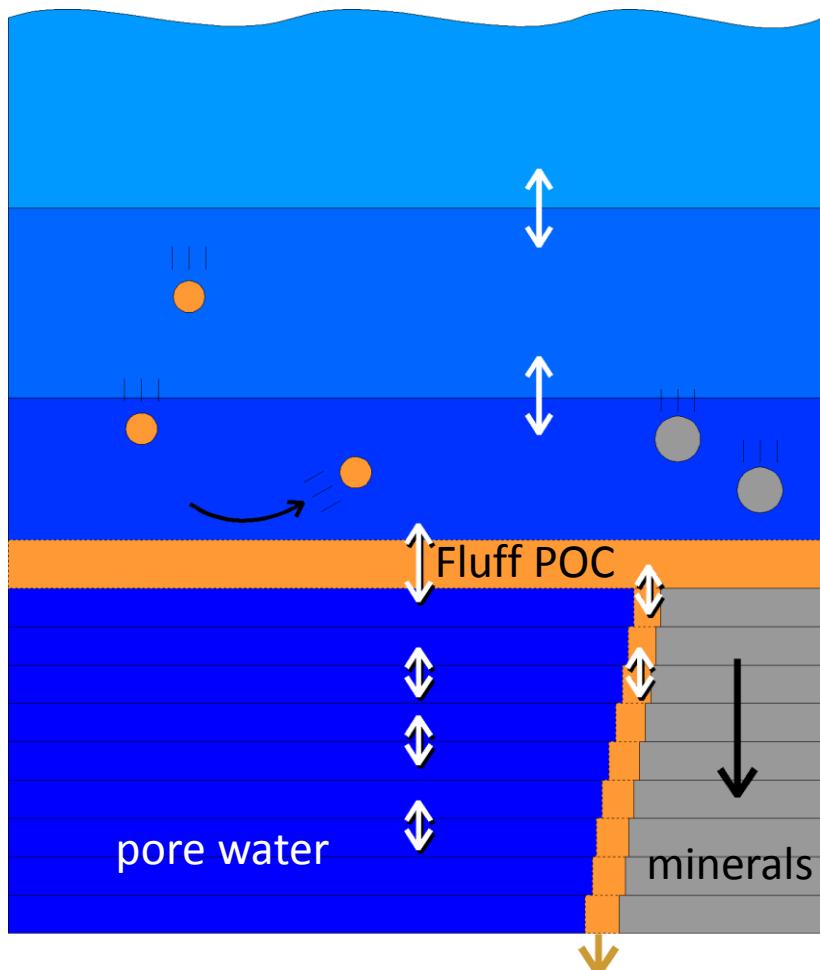
→ spatial full coverage  
→ estimates of the  
function of benthic  
communities



# Ecological ReGional Ocean Model with vertically resolved sediments (ERGOM SED 1.0): Coupling benthic and pelagic biogeochemistry of the south-western Baltic Sea.

## 2.3 Modellierung von Ökosystemleistungen

Radtke, H, Lipka, M, Bunke, D, Morys, C, Cahill, B, Böttcher, ME, Forster, S, Leipe, T, Neumann, T, *Geosci. Model Dev. Discuss.*, 2018, 1–42



# Ecosystem services in coastal seas: transfer into spatial pattern

Class
P1. Plants outputs
P2. Animals outputs
P3. Animals aquaculture
P4. Plants aquaculture
P5. Drinking water
P6. Materials for processing
P7. Materials for agriculture
P8. Non-drinking water
P9. Energy from plants
P10. Energy from animals
RM1. Pollutant filtration
RM2. Pollutant dilution
RM3. Mass stabilization
RM4. Mass flows
RM5. Flood protection
RM6. Nursery grounds
RM7. Pest control
RM8. Fixing processes
RM9. Chemical conditions
RM10. Climate regulation
RM11. Regional regulation
C1. Biota activities
C2. Tourist activities
C3. Scientific & Educational
C4. Culture
C5. Entertainment
C6. Aesthetic
C7. Symbolic
C8. Sacred and religious
C9. Existence
C10. Bequest

Data and spatial information

3D Ecosystem model data

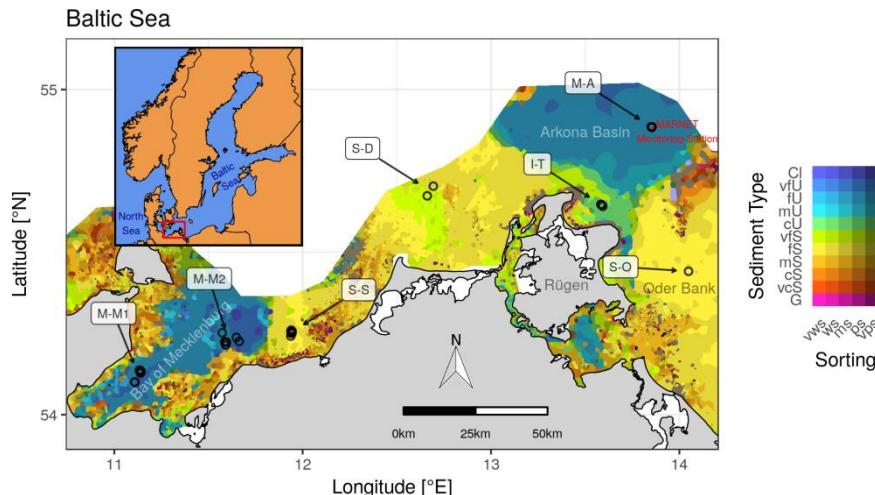
4.2 Spatial typology, integration & usability

4.1 Integrated ES assessment approach

1.2 Baltic Sea Atlas (Geo-Information System)

Ecosystem service map for the German Baltic coastal sea

## WP 3: Basic research: mineralisation/accumulation processes- release and consumption



- Lipka, 2018; PhD-thesis
- Lipka M, Woelfel J, Gogina M, Kallmeyer J, Liu B, Morys C, Forster S, Böttcher ME; *Spatiotemporal dynamics in solute reservoirs of temperate brackish surface sediments*
- Gogina M, Lipka M, Woelfel J, Liu B, Böttcher ME, Zettler ML; *On the hunt for a field-based relationship between benthic macrofauna and biogeochemistry in a modern brackish coastal sea*  
-> submitted to Marine Frontiers (special issue BSSC)

### ORGANIC MATTER MINERALIZATION RATES...

- ... are **similar** in sandy and muddy sediments.
- ... are **higher** in the mud of the Mecklenburg Bight than in the deeper Arkona Basin.
- Differences between muds can be attributed to **varying organic matter supply**.
- **Seasonal variability** and **salinity dynamics** in the bottom waters show minor or no effects.

### ADVECTIVE TRANSPORT due to currents, bioturbation/-irrigation, human impact...

- ... are **the main force for solute fluxes** across the sediment-water interface in sands and muds.
- ... affect **metal oxide contents** near the sediment surface, which can delay benthic nutrient fluxes after a shift to hypoxic bottom water conditions.

# Baltic Sea Atlas – structure & function

LEIBNIZ-INSTITUT FÜR  
ÖSTERRFORSCHUNG  
WARNEMÜNDE

Logout  
Optionen  
Übersicht  
Administratorfunktionen  
Karte  
Zwischenablage  
Suchen  
Stellenverwaltung  
Nutzerverwaltung  
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Druck

## Biogensilikat Feinfraktion - Profil

Datensatz auswählen

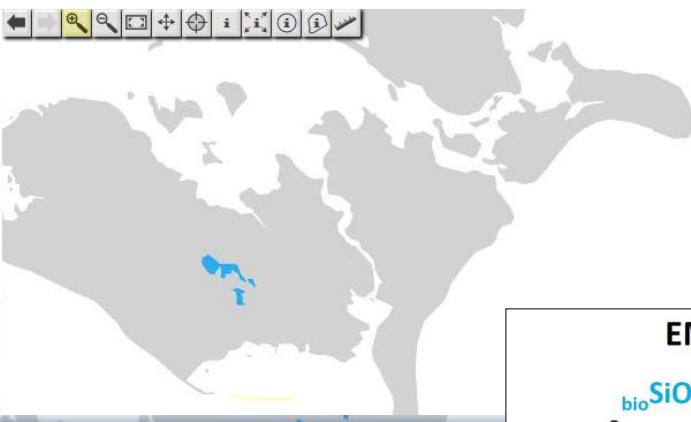
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Gerät	Vierrohr-Multicorer
Region	Arkonabecken
Sedimenttyp	Schlick <span style="color:red">↓</span> <span style="color:red">↓</span> <span style="color:red">↓</span>
Wassertiefe (m)	42 <span style="color:red">→</span>
Profil	link
Tabelle	link

Biogensilikat Feinfraktion - Profil alle auswählen

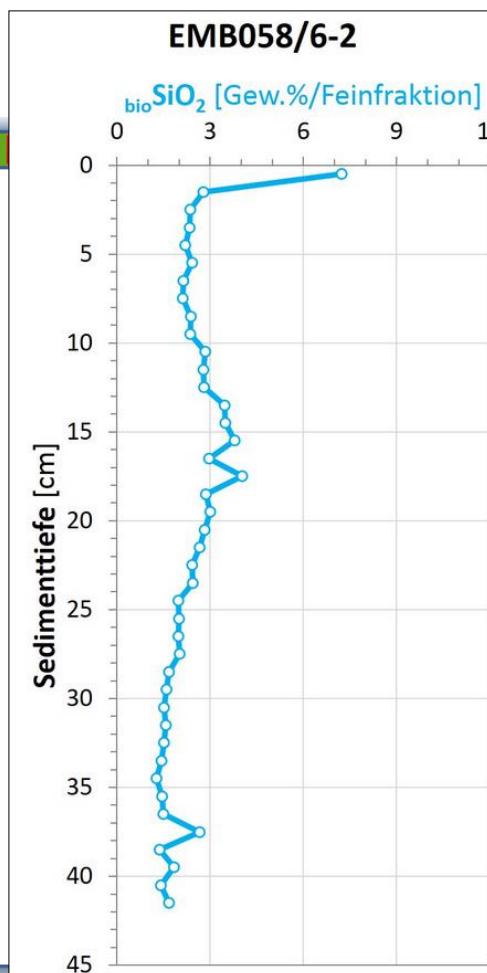
ausgewählte Datensätze:  

      klassifiziert nach:  

Sachdatenanzeige drucken



## Geochemical profiles



### EMB058/6-2

Sediment depth / Sedimenttiefe [cm]	bioSiO <sub>2</sub> [wt.%]
0,50	6,34
1,50	2,45
2,50	2,13
3,50	2,04
4,50	1,91
5,50	2,11
6,50	1,85
7,50	1,85
8,50	2,11
9,50	2,10
10,50	2,55
11,50	2,54
12,50	2,50
13,50	3,21
14,50	3,17
15,50	3,32
16,50	2,48
17,50	3,78
18,50	2,57
19,50	2,57
20,50	2,40
21,50	2,28
22,50	2,02
23,50	1,96
24,50	1,59
25,50	1,59
26,50	1,56
27,50	1,50
28,50	1,27

Verfügbare Themen:

Neu Laden

- geochemie
- alle
- Test-Lotta
- Probenlokation
- As Feinfraktion
- As Gesamtfaktion
- Biogensilikat Feinfraktion - Profil
- Probenlokation
- Biogensilikat Feinfraktion
- Biogensilikat Gesamtfaktion

# Baltic Sea Atlas – access to metadata & data

The screenshot shows the IOWMeta portal interface. At the top, there's a header with the IOW logo and navigation links for 'Start', 'Suche', and 'Karte'. Below the header, a blue button says 'Zurück zur Suche'. The main content area displays a dataset titled 'Geochemical depth profiles of modern sediments in the south-western Baltic Sea'. It includes a map of the Baltic Sea with a yellow highlighted area representing the study region. A green stamp on the map says 'Completed'. Below the map, there's a note about vertical distribution of elements and compounds in sediments, a timestamp ('Kontinuierliche Aktualisierung 3 months ago'), and a link to 'Methods or Methoden'. On the left, a sidebar titled 'Download and links' lists five datasets: Caesium-137, Caesium-137/TOC, Biogenic silica in total fraction, Biogenic silica in fine fraction, and Mercury in total fraction, all from the 'Baltic Sea Atlas'. At the bottom of the main content area, there's a 'Datenportal als neues Fenster öffnen' (Open in new window) button, followed by a cookie consent message and a 'Zurück zur Suche' button.

Linked to KüNO-Data portal  
and MDI-DE

Notice: KüNO is  
now harvesting  
IOWMeta

The screenshot shows the MDI-DE catalog interface. On the left, there's a search bar with filters for language, type, author, main theme, format, and catalog. The main area displays a dataset titled 'Geochemical depth profiles of modern sediments in the south-western Baltic Sea'. The dataset details include: Herausgeber: Department of Marine Geology, IOW; Katalog: MDI:DE Catalog; Typ: Datensatz; Zusammenfassung: Vertical distribution of environmentally relevant elements and compounds in the sediments of the south-western Baltic Sea. More informations in the link Methods or Methoden. The right side of the screen shows a detailed view of the metadata, including sections for Beschreibung, Kategorien, Zugriff, Vertrieb, Qualität, and Metadaten. The 'Beschreibung' tab is active, showing the title 'Geochemical depth profiles of modern sediments in the south-western Baltic Sea'. The 'Kategorien' tab shows categories like Geographie, Naturwissenschaften, and Technik. The 'Zugriff' tab shows download links. The 'Vertrieb' tab shows distribution details. The 'Qualität' tab shows quality information. The 'Metadaten' tab shows contact details for the organization. A note at the bottom right says 'Keine verwandten Metadatensätze verfügbar.'

Notice: IOW-Metadata  
also available via MDI-DE  
(since April 2018)



# **IOW MESAT:** **Marine Ecosystem Service Assessment Tool**

## **Objective:**

Support of environmental policy implementation

## **Method/Approach:**

- Adaptation of the Common International Classification on Ecosystem Services (CICES, version 5.1) (Haines-Young and Potschin 2018)
- Comparative, non-monetary assessments (time, space, state)
- Definition of spatial units according to the Water Framework Directive: characterization of types by major physico-chemical parameters, like depth, tidal range, salinity, temperature, turbidity, residence time, wave exposure and current velocities (Coast 2003)



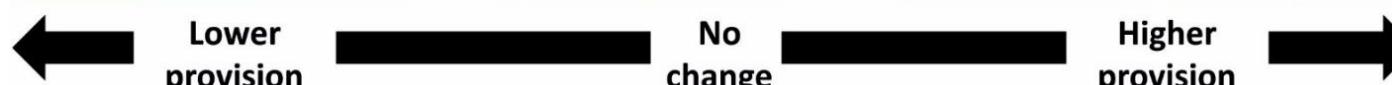
## Background

- For several EU-Directives (Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD), Water Framework Directive (WFD), Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP) Directive, Habitat-Directive) and strategies (Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM), Biodiversity) an Ecosystem Service Assessment is recommended.
- Usually it is expected that Ecosystem Service assessments provide a comprehensive understanding of structures and dependencies and support the required „Ecosystem Approach to Management“.
- However, ideas and recommendations about concrete aims, where and when in the policy implementation process and how to use the results are either lacking or remain vague.

# Methodology for comparative ecosystem service assessments

Division	Group	Class		S1. Mussel farm	Class	Group	Division	Section
Nutrition	Biomass	P1. Wild plants, algae and their outputs						
		P2. Wild animals and their outputs		1 -3	-1			
		P3. Animals from in situ aquaculture		5 5	5			
		P4. Plants and algae from in situ aquaculture						
	Water	P5. Surface water for drinking purposes						
Materials	Biomass	P6. Fibres and other materials from plants, algae and animals for direct use or processing		3	3			
		P7. Materials from plants, algae and animals for agriculture		3	3			
	Water	P8. Surface water for non-drinking purposes		1	1	1		
	Biomass-based energy resources	P9. Plant based resources			1		1	
		P10. Animal based resources		1	1			

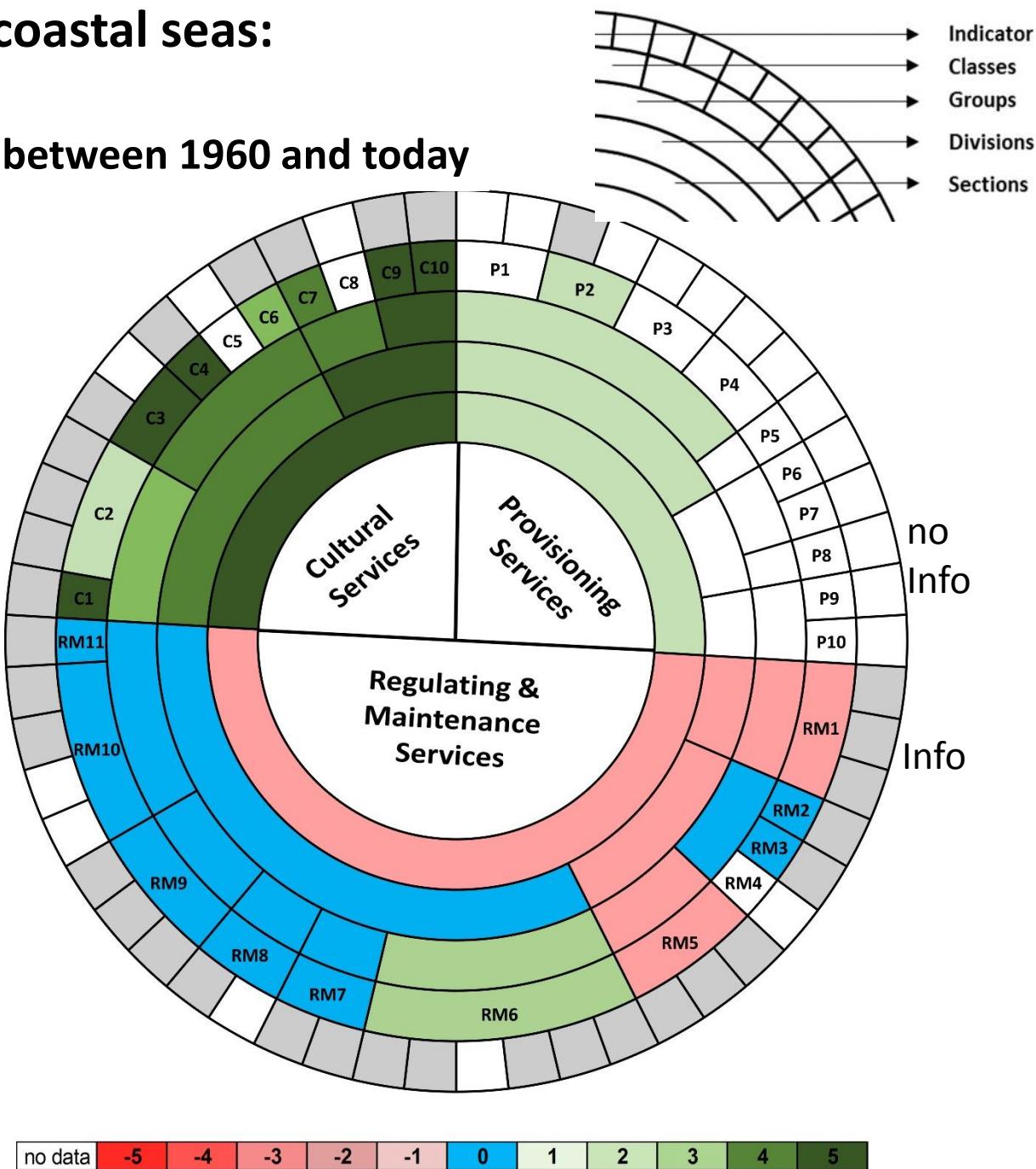
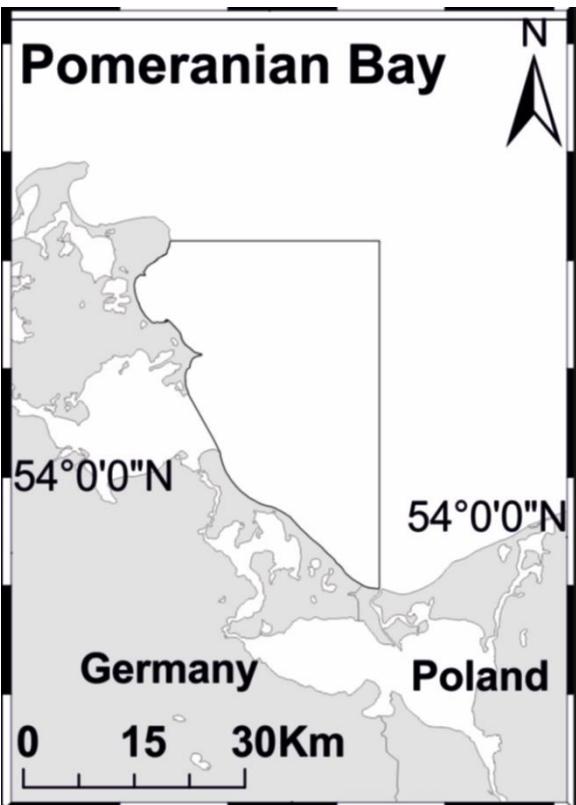
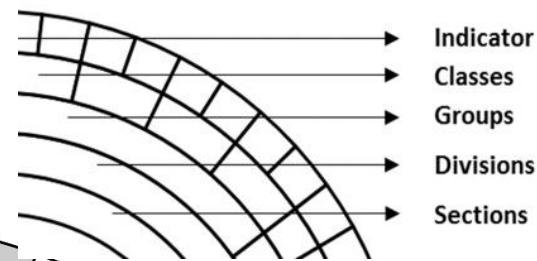
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# Ecosystem services of coastal seas:

## Pomeranian Bay

A comparative assessment between 1960 and today

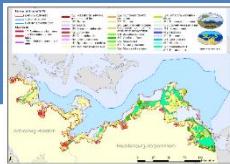


Inácio, Schernewski et al (in prep.)

# Alternative assessment and mapping approach

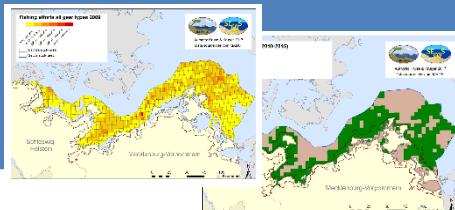
Definition of spatial setting

**German Baltic  
Coast & Sea  
and focus  
areas for  
detailed  
analysis**



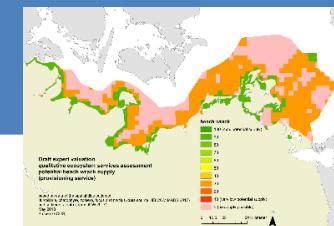
Data examples

e.g. sediment  
and key species  
distribution;  
literature;  
model results



Results

**Maps for  
-Regulating  
-Provisioning  
-Cultural  
ecosystem  
services**



- Aims are to test the applicability of an integrative terrestrial-coastal-marine approach (Kiel Matrix approach) and
- To visualize past, current and possible future states of ecosystem service supply (and demand) with spatially explicit maps for the case study area (cooperation with BACOSA II)