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Institute for Marine Resources & Ecosystem Studies



Mission and research area

IMARES (Institute for Marine Resources and Ecosystem Studies) is the Netherlands research institute established to provide the scientific support that is essential for developing policies and innovation in respect of the marine environment, fishery activities, aquaculture and the maritime sector.

IMARES is:

- an independent, objective and authoritative institute that provides knowledge necessary for an integrated sustainable protection, exploitation and spatial use of the sea and coastal zones;
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- a key, proactive player in national and international marine research networks (including ICES and EFARO).

We carry out scientific support to policies (50%), strategic RTD programmes (30%) and contract research for private, public and NGO partners (20%). Our key focal research areas cover ecology, environmental conservation and protection, fisheries, aquaculture, ecosystem based economy, coastal zone management and marine governance.

IMARES primarily focuses on the North Sea, the Wadden Sea and the Dutch Delta region. It is also involved in research in coastal zones, polar regions and marine tropical areas throughout the world and in specific fresh water research.

IMARES has some two hundred people active in field surveys, experimental studies, from laboratory to mesocosm scale, modelling and assessment, scientific advice and consultancy. Our work is supported by state-of-the-art in-house facilities that include specialist marine analysis and quality labs, outdoor mesocosms, specific field-sampling devices, databases and models. The IMARES quality system is ISO 9001 certified. Specific chemical analysis are performed under the certified Q-lab status ISO 17025.

We collaborate with fellow research specialists, about 20% of our research is contracted to partner institutes in the Netherlands and abroad. Our research is regularly published in international peer reviewed publications. As part of Wageningen UR, IMARES has close ties with Wageningen University and the Van Hall Larenstein University of Applied Sciences. Both universities cater for Bachelor, professional Master and academic Master education programmes. The institute runs a PhD programme together with Wageningen University.

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