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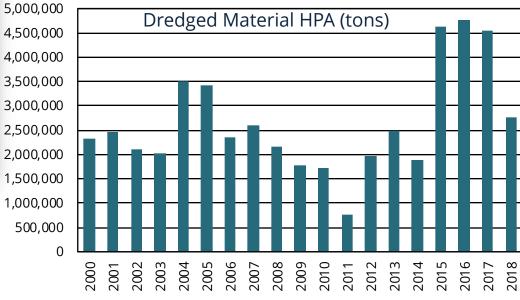




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- Complex governmental situation
- Various stakeholder groups

# **Participation formats:**

Consultation process "Tideelbe" (2013 -2015) (<a href="http://www.dialogforum-tideelbe.de/">http://www.dialogforum-tideelbe.de/</a>)



"Forum Tideelbe" (2016 –2020) (http://www.forum-tideelbe.de/)







# **Aims**



## 1. Consultation process (2013-2015)

- achieve a better (common) understanding of all aspects of sediment management conducted by HPA and WSV (Waterways and Shipping Administration),
- improve communication between different stakeholder groups and acceptance of different interests.

## 2. Estuary partnership "Forum Tideelbe" (2016-2020)

- continuation of the first process in a different way,
- find possible locations for river engineering measures that contribute to improvement of sediment management and ecological aspects of the estuary.









# Who was/is involved?

### Port, federal administration

Hamburg Port Authority

Wasser- und Schifffahrtsverwaltung des Bundes

#### Counties, municipalities

Landkreis Stade

Landkreis Cuxhaven

Kreis Dithmarschen

Kreis Nordfriesland

Kreis Steinburg

Kreis Pinneberg

Städtetag S-H (Brunsbüttel)

Gemeindetag S-H (Moorrege)

Städtetag NI (Cuxhaven/Otterndorf)

Städte- und Gemeindebund NI (Gemeinde Jork/ Nordkehdingen)

## Facilitator



#### Ministries

S-H - MELUR

NI - MUEK

HH - BEU (ehem. BSU)

HH - BWVI

#### Agriculture, Soil & Water Union

Wasser- und Bodenverband S-H

Wasserverbandstag NDS

Wasserverbandstag HH

Bauernverbände

#### Economy, Industry

**IHK Nord** 

Unternehmensverband Hafen Hamburg e.V.

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Elbe Seaports

VCI Nord

#### Sailing, Leisure

Gruppe Nedderelv e.V.

Segler-Verbände

Deutscher Motoryachtverband e.V.

### Environmental NGO's

NABU

WWF

BUND

AG Naturschutz HH

Rettet die Elbe

#### Institutions

Stiftung Lebensraum Elbe

Maritime Landschaft Unterelbe

#### Fishermen

IG Elbe-Weser-Fischer

FV Friedrichskoog

Dt. Fischereiverband

Fischereischutzversand S-H Nordsee

#### Fishing\_(leisure)

Angelsport-Verband/ Landessportfischer

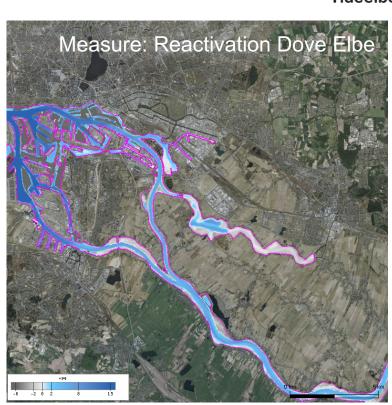






# **Preliminary results**

- 23 engineering measures has been discussed in the forum.
- Focus on 4 prioritised engineering measures which are suitable for reactivation of tidal areas
- Feasibility studies for those 4 engineering measures in 2019
- Final report for the policy in 2020





# **Experiences**





- Overall positive feed-back.
- Improvement of relationships and speaking terms of involved participants during the process "now that I know you, I realized that you are not as bad as I always thought."
- Different level of understanding of estuarine processes





- Process asks a lot of time & capacities hamper some stakeholder groups.
- Achieving a result and finally starting practical works asks even more time
  complaints by some groups.

## Take care:

- Rational arguments are important, but people's emotions play an important role.
- Mutual trust is very important.





# Thanks very much for your attention!