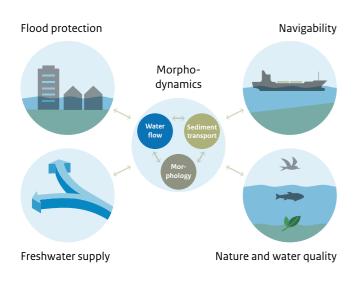
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Questions from policy and management, and research focus



River bed dynamics of the lower reaches of the Rhine and Meuse



Research focus: Incorporating knowledge on the behavior of mixtures of sand and silt into formulas and models to explore the dynamics of the river bed now and in the future.

The budget of sand and silt in the lower reaches of the Rhine and Meuse

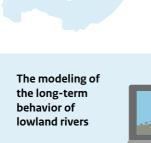


salt

water

Policy and management: What are the possibilities for long term sediment management in the lower reaches of the Rhine and Meuse that safeguard navigation, ecology, bed stability and flood safety? Research focus: Insight into the amount of sediment present in the lower branches, from the rivers and the sea and controlled by dredging and dumping, and how the sediment budget has developed through time and will develop in the future.

freshwater



Bedform dynamics and their impact

on flood safety and navigability

Policy and management:

To what extent can

water level at high

shipping at low

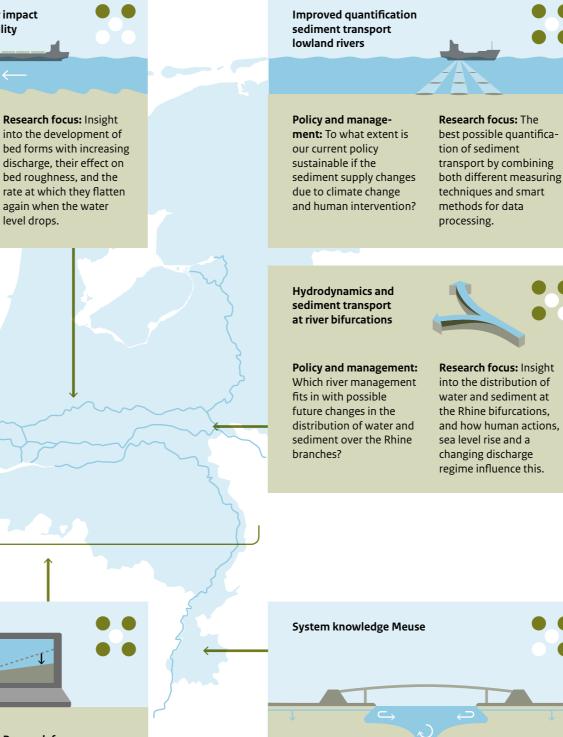
discharges?

bedforms increase the

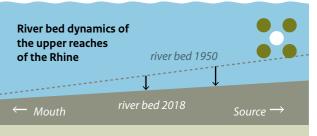
discharges and hinder

Policy and management: What changes in elevation of the river

elevation of the river bed and floodplain, due to climate change and human intervention, do we need to take into account when redesigning part of the river system? Research focus: Development of the technique of fast, stochastic modeling of the long-term morphological behavior of lowland rivers.



Policy and management: What measures are needed ro restore the disturbed sediment budget of the Meuse and thus guarantee a sustainable and safe use of the river? Research focus: Insight into the sediment budget of the Meuse, underlying processes and human impacts, over a time scale of 25 to 100 years.



Policy and management: What is the desirable river bed elevation, in view of the different river functions, and how can it be achieved? Research focus: Insight into the river bed development, in response to interventions in the past, and to sea level rise and changing discharge regimes in the future.

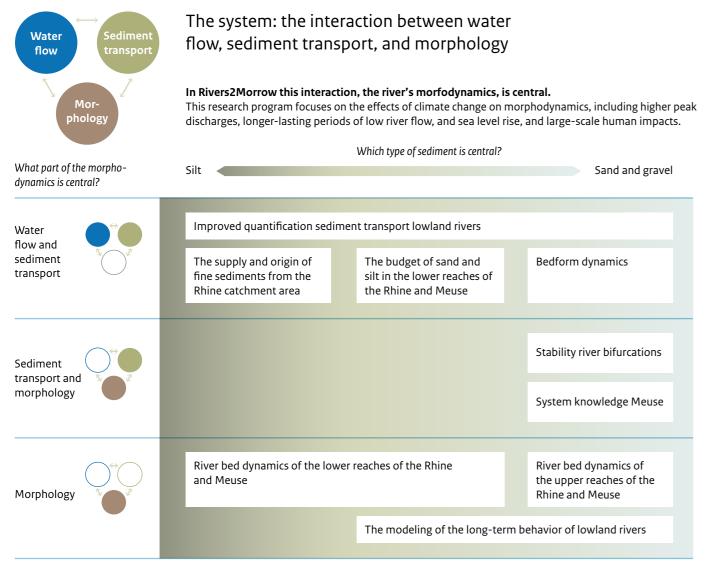
The supply and origin of fine sediments from the catchment area of the Rhine

Policy and management: How do water quality of Rhine and Meuse, and dredging volumes in their lower reaches change?

Research focus: Why has the fine sediments concentration in the Rhine water decreased in recent years and what will be the trend for the future?

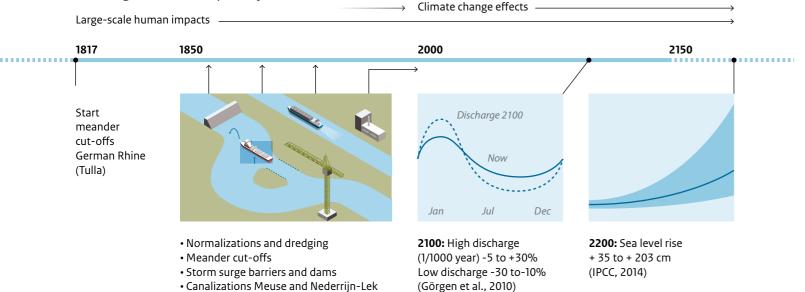


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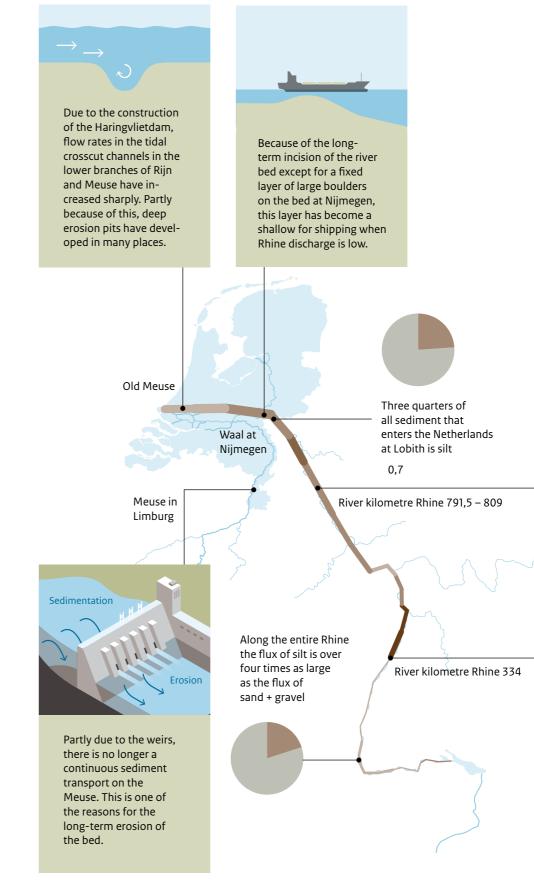


Driving forces morphodynamics

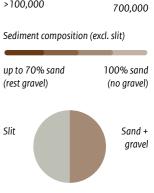
• Development of ports and harbours



Selection of developments



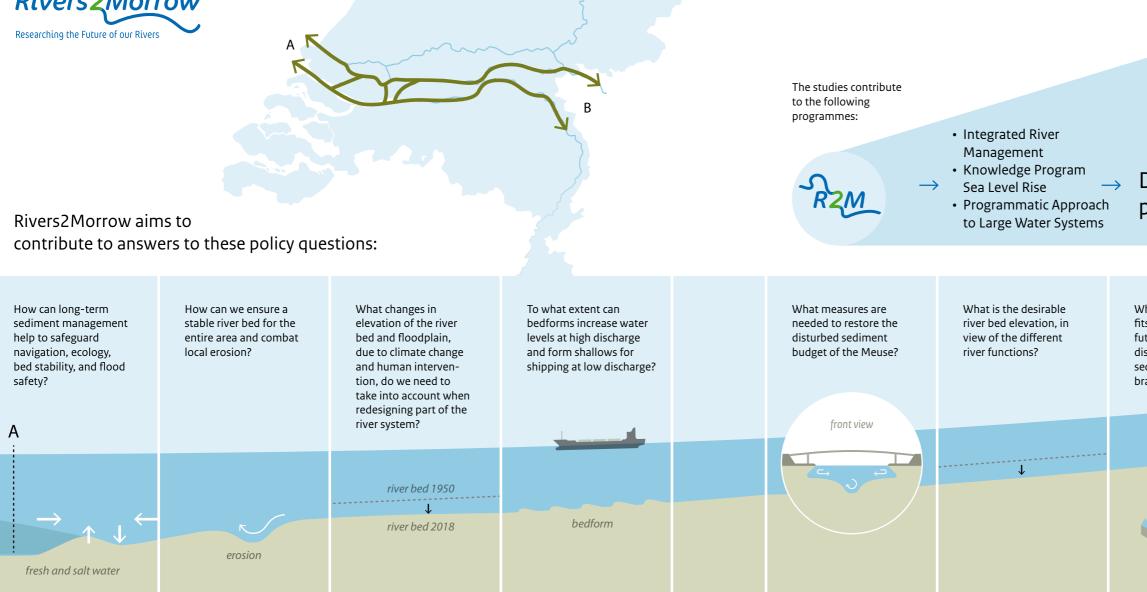
Sediment flux (tonnes / year) >100.000 (rest gravel)



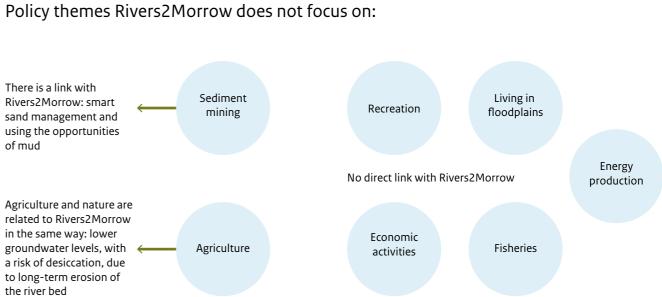


Much gravel is regularly dumped downstream from the dam at Iffezheim to compensate for the sediment trapped by dams upstream. The river bed is stabilized this way.









Deltaprogramme

Which river management fits in with possible future changes in the distribution of water and sediment over the Rhine branches?

How do the volumes and quality of the mud that needs to be dredged change in the near-future?

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