

Environmental Policy Statement

The international seaport Port of Den Helder is an important logistic knowledge and service hub of the southern part of the North Sea and Wadden Sea. It is the home base for a growing number of offshore related businesses, home port to the Royal Dutch Navy fleet, as well as a large fishing fleet and a modern fish auction. Moreover, knowledge institutes, research organisations and education centres have all found their way to Den Helder to explore sustainable innovations at sea. The Port of Den Helder is a professional and reflective



organisation. Therefore the port authority of Den Helder recognizes its responsibility as manager of an important port area in the region and it adopts, within its strategic business plan, the objective of developing an environmental policy that is appropriate to its port activities and competences.

The Port of Den Helder is committed to develop an environmental management system that meets international standards. For so doing, we will identify and monitor the main environmental aspects of our activities (i.e., waste, noise, and emissions to air), as well as the legal requirements and responsibilities, in line with the principles of corporate social responsibility. We are committed to:

- Developing and maintaining the Ports Environmental Review System certification of the European Sea Port Organisation.
- Monitoring and reducing waste disposal, and promoting waste reduction and recycling practices.
- Monitoring and promoting the reduction of noise pollution.
- Monitoring emissions to air.
- Keeping ourselves informed about and comply with relevant environmental legislation and regulation, and other requirements. To, when possible, go beyond strict compliance with rules through, for instance, sustainability oriented practices and innovations.
- Defining a position with environmental responsibilities within the port authority to implement the environmental management system by, for instance, taking up the required activities to monitor environmental performance indicators, or to allocate budget for the periodic environmental certification of the port
- Communicating our environmental policy internally (i.e., with our employees) and externally (e.g. with our tenants, contractors, and the inhabitants of Den Helder) by, for instance, making public our policy statement and environmental report periodically.

The Port of Den Helder strives to formulate a policy and develop an environmental management system which is tailored to its socio-ecological context, as well as to, when considered necessary, update and improve them.

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