

Short history of Kenya-Belgium collaborations, and the marine science landscape in Belgium



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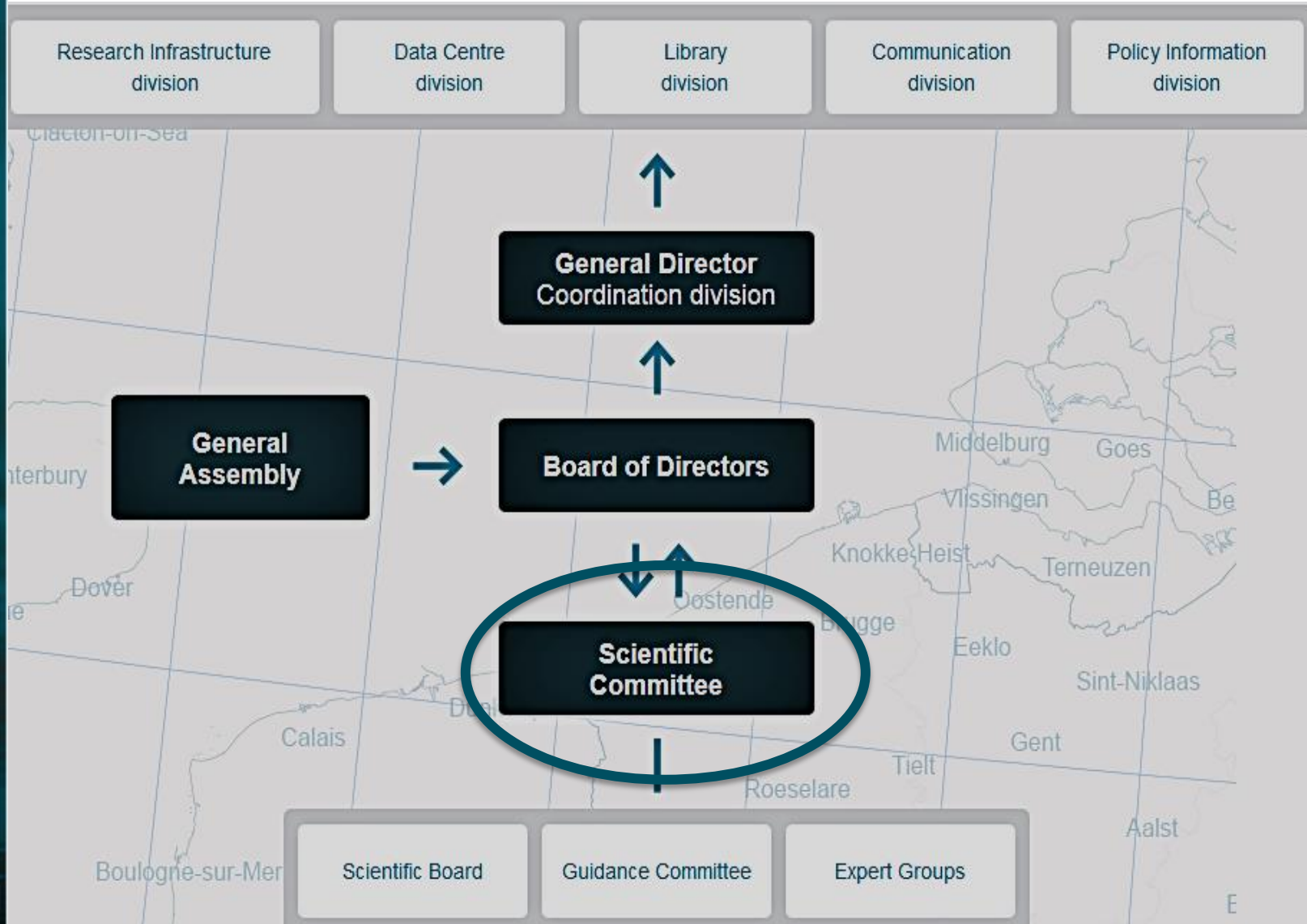
Mission

- **Support** marine and coastal sciences in Flanders
- Central **coordination and information platform** for marine scientific research
- **International point of contact**
- **Representative for a multidisciplinary network** of marine scientists in the country



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- Organisation – Scientific Committee



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**KENYA MARINE AND FISHERIES RESEARCH INSTITUTE
HEADQUARTERS**

VLIZ-KMFRI

Memorandum of Understanding

19 October 2014

VLIZ-KMFRI MoU

On 19 October 2012, VLIZ and KMFRI signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), that renewed the collaboration between VLIZ and KMFRI, and their marine research networks in respectively Flanders/Europe and Kenya/WIO Region. The MoU will promote partnership in:

- **Collaborative research projects**
- **Joint field work**
- **Exchange of expertise**
- **Capacity building and outreach**
- **Exchange of data and information**
- **Data and information rescue and integration**
- **Jointly producing derived products from research, data and information**

VLIZ – KMFRI COLLABORATION in marine sciences

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In 2012 the Kenya Marine and Fisheries Research Institute (KMFRI) and the Flanders Marine Institute (VLIZ) signed a formal Memorandum of Understanding to promote partnership in the field of marine sciences.



The Kenyan and Belgian delegations present for the signing of the VLIZ-KMFRI MoU, 2012 © Jan Mees

VLIR-UOS Kenya Seminar

29 Aug 2014



The Flemish Interuniversity Council - University Development Cooperation (VLIR-UOS) organizes a Kenya seminar on ...

Conference October 2014

22 May 2014



An International Conference, sponsored by VLIR-UOS (VLIR-INCO 2014), will be held in Mombasa, ...

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Data and publications



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ACTIVITIES



Information exchange - digital library

Joint efforts are directed towards the collection and digitization of literature on marine and coastal sciences in Kenya.

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Data rescue - data exchange

Data sets, resulting from marine research in Kenya, are being rescued from grey literature and made accessible to the scientific community through different databases.

[Search the collection](#)



Capacity building

Actions are undertaken towards capacity building through sharing of expertise, training sessions, education, infrastructure and technology development.

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Communication and outreach

Activities are undertaken towards promoting public awareness and understanding of the Kenyan coastal and marine ecosystems and the importance of marine research for the maintenance of the natural resources the coast and ocean provide.

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Projects

Collaborative research projects will be developed and executed between KMFRI, and its coastal and marine science network in Kenya, and VLIZ, and its coastal and marine science network in Flanders, Belgium.

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Field work

Joint field work, research expeditions, experiments, monitoring and observation programmes will be organized within the frame of the MoU between VLIZ and KMFRI.

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Publications



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Extra:

Coast and sea charts of Kenya [available in pdf](#)

Lists of publications resulting from Kenyan - Belgian collaborations:

- [Peer reviewed articles](#) from Kenyan-Belgian collaborations ([list](#))
- [Master theses by Kenyan researchers](#) at Belgian Universities ([list](#))
- [PhD theses by Kenyan researchers](#) at Belgian Universities ([list](#))
- [Master theses by Belgian researchers](#) on Kenyan topics ([list](#))
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Data sets

Data sets from literature, projects, surveys, etc. are archived, digitized and collected within the frame of the VLIZ-KMFRI collaboration.

[Access the data sets](#)



<http://www.vliz.be/kenya/> professional- photography-kenyan-coast

Professional photography of the Kenyan Coast > 05.02.2014 Kilifi

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Mangrove nursery



Billfish



Artisanal fisheries



Artisanal fisheries



Fish landing site



Mangroves



Aquaculture - pond digging



Aquaculture - pond digging



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Mangroves

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Author: [Decleer, Misjel](#)

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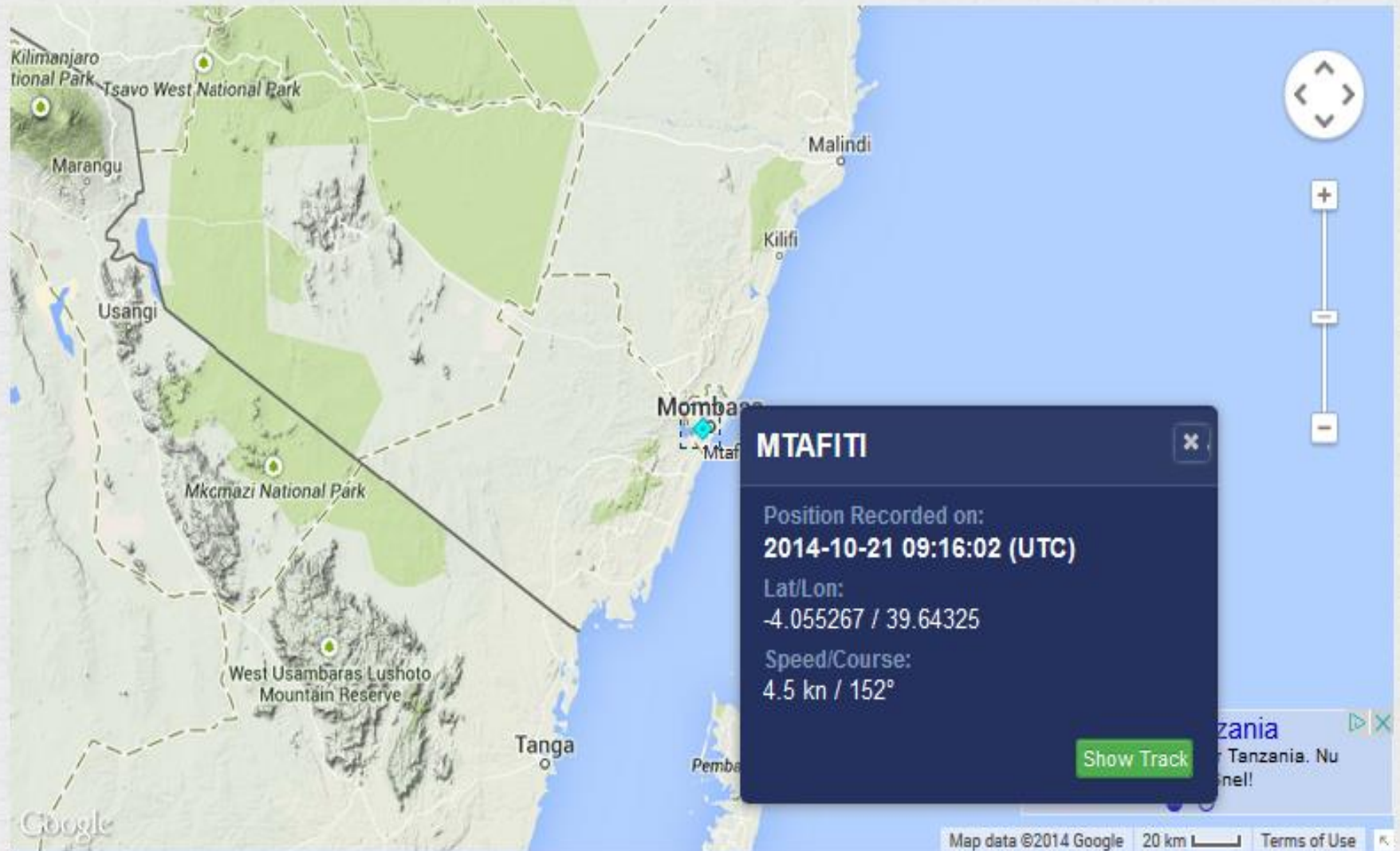
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Research Vessel Mtafiti

- In 2013, the research vessel RV Mtafiti was donated by the Government of Flanders to the Republic of Kenya.
- VLIZ installed **navigational and sampling equipment** on board and provided **training** of crew, technical and scientific staff.



February 2013, Ostend, Belgium



May 2013, Ostend, Belgium



23 August 2013, Ostend, Belgium



31 August 2013, Ostend, Belgium

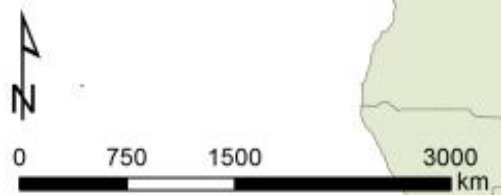


31 August 2013, Ostend, Belgium





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January 2014, Mombasa, Kenya





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Historic Kenya - Belgium collaboration

- **Kenya-Belgium Project in Marine Sciences (1984-1996)**
- **Follow-up projects 1997 - onwards**

OBJECTIVES:

- Fundamental and applied research
- Education (Postgraduate courses)
- Capacity Building

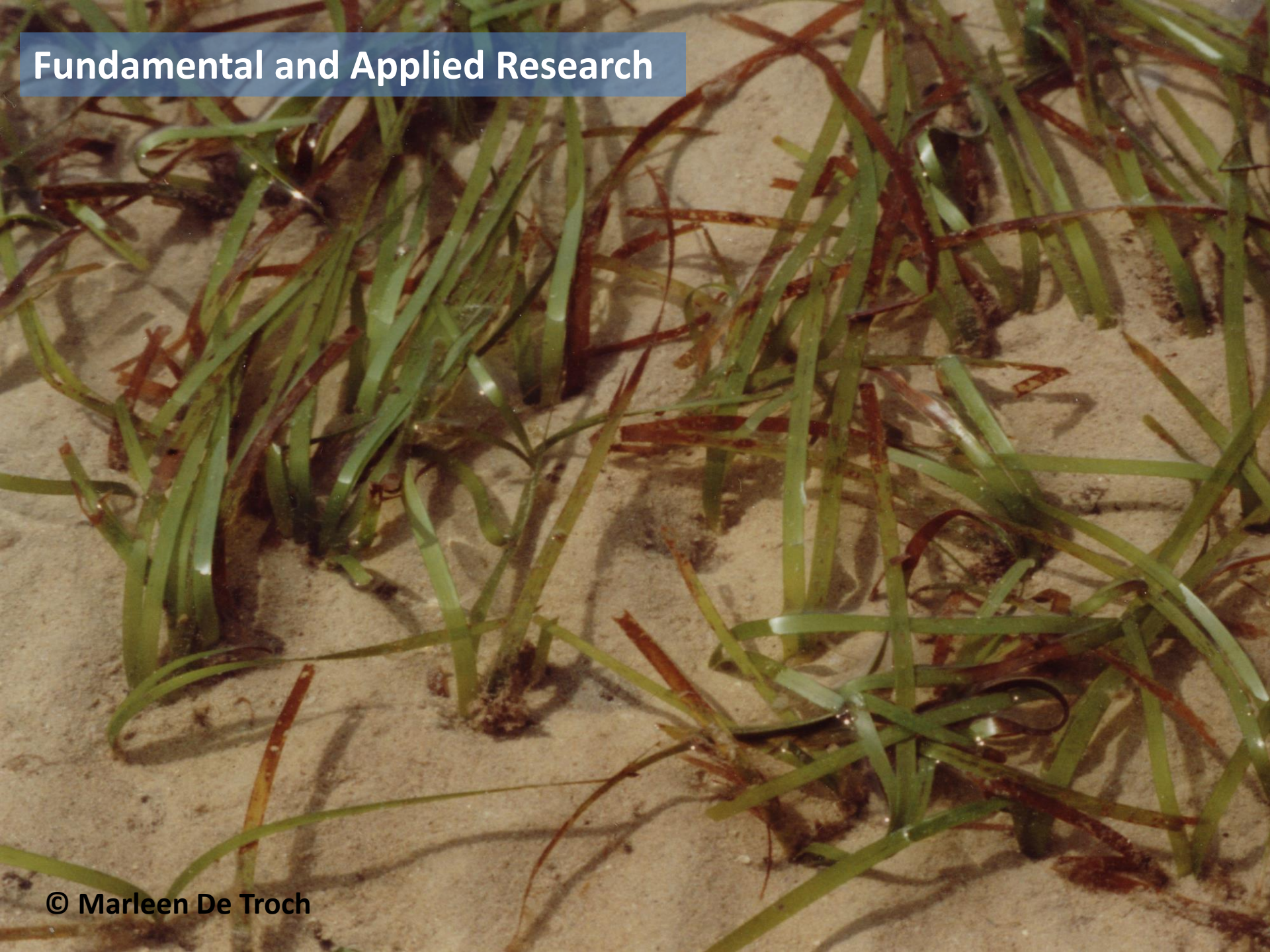
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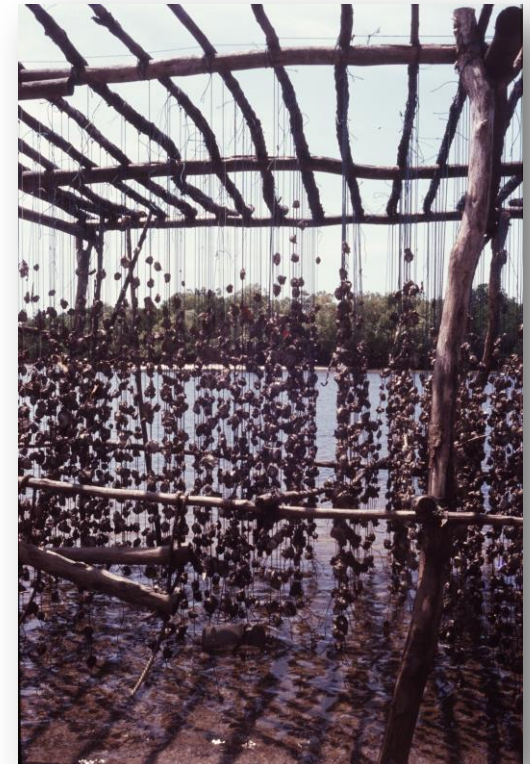


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Fundamental and Applied Research



Application: Largest oyster farm at the East African Coast



Fundamental and Applied Research

Application:
Reforestation
of mangrove
forests



Capacity building –
laboratory and
equipment



Capacity building - ICT



Capacity building – field sampling equipment, cars and zodiacs

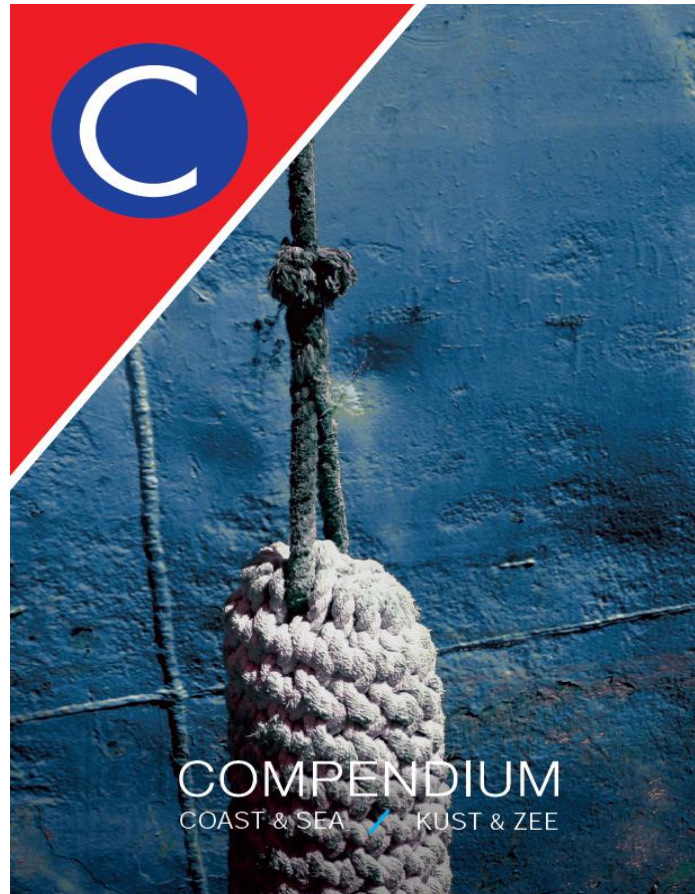


Scientific output

Inventory on VLIZ-KMFRI collaboration website on 21 October 2014:

- **Peer reviewed articles** from Kenyan-Belgian collaborations = **103**
- **Master theses by Kenyan researchers** at Belgian Universities = **36**
- **PhD theses by Kenyan researchers** at Belgian Universities = **12**
- **Master theses by Belgian researchers** on Kenyan topics = **68**
- **PhD theses by Belgian researchers** on Kenyan topics = **8**
- **Archived thesis data sets** = **65**

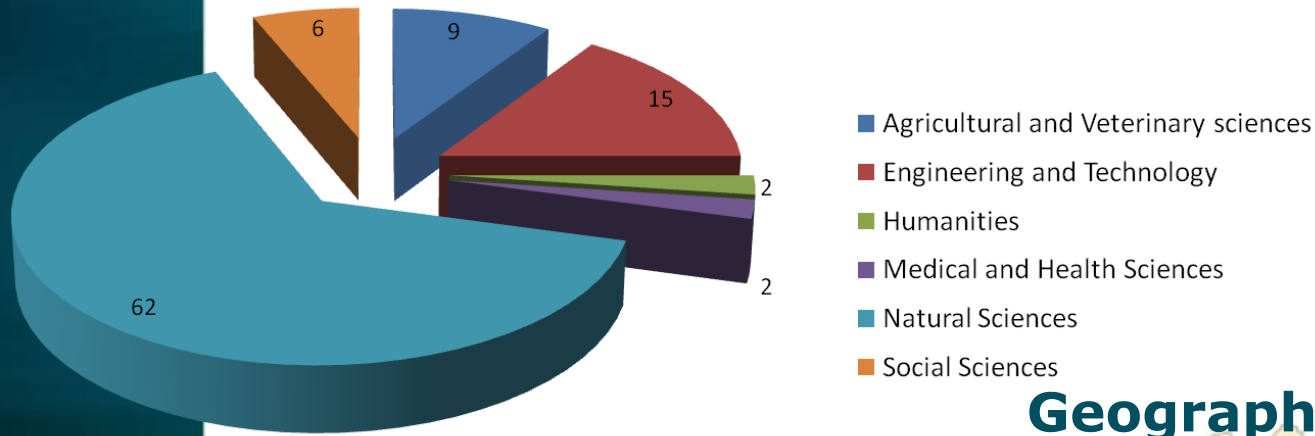
The marine scientific landscape in Belgium



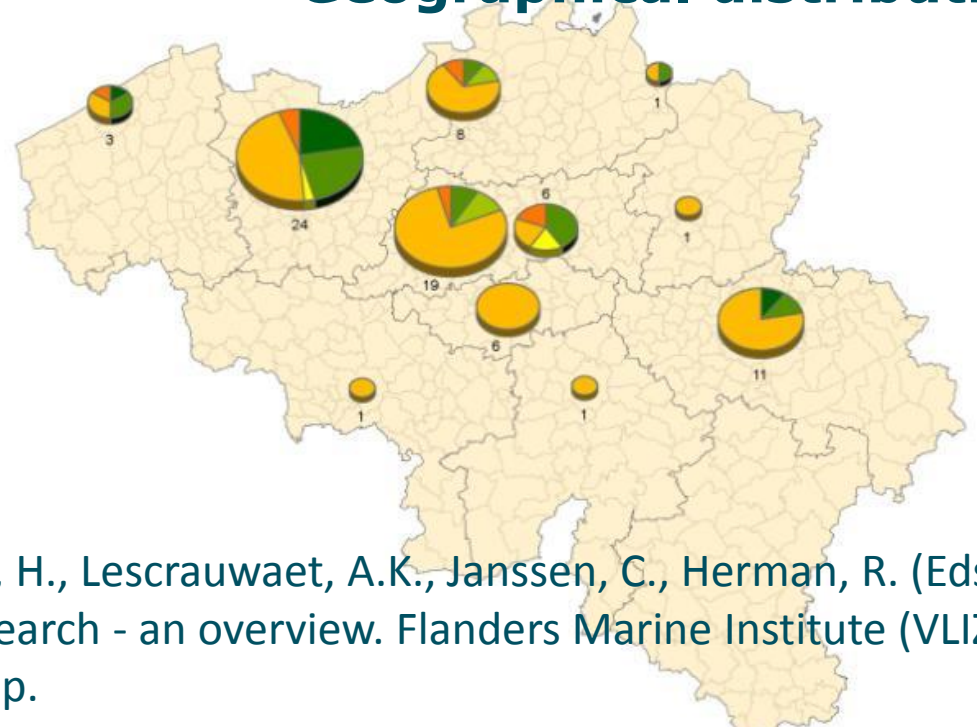
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The marine scientific landscape in Belgium

Marine research groups by research domain (96)



Geographical distribution



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Ghent University (UGENT)

Research groups involved in marine science activities:

1. **Laboratory of Aquaculture and Artemia Reference Center**
2. **Laboratory of Environmental Toxicology and Aquatic Ecology**
3. **Marine Biology Research group**

4. **Phycology Research group**

5. **Evolutionary Morphology of Vertebrates**

6. **Laboratory of Protistology and Aquatic Ecology**

1. Agro-food Marketing and Consumer Behavior
2. Laboratory of Analytical Chemistry and Applied Ecochemistry
3. Laboratory of Food Microbiology and Food Preservation
4. Laboratory for Microbial Ecology and Technology
5. Laboratory for Chemical Analysis
6. Department of Morphology
7. Research group Nutrition and Food Safety
8. Hydraulics Laboratory
9. Maritime Technology Division
10. Center for Mobility and Spatial Planning
11. Coastal Engineering, Bridges and Roads; Coastal Engineering Research group
12. Research group Economy, Ecology and Demography
13. Faculty of Law - Maritime Institute
14. Geomatics
15. Research unit Groundwater modeling
16. Laboratory of Microbiology
17. Research unit Palaeontology
18. Renard Centre of Marine Geology
19. Terrestrial Ecology Research group
20. Laboratory for Applied Geology and Hydrogeology



Ghent University

Laboratory of Environmental Toxicology and Aquatic Ecology



Prof. dr. Colin Janssen

Ghent University

Marine Biology Research Group



Prof. dr. Ann Vanreusel

Ghent University

Laboratory of Aquaculture and Artemia Reference Center



Prof. dr. Patrick Sorgeloos



Prof. dr. Gilbert Van Stappen



Vrije Universiteit Brussel

Research groups involved in marine science activities:

- 1. Plant Biology and Nature Management Laboratory**
- 2. Research group Analytical and Environmental Chemistry**
- 3. Research group Marine Biology**
4. Department of Hydrology and Hydraulic Engineering
5. Department of Art Sciences and Archaeology
6. Centre for International Law
7. Research group Physical Geography



Vrije Universiteit Brussel

Plant Biology and Nature Management Laboratory

Head: Prof. dr. Nico Koedam



dr. Karolien Van Puyvelde – coordinator Oceans and Lakes (postgraduate course)

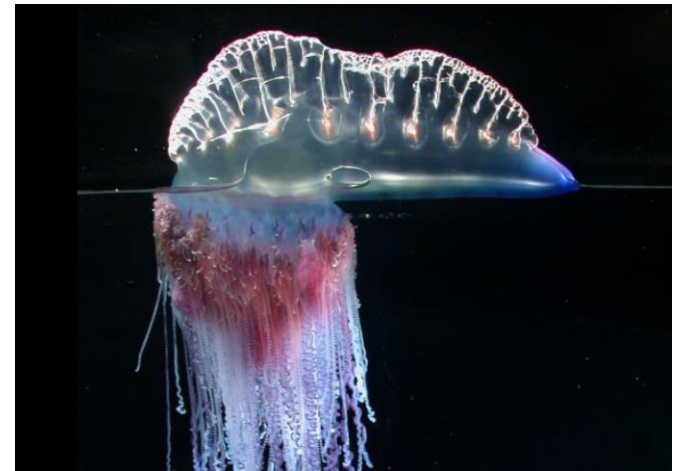


Prof. dr. Farid Dahoudh-Guebas (ULB) – apologized
Laboratory of Systems Ecology and Resource Management (ULB)

Katholieke Universiteit Leuven

Research groups undertaking marine science activities:

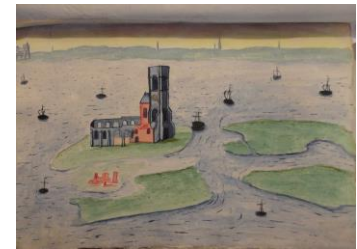
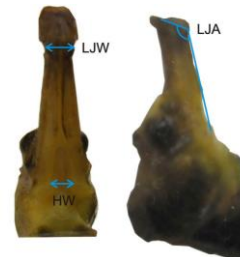
- 1. Laboratory for Toxicology and Food Chemistry**
- 2. Laboratory of Aquatic Biology**
- 3. Laboratory of Biodiversity and Evolutionary Genomics**
- 4. Hydraulics Laboratory**
5. Public Management Institute
6. Section ESAT – ELECTA
7. Science, Engineering and Technology Group - Division of Geology



Universiteit Antwerpen

Research groups undertaking marine science activities:

- 1. Toxicological Centre**
- 2. Ecosystem Management research group**
3. Centre for Urban History
4. Department Transport and Regional Economy
5. Research group Functional Morphology
6. Micro- and Trace Analysis Centre - research group
Environmental Analysis
7. Systemic Physiological and Ecotoxicological Research
8. Institute of Transport and Maritime Management Antwerp



Universiteit Hasselt

Research groups undertaking marine science activities:

- 1. Research group Informetrics: Marine Information Management**
2. Faculty of Sciences - Research group Zoology- Biodiversity and Toxicology

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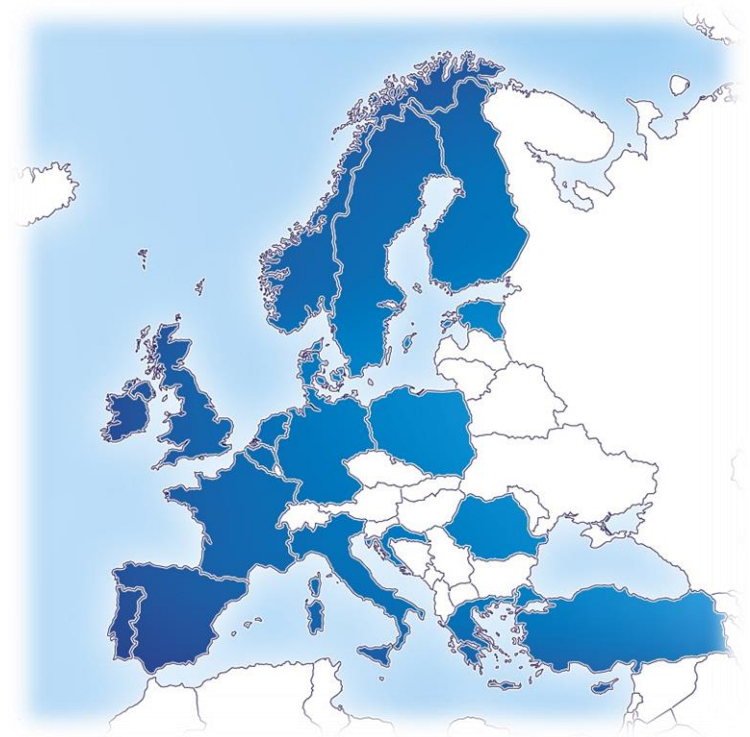
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- **develop common priorities;**
- **advance marine research;** and
- **bridge the gap between science and policy;**

in order to meet future marine science challenges and opportunities.

EMB Outputs



- Position Papers
- Vision Documents
- Future Science Brief

VLIZ-KMFRI collaboration

Will provide a new 'umbrella', under which:

- **the legacy of KBP and its spin-offs can be valorised**
- **all on-going collaborations can be clustered**
- **new collaborations can be established**
- **the profile and visibility of marine science collaboration in both countries and internationally can be increased.**



A large colony of birds, likely terns, is gathered in a shallow, light-colored lagoon. The birds are densely packed in the foreground and middle ground, with some standing on the sandbars and others in the water. In the background, a dense line of green trees and palm trees borders the lagoon. Two people are visible on the sandy shore near the trees. The sky is clear and blue.

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