Nature-Based Solutions for Bank Protection along Estuarian Waterways





Fact Sheets

Brushwood box on the sandbank Kleinensieler Plate



Key Data

Measure-ID Uwe055li 01 01

Estuary Weser

Lower Weser (5298) Waterway Km 54.60 - 54.85 Chainage

Bank side Left

Contact

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Available documentation

Inspection reports, images

DESCRIPTION OF THE MEASURE

Dead wood protection measure

Brushwood box toe protection

Measure with live material

Reed beds

Reason for implementing the measure

Bank protection: bank erosion with erosion edge

reaching up to vegetation border Promotion: development of reed

Bank protection required due to:

Ship waves, wind waves, storm surge, current

loads

Development and maintenance of measure

Maintenance of approx. 250 m requires 8 days with 9 persons working, plus watercrafts. As the brushwood box proved successful in the first test, the structure was enlarged.

Bank protection was effective. The maintenance interval required for the measure is 1-2 years; the replacement interval is 6-10 years.

MATERIAL

Material input

180 m³ of fascine material; 1,900 m of piles

Live materials used

Reed beds

Origin: from own reed grown

Fascine material

Willow, pine, birch, spruce

Origin: regional

Pile material

Pine, spruce Origin: regional

EXPENDITURE

Work days/person 8 Number of persons

Construction period 2018 to August 2021





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Boundary conditions

CHARACTER OF WATER BODY

Type of water body

Main water channel

Characteristic water levels*

Mean tidal range 3.98 m Mean high water 1.93 m Mean low water - 2.05 m

Classification as moderately saline**

mesohaline

- * from measurements for the period 01.04.2009-31.03.2019 at the Nordenham gauge
- ** from measurements for the period 01.01.2008-31.12.2017 at the Nordenham measuring station

CHARACTER OF THE RIPARIAN ZONE

River bend

Undercut bank

Slope inclination

Not specified

Dominating soil type

Silt

Pollutant load

Unknown

Natural structures below mean high water

Creeks, inlets with low flow velocities

Natural structures above mean high water

Natural bank wall/aggradation, natural dead wood

Vegetation

Reed

Land use

No Grassland use Compensation area

PROPERTY DATA

Land owner (bank) German Federal Wa-

terways and Shipping

Administration (WSV)

Land owner (foreshore) WSV Lease No

NATURE CONSERVATION

Special Protection Area

Nο

Special area of conservation under Habitats Directive

Lower Weser (DE2316331)

Natural habitat type under Habitats Directive

Estuaries (1130), mudflats and sandflats not covered by seawater at low tide (1140)

Nature conservation area

Tidal Weser (ni NSG WE 00315)

Legally protected biotopes

(Bundesnaturschutzgesetz)

Brackish tidal flats, Beds of reed canary grass, Estuarine sandbank/sand beach, Brackish-water reed

Specially protected flora species

Unknown

Specially protected fauna species

Various bird species

SHIPPING TRAFFIC

Navigation by ships

Cargo vessels, recreational ships

Location in relation to navigation channel

Facing the navigation channel

Speed limit

No speed limit

Shipping traffic parameters*

Number of ships/year 11,702

Mean distance between

passing ships 420 m Ship dimensions** Length > 144 m Width > 24 m

*source: AIS data analysis from 2019 **10 % of the largest passing ships





