

# IMPACT REPORT

Decommissioning of offshore man-made installations: Taking an ecosystem approach  
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This Policy Brief was not produced through a traditional EMB working group format. Instead, Following approval of the topic, the main content of the publication was produced by Jan de Leeuw (NIOZ, Netherlands) and Richard Heard (INSITE Programme Manager, UK), and the document was published 6 months later in April 2017.

The Policy Brief was launched at a workshop on "Blue growth data challenge part 2: offshore energy case studies" during European Maritime Day (EMD) 2017 on 18-19 May 2017, in Poole, UK. Over 40 participants attended the workshop and the launch was covered on the EMB website and Twitter account.

The main impact of this publication were that it provided direct support to the INSITE programme and helped achieve Phase 2 funding for the programme. NERC (UK) released the £4.2m funding call on "INfluence of man-made Structures In The Ecosystem" in June 2019, and cited the Policy Brief in their documentation.

The publication has also been taken up as University teaching material in several countries including the Netherlands and the UK.

"...received an email on this remarkable publication yesterday...The policy brief is very clear and to the point, so I'll be happy to share it within my network"  
Anne-Mette Jorgensen, North Sea Futures

"Personally, I believe the EMB Policy Brief is an excellent document and I was delighted to be part of putting it together. One of its key strengths is that it is accessible to all stakeholders, i.e. it is readable and understandable to scientists and non-scientists alike."  
Richard Heard, INSITE

"I have received many comments on this document from many sources which have all been very positive, noting clear and quantitative information and a nice presentation"  
Jan de Leeuw, NIOZ

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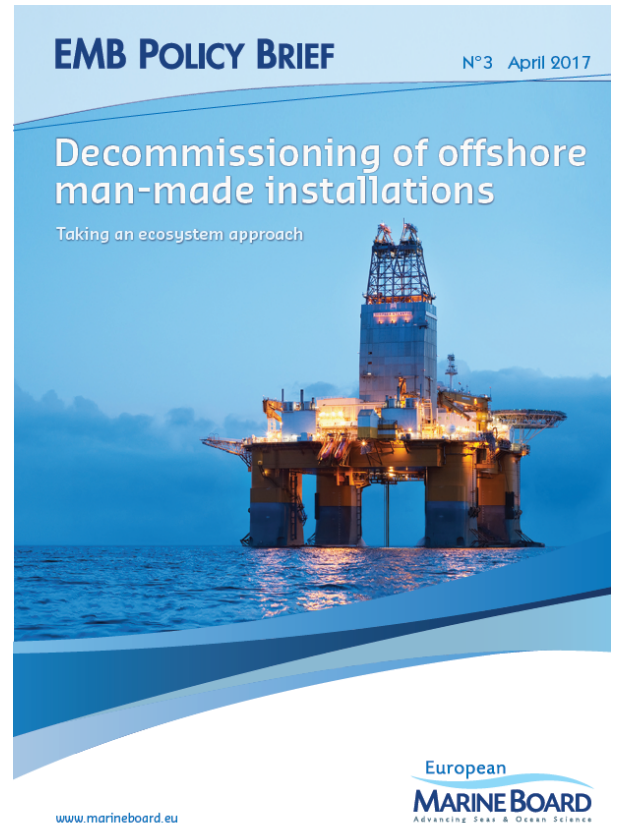
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