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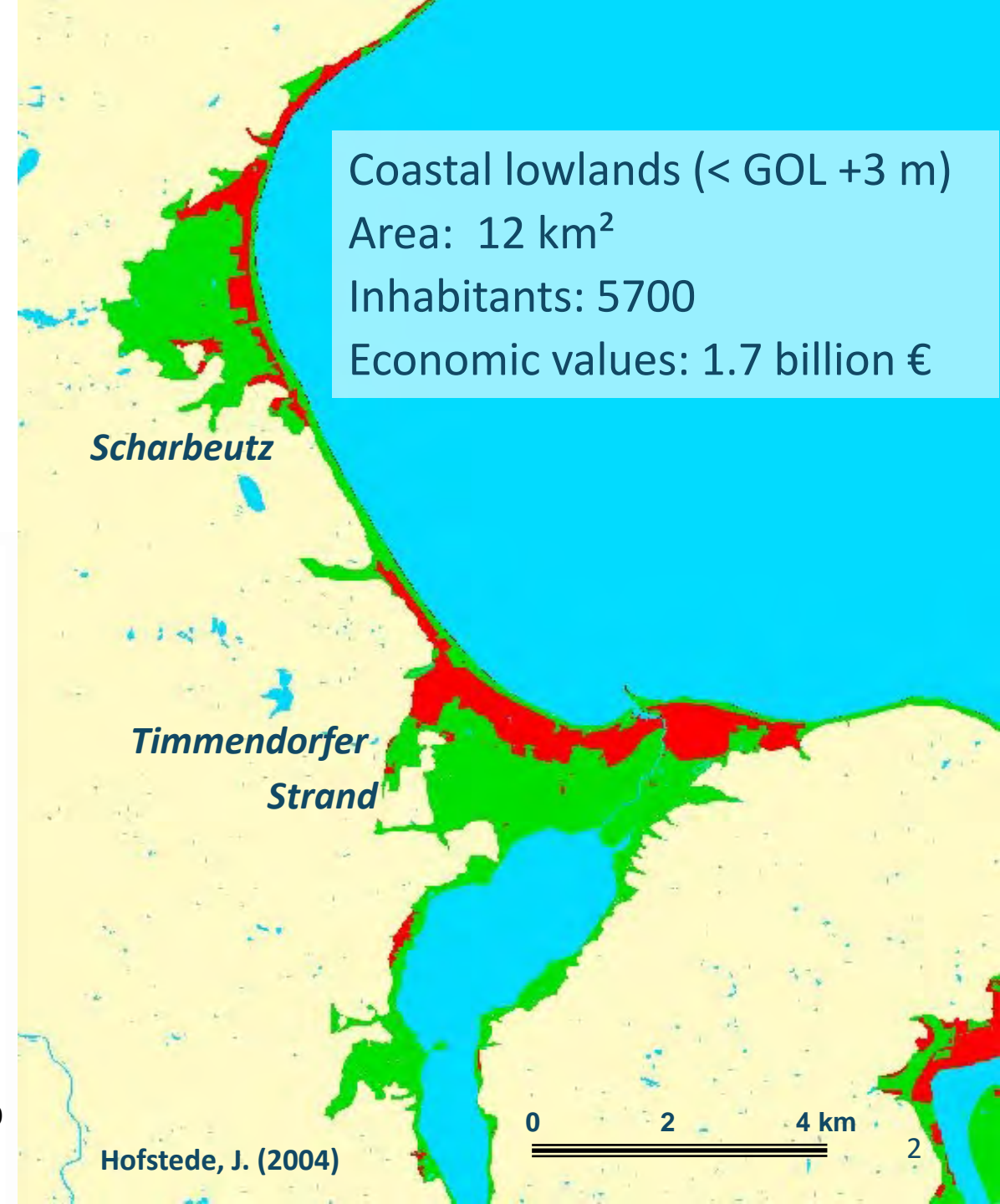
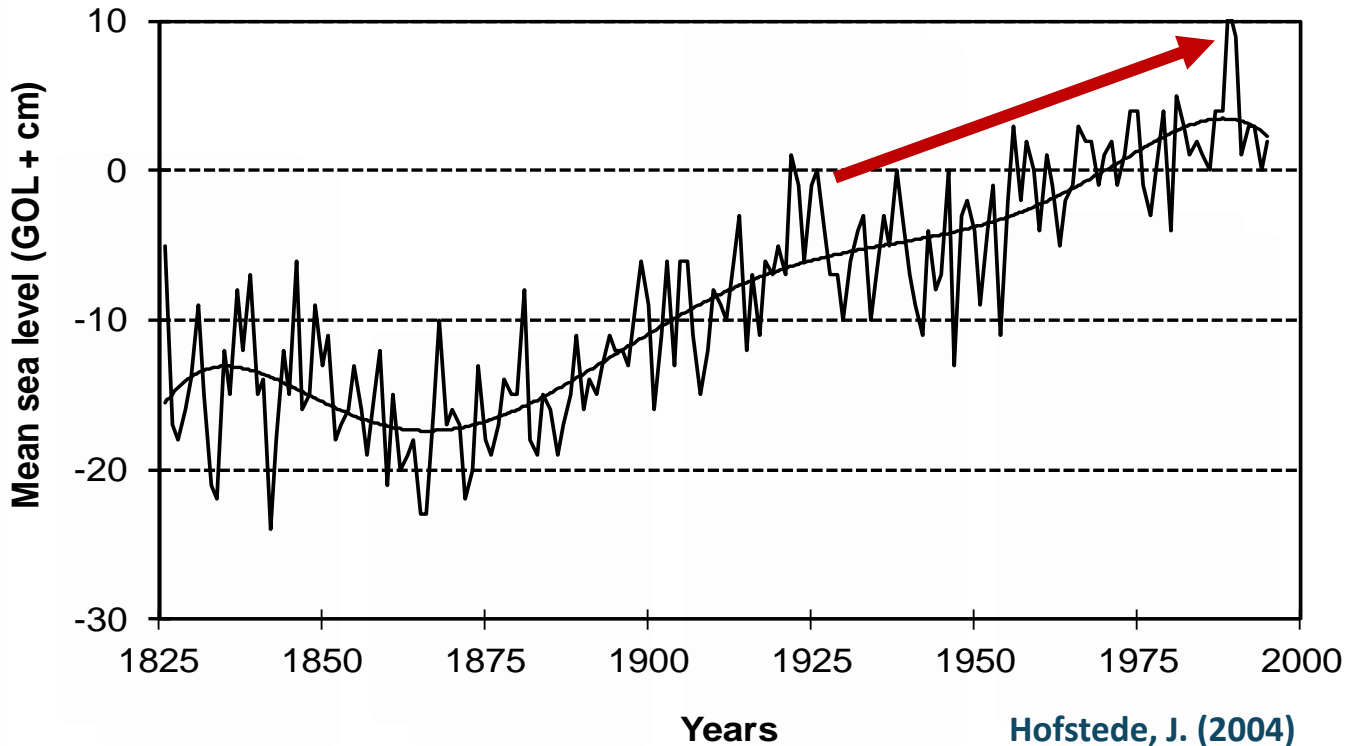
# Integrated coastal flood risk management - Timmendorf

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# Timmendorf-Scharbeutz:

## Location and problem



# Background conditions in summer 1999

- The coastal flood defence (beach wall ca. MSL +2.2 m) was deficient.
- Responsible for coastal flood defence are the municipalities (State administration gives technical and financial assistance).
- The local population is very sceptic towards coastal flood defence (negative impact on tourism).
- Locals demanded that the State funds measures against coastal erosion (beach nourishment, groins).
- The State responded that a pre-requisite for funding is an integrated concept for the entire lowland (coastal protection and flood defence).
- Locals agreed, but demanded an active involvement in the establishment of such a concept.

**After a stakeholder mapping, 65 persons were invited to a first public meeting organized by the ministry and a consultant company.**



# Process and approach

In 2000, seven local stakeholder meetings (max 25 participants) took place, moderated by an external consultant.

In these meetings, the stepwise Sensitivity Model of Prof. Vester© was applied:

- Characterisation of the region with variables (e.g. economic power, quality of life),
- definition of the effects (strength and direction) of the variables on each other, i.e. establishment of a model,
- extraction of a sub-model on coastal defence and flooding,
- development five coastal defence measure scenarios, and
- model simulations on the future regional situation for each scenario.

# Characterisation of the region: Variables & dependencies

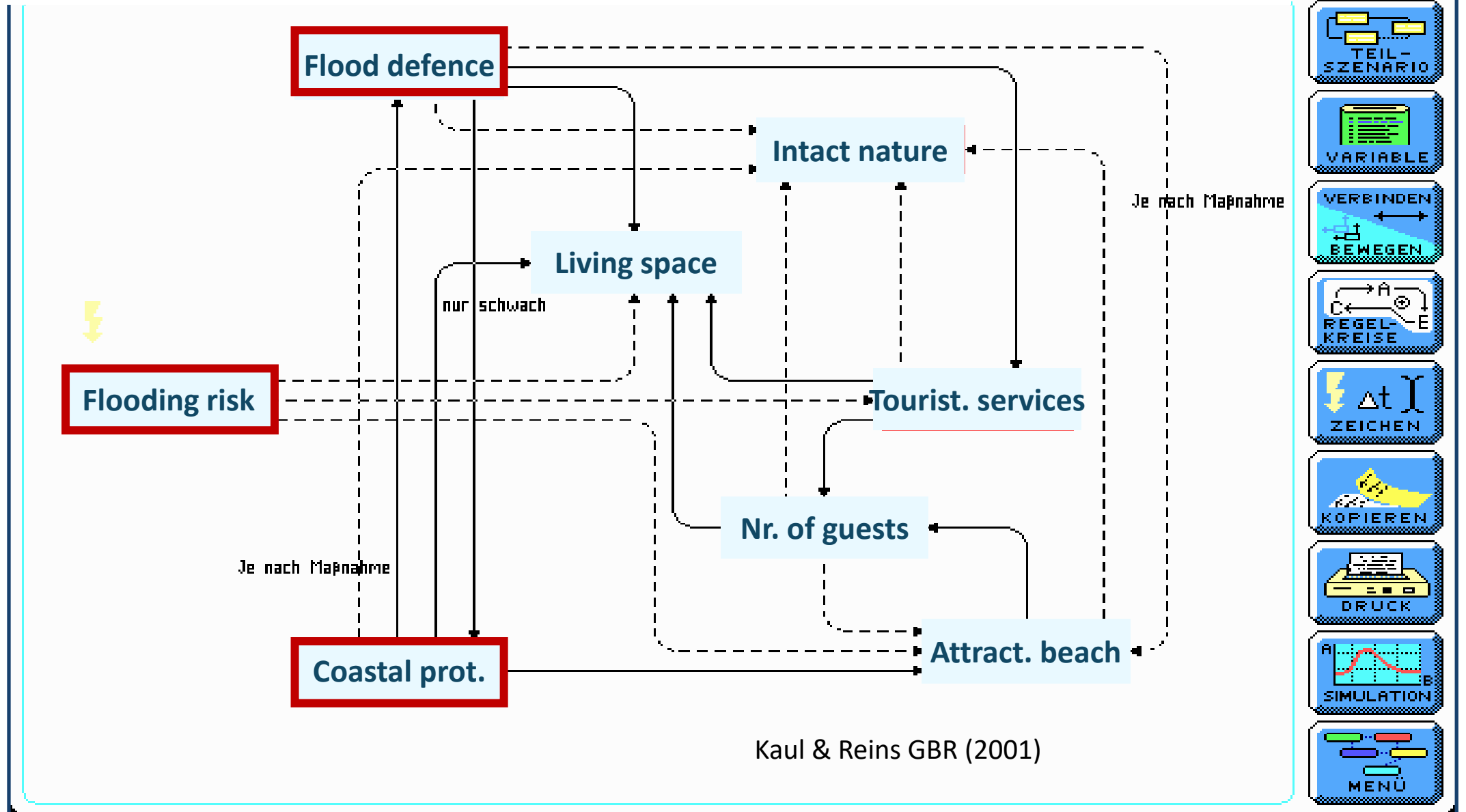
Scores:

- 1: Weak
- 2: Medium
- 3: Strong

Effect of ↓ on →		Economic power	Tourist services	Degree of employment	Nr. of inhabitants	Nr. of guests	Attractivity beach	Coastal protection	Quality of living	Security of people	Recreational services	Intactness of landscape	Intactness of seascape	Effective infrastructure	Budget municipality	Future policy	Image of the municipality	Traffic development
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
1	Economic power		3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	2	0	2
2	Tourist services	2		3	0	3	2	0	1	0	2	2	1	2	2	0	3	2
3	Degree of employment	1	0		2	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
4	Nr. of inhabitants	2	0	0		0	0	1	2	1	1	1	1	0	3	1	0	2
5	Nr. of guests	3	1	2	0		2	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	3	1	0	2
6	Attractiveness beach	1	3	2	1	3		1	3	0	1	1	0	1	2	0	3	0
7	Coastal protection	1	0	0	1	1	2		3	3	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0
8	Quality of living	1	0	0	3	2	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0
9	Security of people	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	2		0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
10	Recreational services	2	3	1	2	3	1	0	3	0		1	1	0	2	0	2	2
11	Intactness of landscape	1	2	1	2	3	1	1	3	0	1		2	0	0	0	2	0
12	Intactness of seascape	2	3	2	2	3	3	0	2	1	1	1		0	0	0	2	0
13	Effective infrastructure	3	2	2	2	3	1	1	3	0	1	2	0		0	0	1	1
14	Budget municipality	1	2	1	0	0	1	2	1	1	2	0	0	3		2	0	2
15	Future policy	1	2	1	2	1	2	2	2	1	1	1	0	2	2		0	1
16	Image of the municipality	2	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
17	Traffic development	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	1	1	1	0	3	2	1	1	5

Kaul & Reins  
(2001)

# Simplified model focused on coastal defence





# Coastal defence scenarios

1. No coastal defence
2. Only coastal erosion protection measures
3. Only local measures to reduce flooding
4. Combination of 2 and 3
5. Dike on the beach (optimal protection)



# Simulation of flood risk and damage for every scenario

Source: Kaul & Reins GBR (2001)



**Variablenbeschreibung**

**Risk of flooding:**  
describes the frequency of flooding and the potential damages.

Skalenbeschriftung

Funktionsbeschreibung

Drucken

Annehmen Abbrechen

**Scale for risk of flooding**

30 one flooding per year

one flooding in 20 years

20 one flooding in 40 years

one flooding in 60 years

10 one flooding in 80 years

one flooding in 100 years

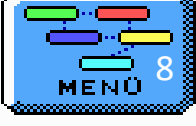
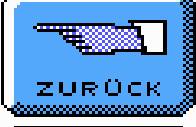
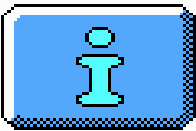
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**Internal function**

Internal function value	Scale for risk of flooding
30	one flooding per year
25	one flooding in 20 years
15	one flooding in 40 years
10	one flooding in 60 years
5	one flooding in 80 years
0	one flooding in 100 years
0	no flooding

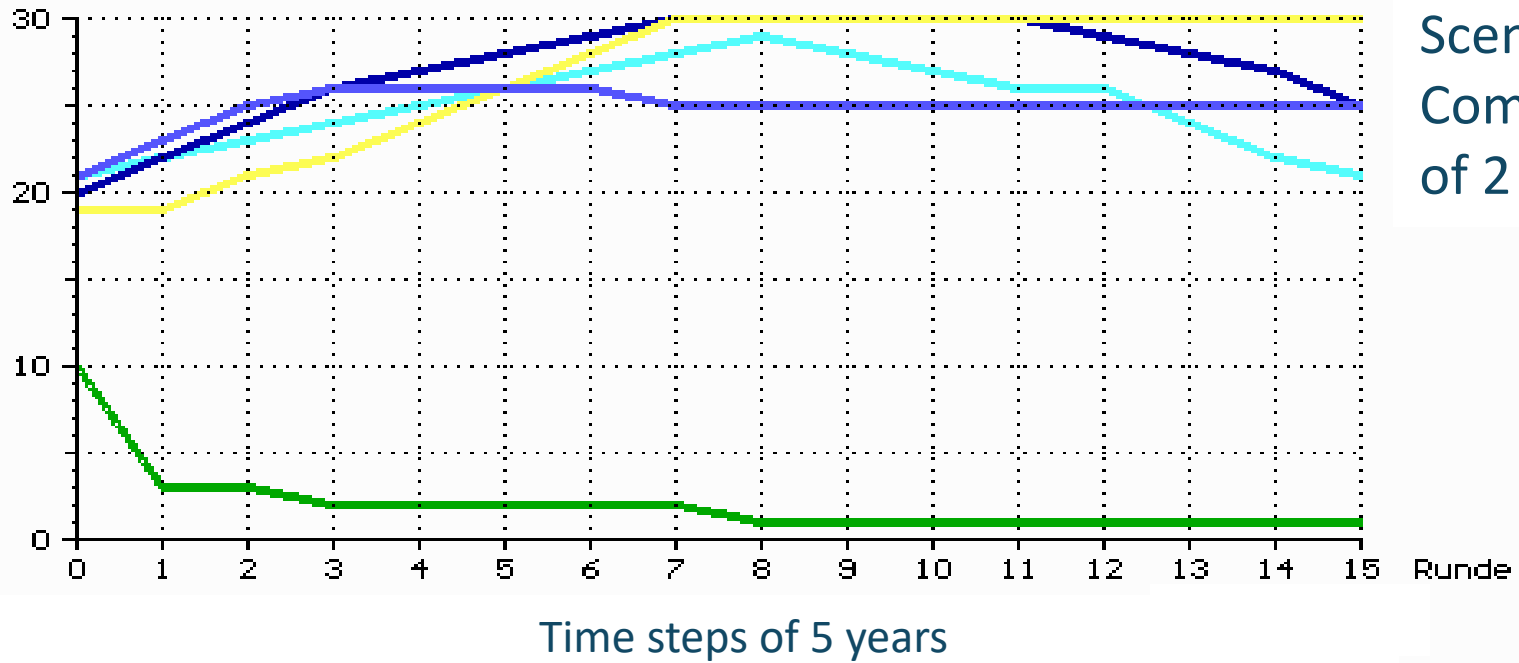




# Simulation of the consequences of every scenario on major variables taking into account the specific flood risks



### Development of variables with time



Scenario 4:  
Combination  
of 2 and 3

- tourist services
- quality of living space
- intact nature
- number of guests
- attractive beach

**Only qualitative trends !  
No scientific validation !**

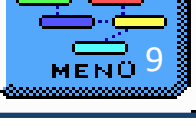
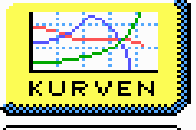
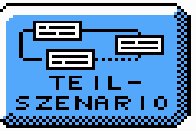
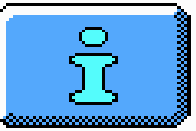
Source: Kaul & Reins GBR (2001)

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# Decision making process

## Presentation and discussion of the results on a public meeting:

- the group unanimously supports the results of the sensitivity analysis, especially those of the simulations with the coastal defence model,
- the group recommends a combination of coastal protection and flood defence measures (that fits into the landscape) to be implemented, and
- the group demands further active participation in the process as a technically qualified interest group.

**From the perspective of the state coastal defence administration, the model based systems approach as a guiding process worked very well and a solution was obtained !**

## Implementation (2007-2009)



12 km renewed coastal protection caused investment costs of 30 million Euros !



# Present situation (2015)



Permanent walls protect the city





# Implementation (2007-2011)



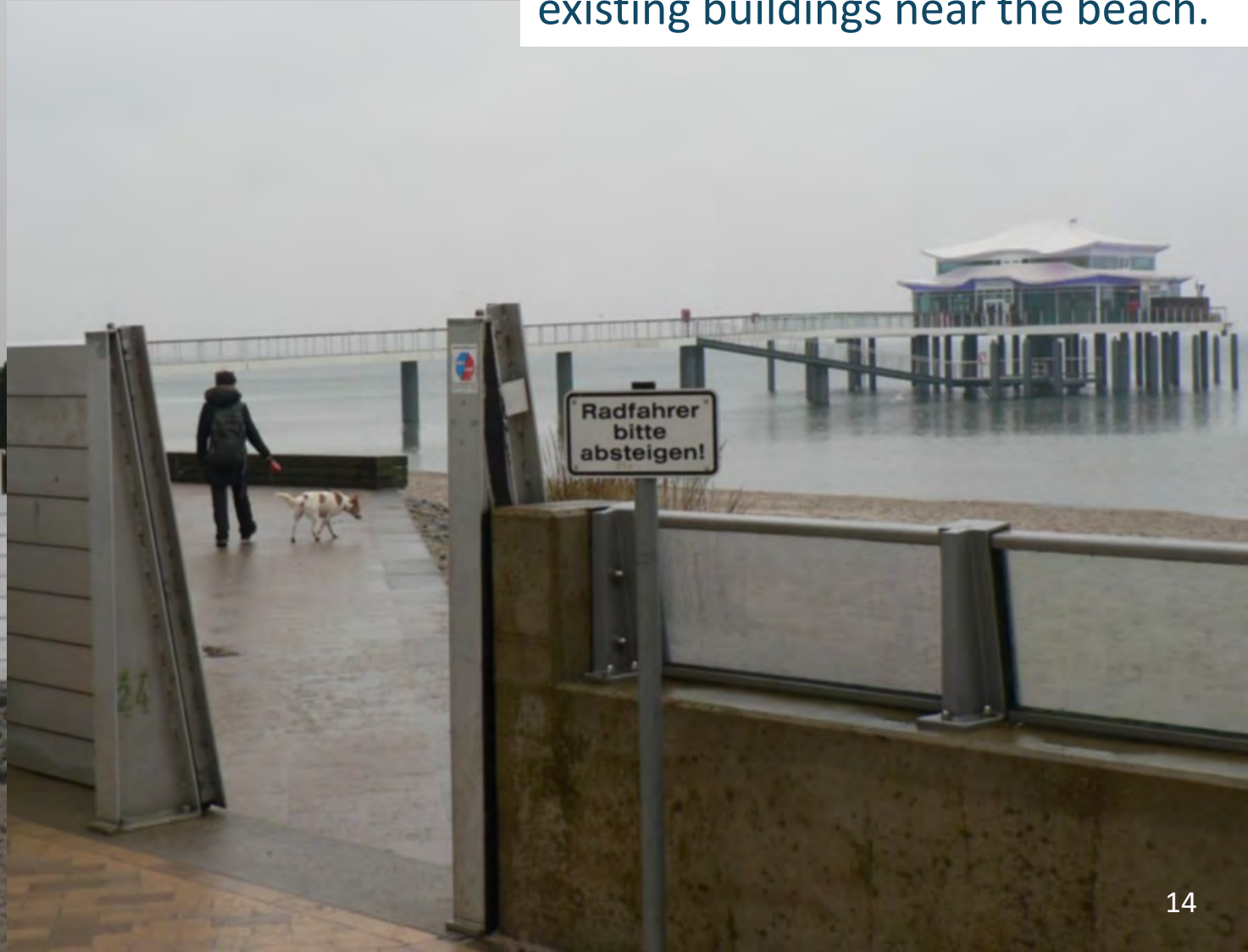
Mobile gates enable beach access





## Present situation (2015)

Individual schemes protect existing buildings near the beach.





## Present situation (2015)



The majority of protection measures is hidden in and under artificial dunes.





# Evaluation: SWOT-analysis

## Strength

- active involvement of the affected
- systematic approach
- transparency of the results

## Opportunities

- recognition of the problems
- awareness of the responsibilities
- acceptance of possible solutions

## Weaknesses

- low number of participants (compared to the affected)
- tiresome and time-consuming procedure
- depending upon volunteers

## Threats

- results may not in agreement with contractors expectations
- loss of interest during humdrum meetings
- not enough participants
- slow implementation

**Timmendorf is a good example for the application of a 'Systems Approach' in coastal management.**

**Thank you for your attention!**

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