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# Curriculum Vitae

Dick van Oevelen graduated from the study Aquatic Ecotechnology (Higher Professional Education) at the Hogeschool Zeeland in Vlissingen. He did one practical period in Costa Rica (Universidad Nacional, Heredia) where he worked on the reduction of pesticide pollution from banana plantations. He did another practical period at the Institute of Nature Conservation (Brussels, Belgium) on the integration of the Barbierbeek brook in the controlled inundation area Kruikeke-Bazel-Rupelmonde, which is developed along the Schelde estuary in Belgium. He continued his studies at the Wageningen University (WUR) and graduated *cum laude* in 2000 as an aquatic ecologist. One MSc project concerned modeling bulrush growth along the Schelde estuary and was carried out at the NIOO–CEME in Yerseke. In another MSc project, the effect of sedimentation on coral recovery rates was quantified during a field experiment carried out at the field station of the Marine Science Institute of the University of the Philippines. After his graduation he worked for half a year at the Institute of Nature Conservation in Brussels on a bibliographic synthesis of estuarine restoration projects. He started his PhD project in August 2000 at the NIOO–CEME, which resulted in the thesis "Structure of marine benthic food webs: Combining stable isotope techniques and inverse modeling". He also participated in the TROPHOS project (<http://www.vliz.be/projects/trophos/index.php>), in which the benthic-pelagic coupling was investigated of two contrasting sites at the Belgian Continental Shelf. He continues his scientific work in the frame of the HERMES project (Hotspot Ecosystem Research along the Margins of European Seas, <http://www.soc.soton.ac.uk/CHD/HERMES/intro.html>), which involves the construction of carbon and nitrogen budgets of several deep-sea ecosystems.

