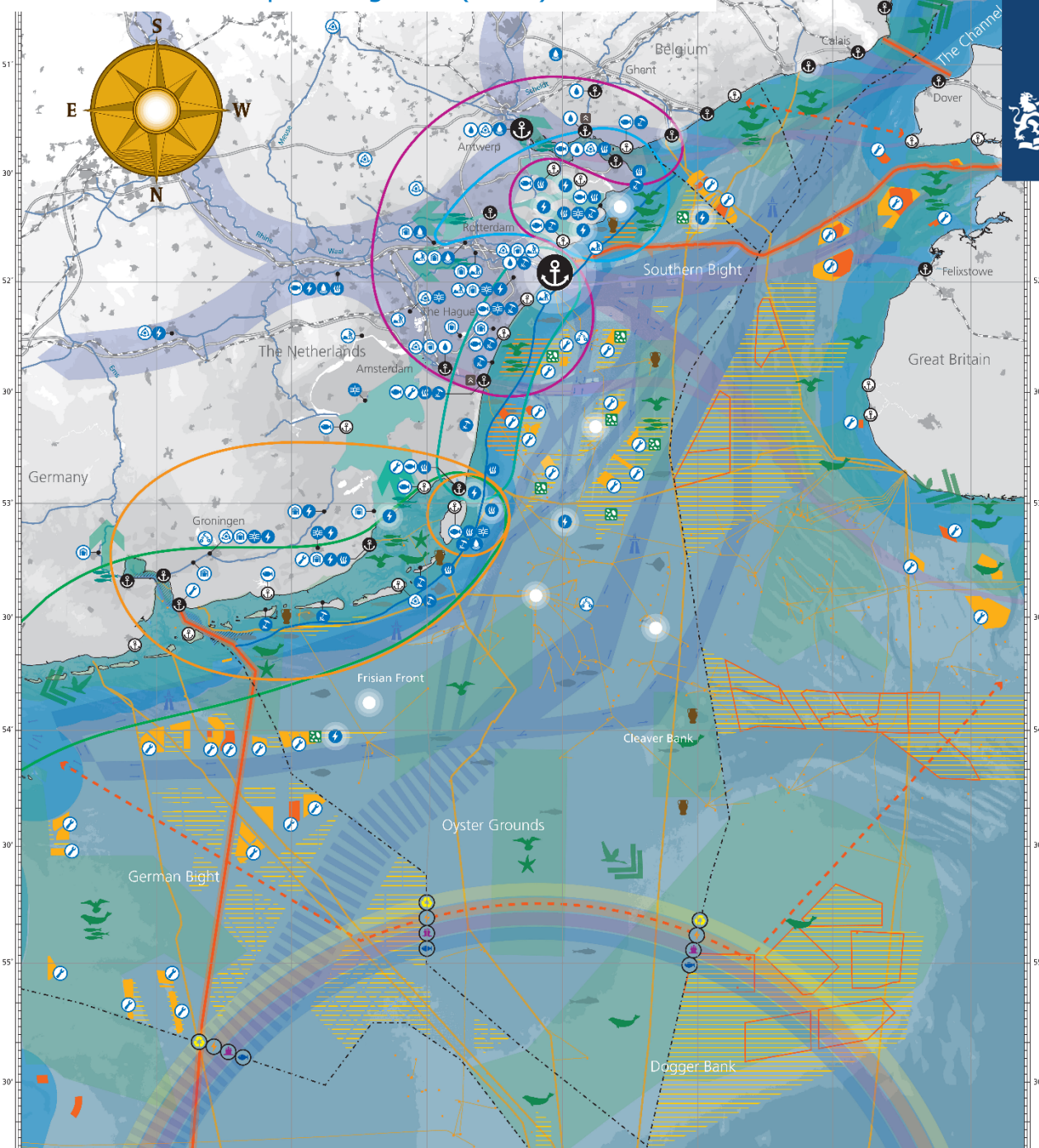




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Multiple use on the Dutch North Sea

A BRIEF HISTORY coexistence with OWE development

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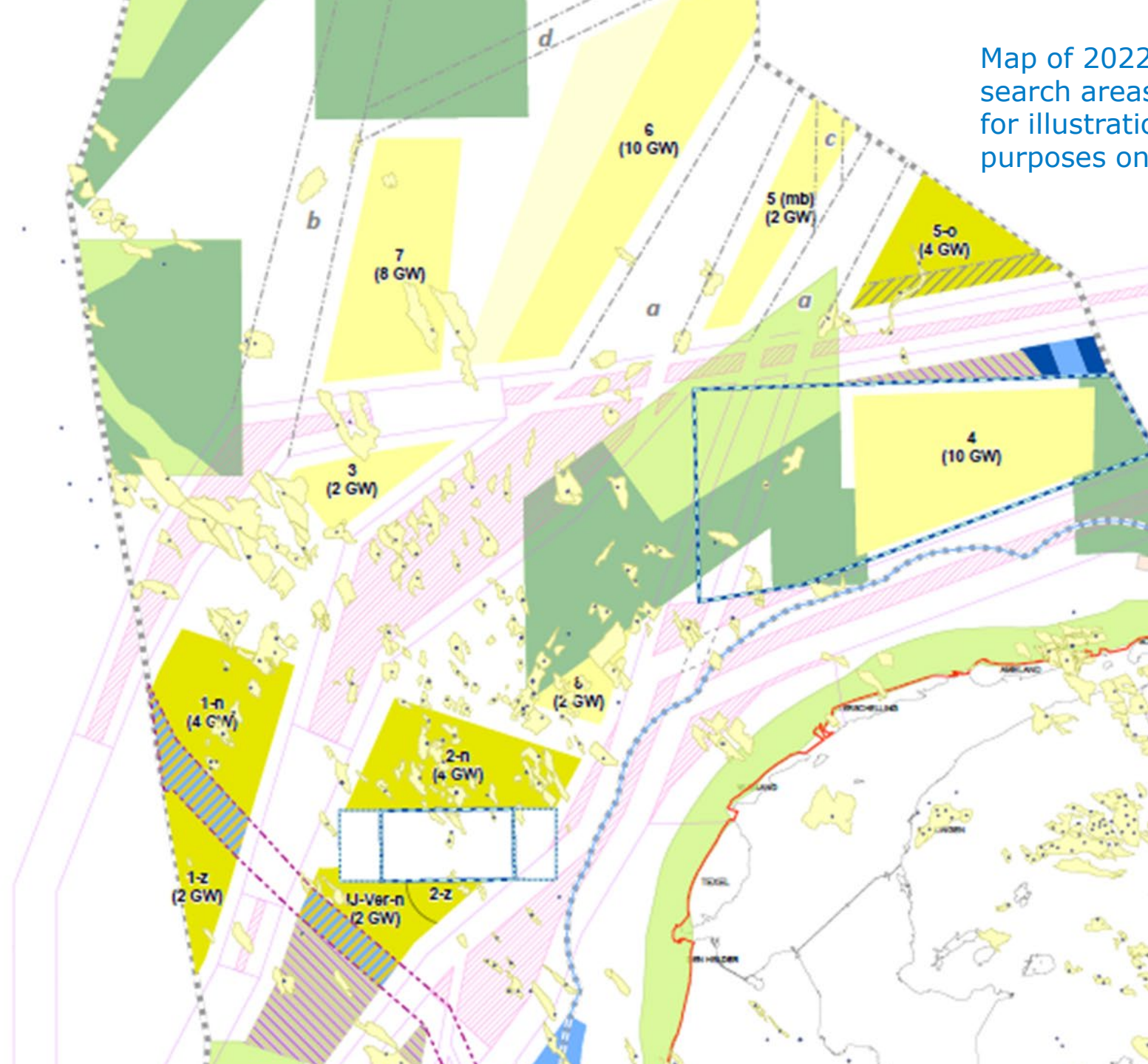
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1. Why multiple use?
2. The North Sea Agreement
NOVI -North Sea Policy
3. Multi use in a Wind farm
→Area passport Borssele
→ permits
4. International cooperation

A crowded North Sea...
... Renewables, nature,
sand, transport, telecom
cables, mining, fisheries...



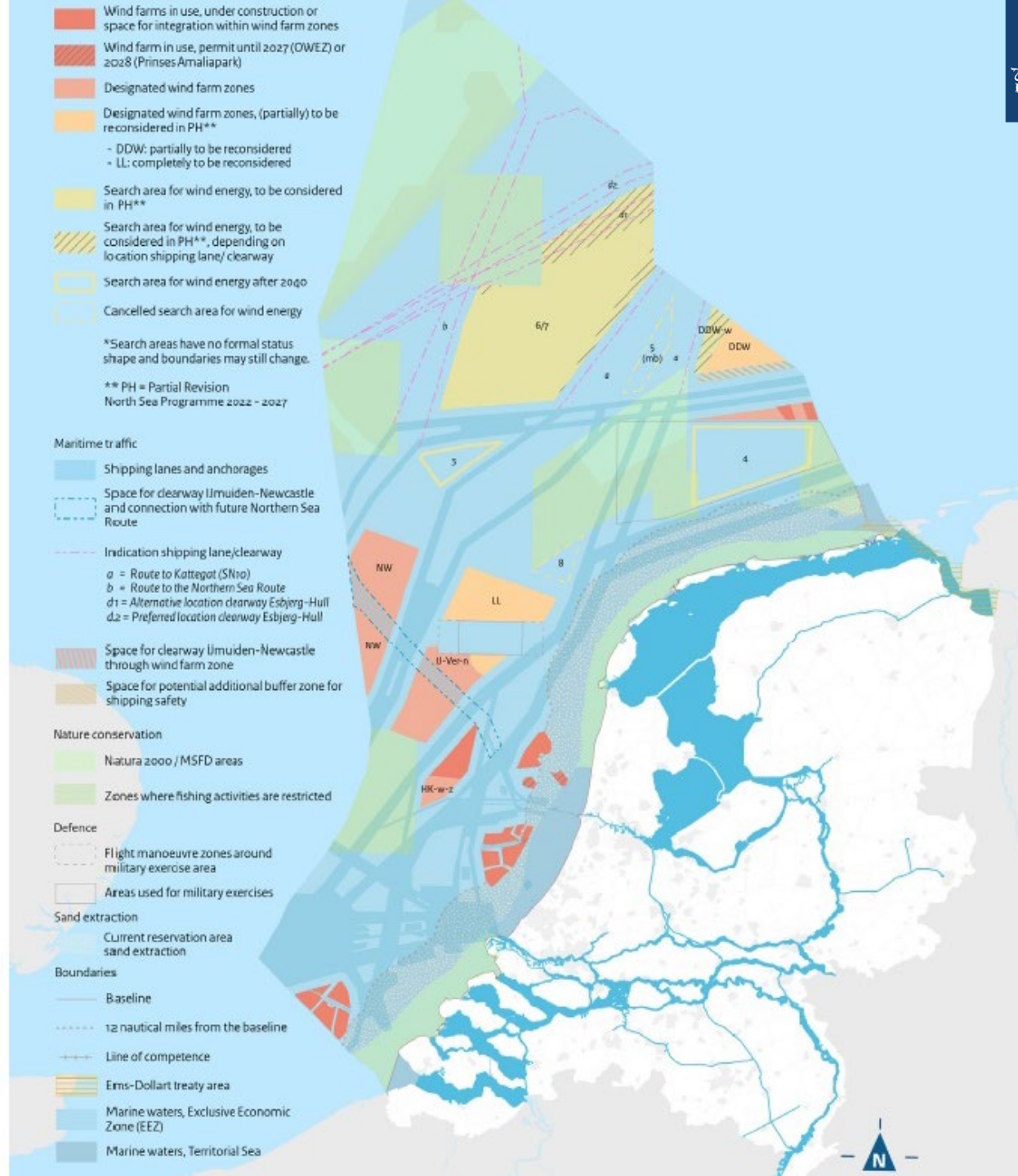


North Sea Policy Programme = National Maritime Spatial Plan (March 2022)

- Balance between three transitions:
biodiversity, energy en food production
- Safe, balanced and efficient human use of
the North Sea within the carrying capacity of
marine ecosystem
- Separate what needs to be separated –
Combine what can be combined
- Map:
nature areas
wind development areas (actual & search)
and other spatial claims

Stakeholder engagement through

- North Sea Agreement
- Community of Practice





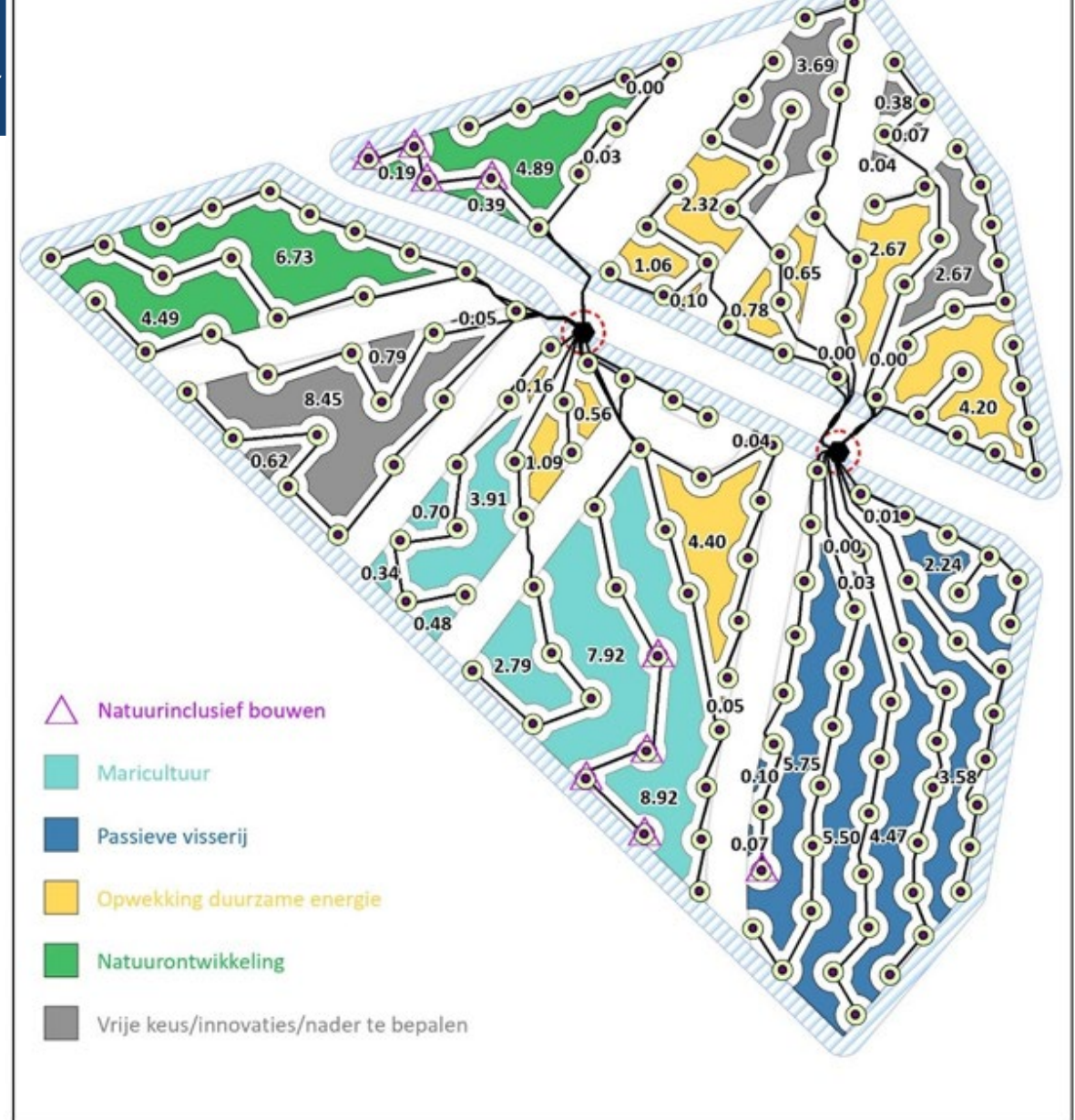
Focus on possible synergies ... but also exclusion.



Area Passport Borssele

> Co-use for :

1. Aqua- / mariculture
2. Passive fishery
3. Nature development
4. Other forms of sustainable energy like solar power, marine energy, etc





Permits for co-use in windfarms on the North Sea

- › Legal frame work North Sea is complex
- › International (treaties, EU) and national legislation (water, nature, windenergy, oil and gas etc)
- › Area Passport spatial planning tool for permitting procedure
- › Water permit necessary for building co-use installations
- › Nature (bird and habitat EU directive) and Common fishery policy;
- › Working towards simplifying co-use permit procedures (maripark)

