



# Integrated Management Plan for the Elbe Estuary

## ***Embracing Estuaries***

Management of Natura 2000 sites in Estuaries and Sea Ports

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## Goals:

- ✓ proposals for measures to achieve the objectives
- ✓ guidance for projects and measures
- ✓ additional basis for the assessment of plans or projects
- ✓ improvement of planning security

## Legal character:

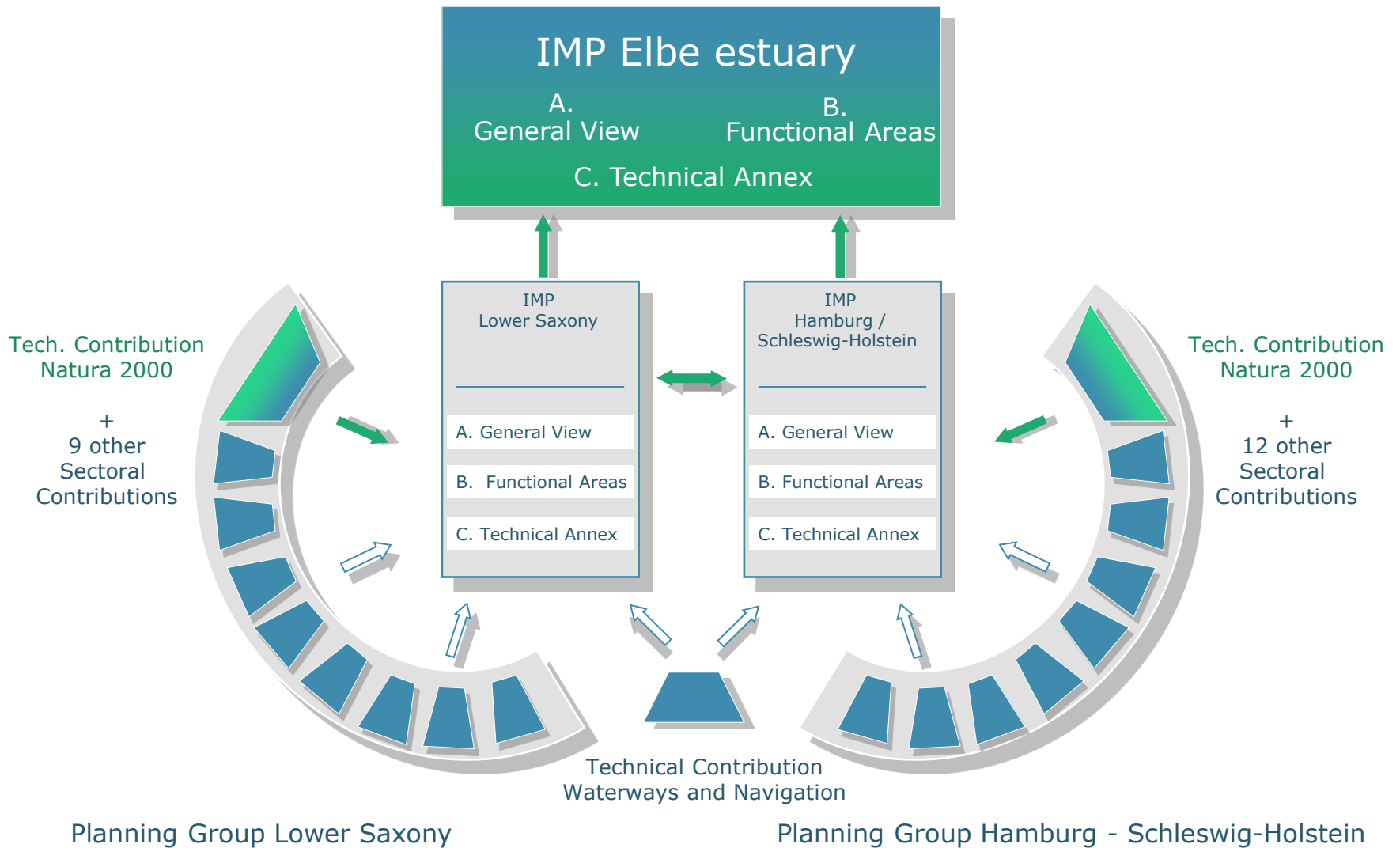
- ✓ joint, trans-state plan
- ✓ no legal binding force
- ✓ guideline for state actions
- ✓ voluntary commitment of all stakeholders



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# What does „integrated“ mean ?



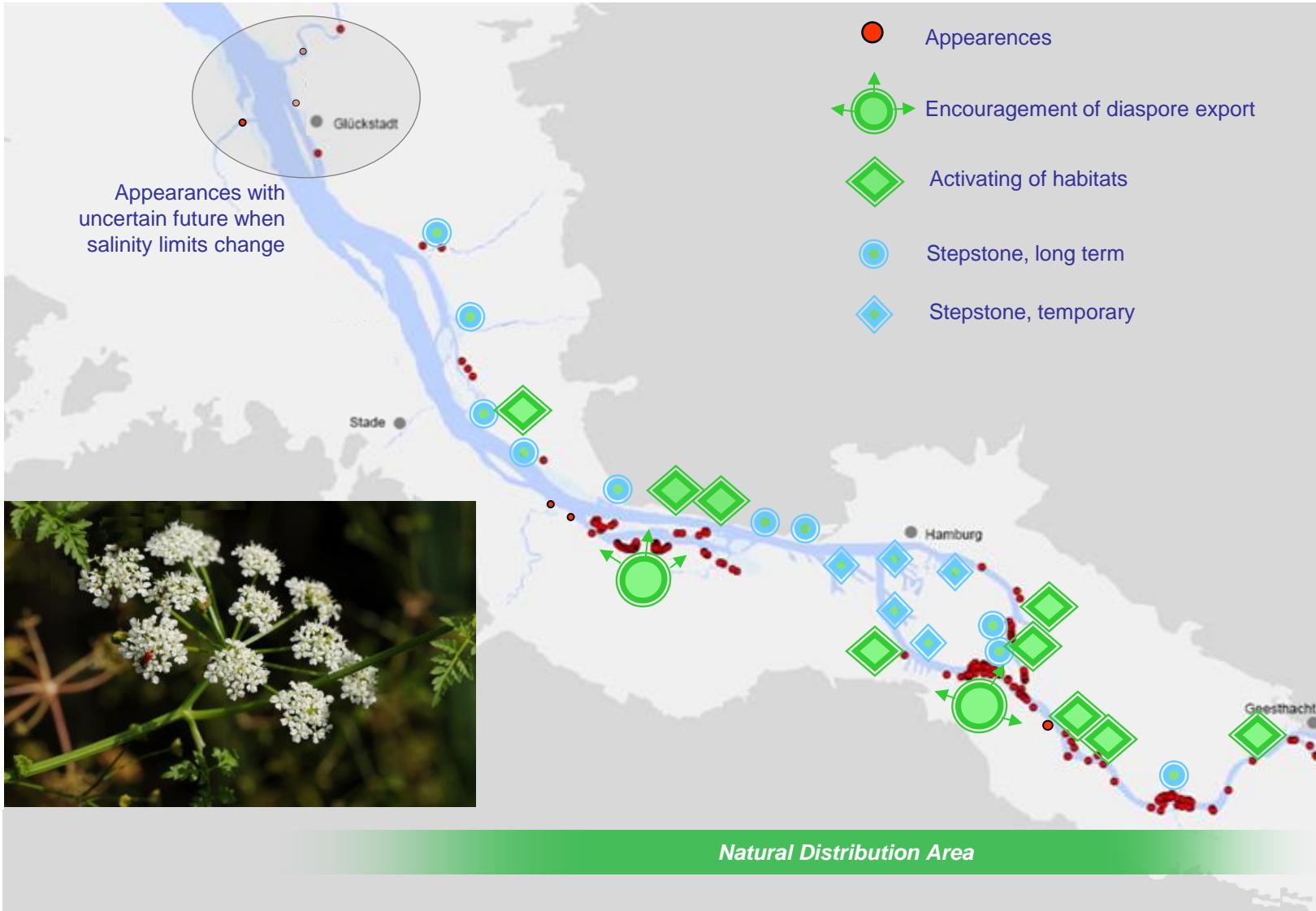


IMP proposes about  
200 measures

About 130 measures are  
implemented, in progress  
or in planning,  
mostly carried out by the  
Elbe Habitat Foundation



# Implementation: Promoting Elbe water dropwort



## Activating of habitats: all-round carefree package



After 5 years of implementation the most important conclusions are:

- Small-area measures on public ground run well:
  - ✓ Good viability
  - ✓ Less financial effort
  - ✓ Just local effects
  - ✓ Low third party participation





- Large-scale measures often only run well, if:
  - ✓ Serious political intentions persist
  - ✓ Impacts as drivers for compensation measures exist
  - ✓ Availability of land is given
  - ✓ other belongings/stake-holders benefit from the measure



## Recipe for successful implementation of measures:

- Have a good hydro-morphological understanding, if regeneration of specific habitats and species is obligate
- Don't shy away from experiments, the learning success is great
- Monitor your results and get the consequences from them
- Size matters: the bigger the scale of the measure the merrier
- Look for win-win-situations
- Always buy private land, for a long term
- Have some measures ready to launch when the window of opportunity occurs
- Share your experiences and knowledge with other groups of players
- Communicate your success to the public
- Have a lot of patience and bring a lot of time



- Adaptive strategy for climate change and sea level rise
- Detection of new win-win-situations
- How can the public and policy be inspired ?
  - ✓ Use of habitats and species effective in advertising
  - ✓ Including interests of recreation in the implementation of measures
- Shaping of identity and changing public awareness

Thanks for your attention !

