
Publications

Numerical Modelling Research and Development

The Numerical Modelling Research and Development Division is responsible for research into and development of numerical weather prediction models and other meteorological applications, that are operationally used at KNMI. Within the division, the following activities are performed:

1. Applied research in the field of numerical weather prediction: atmospheric and oceanographic modelling, physical and statistical postprocessing methods and related applications on the interpretation, verification and economic value assessment of meteorological data.
2. Development and scientific maintenance of methods, models, applications and tools for operational weather forecasting.
3. Advice and transfer of expertise to external users, mainly in Dutch government agencies.

Research activities focus on:

1. Short range (0-48 hours) forecasting and nowcasting of the atmosphere and sea state in and

around The Netherlands on horizontal scales of ca. 10 km.

2. Improvement of the prediction and nowcasting of high-impact weather: wind storms and gusts, storm surges, severe precipitation, thunderstorms and strong convection, fog, high sea waves, road icing.
3. The development of detailed mesoscale models and downscaling techniques suitable to describe the atmosphere and sea state at horizontal scales of 1-3 km.
4. The description of uncertainty in the development of the atmosphere and sea state, by means of probabilistic forecasting techniques. The emphasis is on optimising the use of probabilistic information in early warning systems for severe weather events and on the development of short-range ensemble forecasting methods.
5. The development of applications aiding the interpretation of weather forecasts for specific user groups such as aviation and water management.

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Observations Research and Development

The Observations Research and Development Division is responsible for in situ and remote sensing (including satellite) observations and their:

- Content quality and functionality
- Enhancements
- Maintenance and availability of knowledge and expertise on observations.

The division is also responsible for the functional enhancements of systems for (automatic) data processing, storage, and the availability of data and metadata.

In various studies, the division has designed components of the future Dutch observational network: upper-air observations, the synoptical network, and meteorological observations in coastal areas. These designs are intended for implementation.

The division participates in the Ocean and Sea Ice SAF and the Numerical Weather Prediction SAF, being primarily responsible for the development of algorithms for the satellite scatterometers wind observations.

Although not a participant in the Nowcasting SAF, the division has validated some SAF products within

the EU project CLOUDMAP. KNMI installed the Nowcasting SAF software and the Meteosat Second Generation (MSG) products are demonstrated to the forecasters and implemented in the weather service. For the ESA Core Explorer Atmospheric Dynamics Mission, the division contributes to the specification of the Doppler wind lidar system to be flown (Aeolus), and to simulated impact studies.

To better exploit the potential of KNMI's two Doppler radars several algorithms are developed.

Vertical radar wind profiles are created routinely and can be implemented operationally.

To enable water managers to use radar rainfall data as quantitative information, radar precipitation sums have been calibrated against in-situ precipitation observations.

The division contributed significantly to the study of extracting integrated water vapour data from European Global Positioning System stations for meteorological applications.

Finally the division's ICT group is very active in R&D for database development (for satellite data) and GIS applications in Climate and Meteorology.

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Climatological Services

The Climatological Services Division has the (national) responsibility for the digital and documentary preservation and archiving, including access, of all meteorological observations carried out by or under auspices of KNMI.

Climatological research, carried out by this division, focuses on the quality management of the archived climatological data and the development, production and dissemination of high quality and high-resolution datasets and derived climatologies and assessments. These climatologies and assessments, developed by research with a predominantly applied character, contain detailed descriptions of the climate of The Netherlands within the context of its geographical environment (Europe). They inform customers about the present and past climate and weather including the probabilities and descriptions of extremes.

Results of climatological research are available for internal and external use. Important societal stakeholders are the general public and media

(general climatological information), governmental bodies (supporting policy decisions concerning safety, economy and environment) and the research community.

In 2005 and 2006 the Climatological Services Division had a leading role in the establishment and management of the European Climate Assessment and Dataset (ECA&D). This platform of scientific collaboration and data exchange is evaluating into and acknowledged as the European focal point for high-resolution climatic data and assessment with an emphasis on extremes and is clearly visible in international frameworks like IPCC and CLIVAR. In 2006 ECA&D is nominated to operate as a RCC (Regional Climate Centre) for WMO RAVI (Europe).

The Climatological Services Division collaborated strongly with the Climate Analysis Division, not only with respect to ECA&D, but also in the domain of the HISKLIM programme that aims at the preservation and reconstruction of historical instrumental

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Climate Variability Research

The division investigates the

1. Dynamics of weather and climate
2. Variability of the coupled atmosphere-ocean system
3. Paleo-climate and climate change.

The study of extremes in current and future climate through the use of massive ensembles is a focus of the group. For example, in the ESSENCE project, a large-member ensemble of runs with a state-of-the-art

climate model is performed to investigate the range of possible future climate change. The development of weather forecasting techniques is done in collaboration with developers of weather models and with weather forecasters at KNMI. Together with the Oceanographic Research Division and the physics of weather and climate group of ICTP Trieste, the division has developed the SPEEDO coupled atmosphere-ocean model.

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Oceanographic Research

The division studies the

1. Variability and predictability of the ocean and the climate system
 2. Interaction of the ocean with the atmosphere, including seasonal forecasting research
 3. Large-scale ocean circulation and sea-level rise.
- The division has made a significant contribution to the New Climate Change Scenarios for The Netherlands. The study of climate scenarios is an important focus of the group. This includes extreme scenario's

that may result from large changes in the Meridional Overturning Circulation. The division contributes to the international ARGO float programme for observing the deep ocean. The seasonal forecasting research has had practical applications through collaborations with the ECMWF. Information on seasonal forecasting is provided to the general public and to Service Providers. The Climate Explorer website for the analysis climate data sets has been made available to the public.

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and surface observations. These observations, in combination with products derived from satellite instruments (such as CloudSat/Calipso, EarthCare), are necessary for high-level research that aims at answering scientific and social questions related to climate change and air quality. Amongst others they are used for process studies, model evaluation and improvement, climate monitoring and satellite validation.

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The focus of this division is observing and modelling the atmospheric composition and climate variables in relation to climate change, the ozone layer and air quality. The approach is along three ways:

- 1 Observations from satellites and from the ground. The division is an internationally recognized group in monitoring the atmosphere and climate from space. They are involved in observations with the satellite instruments SCIAMACHY, OMI and GOME-2. The division is also prominent in formulating the user requirements for future satellite missions both on national level as well as in ESA, EUMETSAT, EU and NASA panels. For monitoring, satellite and model evaluation, and process studies the division operates ground stations at De Bilt and Paramaribo and is involved in international measurement campaigns. The data are the basis for research and monitoring in line with the KNMI mission and are made available to the society, policy makers and the national and international scientific community via the KNMI data centre as well as international (world) data centres.

- 2 The use of the measurements has also high priority. The data are used to study atmospheric processes and validate chemistry transport and climate chemistry models. Furthermore on basis of the data, time series are constructed, trends in concentrations and emissions are determined and data are assimilated providing a four-dimensional description of the state of the atmosphere and climate. This is mostly done in projects together with other KNMI divisions and national and international partners.
- 3 The cycles of greenhouse gases, aerosols and their precursors are modelled with the global atmospheric chemistry model TM. TM is applied to produce high level assimilated satellite products and to calculate the impact of future emission scenarios, e.g. of aviation, shipping and road traffic. For model evaluation and process studies reconstructions of past atmospheric composition are made. With TM, KNMI has contributed to multiple international climate (IPCC) and ozone (WMO-UNEP) assessments.

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1. obtain a better understanding of observed climate variability and change, in particular for near-surface climate variables (precipitation, temperature, etc.) in The Netherlands and Europe and for wind over the North Sea.
2. develop, update and disseminate KNMI climate scenarios for impact studies relevant for the Netherlands.
3. simulate high-resolution time series representative for the present and for the future climate, in particular for the catchments of the rivers Rhine and Meuse (on the basis of statistical resampling techniques).

4. reconstruct instrumental time series from Dutch sources by digitization, quality control and homogenization (HISKLIM programme).
5. develop and disseminate datasets of Dutch climate and datasets for which KNMI has international responsibility.

The emphasis is on climate extremes and severe weather events, because the impact of climate change is likely to be felt most strongly through changes in extremes. To ensure best scientific quality and to profit from international developments the strategic research in the area of climate analysis, scenarios and observational datasets is embedded in international programmes and networks (such as ENSEMBLES, IPCC and CLIVAR).

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Policy Advice and Related Services

A small staff unit ('CKB') coordinates KNMI's climate outreach and represents KNMI in a number of relevant international bodies such as the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), the Global Climate Observing System (GCOS) and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

Public Information

An important task of KNMI is to provide reliable information on climate and climate change to The Netherlands' society. By 'reliable' we mean: of high scientific quality, with balanced attention given to uncertainties, with proper attention to both natural and human induced climate variations, not policy descriptive and, more generally speaking, without value judgements. Public interest in climate change science has grown steadily in recent years and KNMI researchers quite frequently appear in the media.

Science support to national policymakers

In 2005 KNMI became chairman of both the PCCC bureau and its steering group. Several successful activities (symposia, brochures) have been organised to facilitate national policy making. A document was prepared in collaboration with the Adviesdienst Verkeer en Vervoer to explore the relation between transport, weather and climate change. This document was presented to policymakers. It was received favourably by Rijkswaterstaat. Both the Ministry of Housing, Spatial Planning and Environmental Protection and several members of parliament were advised on the McIntyre-McKittrick versus Mann debate (the hockeystick affair). The unit organised a discussion meeting, with (former) members of cabinet, politicians, civil servants and NGO's on Post Kyoto policy to celebrate the Kyoto Protocol entering into force.

Improving global climate monitoring: meetings of CoP and SBSTA

Support was provided to The Netherlands delegations at meetings of the bodies of the UNFCCC, the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) and the Conference of the Parties (CoP) to the UNFCCC. With expertise in climate monitoring and the Global Climate Observing System (GCOS), and as national focal point for GCOS, The

Netherlands was represented by KNMI at discussions and negotiations aiming at improving global systematic climate observations at meetings of SBSTA and at CoP11 (Montreal) and CoP12 (Nairobi). A highlight at CoP12 in November 2006 was the announcement by The Netherlands of a contribution of 200 k€ per year for 2007-2010 for the realisation of the GCOS Action Plans for Africa, that aim at essential improvements of climate monitoring. As a result of an initiative by KNMI, this support is provided by the Ministry of Transport, Public Works and Water Management (VenW) and the Ministry of Housing, Spatial Planning and the Environment (VROM).

Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)

The Netherlands' contribution to the IPCC (nominations, reviews, participation in meetings) was coordinated. At KNMI the first order draft of the Fourth Assessment Report was discussed by a broad group of scientists, to assist the individual expert reviewers. The unit acted as Head of Delegation to IPCC's 24-st Plenary in Montreal.

Climate Monitoring and the Global Climate Observing System (GCOS)

A contribution was made to the GCOS Regional Workshop for Eastern and Central Europe on Improving Observing Systems for Climate, held in April 2005 in Leipzig, Germany. Acting as national focal point for GCOS, a WAB project was started in 2006 (WAB, Scientific Assessment and Policy Analysis), aiming at improving climate observations in The Netherlands in coordination with a number of national institutes that are active in this field. The programme Global Monitoring for Environment and Security (GMES), an initiative of the EC and ESA, covers among others climate monitoring, and is seen as an important contribution to the GCOS Implementation Plan. GMES is also the European contribution to the quickly developing worldwide Global Earth Observation System of Systems (GEOSS). In relation to GCOS, contributions were made to the further development of these initiatives.

Other international bodies

Several members of the research divisions serve on international committees of WCRP and IGBP. The

Head of Climate Research and members of the staff unit complemented this activity by contributing to the IGBP programme SOLAS, to the European Network on Earth System Modelling, a COST project on the integration of ground-based remote-sensing systems and national and international programmes on the allocation of radio frequencies.

strategy for the Climate and Seismology Section of the KNMI. This initiative resulted in a conceptual document that forms the basis for (1) further specific description of the strategy and (2) more imbedded in the KNMI organisation (including the sections Weather and Infra. The goal is to provide a more extended strategy that is suitable for KNMI policy on sustainable external interrelationships.

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The Seismology Division is responsible for the monitoring of seismicity in The Netherlands and carries out applied research. The research is focused on seismic hazard, which includes studies related to instrumentation, earth structure and the earthquake source. In addition to seismology, the department is also actively involved in infrasound research, focussing on identification of sources.

The devastating earthquake and tsunami in the Indian Ocean at the end of 2004 showed the vulnerability of modern society to the violence of nature. It resulted in a renewed awareness for tsunami warning and the build-up of new infrastructure. In 2005 and 2006, KNMI was involved

in advising the Indonesian government, and contributed to a tsunami warning system in the Caribbean by installing seismographs on the lesser Antilles (Saba, St-Eustace and St Maarten). In the same period applied research was focused on the seismic hazard of induced seismicity in The Netherlands.

ORFEUS, the European organization for the coordination of broad-band seismology, is integrated into the Seismology Division. In 2006 the EC funded NERIES project was realized, coordinated by ORFEUS. Networking the infrastructure and part of the applied research of the seismology division is structured within NERIES.

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