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The Institute

The Flanders Marine Institute (VLIZ) is the coordination and information platform for marine scientific research in Flanders. The VLIZ is a focal point for marine and coastal-related research and serves as an international contact point. The VLIZ signs cooperation agreements with Flemish research groups and administrations and furthermore integrates its activities in national and international networks. Major activities are the management of the Flanders Marine Data and Information Centre (VMDC), the Infodesk, the Sea Library and the research vessel 'Zeeleeuw'.

Role in PLANKTON*NET

VLIZ will provide a vital link with to the Network of Excellence MarBef (<http://www.marbef.org>) and its IT and data archival activities. Access to resources such as the species lists in the [European register of Marine species](#) will be particularly important here.