

Marker Wadden restoration ecology internship

Freshwater biodiversity is globally declining, which calls for effective restoration and conservation measures. In the Netherlands, the human modified lake Markermeer is an example of a degrading habitat in which bird and fish species are declining. Therefore a large-scale restoration project called “Marker Wadden” has been carried out over the last few years to reverse this trend. This project aims to stimulate the aquatic food web by creating sheltered zones, shallow waters and gradual land-water transition zones. These elements are deemed to benefit the lower trophic levels in the food web, such as plants, zooplankton and invertebrates – which can then provide additional food sources for birds and fish. Several projects are possible in relation to this restoration project, which can include fieldwork, labwork, literature studies or combinations. Please contact me in case you are interested casper.vanleeuwen@ru.nl or check www.caspervanleeuwen.info

