



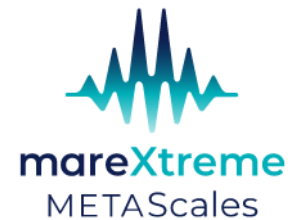
Dear mareXtreme colleagues,

social scientist work in the field as well – a little different from coastal engineers or ecologists, but yes also in the field. We are interested in the coastal communities and their activities. Sometimes we conduct interviews, we arrange roundtables and discussions, or organise workshops. Sometimes we are right in the middle of it with participant observations.

In September I got invited to join a disaster exercise in Cuxhaven and could participate in the deployment of water pipe components together with the people in charge of disaster management in Cuxhaven, fire brigades, Red Cross (DRK), Lifesaving Association (DLRG) and the Federal Agency for Technical Relief (THW). The exercise took place at the disaster management centre, a former military area, in Cuxhaven-Altenwalde. The objective was to install emergency drinking water supply for the local population in case of extensive flooding. Especially impressive was the collaboration of different emergency personnel and the technical equipment from heavy duty trucks to high-tech recon drones with thermal imaging. Soon the storm surge season starts and Cuxhaven is prepared.

Cheers and see you soon.

Anton Knor, METAscales



Participant Observation

Disaster Management Exercise

September 21st, 2024

in Cuxhaven
