CDRmare

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»Marine carbon sinks in decarbonisation pathways«

Who we are

> a large interdisciplinary research mission consisting of 6 research consortia
> 22 partners: universities, research institutes, authorities, economy, museum > more than 200 participants
> 1st phase: 3 years duration > start: 1st August 2021 > total budget: € 26 million

Initial Situation

> A massive reduction of CO_2 emissions alone is no longer sufficient to achieve the Paris climate targets of limiting warming to 1.5 or even 2 degrees.

> 5 – 15 % of today's CO_2 emissions will not be avoidable by mid-century even with an ambitious climate protection policy. They must therefore be removed from the atmosphere and safely stored.

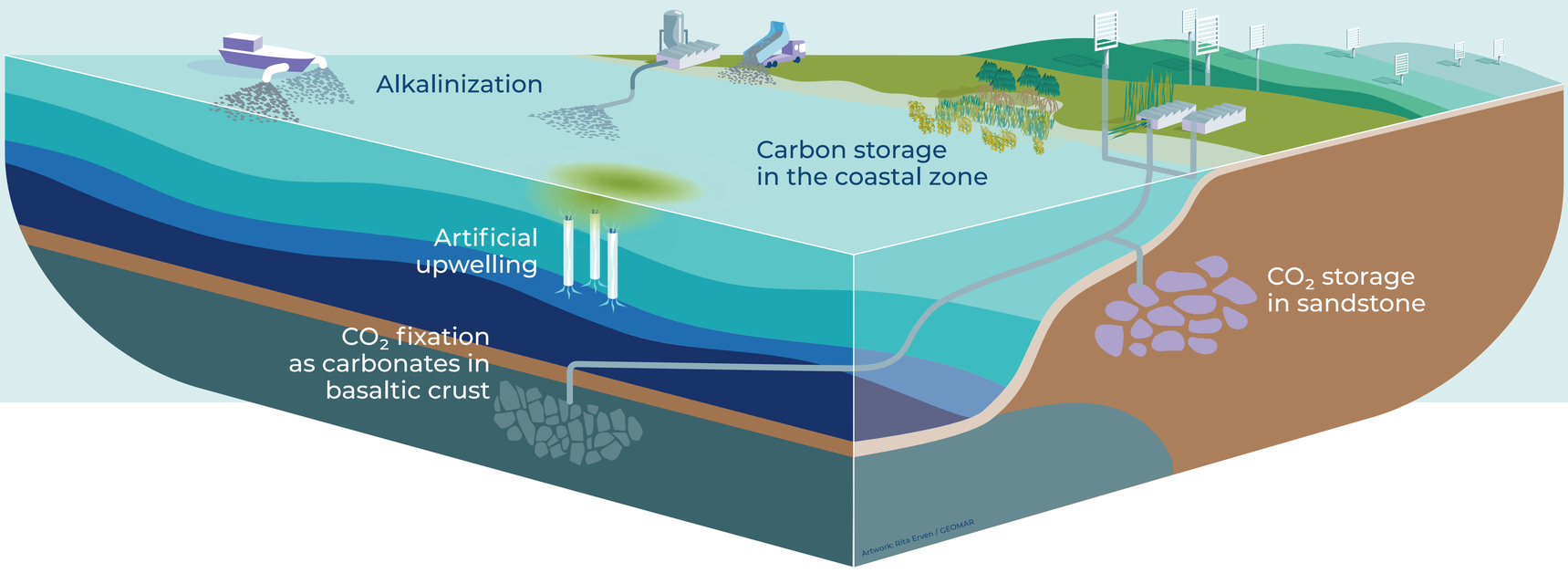
> So far, mainly land-based approaches for CO_2-removal (Carbon Dioxide Removal = CDR) have been discussed, which are often in competition with other land uses. Other options for CO_2-removal and -storage are provided by the ocean due to its extensive climate-regulating capabilities.

Aims of the CDRmare research mission

> To explore & evaluate marine methods of atmospheric CO_2-removal with respect to their potentials and ecological, economic, social and political impacts and risks in the context of a responsible and sustainable use of the ocean.

> Informing and advising policy-makers and society on options for marine CO_2-removal and -storage as well as monitoring and governance approaches.

> The long-term goal is to develop a marine carbon roadmap for Germany.



Ocean-based methods of CO_2-removal and -storage from the atmosphere

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