

Open letter to request that the Government refuses to grant a permit for gas extraction from under the Wadden Sea, a UNESCO World Heritage Site



We recently voiced our concern, along with a total of around 400 scientists and academics in the Netherlands, about a new permit granted by the Dutch EZK ministry for gas extraction in the North Sea. Thank you to so many of you for signing that letter.

Following that campaign, we are now working with the Waddenvereniging to try to prevent yet another permit for new gas extraction, this time in the **Wadden Sea**. Alongside concerns related to worsening of the climate crisis, the Wadden Sea is a UNESCO World Heritage site, where numerous protected native and migratory bird species depend on the exposure of the seabed during low tides to obtain their staple foods; a **delicate**

ecosystem which would very likely be threatened by gas extraction.

Multiple NGOs and government-agencies from all over the world have supported the resolution from The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) to withdraw the draft-permit for mining of fossil fuels underneath the Wadden Sea. The Dutch Parliament itself requested independent legal advice on this issue from The Waddenacademie, which concluded that the project should not get a permit based on the existing laws and regulations for nature protection in both the EU and the Netherlands. Despite these resolutions and advice, the Dutch government is still in the final stages of considering granting this permit. As the decision on this permit will be made in the coming weeks we need to make our voices heard in advance.

We are collecting signatures until Tuesday, September 20, 2022.

It would be a great help if you can forward this to colleagues who are also concerned about the climate and the ecological crisis we are facing.

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