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Stellingen behorende bij het proefschrift "Preserving a layered history of the Western Wadden Sea. Managing an underwater cultural heritage resource" van Martijn René Manders

1. In situ preservation is not a panacea for underwater cultural heritage management (and certainly underwater archaeology) and should therefore always be mentioned as part of a solution and not as a solution on its own.
2. Shipwrecks can be and are often found by accident, but in most cases their presence could have been predicted.
3. The management of the Wadden Sea as a World Heritage Site would profit from an integration of outstanding cultural values besides the natural values into the overall management.
4. Underwater cultural heritage management in the Netherlands suffers from a lack of consistent policy.
5. The Netherlands is a maritime nation tied strongly to its past, therefore it should more than double its capacity in its maritime archaeological section for policy, science and education on governmental level.
6. The Dutch government should take up full responsibility for the management of a limited amount of ‘stepping stones’, designated sites that are crucial for the understanding of the maritime past of the Netherlands.
7. Curiosity should be the biggest virtue of an archaeologist, but unfortunately this is difficult to bring into agreement with the work executed within the framework of the Valletta Convention and the way it has been implemented in the Netherlands.
8. The concept of the maritime cultural landscape –as formulated by Westerdahl- should be regarded as the most important tool for maritime cultural heritage management.
9. The old fashion gathering together and listening to each other’s music is more effective for social cohesion and stress reduction in the workplace than organizing expensive team building sessions and work related anti-stress courses.
10. Exclaiming a robot as a resident of a city or country says nothing about the quality of the robot itself but more about the overestimation of humans as creators.
11. Internet genealogy and playing outside in their own environment could better help children to understand their past - and the past of the Netherlands- than to oblige them to visit the monotonous sameness at the Department of History of the Rijksmuseum orchestrated by biased adults.