# Proposed offshore wind project - a \$1.5 billion field of giant turbines about 11 1/2 miles off Ocean City



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# **Atlantic Offshore Wind Projects**

- The vast wind resources of the Atlantic Ocean have not been tapped. In contrast, European countries have 948 turbines installed at 43 offshore wind farms and are producing over 2.3 gigawatts (GW), enough electricity to power 450,000 600,000 homes. China recently completed its first major offshore wind farm, totaling 102 megawatts (MW). Not a single offshore wind turbine is spinning off the Atlantic coast of the United States.
- The European Union and China's offshore wind goals dwarf those of the United States. The European Union and the European Wind Energy Association have set a target of 40 GW of offshore wind by 2020 and 150 GW by 2030. China has established a target of 30 GW of offshore wind by 2020. The United States Department of Energy (USDOE) recently proposed the development of 10 GW of offshore wind by 2020 and 54 GW by 2030.
- According to NREL, the Atlantic States would generate \$200 billion in new economic activity and create more than 43,000 permanent, high-paying jobs if 54 GW of the 212.98 GW of available offshore wind resources were utilized.

Fisher, C., Patel, S., Bowes, C. and Allegro, J., "OFFSHORE WIND IN THE ATLANTIC, Growing Momentum for Jobs, Energy Independence, Clean Air, and Wildlife Protection," the National Wildlife Federation, 2010

#### **U.S. Offshore Wind Potential**

Depth									
Region	0-30 m	30 - 60 m	> 60 m	Total					
New England	100.2	136.2	250.4	486.8					
Mid-Atlantic	298.1	179.1	92.5	569.7					
South Atlantic Bight	134.1	48.8	7.7	190.6					
California	4.4	10.5	573.0	587.9					
Pacific Northwest	15.1	21.3	305.3	341.7					
Great Lakes	176.7	106.4	459.4	742.5					
Gulf of Mexico	340.3	120.1	133.3	593.7					
Hawaii	2.3	5.5	629.6	637.4					
Total	1071.2 GW	/ 628.0 GW	2451.1 GW	4150.3 GW					

Offshore wind potential for areas up to 50 nautical miles from shore with average wind speeds 7 m/s or greater at 90 m elevation (W. Musial 2010)

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#### **Proposed Projects**

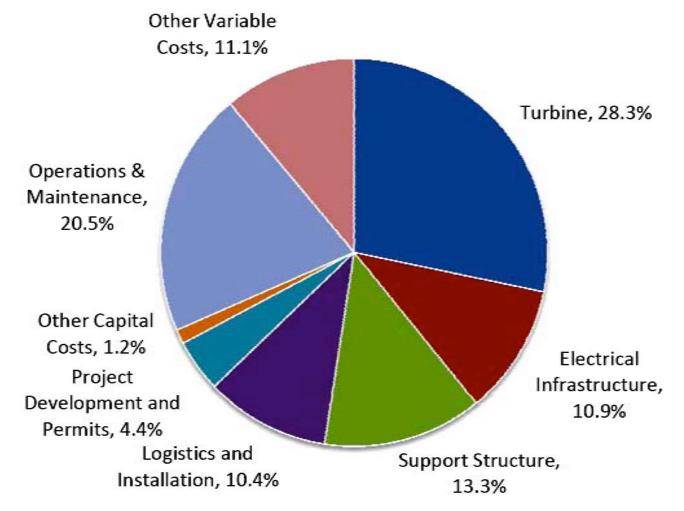
Proposed projects have been publicly announced and are at a variety of initial stages in the planning process. MW is listed nameplate capacity.

#### **Advancing Projects**

Advancing projects meet all of the criteria for proposed projects, and have taken additional steps, including leasing, permitting, power contracts, and other concrete steps toward project completion.

MAINE			Demonstration Offshore Wind Farm	25	MW
			Monhegan Island deep water testing site	110	KW
NEW HAMPSHIRE	1 test turbine	10 KV			
MASACHUSETTS	Hull Offshore Wind Energy Project	12 MV	Cape Wind	468	MW
RHODE ISLAND	Rhode Island Sound Wind Farm	384 MV	Block Island Wind Project	28.8	MW
NEW YORK			Long Island-NYC Offshore Wind Project	350 - 700	MW
NEW JERSEY	OffshoreMW	350 MV	Garden State Offshore Energy Project	350	MW
			Fisherman's Energy Atlantic City	20	MW
			Fisherman's Energy Wind Farm	330	MW
			NRG Bluewater Wind Project	350	MW
			OffshoreMW	350	MW
DELAWARE			NRG Bluewater Wind Park	200 - 600	MW
VIRGINIA	Apex Hampton Roads Wind Project	500 MV			
	Seawind Renewble Energy Corp. Wind Farm	400 - 800 MV			
	Hampton Roads Demonstration Project 3 test turbines				
NORTH CAROLINA	Outer Banks Ocean Energy Project	600 MV	b		

#### **Cost Breakdown**



Estimated life-cycle cost breakdown for a typical offshore wind project (W. Musial 2010).

A National Offshore Wind Strategy: Creating an Offshore Wind Energy Industry in the United States. U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Wind & Water Power Program U.S Department of the Interior, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation, and Enforcement, February 2011

#### **Loads Leading to Structural Failure**

- a) Dead loads
  - Self Wt, Plant, Equipment, TR/Accommodation.
- b) Live loads
  - i) Process & other inventory, laydown, general
- c) All environmental loads:
  - i) Hydraulic pressure
  - ii) Wave
  - iii) Current
  - iv) Wind
- d) Earthquake
- e) Accidental loads
  - i) Fire
  - ii) Explosion
  - iii) Gas release
  - iv) Vessel impact
  - v) Dropped object

#### **Foundation Design Considerations**

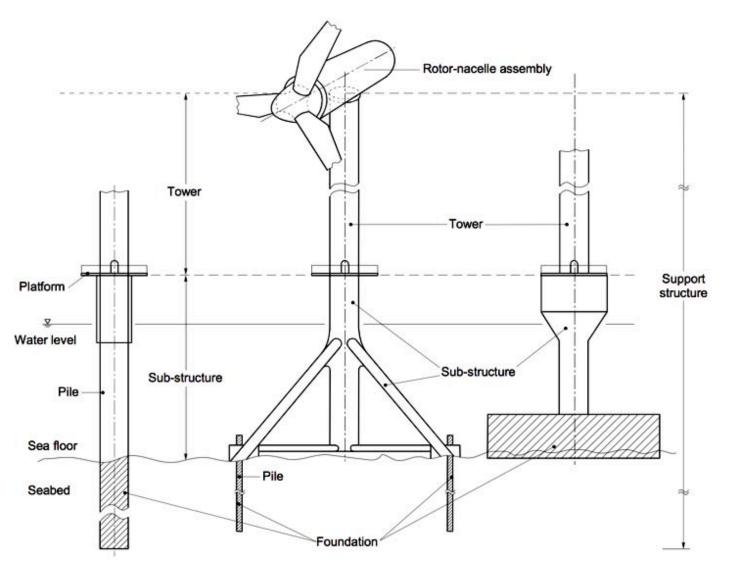
#### Foundation Design Loads:

- soil conditions,
- depth,
- current,
- wave climate,
- turbine or wave energy type,
- access,
- local environmental impacts,
- and supply chain issues such as vessels and manufacturing.

# **Referenced ISO Standards**

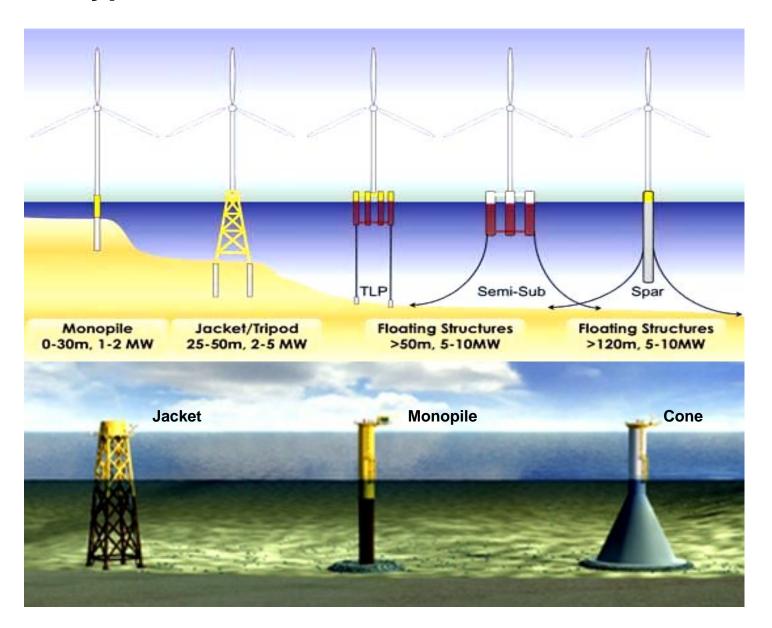
General Requirements for Offshore Structures	ISO 19900	
Metocean Requirements	ISO 19901 -1	
Seismic Requirements	ISO 19901 - 2	
Topsides Requirements	ISO 19901 - 3	
Foundation Requirements	ISO 19901 - 4	
Weight Engineering	ISO 19901 - 5	
Marine Operations	ISO 19901 - 6	
Stationkeeping	ISO 19901 - 7	
Marine Soil Investigation	ISO 19901 - 8	
Fixed Steel Structures	ISO 19902	
Fixed Concrete Structures	ISO 19903	
Floating – MSS	ISO 19904 - 1	
MOUs - Jackups	19905 - 1	

#### Parts of an offshore wind turbine

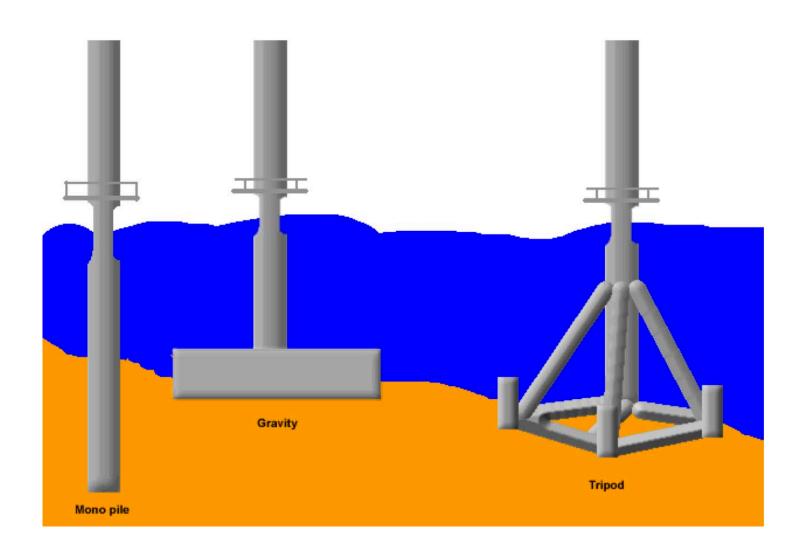


IEC 61400-3, INTERNATIONAL STANDARD, Wind turbines – Part 3: Design requirements for offshore wind turbines, International Electrotechnical Commission, 2009

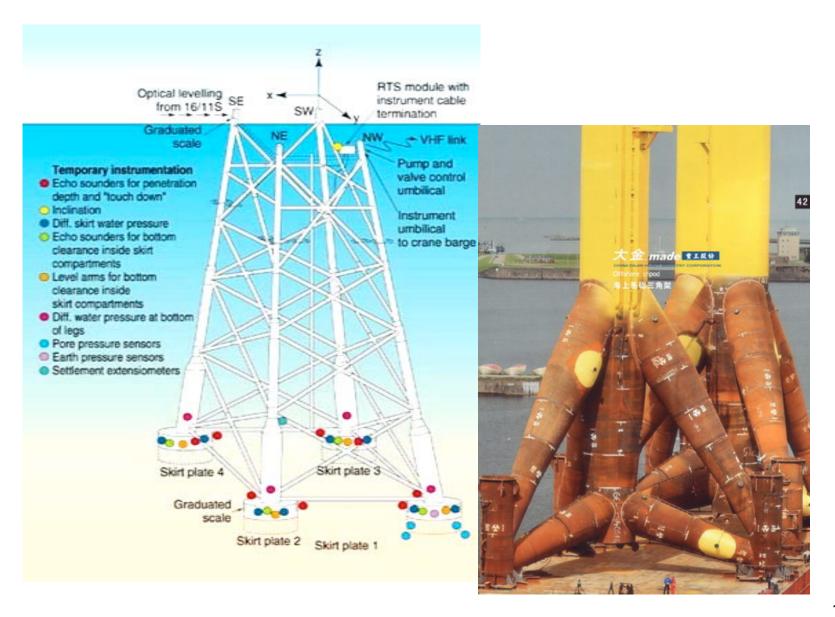
# Types of offshore wind turbine foundations



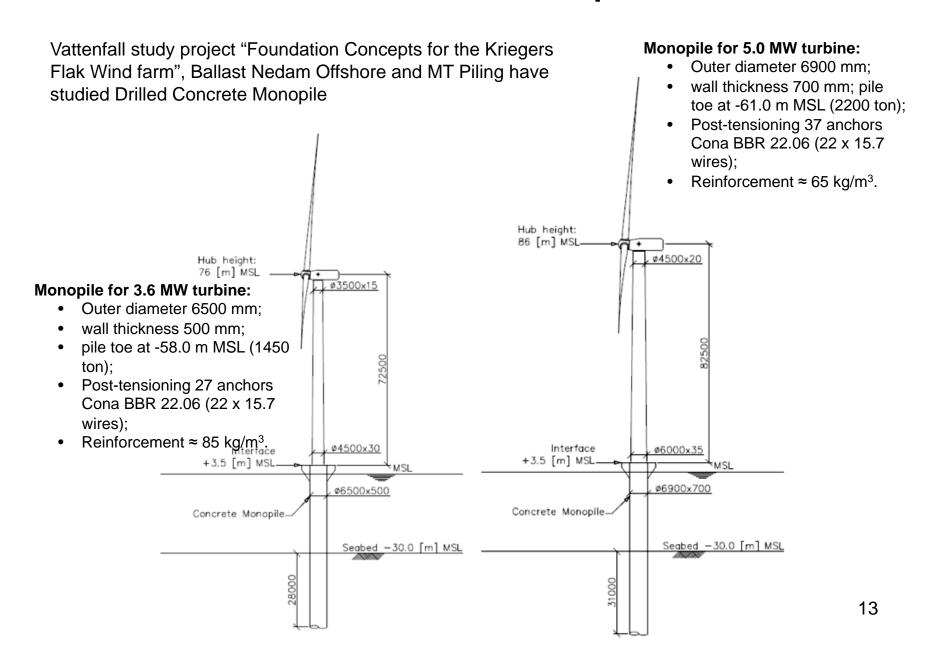
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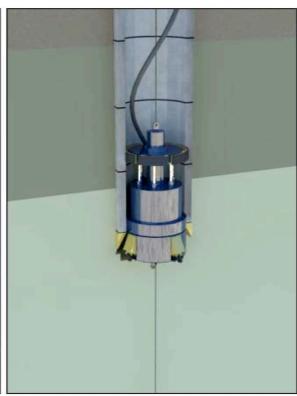


#### **Drilled Concrete Monopile**

Vattenfall study project "Foundation Concepts for the Kriegers Flak Wind farm", Ballast-Nedam Offshore and MT Piling have studied Drilled Concrete Monopile

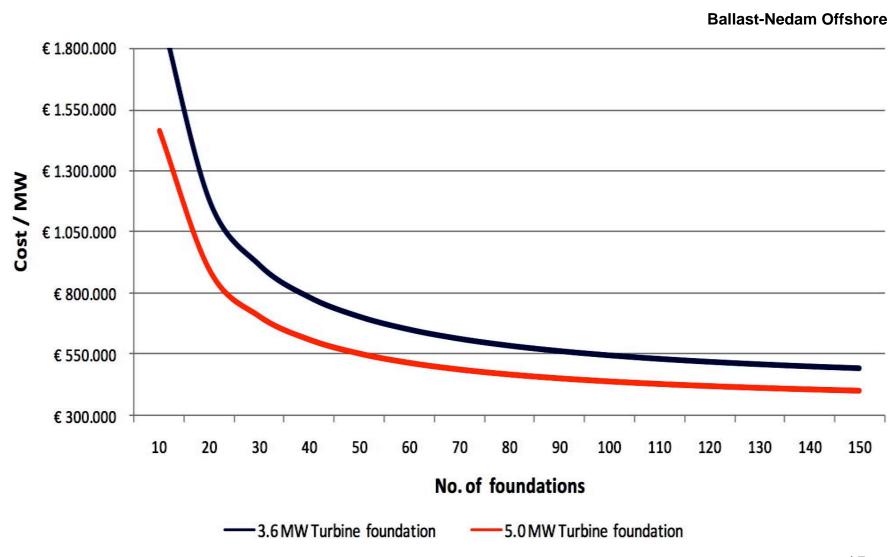






The drilling machine is lowered into the monopile and hydraulically clamped; Drilling starts inside the monopile and after settling stops drilling will continue underneath the monopile until final depth is reached. During settling a self hardening lubrication fluid will be injected in the overcut; After completion of the drilling process, the drilling machine is lifted out of the monopile

# **Est. Drilled Concrete Monopile Installation Cost**



#### **Platform Foundations**

Floating Power
Plant has a 37
meter model for
a full off-shore
test off the
coast of Lolland
in Denmark.



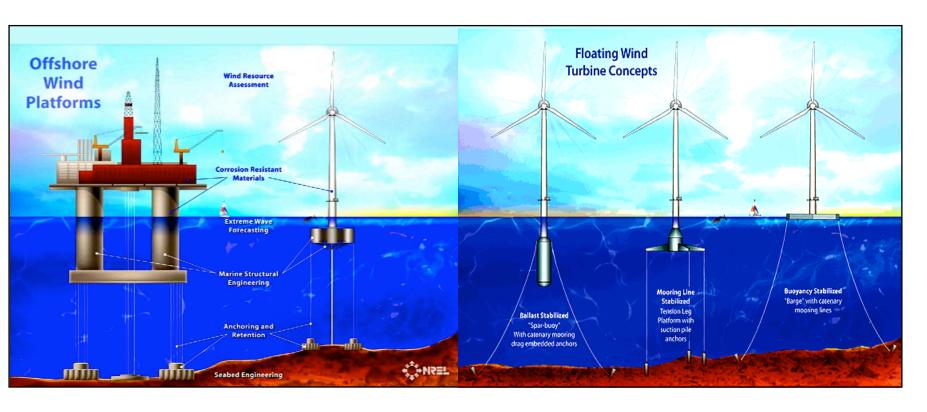


The Flat Faced
Tripod needs three
large 96-inch (243
cm) diameter piles
but no cast
components



During the MEGAWIND project, testing of this onethird-scale, filament-wound, monolithic-shell tower was conducted at the ELSA laboratory of the JRC, European Commission, Ispra, Italy.

# **Floating Platforms**



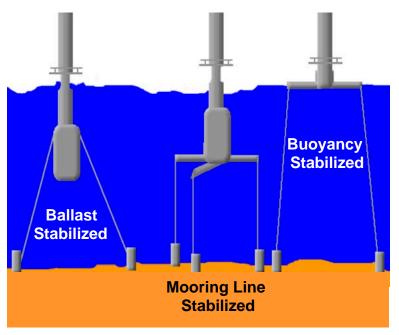
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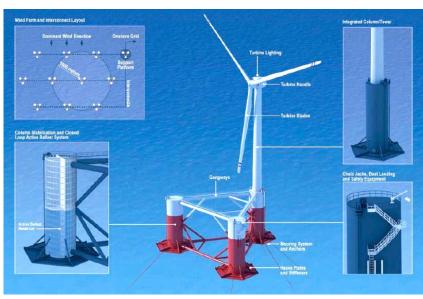
Ballast Stabilized Mooring Line Stabilized

**Buoyancy Stabilized** 

courtesy of National Renewable Energy Lab, Boulder, CO

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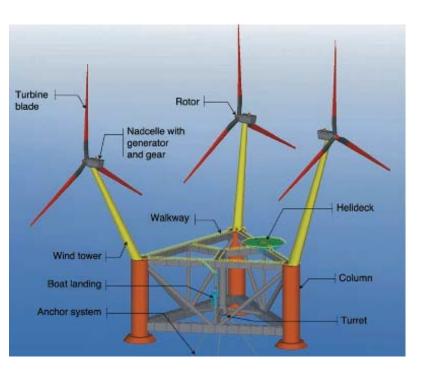








#### **Semi-Submersible Platforms**



WindSea is a three-sided semi-submersible vessel with corner columns, each supporting one wind turbine.



- All construction is performed at yard, including turbine installation
- The floater is tugged to the mooring lines offshore
- Self orientating towards the wind
- Easy access for inspection and maintenance
- Easily disconnected from the turret and tugged to the yard for modification or more extensive maintenance

# **Ballast Stabilized Floating Platforms**

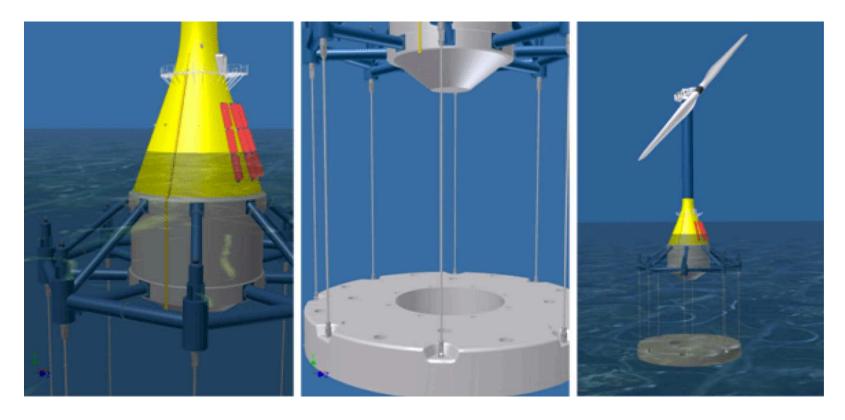




The SWAY technology utilizes a "downstream" turbine design with aerodynamic turbine housing and support spar.

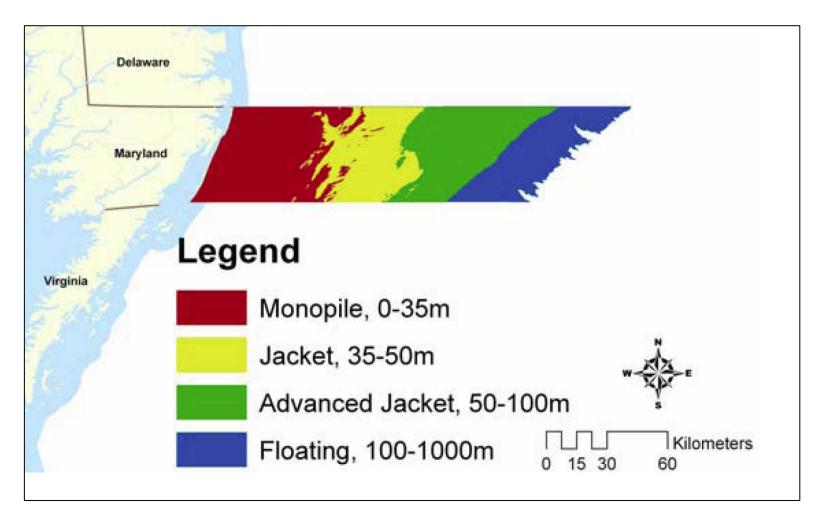
StatoiHydro (Norway) is investing \$79M to build a 2.3 MW offshore windmill. The floating wind turbine can be anchored in water depths from 120 to 700 meters.

# **Submerged Tension Leg Platforms**



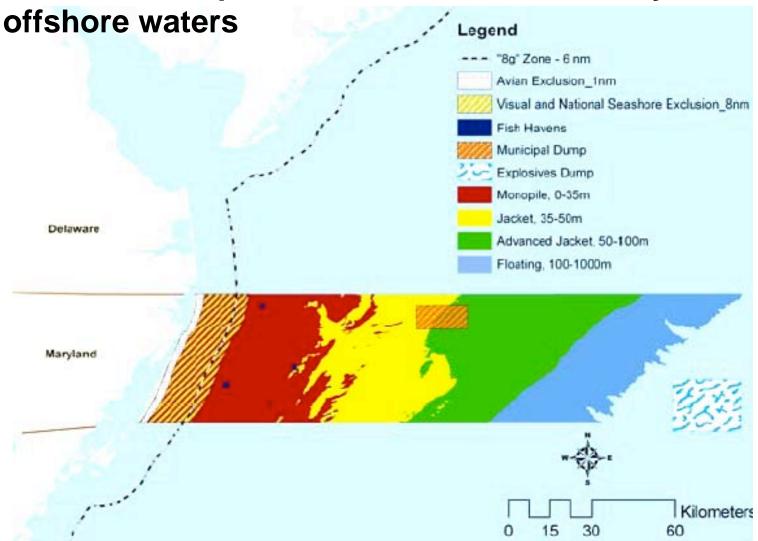
Blue H's patented Submerged Deepwater Platform ("SDP"). Each SDP consists of a hollow body, which provides the buoyancy, which is held "semi-submerged" under water by chains or tethers which connect the buoyant body to a counterweight which lies on the sea bottom.

# Maryland foundations by bathymetry regions



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Activities and possible foundations for Maryland's



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