

A person with dark hair and orange nail polish is looking through black binoculars. They are positioned behind a rustic wooden fence made of vertical planks. The background is slightly blurred, showing more of the fence and some greenery.

**Take a look! Our portfolio**  
This is how we're working towards the future



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Hedelse Bovenwaard**

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### Take a look! Our portfolio

The Netherlands takes good care of its limited public spaces, landscapes, and nature. Dekker does exactly the same. Whether new nature areas, flood risk management, recreational areas, the energy transition, or the extraction of raw materials: these are all shared goals that we achieve simultaneously when implementing our projects. Each of the above goals enables another, creating a privately funded, win-win situation without the need for government financial support.

Dekker instinctively works with its partners to develop new landscapes, create a safe river delta, and make sure they're used sustainably. From the very first outline to the delivery of the finished landscape, we cooperate with all involved partners, such as governments, nature organizations, and local residents.

And what we deliver is for the benefit of the local area. Whether a floating solar farm that benefits the immediate vicinity, ensuring flood safety, or developing a water-rich nature area for walking and birdwatching, a beach for relaxation, and a flowing brook for play: we develop a pleasant living environment for people and nature – for now and in the future.

Containing images of the projects we delivered independently or in partnership, this portfolio perfectly illustrates our story. It describes the passion with which we're helping to future-proof the Netherlands.

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## Girls' holiday

### Who

Melanie, Mike, Mila, and dog Sammy

### Where

Reinders Lake natural bank

Mila (1) really enjoys plunging her feet in the cold water as great-grandmother Elly looks on smiling. The rest of the family is sitting a little further on in the shade of the tall trees. Grandmother, aunts, uncles, cousins, fluffy dogs: it's a picture-perfect scene on the banks of Reinders Lake. 'In a way, it's a girls' holiday', explains Elly. 'Every year, I camp for almost a week around here with my daughter and granddaughters. This year, the men suddenly decided to join us and my first great-granddaughter is here too. Having everyone together in such a wonderful place is such a joy. Life couldn't be better, could it?'

### Outcome

Experience nature

### Project

Reinders Lake  
(Maasduinen National Park)  
Bergen, Limburg

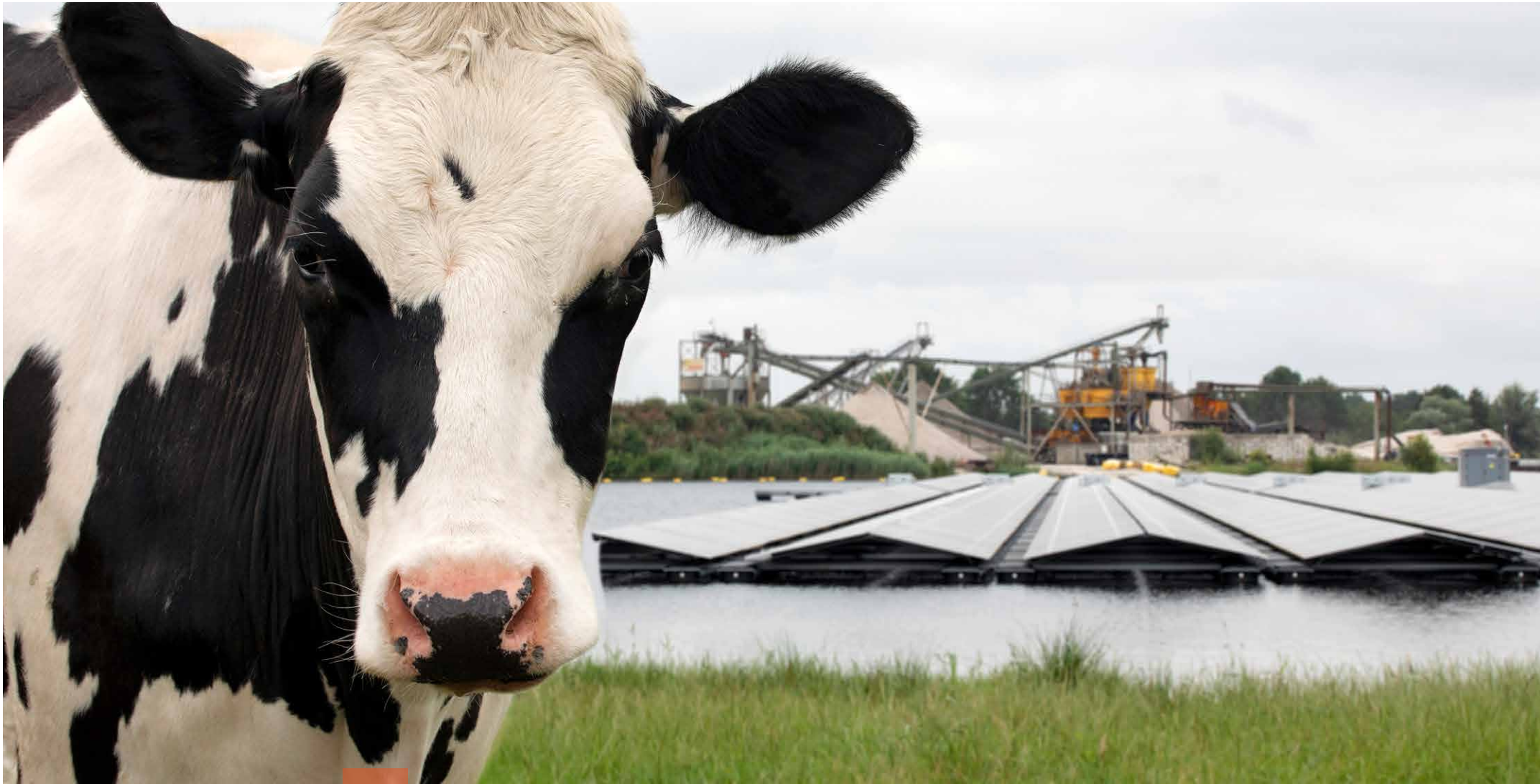
### In partnership with

Municipality of Bergen, Stichting de Maasduinen,  
and Centrale Industriezand Voorziening

### Delivered

Around 2000





**Outcome**

Floating solar farm,  
ecologically embedded

**Project**

Bomhofsplas  
Haerst Genne (Zwolle)

**In partnership with**

Municipality of Zwolle, GroenLeven,  
Energiefonds Overijssel,  
and energy cooperative Blauwvinger Energie

**Delivered**

2020



**Outcome**

Recreation and flood defence

**Project**

Randwijkse Waarden  
Heteren

**In partnership with**

Municipality of Overbetuwe, Heteren Village Council,  
and Geldersch Landschap & Kasteelen

**Delivered**

2020



# Cable ferry

**Who**  
Seba (24), Emma (24), and dog Wali

**Where**  
Reinders Lake

It's really busy at the cable ferry on Reinders Lake. Seba and his girlfriend Emma are giving the passengers an extra push by turning the wheel on the shore. The very excited dog Wali is bouncing about everyone. 'Wali is staying with me because his owner is on holiday, so we wanted to do something fun with him', explains Seba. The plan was to take a long walk around the lake, but the trio got stuck near the ferry an hour ago. 'Just one final trip and then we're off for drinks in the woodland restaurant', says Seba. 'We'll take a rain check on that long walk around the lake with Wali.'

**Outcome**  
Countryside recreation

**Project**  
Reinders Lake  
(Maasduinen National Park)  
Bergen, Limburg

**In partnership with**  
Municipality of Bergen,  
Stichting de Maasduinen,  
and Centrale Industriezand Voorziening

**Delivered**  
Around 2000







# Cycling

**Who**  
Harry (70) and Hilly (70)

**Where**  
Randwijkse Waarden

Harry and Hilly have stopped for a minute to take a photo. ‘We don’t have these views in Groningen’, says Harry. The two are staying for a week in their son’s house, just by the water-rich Randwijkse Waarden. Just like at home, the two set off on long cycle rides. ‘Today we’re cycling over the dike along the Nederrijn to the ferry. It’s stunning, that ferry crossing.’ Dark clouds are approaching, but a bit of rain doesn’t deter this duo. Nor does the strong wind racing over the dike. ‘We just shift the electric bikes up a gear.’

**Outcome**  
Landscape development

**Project**  
Randwijkse Waarden  
Heteren

**In partnership with**  
Municipality of Overbetuwe, Heteren Village Council,  
and Geldersch Landschap & Kasteelen

**Delivered**  
2020





**Outcome**

Hard and softwood riparian forest

**Project**

Hedelse Bovenwaard  
Hedel

**In partnership with**

Municipality of Maasdriel, Boskalis,  
and Natuurmonumenten

**Delivered**

2008



**Outcome**

Nature development

**Project**

Afferdense and Deestse Waarden  
Deest, Druten

**In partnership with**

Boskalis (contracted by Rijkswaterstaat),  
the Municipality of Druten, and Staatsbosbeheer

**Delivered**

2018



# Together on the water

**Who**  
Theo (63) and Bauke (34)

**Where**  
Heeswijkse Kampen jetty

Theo sailed throughout Europe on his inland vessel for many years: first alone, later together with his wife and, after the birth of their son Bauke, as a trio. They sold the boat when Bauke started school. But now, some thirty years later, the family are together on the water again on a lovely yacht. Theo is teaching Bauke the ins and outs of the craft, so he can go out on his own later. ‘You can make fantastic trips, even as far away as Paris! But you don’t need to sail far to enjoy some breathtakint views. Every place has its own charm. It’s so lovely here, too, on the Heeswijks Kampen,’ says Theo.

**Outcome**  
Living by the water

**Project**  
Heeswijkse Kampen  
Cuijk

**In partnership with**  
Municipality of Cuijk  
and Heeswijkse Kampen BV

**Delivered**  
Around 2005







**Outcome**

Bird island, for avocet, plover, and common tern

**Project**

Afferdense and Deestse Waarden  
Deest, Druten

**In partnership with**

Boskalis (contracted by Rijkswaterstaat),  
the Municipality of Druten,  
and Staatsbosbeheer

**Delivered**

2018



**Outcome**

Recreation and flood defence

**Project**

Randwijkse Waarden  
Heteren

**In partnership with**

Municipality of Overbetuwe, Heteren Village Council,  
and Geldersch Landschap & Kasteelen

**Delivered**

2020



# Jumping

**Who**

Ferl (12)

**Where**

Heeswijkse Kampen jetty

Ferl and his friends have been honing a special skill the whole day: jumping as high as possible and exactly at the right time. The guys usually meet each other on the street or football pitch, but when the weather's nice, they cycle to Heeswijkse Kampen. Not to the beach, but to the jetty on the other side. 'It's the perfect place for diving', explains Ferl. The guys aren't bothered by how icy cold the water is. Do they get a shock from anything else? Yeah, those tickly water plants!

**Outcome**  
Recreation

**Project**  
Heeswijkse Kampen  
Cuijk

**In partnership with**  
Municipality of Cuijk  
and Heeswijkse Kampen BV

**Delivered**  
Around 2005







**Outcome**  
Nature development

**Project**  
Reinders Lake  
(Maasduinen National Park)  
Bergen, Limburg

**In partnership with**  
Municipality of Bergen, Stichting de Maasduinen,  
and Centrale Industriezand Voorziening

**Delivered**  
Around 2000



**Outcome**  
Living by the water

**Project**  
Heeswijkse Kampen  
Cuijk

**In partnership with**  
Municipality of Cuijk  
and Heeswijkse Kampen BV

**Delivered**  
Around 2005





## Playing with sand

### Who

Susan (7), Kapi (11), and Nathan (5)

### Where

Heeswijkse Kampen beach

The obstacle that Susan, her brother Kapi, and their cousin have already jumped over ten times was a beautiful sandcastle just a few minutes ago. ‘The castle had a moat, a bridge, and a long approach road’, explains Susan. She takes another run-up for the next jump. A bit later, the exhausted children wearily walk over to their neighbour who had taken them to the Heeswijkse Kampen beach. She takes out some bananas and oranges from her bag, which the children gobble up quickly after the afternoon’s play.

### Outcome

Beach

### Project

Heeswijkse Kampen  
Cuijk

### In partnership with

Municipality of Cuijk  
and Heeswijkse Kampen BV

### Delivered

Around 2005





**Outcome**

Fishing jetty for people with disabilities

**Project**

Randwijkse Waarden  
Heteren

**In partnership with**

Municipality of Overbetuwe,  
Heteren Village Council,  
and Geldersch Landschap & Kasteelen

**Delivered**

2020



**Outcome**

Nature development

**Project**

Honswijkerplas  
Tull en 't Waal

**In partnership with**

Municipality of Houten  
and Recreatieschap Stichtse Groenlanden

**Delivered**

Still in progress





## Birdwatching

### Who

Sofi (22)

### Where

Hedelse Bovenwaard

When Sofi and her grandmother decided to go for a walk in the Hedelse Bovenwaard this morning, her grandfather gave her binoculars to take with her. Now she's peering intently across the water from the covered birdhouse. 'My favourite moment is when the birds resurface after they've dived under water', explains Sofi, still with the binoculars pressed against her eyes. You can easily spot a redshank, whitethroat, chiffchaff, yellow wagtail, or willow warbler in this area. Has Sofi seen any? She has no idea. 'I'm ashamed to say it, but I can't name any of the bird species. We've got a bird book at home, so I'm definitely going to have a look in there!'

### Outcome

Birdwatching

### Project

Hedelse Bovenwaard  
Hedel

### In partnership with

Municipality of Maasdriel, Boskalis,  
and Natuurmonumenten

### Delivered

2008





**Outcome**  
Bridle path

**Project**  
Randwijkse Waarden  
Heteren

**In partnership with**  
Municipality of Overbetuwe, Manege de Fruithof,  
and Geldersch Landschap & Kasteelen

**Delivered**  
2020



**Outcome**  
Lock complex where the  
Bosbrasserie is now established

**Project**  
Reinders Lake  
(Maasduinen National Park)  
Bergen, Limburg

**In partnership with**  
Municipality of Bergen,  
Stichting de Maasduinen,  
and Centrale Industriezand Voorziening

**Delivered**  
Around 2000



# Walking

**Who**  
Lucy (80) and Sofi (22)

**Where**  
Hedelse Bovenwaard

Lucy goes for a nice walk every weekend. This time, she’s in Hedelse Bovenwaard with her granddaughter, Sofi. ‘I really enjoy all the flowers on these walks’, explains Lucy. She points to the blooming grass, full of eryngium, purple loosestrife, and ragwort. ‘Some people might think these are weeds, but I always pick out a few beautiful stalks. I put them in a vase on my garden table – plucked flowers should be outside. If you place them inside, they perish immediately. Having such a beautiful bunch of flowers in my garden will be a nice reminder of that lovely walk in the countryside.’

**Outcome**  
Experience nature

**Project**  
Hedelse Bovenwaard  
Hedel

**In partnership with**  
Municipality of Maasdriel, Boskalis,  
and Natuurmonumenten

**Delivered**  
2008







**Outcome**

Day recreation

**Project**

Honswijkerplas  
Tull en 't Waal

**In partnership with**

Municipality of Houten  
and Recreatieschap Stichtse Groenlanden

**Delivered**

2016



**Outcome**

Nature development

**Project**

Randwijkse Waarden  
Heteren

**In partnership with**

Municipality of Overbetuwe, Heteren Village Council,  
and Geldersch Landschap & Kasteelen

**Delivered**

2020





## Perfect conditions

### Who

Marco (45)

### Where

Honswijkerplas

Marco is on a windsurfing board for the first time in twenty-five years. 'I used to make really long trips, but to get back into the swing of things, the Honswijkerplas is big enough', he shouts while lifting the sail out of the water. In recent months, Marco has been looking online for some vintage windsurfing equipment. It's finally windy enough to try it out. Marco points to the choppy water: 'Foam on the crests!' He then goes under again, with his wife Bianca cheering him on from the banks. Dog Djolien doesn't like her owner being so far from the shore. 'As soon as Marco ends up in the reeds on the other side, Djolien jumps in the water and swims over to him, whining,' says Bianca.

### Outcome

Day recreation

### Project

Honswijkerplas  
Tull en 't Waal

### In partnership with

Municipality of Houten  
and Recreatieschap Stichtse Groenlanden

### Delivered

2016





**Outcome**  
Natural grazing

**Project**  
Afferdense and Deestse Waarden  
Deest, Druten

**In partnership with**  
Boskalis (contracted by Rijkswaterstaat),  
the Municipality of Druten, and Staatsbosbeheer

**Delivered**  
2018



**Outcome**  
Birdwatching screen

**Project**  
Randwijkse Waarden  
Heteren

**In partnership with**  
Municipality of Overbetuwe, Heteren Village Council,  
and Geldersch Landschap & Kasteelen

**Delivered**  
2020



# Water treasures

**Who**

Maddie Jay (6)

**Where**

Honswijkerplas play dam

The water in the small brook that connects Honswijkerplas with the Lek at Tull en 't Waal is low. That means Maddie Jay can easily see the bed of the brook. She's already discovered something special between the stones: teeny-tiny fish darting about, a crayfish claw, and thick clumps of black mud. Even the pebbles are worth a look. 'Some are almost pink, my favourite colour!' she says. She places her favourites on the bank and puts the others on the dam she's building with her father. Her father looks on proudly at the sturdy pile of stones: 'We used to do that too in the Austrian mountains.'

**Outcome**

Water playground at the flowing brook

**Project**

Honswijkerplas  
Tull en 't Waal

**In partnership with**

Municipality of Houten  
and Recreatieschap Stichtse Groenlanden

**Delivered**

2016







**Outcome**  
Boat ramp

**Project**  
Randwijkse Waarden  
Heteren

**In partnership with**  
Municipality of Overbetuwe, Heteren Village Council,  
and Geldersch Landschap & Kasteelen

**Delivered**  
2020



**Outcome**  
Access for the public  
via a bridge

**Project**  
Afferdense and Deestse Waarden  
Deest, Druten

**In partnership with**  
Boskalis (contracted by Rijkswaterstaat),  
the Municipality of Druten, and Staatsbosbeheer

**Delivered**  
2018





## Good catch

**Who**  
René (56)

**Where**  
Honswijkerplas

René is standing up to his knees in water, but as he's wearing wading trousers his feet are still nice and dry thanks to the wading trousers he's wearing. Further on, his younger brother, son, daughter, and nephews have also cast their lines. The group go fishing together almost every Tuesday, taking tasty sandwiches and coffee with them. 'And we often choose this place on the Honswijkerplas. Isn't it a stunning view, the water with the dike behind it and the clouds up above?' Sometimes they catch a pike or a pikeperch, which they then carefully release back into the water. There's been no catch so far today. 'But that's really not important,' says René. 'We come here for the peace and quiet and companionship.'

**Outcome**  
Fishing

**Project**  
Honswijkerplas  
Tull en 't Waal

**In partnership with**  
Municipality of Houten  
and Recreatieschap Stichtse Groenlanden

**Delivered**  
2016





**Outcome**  
Flowing brook by the lake

**Project**  
Hedelse Bovenwaard  
Hedel

**In partnership with**  
Municipality of Maasdriel, Boskalis,  
and Natuurmonumenten

**Delivered**  
2008



**Outcome**  
Meeting point

**Project**  
Randwijkse Waarden  
Heteren

**In partnership with**  
Municipality of Overbetuwe, Heteren Village Council,  
and Geldersch Landschap & Kasteelen

**Delivered**  
2020



# Stopover

**Who**

Aaltje and Roelof

**Where**

Randwijkse Waarden

‘Isn’t it much nicer to eat our rolls in this beautiful place rather than in the car?’ asks Aaltje. Aaltje and her husband are taking a long car journey today and saw the Randwijkse Waarden from the motorway. ‘We thought: we’re certain to find a picnic spot there. And we did,’ says Aaltje.

**Outcome**  
Relaxation

**Project**  
Randwijkse Waarden  
Heteren

**In partnership with**  
Municipality of Overbetuwe,  
Heteren Village Council,  
and Geldersch Landschap & Kasteelen

**Delivered**  
2020







## Natural meanders

### Who

Teun van der Werf

### Where

Zaarderheiken

The area around Zaarderheiken junction is still largely a building site. And yet, between the huge piles of sand, massive construction vehicles, and steel road plates, you can already catch a glimpse of the end result: a stunning nature area. Teun, Landscape Development Project Officer at Dekker, is inspecting the shallow brook that meanders through the landscape. 'The brook was already flowing here, but we've excavated it in order to restore its natural meanders', he explains. The meandering brook is the first component of the nature area that Dekker has delivered. Teun: 'Now nature can do its work. The gentle banks, meanders, and old tree roots are an attractive habitat for fish, frogs, and all kinds of plants. This will soon be a great area for people and animals.'

### Outcome

Nature development, restoration of the original course of Everlose Brook

### Project

Zaarderheiken  
Zaarderheiker junction (Venlo)

### In partnership with

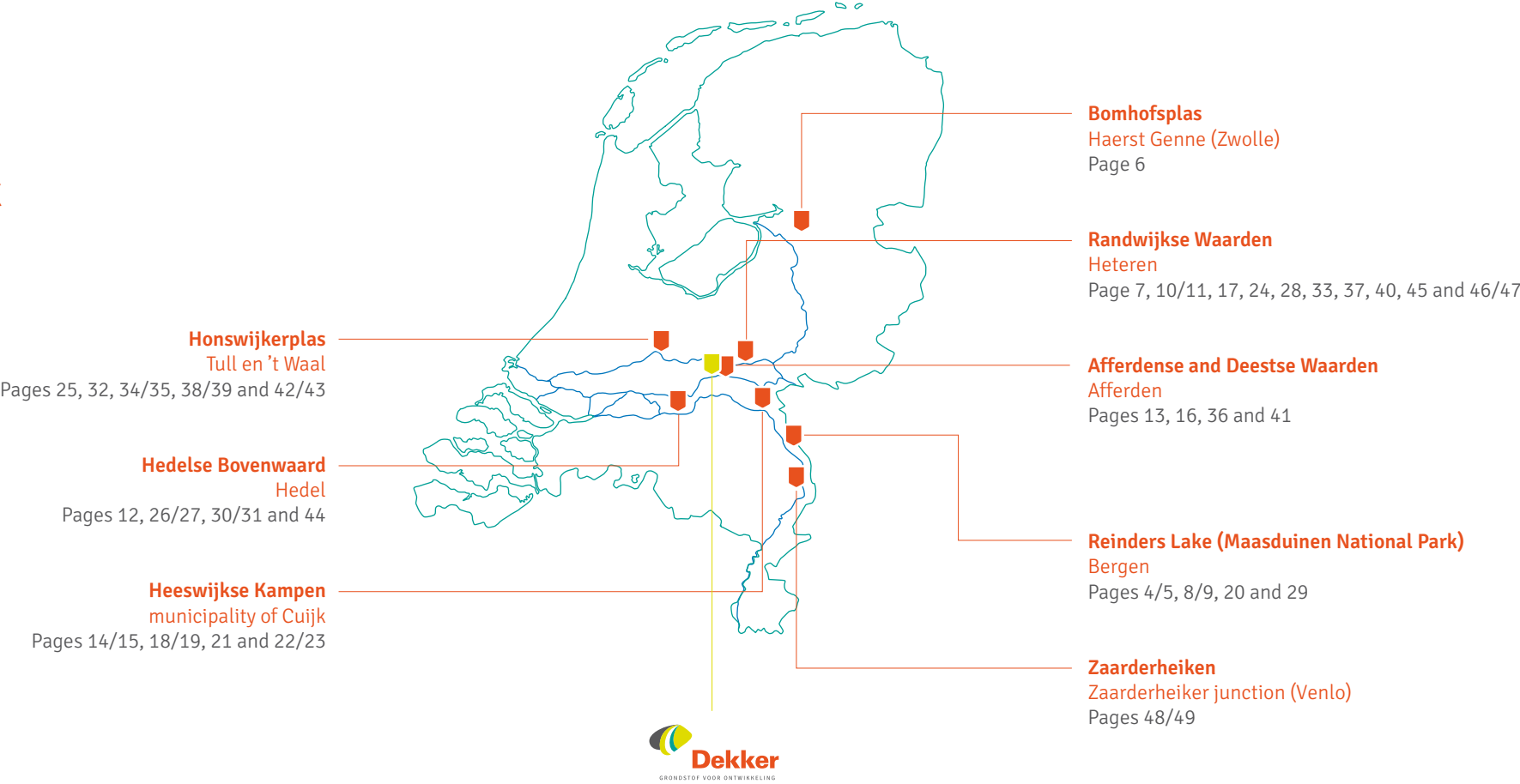
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