

Scheldt Treaty

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	Entry into force	1/12/2005
	Ratification by Belgium	6/10/2005
	Ratification by Flanders	30/04/2004
Policy level	International (multilateral)	
Type of instrument	Convention	
Geographical reach	The international Scheldt river basin district	
International contact point	International Scheldt Commission	
Competent authorities in Belgium	Delegation leader federal authorities: FPS Health, Food Chain Safety and Environment; DG Environment; Agency Marine Environment Delegation leader Flemish authorities: Policy domain Environment, Nature and Energy (LNE); Flemish Environment Agency (VMM)	
Federal ratification	Wet van 6 oktober 2005 houdende instemming met de volgende Internationale Akten: 1° Scheldeverdrag; 2° Maasverdrag, gedaan te Gent op 3 december 2002	
Flemish ratification	Decreet van 30 april 2004 houdende goedkeuring van het Scheldeverdrag, ondertekend te Gent op 3 december 2002	

// abstract:

The Scheldt Treaty is aimed at a sustainable and integrated water management of the international Scheldt river basin district. The Contracting Parties collaborate on several matters in order to achieve their goal:

- The implementation of the *Water Framework Directive* (2000/60/EC; p.76), and more specifically the alignment of several programmes of measures;
- The preparation of a single management plan for the international Scheldt river basin district, in accordance with the Water Framework Directive;
- The coordination of the flood prevention and protection measures;
- The coordination of measures regarding water pollution.

For the implementation of the treaty, the International Scheldt Commission was established, in which different Contracting Parties (France, the Netherlands, Belgium, the Flemish Region, the Walloon Region and Brussels Capital Region) are represented. The commission can issue, inter alia, opinions and recommendations and takes care of the coordination of Contracting Parties regarding the obligations of the Water Framework Directive. Moreover, the treaty determines the regulation regarding the constitution, working, financing, etc. of the commission. Finally, the settlement of disputes is discussed.