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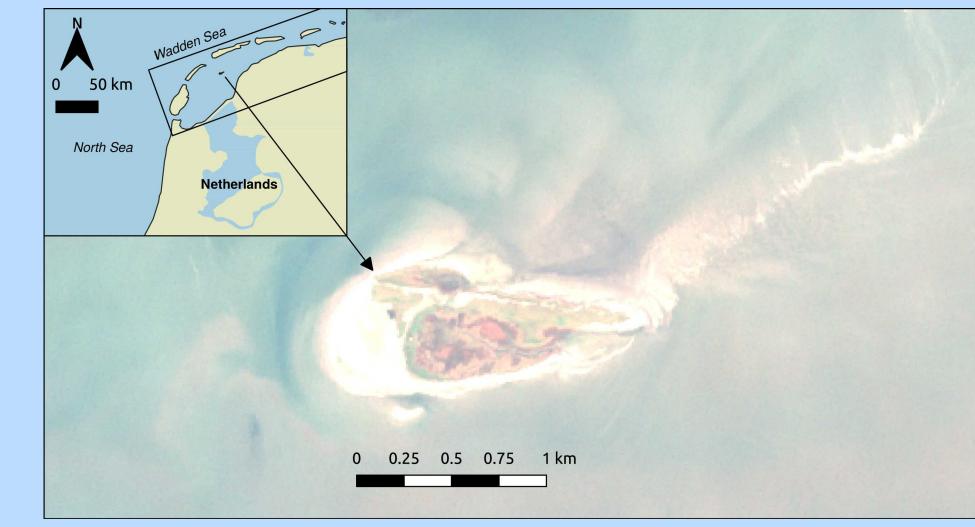
## Background

1 Waders such as red knots (Calidris canutus) gather in large non-breeding flocks in the Wadden Sea, where they forage on intertidal mudflats

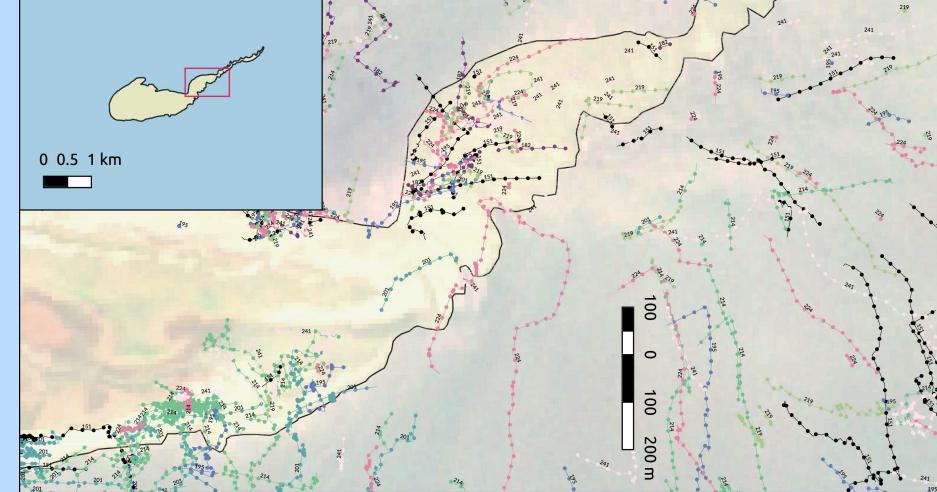
2 Waders are highly social, but they have no 'friends' — no consistent nonrandom association between individuals (cite, cite)

3 ATLAS allows high frequency tracking of multiple knots, and calculation of pair-wise 'coherence' (cite)





<sup>c</sup>Study site — <sup>d</sup>Island & mudlfats, Griend



<sup>e</sup>Tracking tower positions — <sup>f</sup>Knot positions

<sup>a</sup>Red knot — <sup>b</sup>Wadden Sea mudlfats