

# ZILT & ZOUT

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The photographic project *Zilt & Zout* explores the interconnections between nature, culture, and the history of the Netherlands. It is not only about presenting historical facts, but rather a sometimes humorous reflection on the impact of history on individual and collective consciousness. Each image challenges viewers to decipher the deeper meaning behind the symbolic elements and to take a fresh look at Dutch history.

Photography serves as a medium to explore the country's complex history while engaging with the individual and collective narratives that shape it. The portrayed woman functions as a timeless narrator, navigating between past, present, and future. Her interactions with the surroundings – whether the sea, the beach, or the dunes – represent deeper connections to Dutch identity and societal change.

The work is conceived as a long-term project, which I intend to continue progressively in the Netherlands due to close personal ties.