The Port Island in Gdańsk is an island located between Gdańsk Bay, Śmiała Wisła (a distributary river branch of the Vistula River) and the Leniwka River. It is divided into 3 administrative quarters: (1) Stogi (population 12,128; area 11.0sqm), (2) Przeróbka (population 4,816; area 7.1sqm), (3) Krakowiec-Górki Zachodnie (population 1,994; area 8.4sqm). The island is a very important industrial strip today. Gdańsk oil refinery is located there, together with the national centre of sailing and many facilities of the Gdańsk Port, including a yacht shipyard, coal, oil and LPG terminal as well as the deep-water container terminal. In the northwest of the area are the Westerplatte Peninsula, an important historical monument in Poland, along with the 17th-century Wisłoujście Fortress (Natura 2000 Area) that used to guard the mouth of the old part of the port of Gdańsk. These places are some of Gdańsk’s tourist attractions, although difficult to access.

The task for students is to propose an artistic vision for nature-driven revitalisation as well as spatial and cultural integration of the Port Island. In particular, we welcome innovative ideas for landscape and green infrastructure that along with local cultural heritage would help to increase interest in this area among both the citizens of Gdańsk as well as tourists. We would like the Port Area to be a model example of a fully compatible combination of industrial, service, residential and recreational zones that have a diverse yet coherent visual identity.
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