



SSA No 1, GULF of RIGA

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GENERAL INFORMATION

- ☐ Relatively autonomous subsystem of the Baltic Sea
- ☐ Mean depth - 26 m, max depth - 60 m
- ☐ Low salinity, 2 - 7 ‰; absence of permanent halocline
- ☐ Temperature stratification in summer
- ☐ Annual freshwater inflow volume - 7.3% of the Gulf volume
- ☐ 85% of the freshwater input (formed by 3 Latvian rivers) to the southern part of the Gulf – the main reason for high DIN/DIP ratio and expressed bloom of potentially toxic cyanobacteria

The main human activities in the coastal zone:
Fishing, Shipping, Tourism, Agriculture

STAKEHOLDER PARTNERS

Stakeholders meeting was arranged in May 2007. Besides of that was organized a number of interviews with stakeholders in Latvia and in Estonia to find out their main problems in ICZM.

- ☐ Estonian and Latvian **Parliament Commission on Nature**
- ☐ **Ministries** - M. of Environment, M. of Transport, M. of Economics, M. of Agriculture, M. of Defence, M. of Health, M. of Regional Development and Local Government
- ☐ **Research institutions** - Latvian Inst. of Aquatic Ecology, Inst. of Biology; Estonian Marine Inst., University of Tartu, Inst. of Biological and Physical Chemistry, et al.
- ☐ **Educational institutions** - University of Latvia, Latvian University of Agriculture, Riga Technical University, Latvian Maritime Academy, Estonian Maritime Academy; University of Tartu; Estonian University of Life Sciences; University of Tallinn, et al.
- ☐ **Maritime Geological Survey; Port Authorities of** - Freeport of Riga, Salacgrīva, Mersrags, Pärnu, Roomassaare, et al.
- ☐ **NGO** – WWF, BEF, Ornithological Society, Fishery Association, Professional Fishermens Association, Recreational Fishermens Association, Nature Foundation, Environmental Projects, Environmental Protection Fund, Environm. Protection Club, et al.
- ☐ **Administrations of protected areas** - A. of Kemerī National Park, A. of Slitere National Park; A. of North Vidzeme Biosphere Reserve
- ☐ **Municipalities and parishes** - of Riga, Jūrmala, Mersrags, Pärnu, Kuressaare, Haapsala, Liepupe, Skulte, Salacgrīva, Ainaži, Kolka, Roja, Mersrags, Engure, Pärnu, Kihnu, Muhu, et al.
- ☐ **Ports:** Riga Free P., Skulte P., Salacgrīva P., Lielupe P., Engure P., Mersrags P., Roja P., Pärnu P., Kihnu P., Roomassaare P.

POLICY ISSUE “Interaction between eutrophication & fish production”

Anthropogenic eutrophication is related with bacterial contamination, increased primary production, expressed algal blooms, increase of HAB (harmful algal blooms), excretion of algal toxins, increased deposition of organic matter on the bottom, decreased water transparency, increased frequency and severity of oxygen deficiency of bottom waters, increased macrobenthic biomass, decreased depth penetration of *Fucus vesiculosus*, general decrease in water quality, decrease in important fish species, like salmonids.



GOODS & SERVICES

Production services

- ☐ food provision (fish), fertilizers (macroalgae)

Regulation services

- ☐ water self purification
- ☐ gas and climate regulation, nutrient cycling, (O₂, CO₂, N₂, dimethylsulphate)
- ☐ disturbance prevention (erosion, degradation & accumulation of pollutants)

Supporting services

- ☐ resistance, habitat environment

Cultural services

- ☐ cultural heritage and identity
- ☐ cognitive values
- ☐ recreation and tourism

