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# **Management of protected areas Natura2000 under flood conditions on the example of the Małopolska Przełom Wisły**

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## **Plan :**

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- 4. Outside of the river – oxbow lakes and amphibians**
- 5. Water flow in the river bed covered by plants**
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# 1. Introduction

## Habitat directive

1992. Habitat directive. Nature 2000 network, species protection, Important habitats types.

## Water Framework Directive

2000. Water EU policy. Water law in Poland. Environmental Protection Law

## Flood Framework

2006. The target of the Flood Framework is the limitation of the flood risk and the consequences of the flood in EU Countries, 2015 – designing of the risk management plans



Przyjęcie przez Parlament EU 2007r.

Penalty for the loss of the values in Natura2000 site:

36 mln € once + 600 € daily x (deprivation) factor

# 1. Introduction

## 2010, flooded area - Sandomierz



# 1. Introduction

## „Environment or people ?”



# Questions

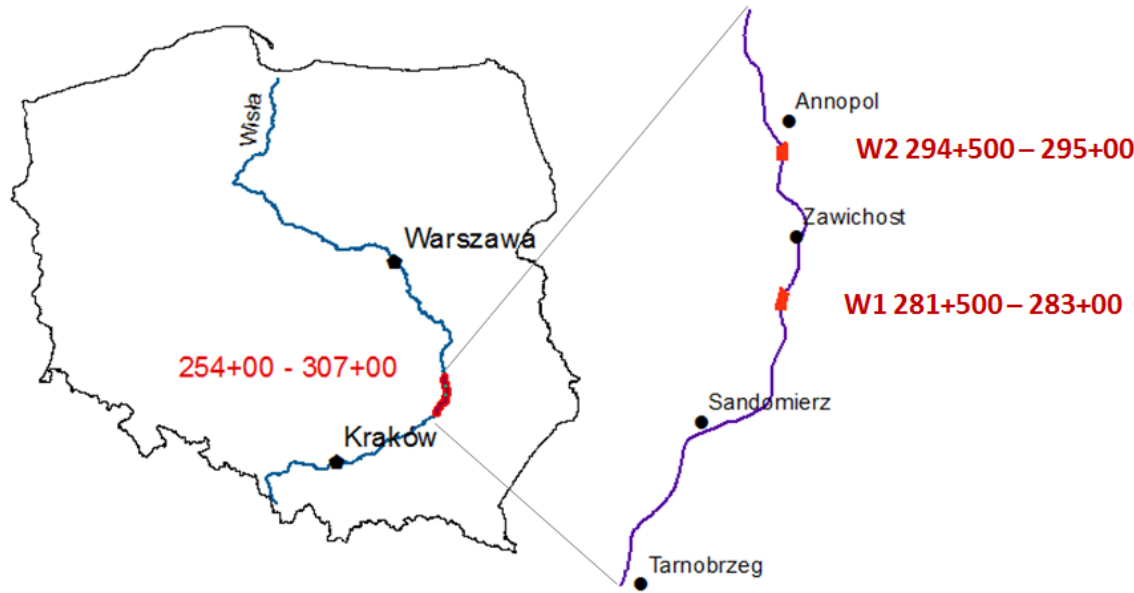
- Questions for engineers:
    - What creates the flood risk?
    - Are habitats and species damaged from the flood protective measures?
  - Questions for naturalists:
    - Where the tern nests?
    - Where the tern prey?
    - Where the protected arts of fish can be found?
    - Where are the riparian forests and what is their value
    - Where are the protected amphibians?
    - **What are the limits of the existence?**
- A request of local authorities regarding the liquidation of the Natura2000 sites

# Where the tern nests?



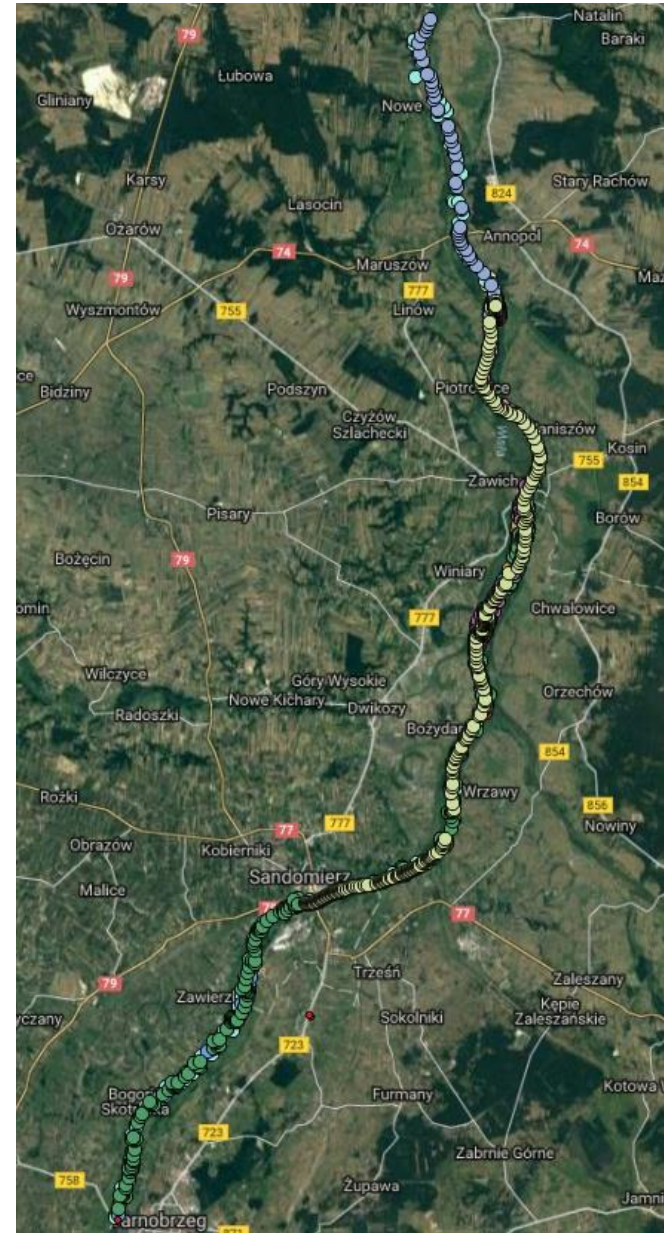
Successfully?

## 2. Field Measurements



- River bed configuration,
- Water level configuration,
- Discharge,
- Depth distribution,
- Water velocities distribution,
- Granulometric composition of the river bed material

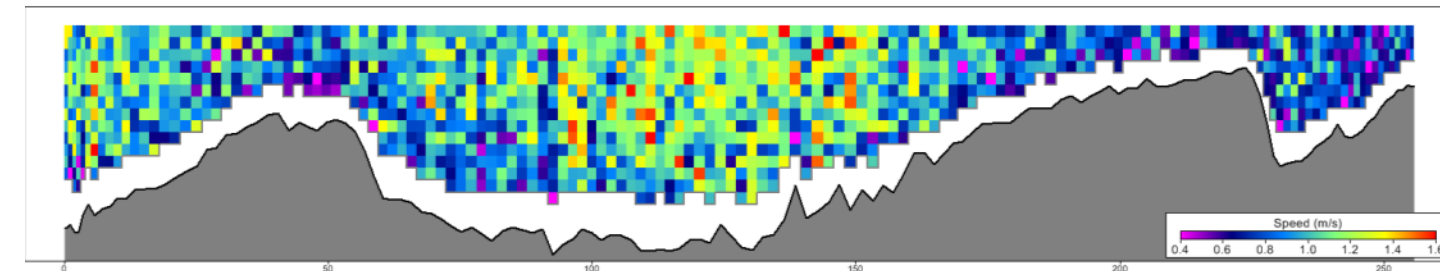
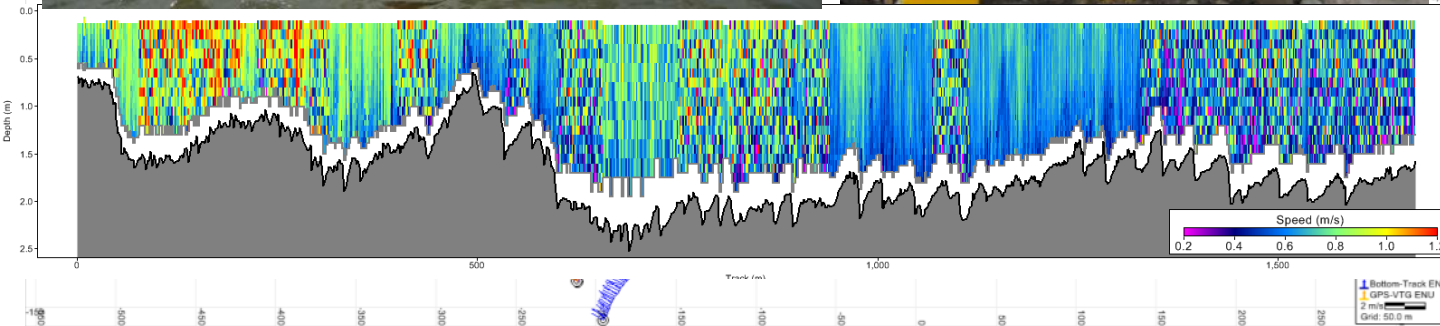
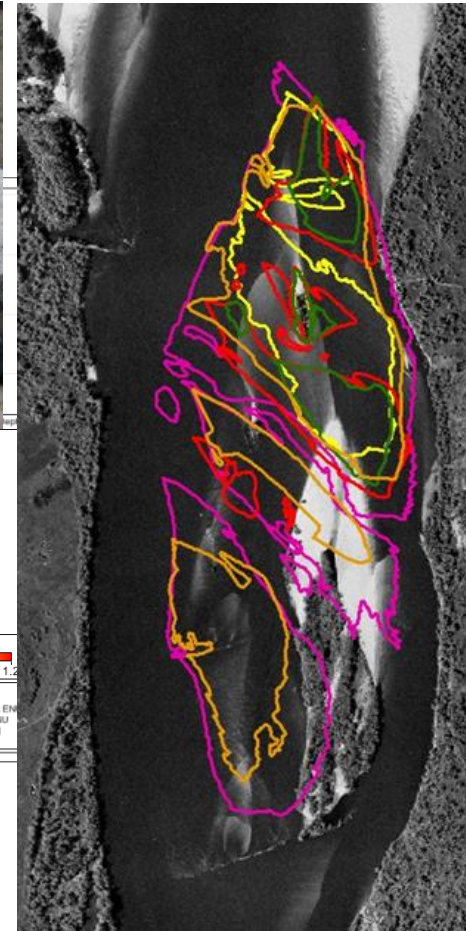
Island 1; Kępa Chwałowska  
Island 2; Opoka Duża





## 2. Field Measurements

### Spatial distribution of the hydraulic parameters ADCP, river bed configuration

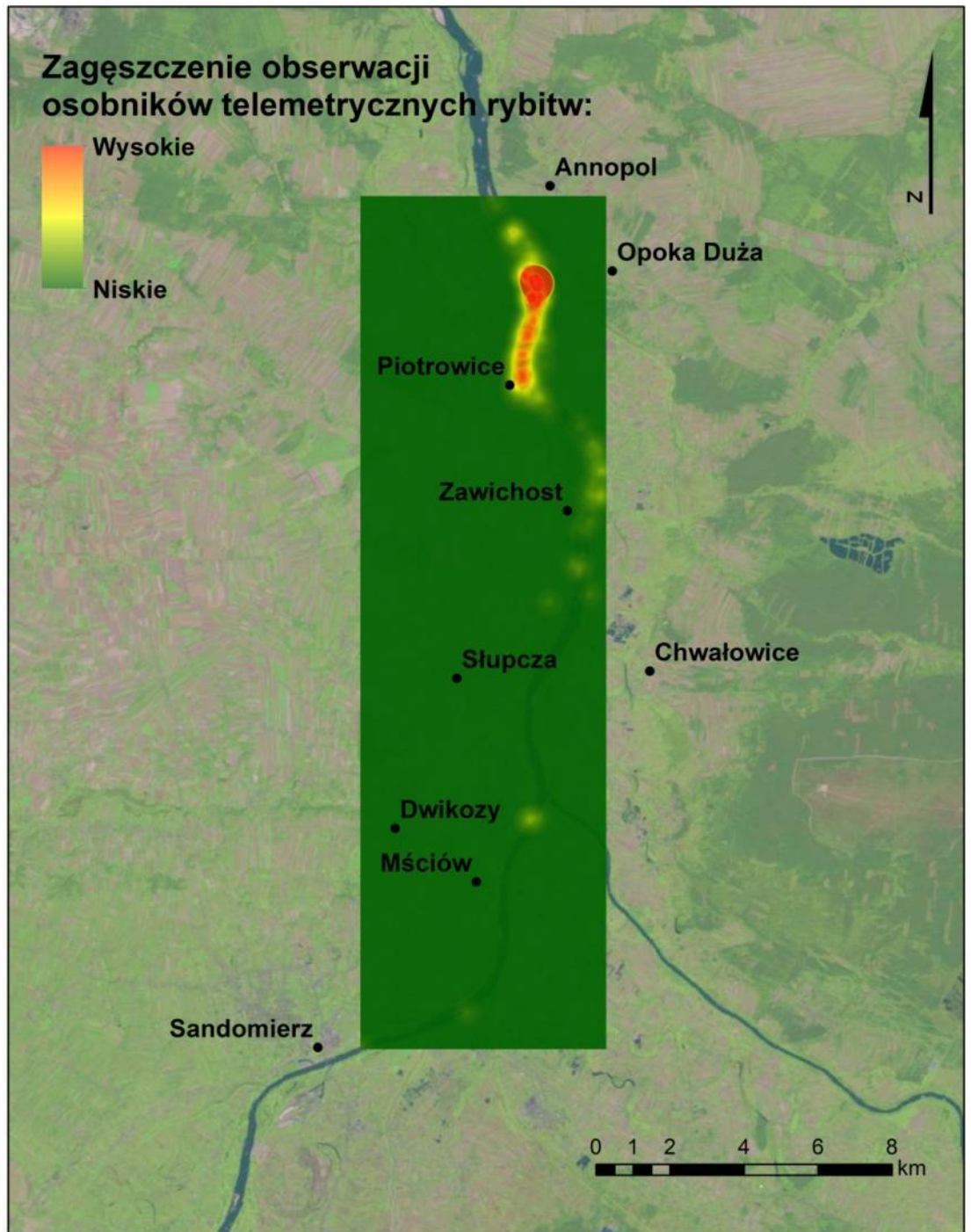


## 2. Field Measurements

# Where the tern feeds?

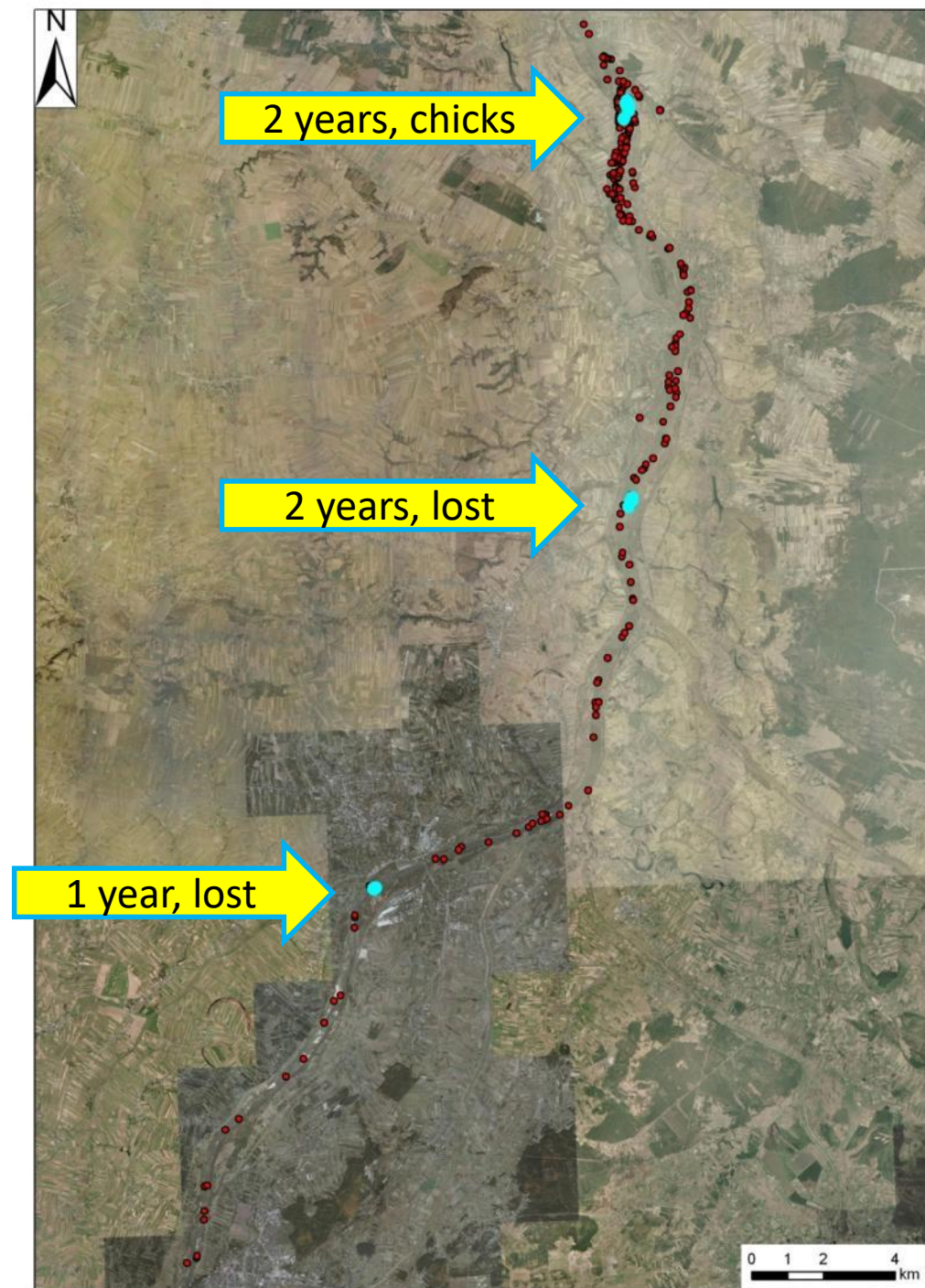


Terns are using only limited parts of the whole river

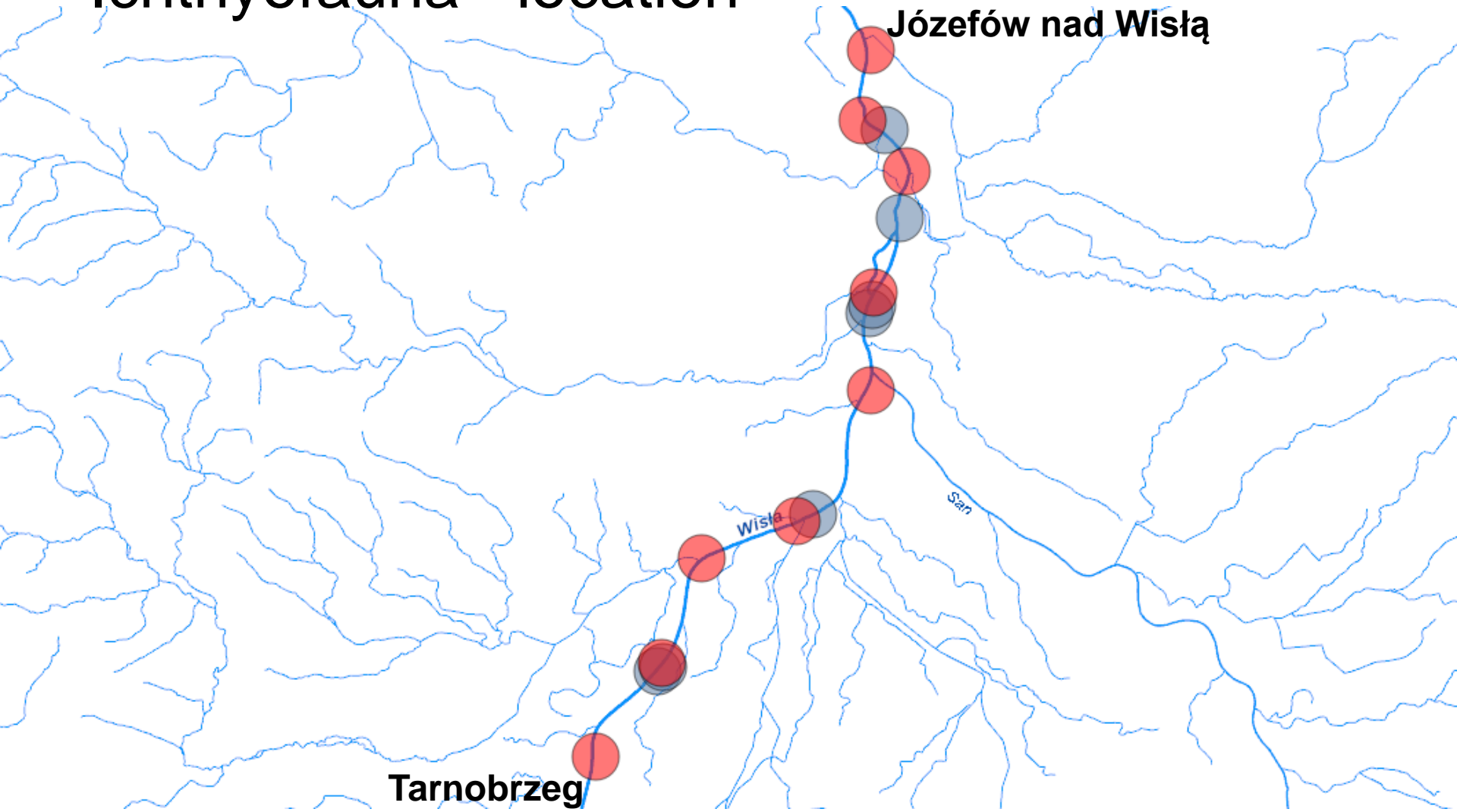


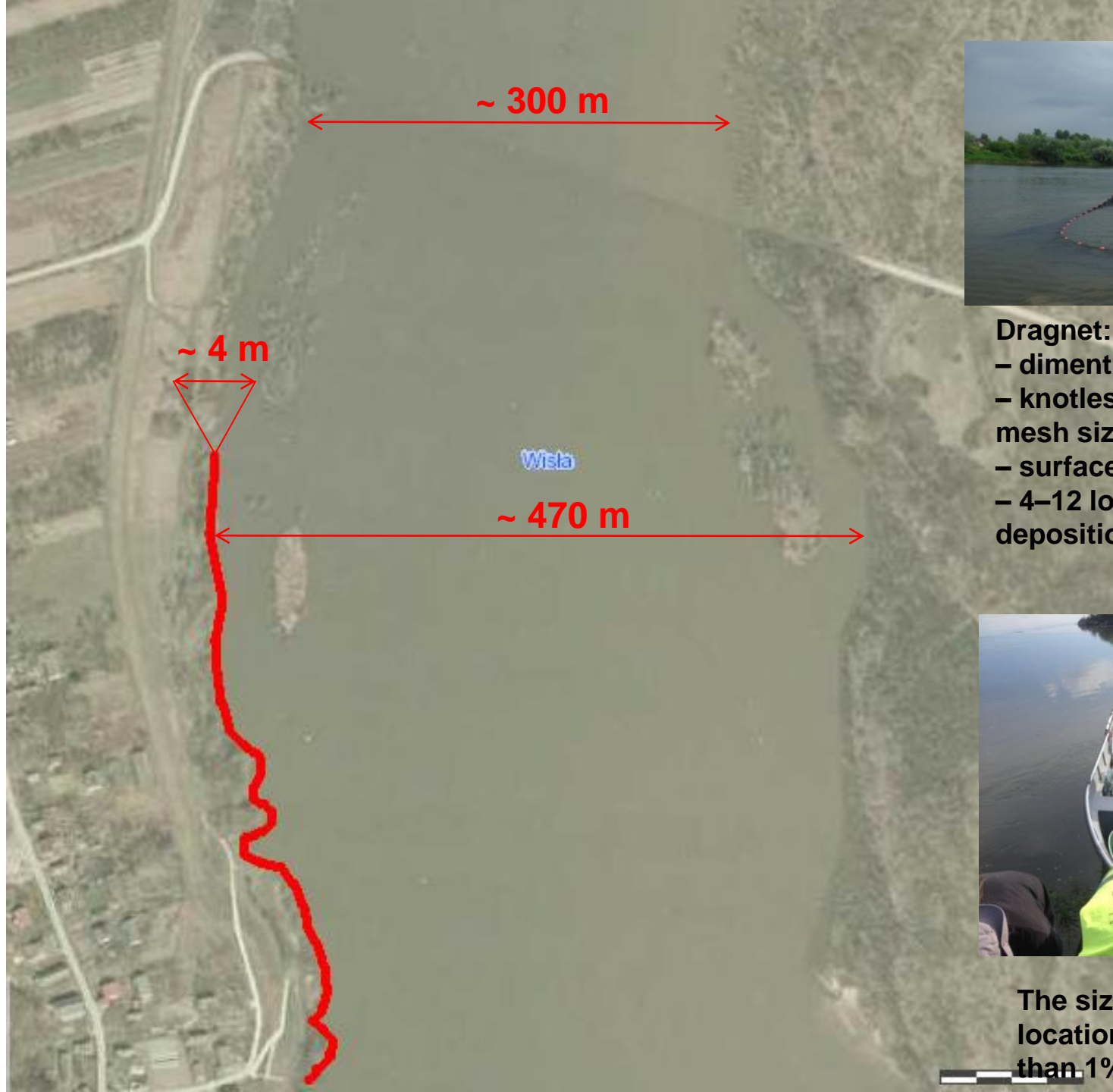
# Three nesting locations! Two regular! One successful!

- For the population of the tern important are two nesting locations on two islands, the third isn't regular and dangerous. Only one is productive each year.



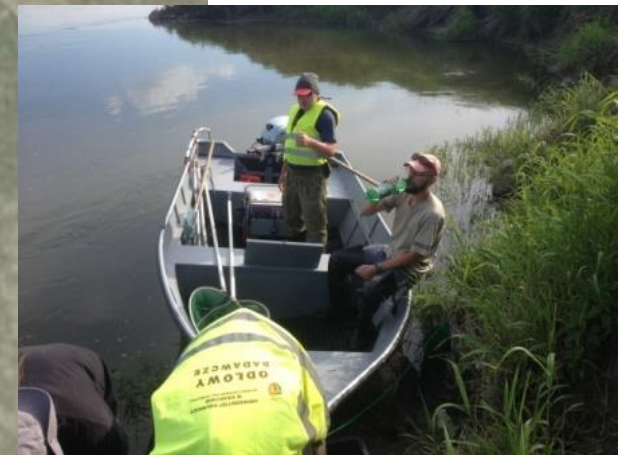
# Ichthyofauna - location





**Dragnet:**

- dimension: 15 × 3 m
- knotless fabric of the net, mesh size: 8 mm
- surface: 10–200 m<sup>2</sup>
- 4–12 locations around deposition site



**The size of the fishing locations is often less than 1% river width**

# Ichthyological results

## Electrofishing :

- 8500 Fishes caught** (combined mass of **74 kg**)
- 25 species found

## Seine net:

- 4396 fishes caught**
- 18** species found (+ 2 taxons not indentified)

## Trammel net:

- 43 Fishes caught** (combined mass of **36 kg**)
- 5 species found



***Romanogobio kesslerii***  
kietb Kesslera

***Romanogobio belingi***

***Gobio gobio***  
Kietb pospolity







Sapa (*Ballerus sapa*) – species caught only in one type of river habitat

# Ecological conditions validation

Stanowisko	EFI+	Klasa
Tarnobrzeg	0,6167	II
Zawierzbie	0,7156	II
Sandomierz	0,6258	II
Kamień Łukawski	0,5501	III
Bożydar	0,5853	II
Kępa Chwałowska	0,7673	II
Zawichost	0,7797	II
Piotrowice	0,6970	II
Linów	0,6883	II
Basonia	0,5293	III
Józefów nad Wisłą	0,5708	II

Klasa	EFI+
I	0,917–1,000
II	0,562–0,917
III	0,375–0,562
IV	0,187–0,375
V	0,000–0,187

## Wskaźnik: Siedlisko

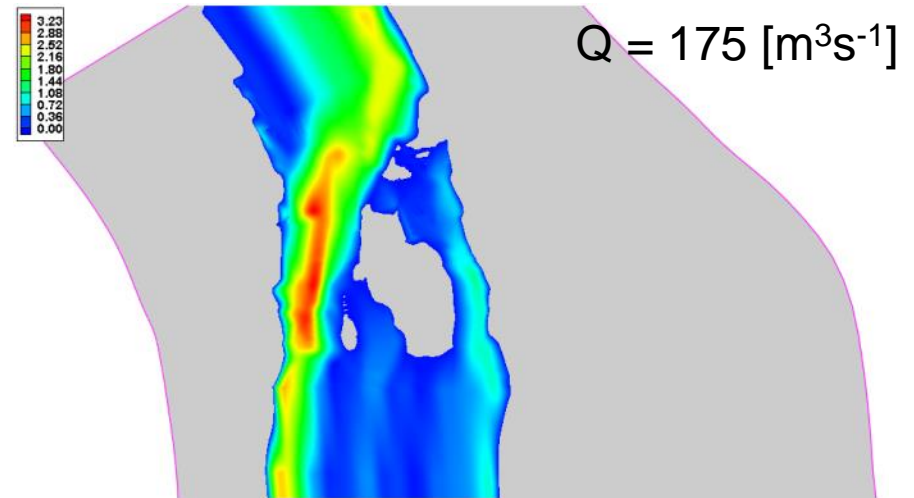
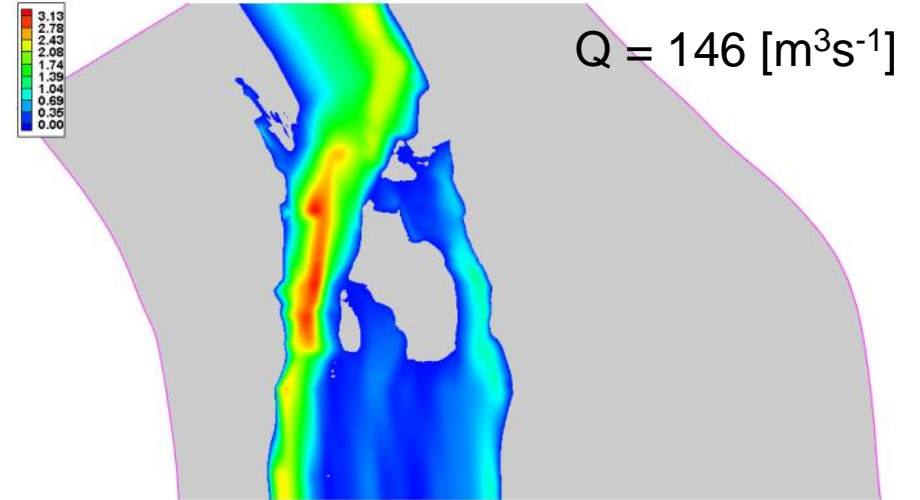
EFI+	Ocena
I–II	FV
III	U1
IV–V	U2

Diadromous species factos (< 0,500): +1 class (?)

### 3. Impact of an Island on channel capacity



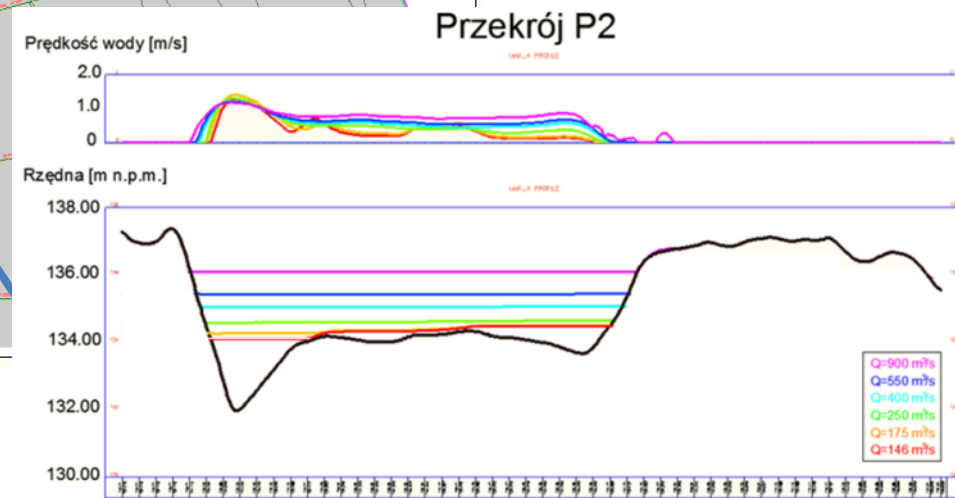
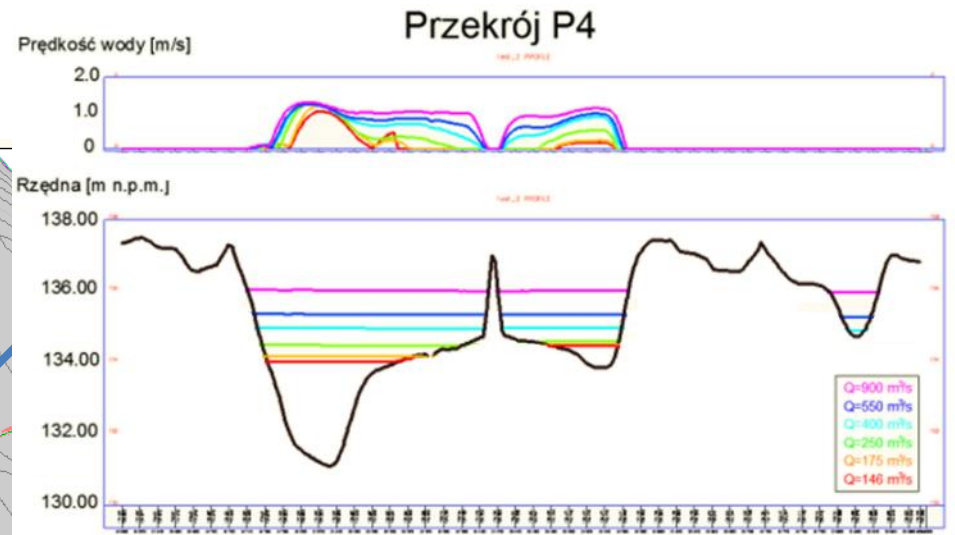
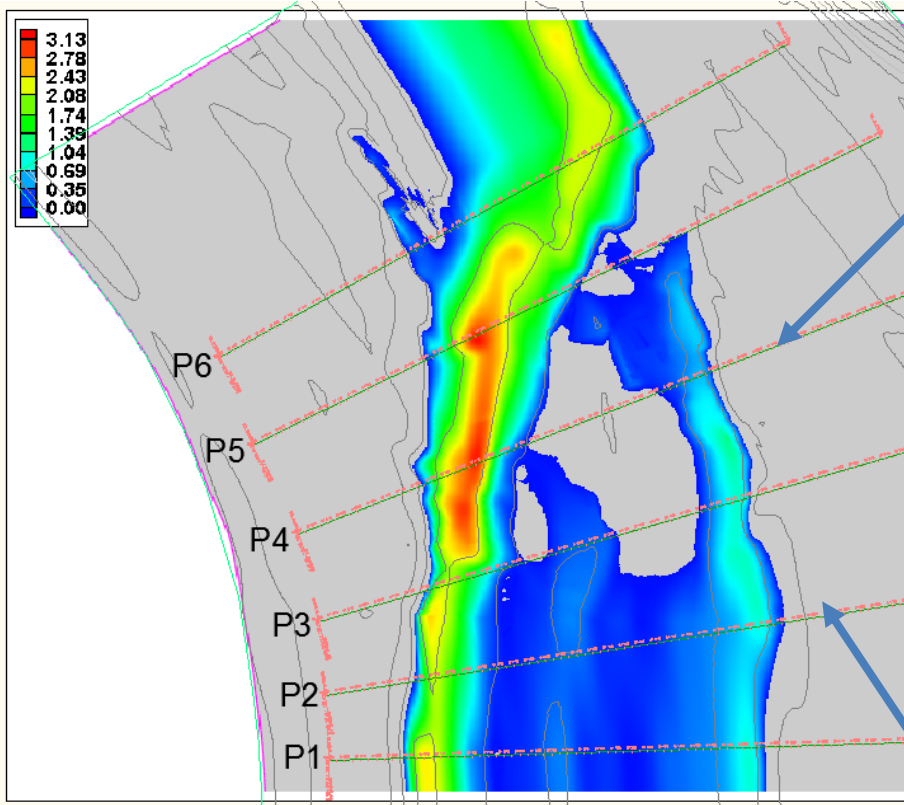
Vistula River, Piotrowice –  
Annapol, Island 2, Opoka Duża



Numerical model 2D – water depth, 2015 r.

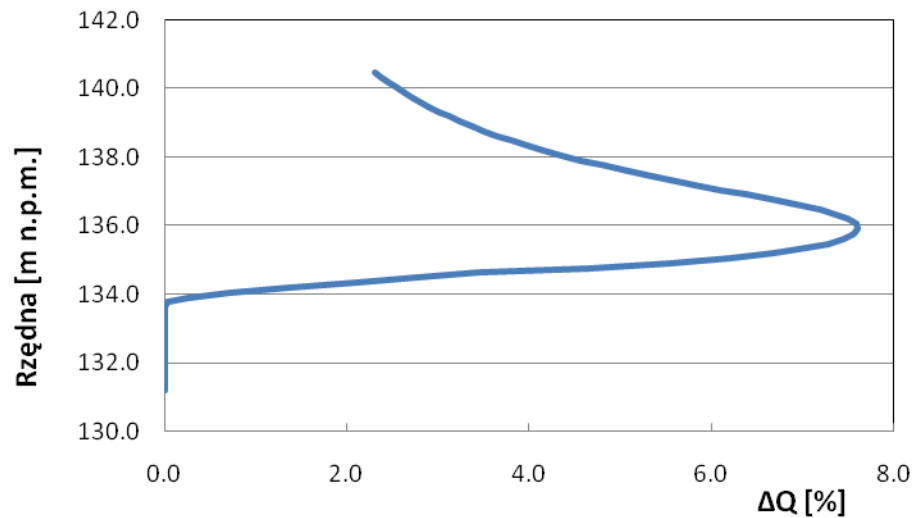
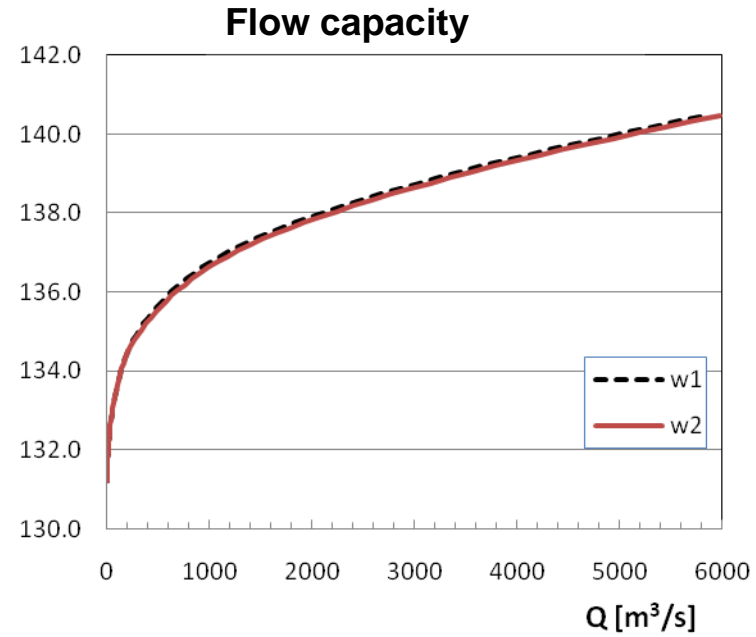
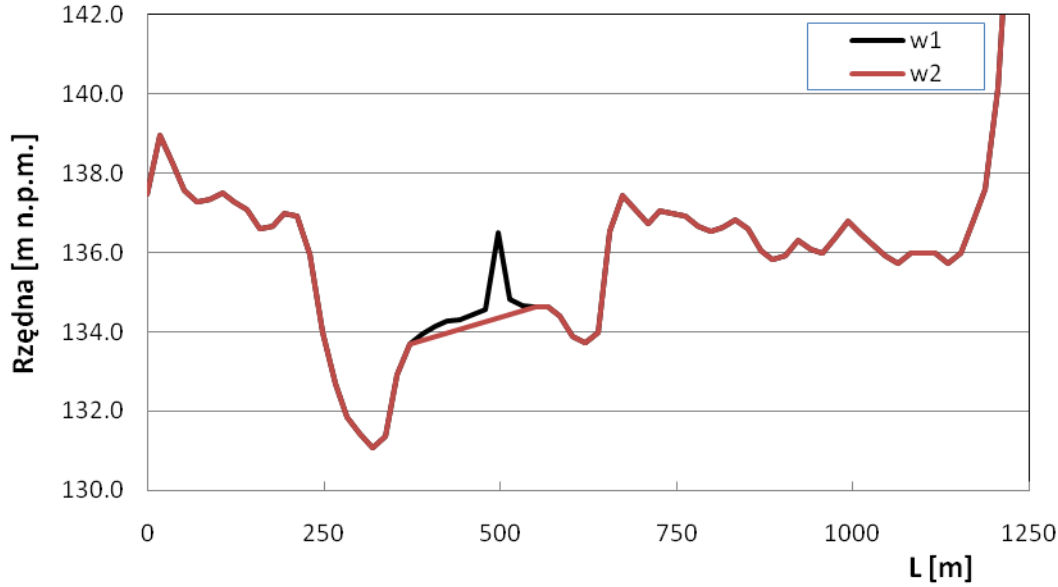
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#### Water depth distribution (Island is flooded)



Island 2, Opoka Duża

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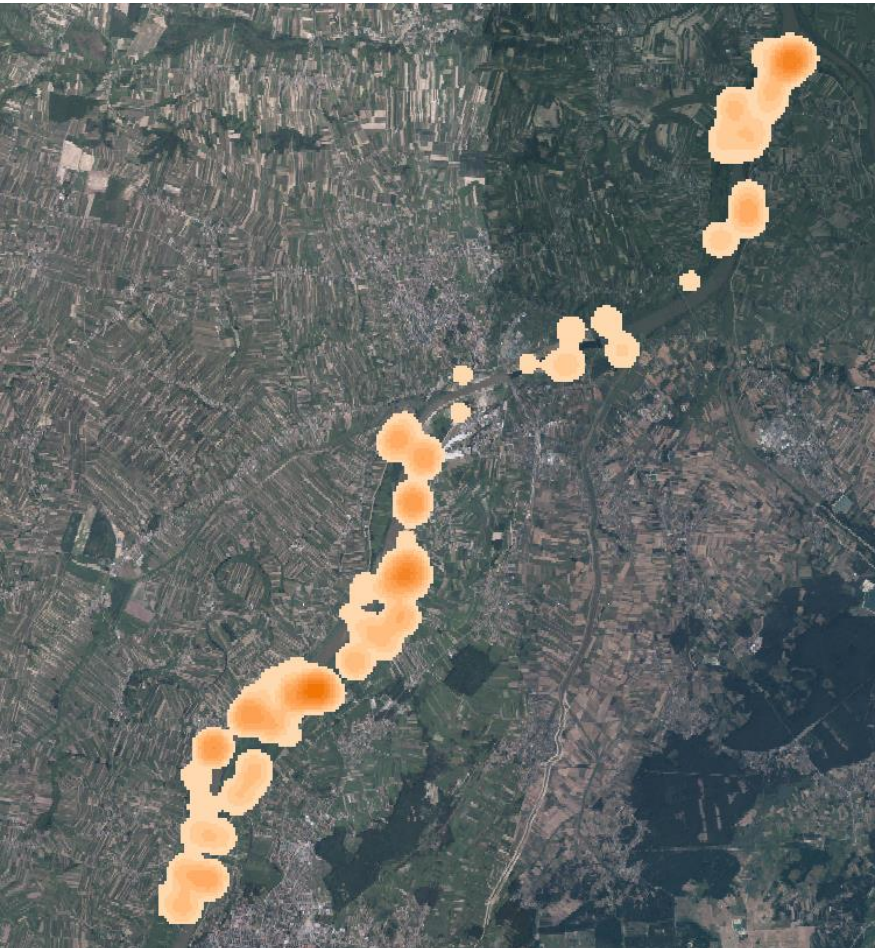


Island 2, Opoka Duża

**Relative change in discharge capacity in %**

## 4. Outside of the river – oxbow lakes and amphibians

### Relative density

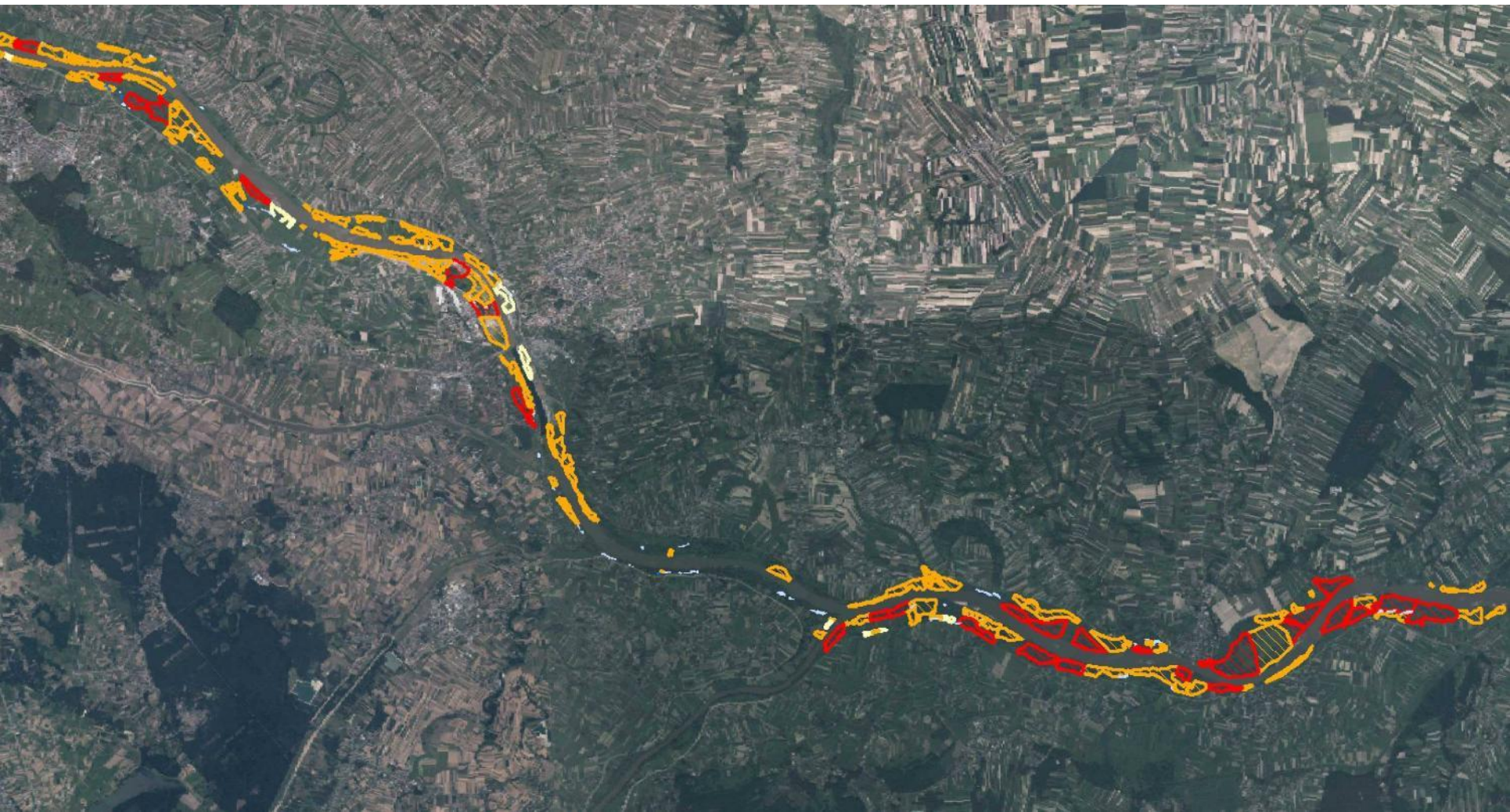


### Dispersion reach



## 4. Outside of the river – riparian forests

# Feeling of the tress but where?

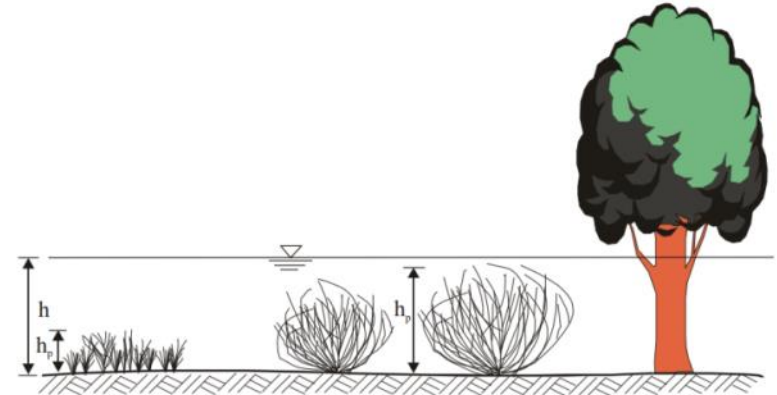




## 5. Water flow in the river bed covered by plants

### Plants classification (1985)

- low  $h_p \ll h$
- middle  $h_p \approx h$
- high  $h_p > h$

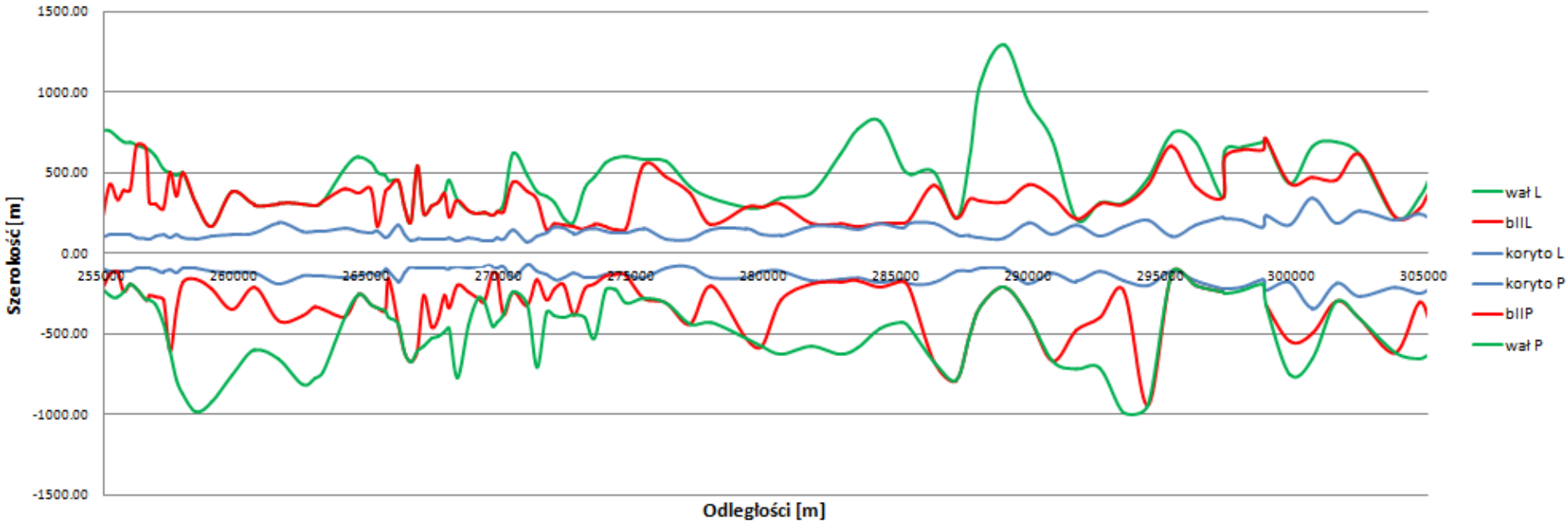


**Active cross-section combined from main river bed and flood zones of calculated:**

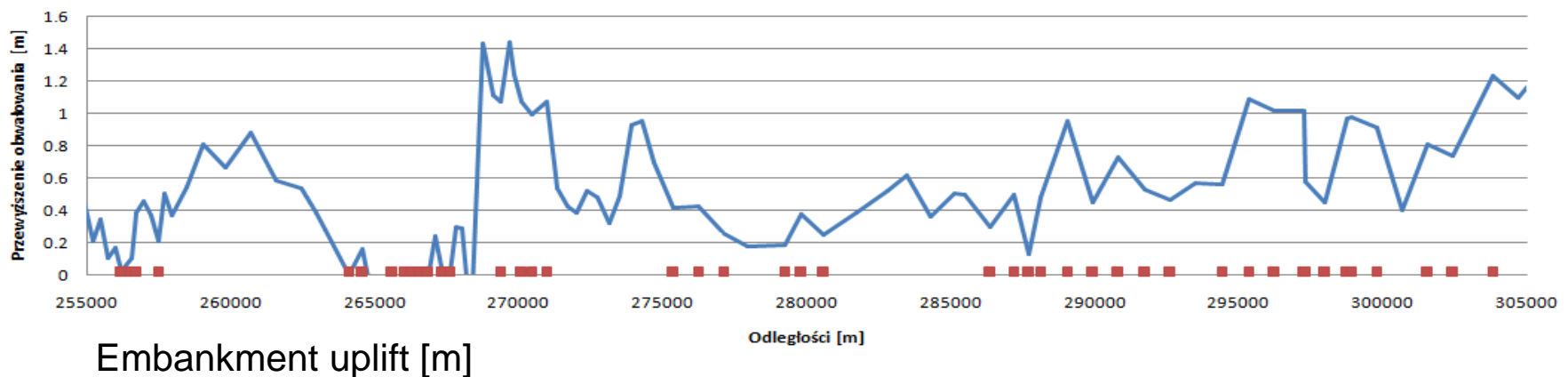
$$b_{II} = \frac{R_h^{4/3}}{8gn_z^2 (0.068 e^{0.56C_T} - 0.056)}$$

**$b_{II}$**  – width of the interaction [m],  $R_{hz}$  – hydraulic radius of the flood zone [m],  $n_z$  – roughness coefficient,  $C_T$  – "slip-velocity" parameter acc. to Pasche [Pasche 1984],  $C_T = f(\Omega)$ ,  $\Omega$  – parameter describing spatial distribution of the plants.

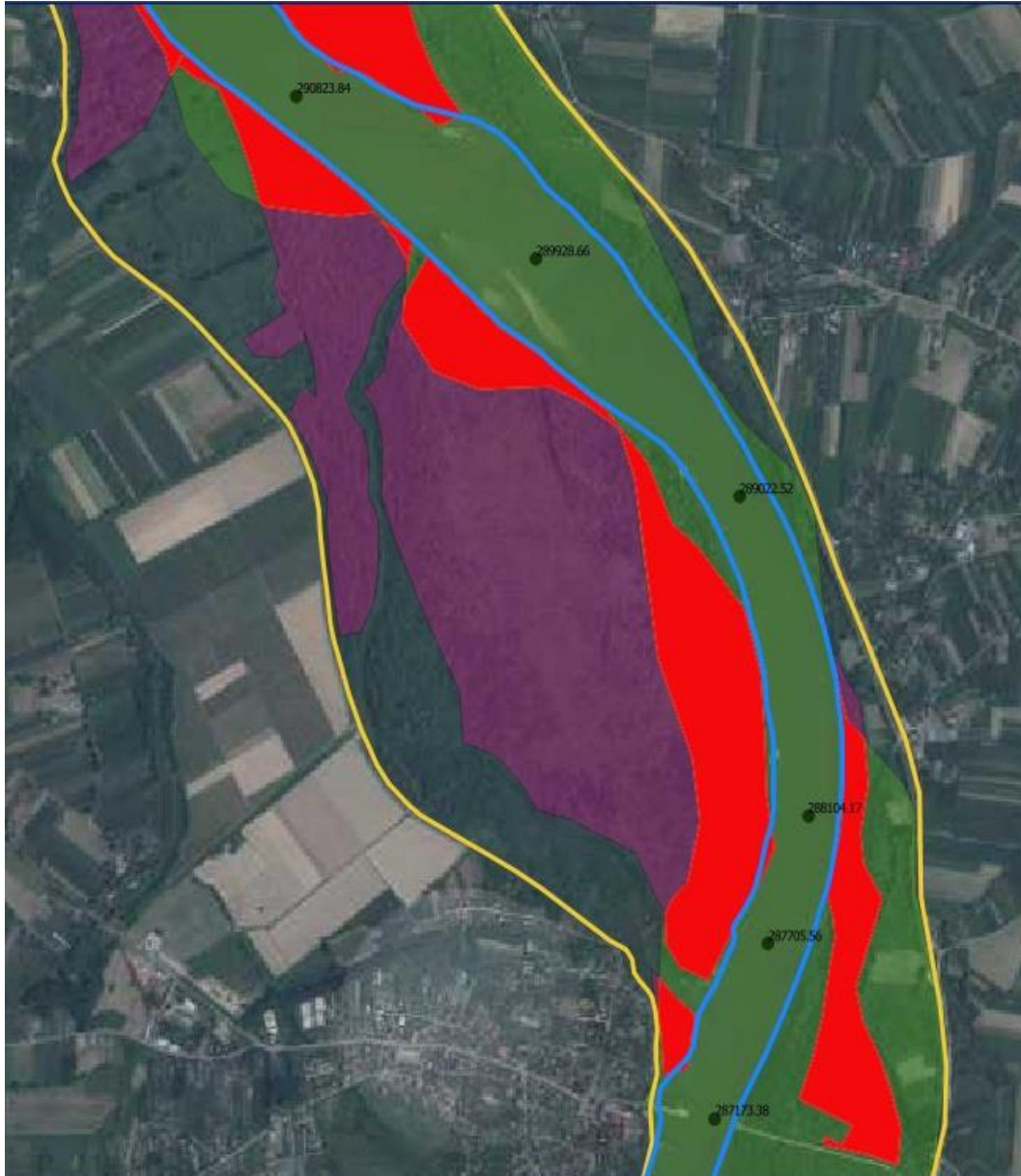
# 5. Water flow in the river bed covered by plants – active zone



## W4 – felling of the trees in chosen cross-sections, diversification of the $C_T$



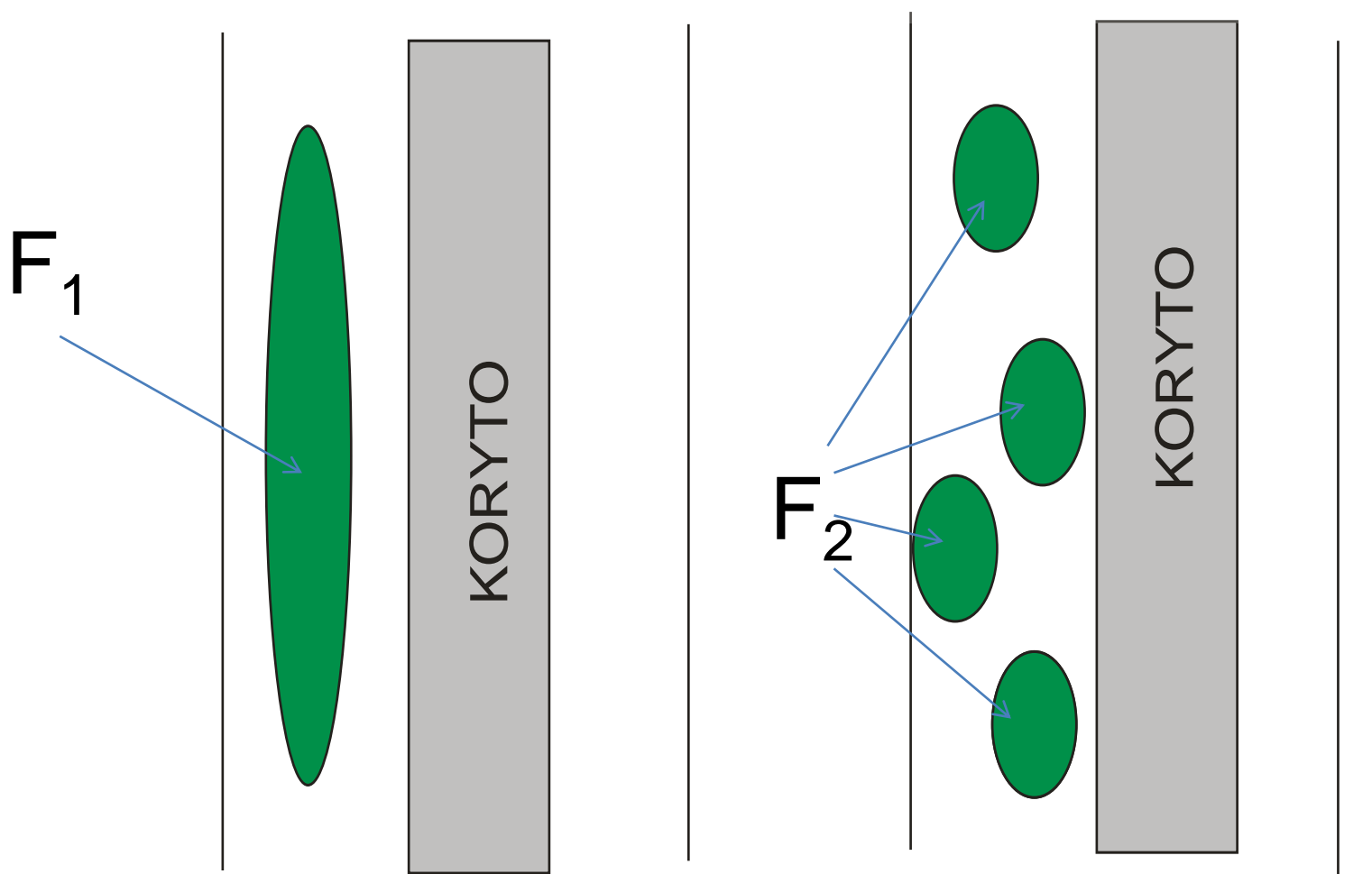
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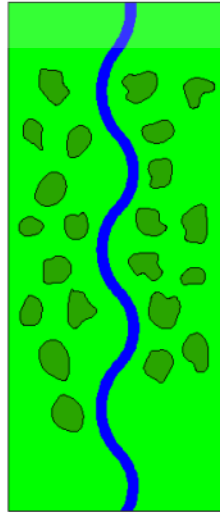
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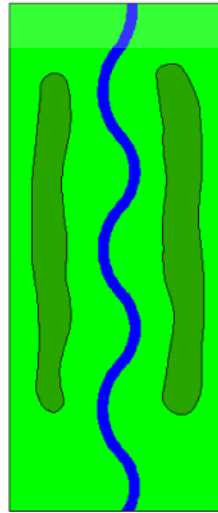
$$F_1 = F_2$$

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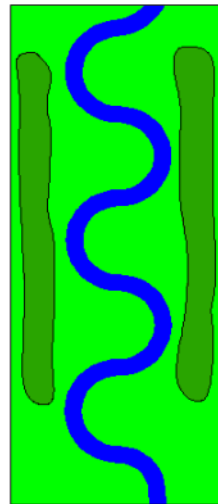
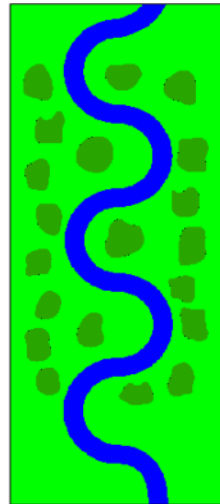
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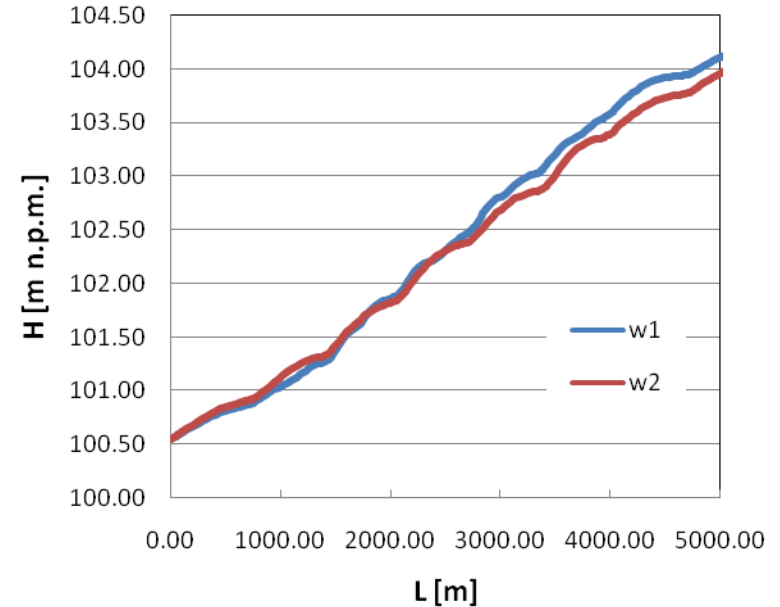
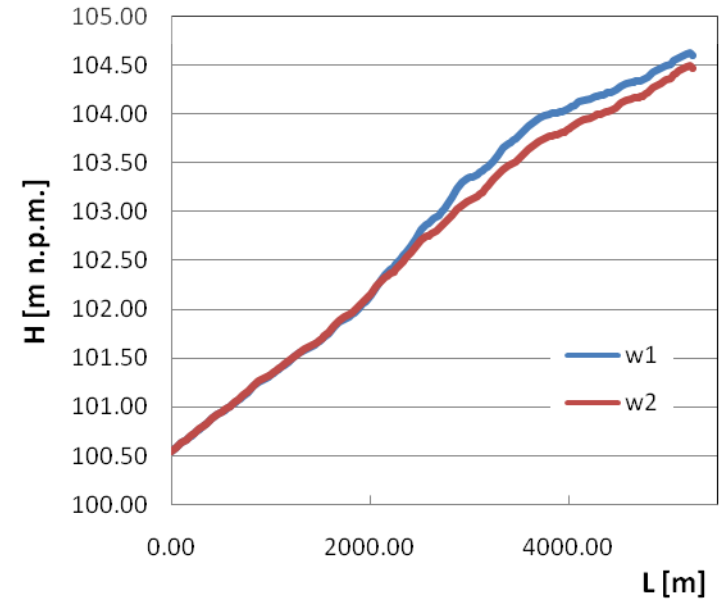
W1



W2



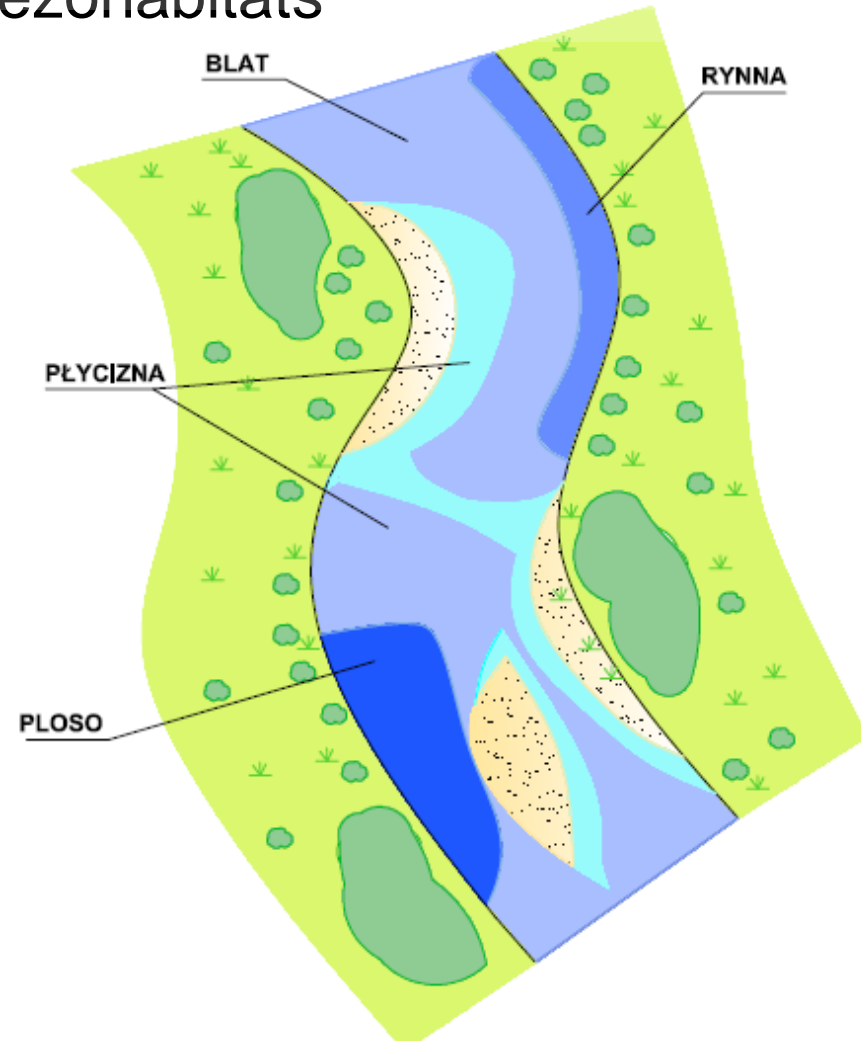
- koryto cieklu -  $n = 0.025$
- terasa zalewowa  $n = 0.040$
- drzewa i krzewy  $n = 0.150$



# 7. Summary



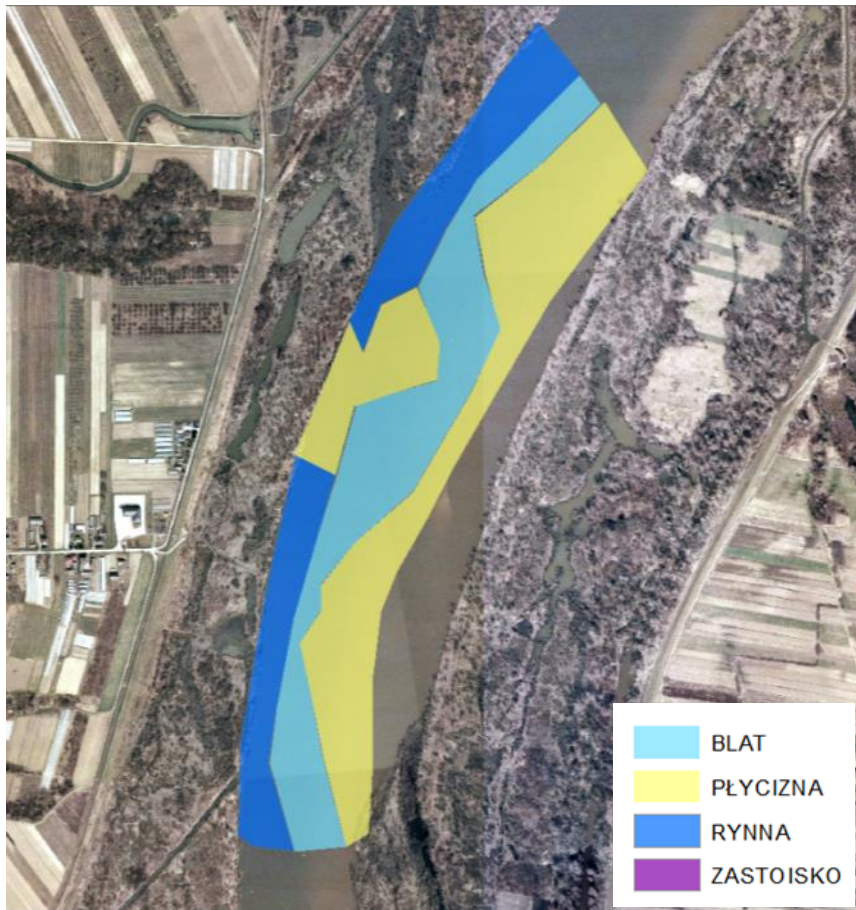
## Mezohabitats



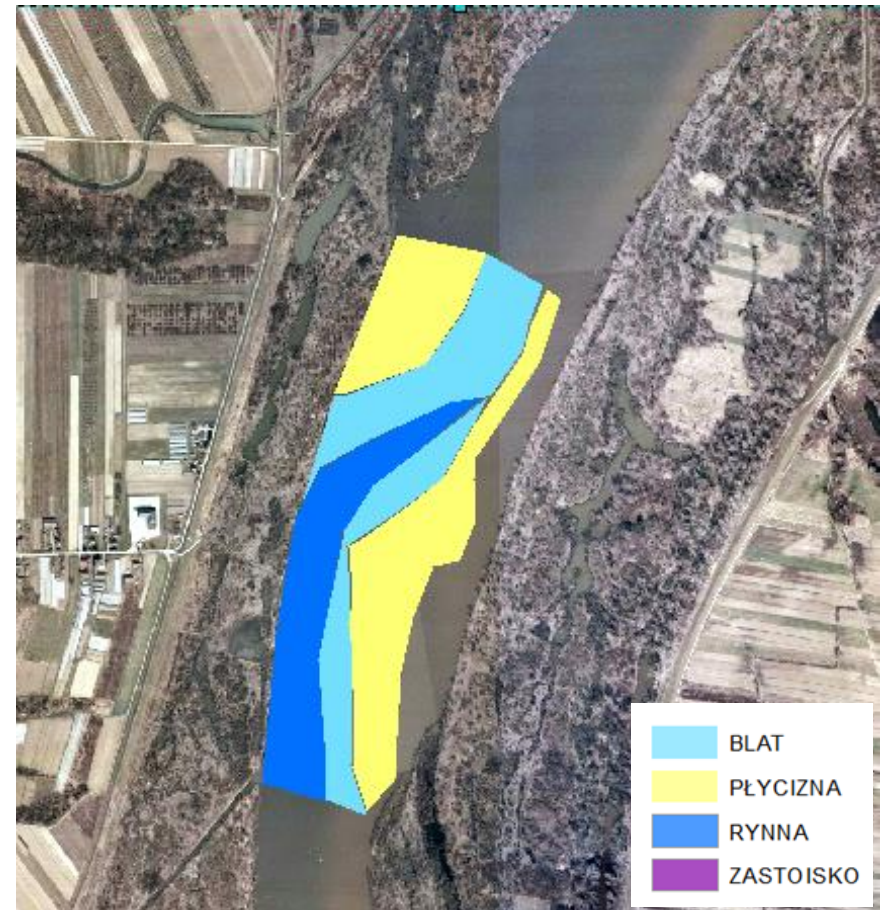
**Habitats** – the living space of the water organisms, the zone on the river bed characterise by relatively constant flow parameters  
**Mezo** – scale/dimension

# 7. Summary

Spatial distribution of mezohabitat, island 1, Kępa Chwałowska



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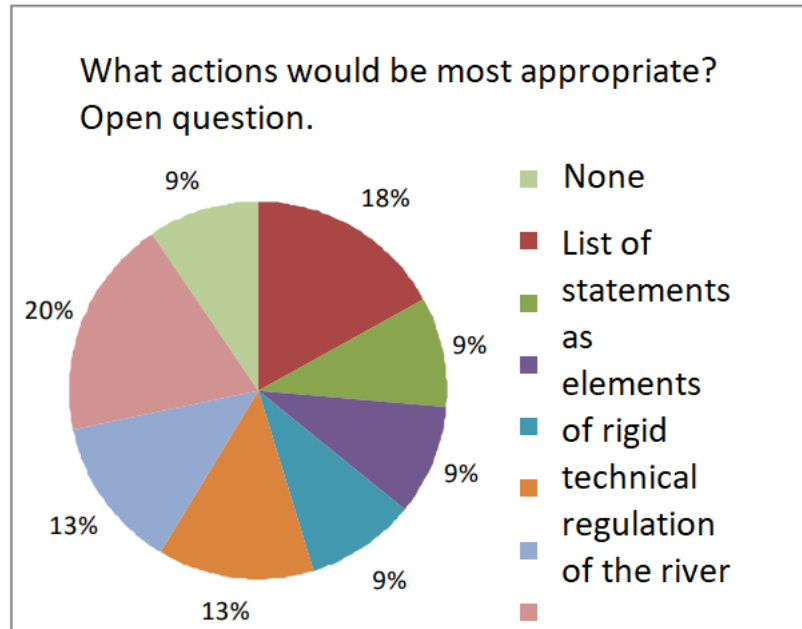


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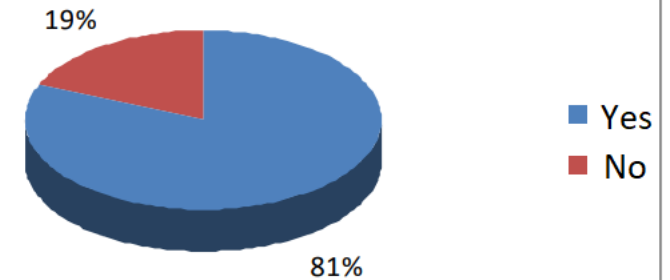
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## Flood protection

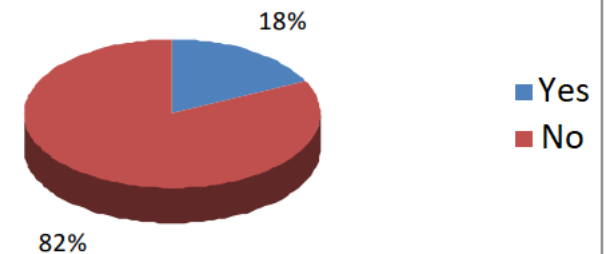


## Environment protection

Are there protected species of birds?



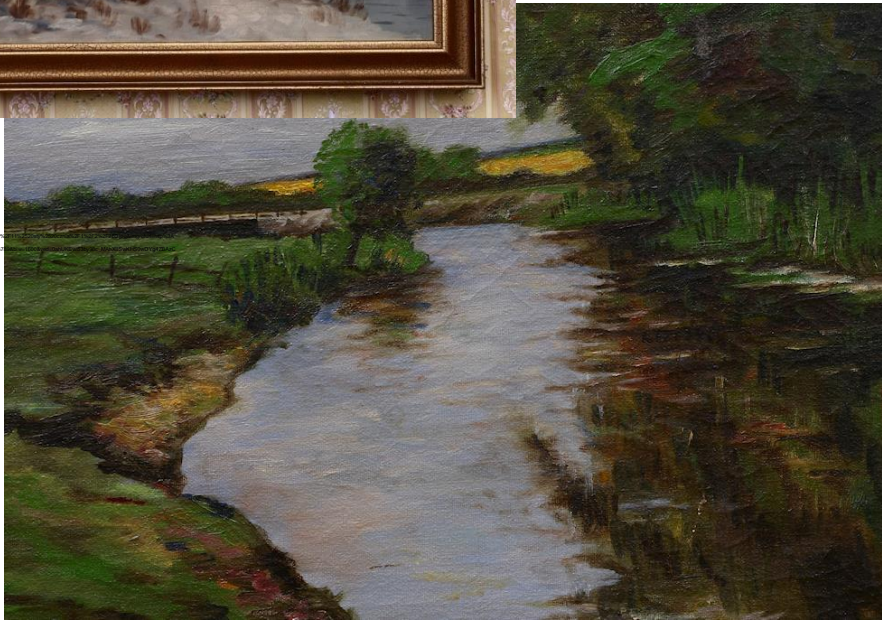
Does the nature of the river area require protection?



# River from the past



ZIMA Zielona Góra



RZKA 1936 Żagań



VAN HOESCH, XVII  
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AXELA JOHANSENSA (1885-1955)

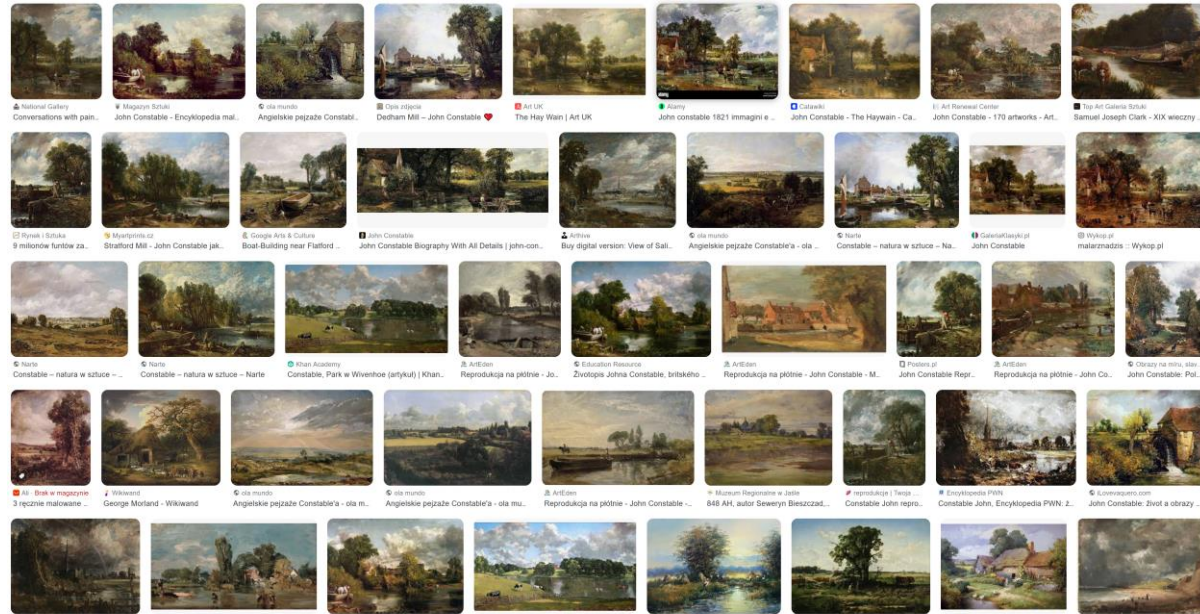
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<https://muzeon.pl/galeria-obrazow-starych-mistrzow-prezentuje-prace-canaletta/>  
And so on...



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**Thank you**  
**Dziękuję za uwagę**

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