

Integrated programmes – an effective instrument of international river basin management

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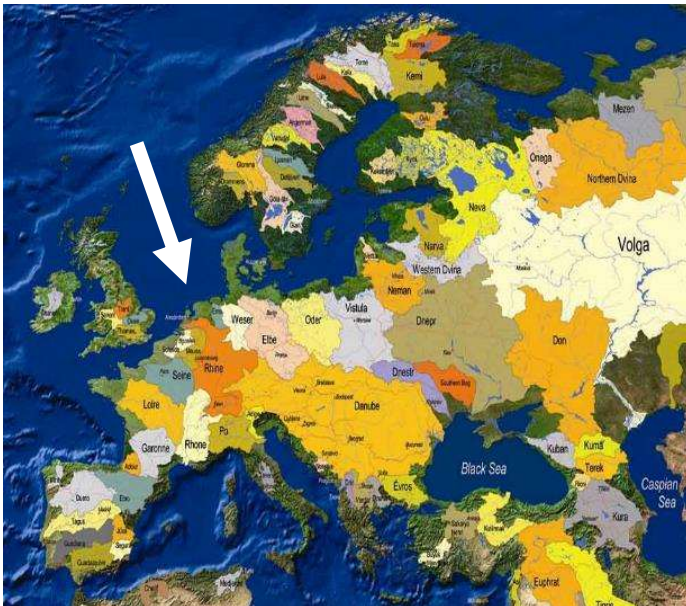
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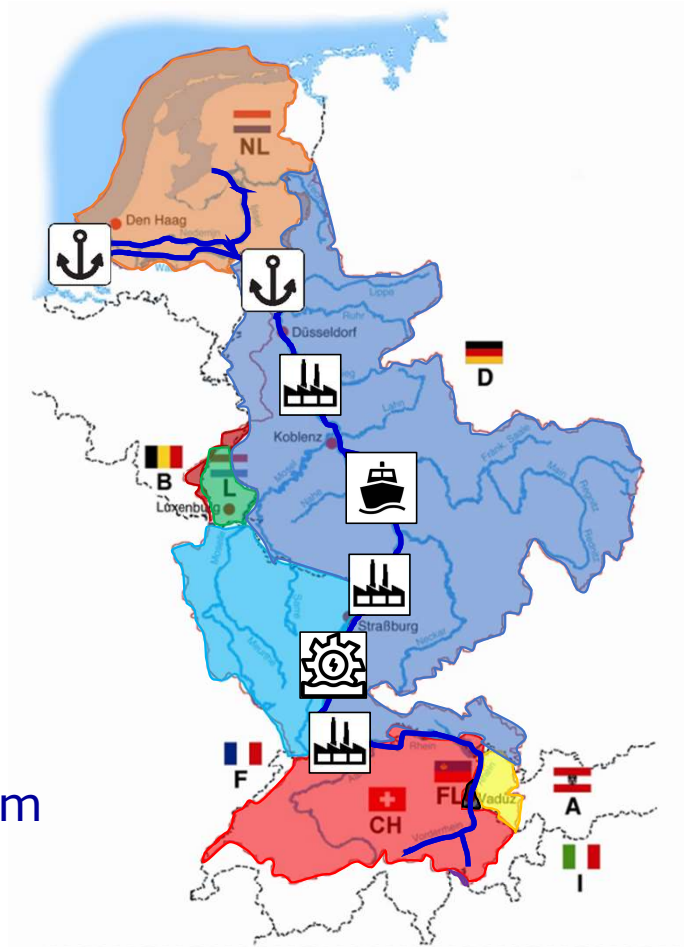
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The Rhine and its basin



Rhine: 200.000 km², 1.200 km
Danube: 820.000 km², 2.900 km



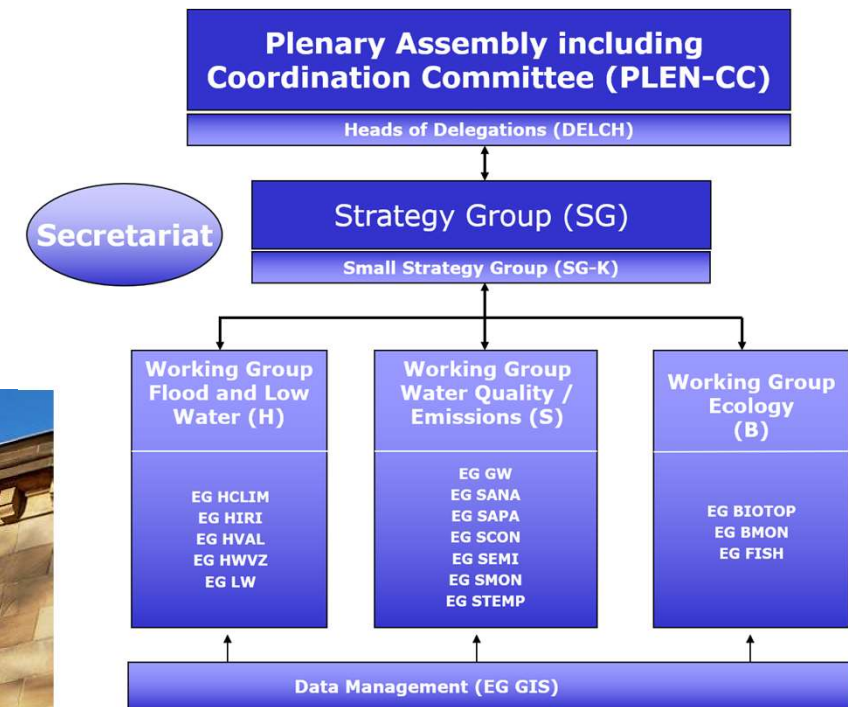
ICPR (1950)
CCNR (1815)





Governance model of the ICPR

- Founded 1950, international treaty
- Secretariat in Koblenz (Germany) since 1964
- States agree on common goals
- Measures and measurements financed + implemented by national states
- No sanctions, consensus principle
- Expert groups
- 20 Observers (mostly NGOs)



Tasks dealt with in the ICPR



Water quality (since 1950)



Ecology (since 1987)

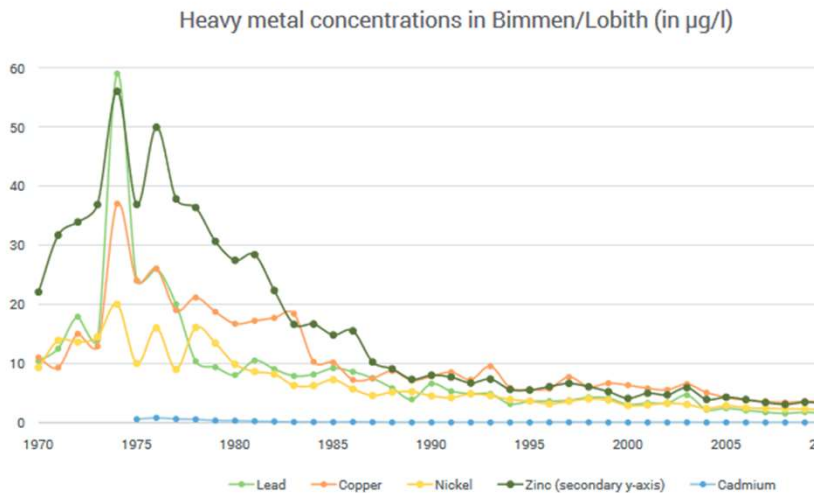


Flood management (since 1996)

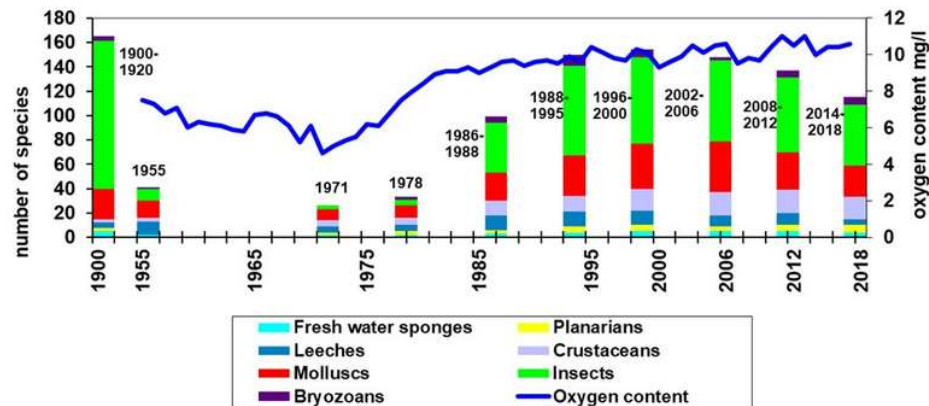
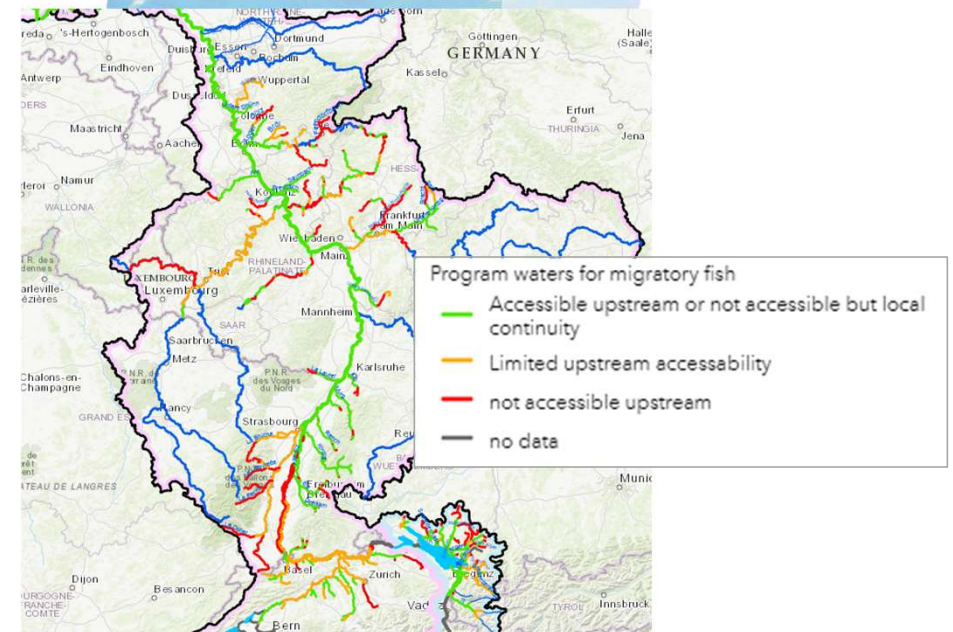
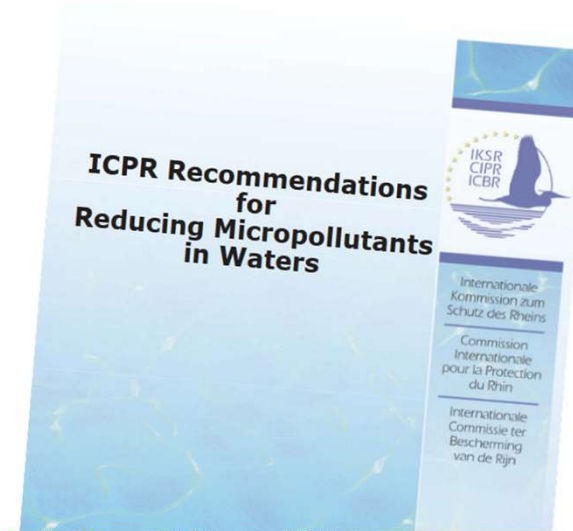


Low water (since 2013)

Milestones and new challenges



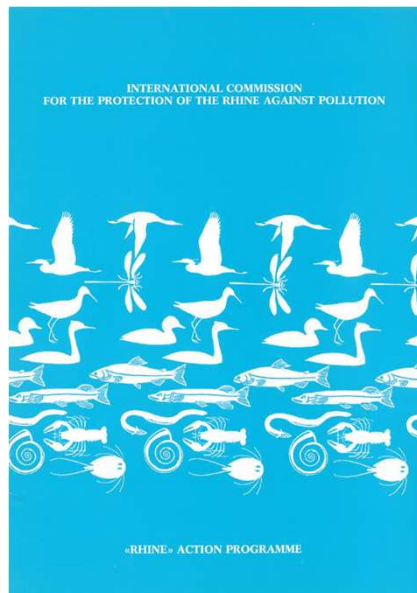
140 km²
of floodplains have been reactivated



Long-term integrated programmes



Rhine Action programme
(1987-2000)



„Rhine 2020“
(2000-2020)



„Rhine 2040“
(2020-2040)



Rhine
2040



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The Rhine and its Catchment:
Sustainably Managed and Climate-resilient
16th Rhine Ministerial Conference
February 13, 2020, Amsterdam

How should such a programme be structured?

<https://www.iksr.org/en/icpr/rhine-2040>

Overall vision

„The “Rhine 2040” programme aims to create a **sustainably managed** Rhine catchment area that is **resilient** to the effects of climate change, with **valuable lifelines** created for nature and people.”

• 5 Chapters

- Rhine and its catchment
- Networked habitats – more biodiversity
- Good water quality
- Mitigation of flood risks
- Managing low water

• Coherent structure (for each chapter):

- **Vision**
- (measurable) **goals**
- **Starting point**
- **Measures**





Thanks for your interest !

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