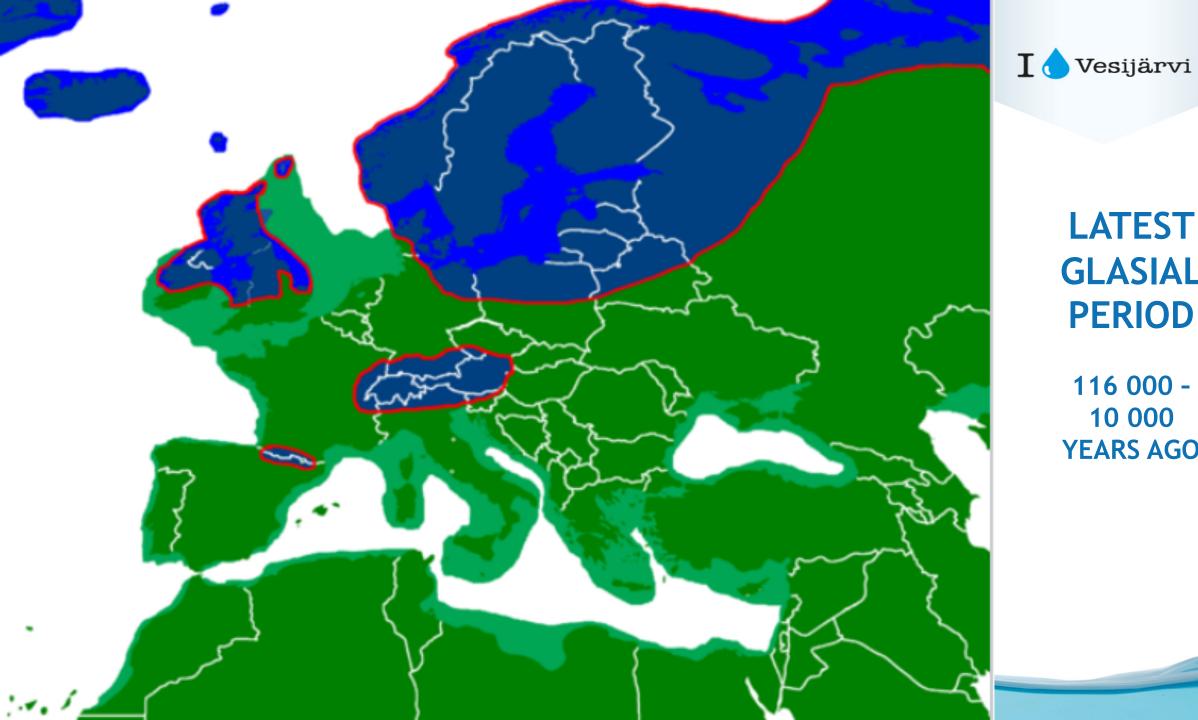


## CASE: LAKELAND - HOW TO DEVELOP INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT TO LAKELAND DISTRICT O LAKELAND

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LAKE VESIJÄRVI FOUNDATION



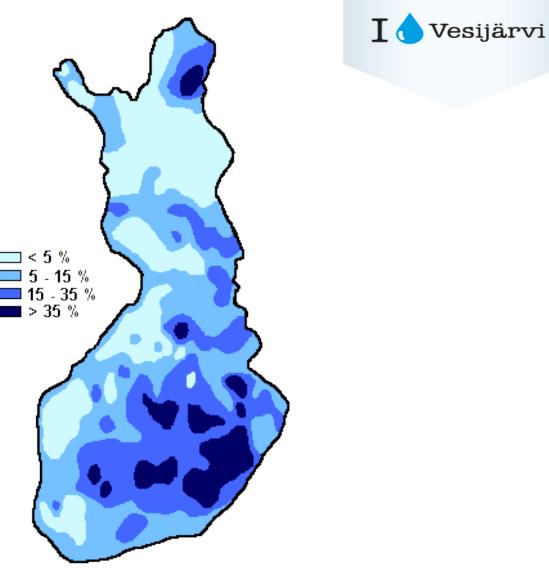
## LATEST GLASIAL PERIOD

116 000 -10 000 YEARS AGO

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#### THE LAND OF WATERS

187 888 lakes total area 33 350 km<sup>2</sup> 314 000 km of shoreline 178 947 islands 22 085 springs 647 rivers Freshwater reserves: 108 000 Mm3/a 21 000 m3/a capita 57 000 liter/d/person



Proportion of water in the area



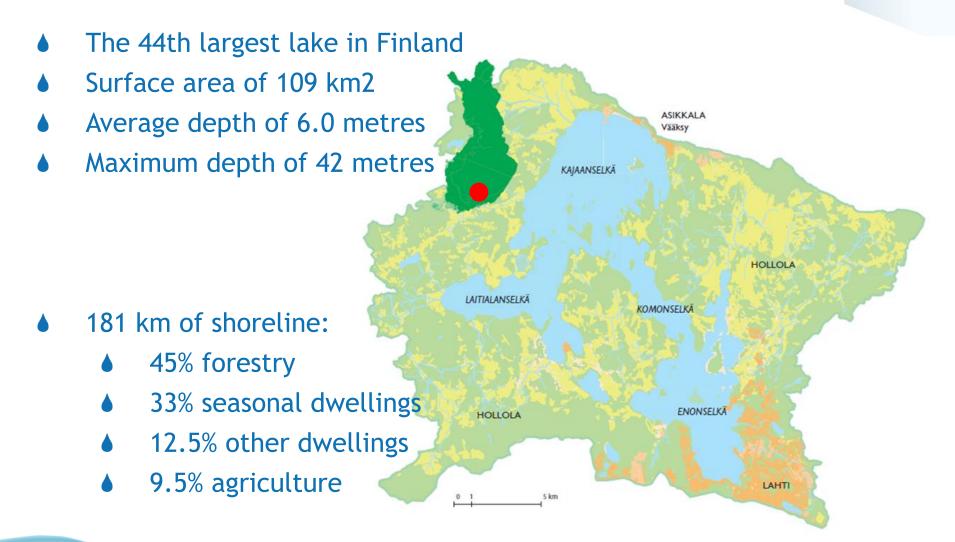


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## LAKE VESIJÄRVI









# VESIJÄRVI -A STORY OF A LUCKY LAKE

Photo: Matti Varis



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## 100 YEARS OF WATER POLLUTION



The arrival of a steamboat to the Vääksy canal was a solemn event in the 1910s.



### GOOD TRANSPORTATION

#### Vääksy canal 1871

Photo from the book *Lake Vesijärvi Daughter of the Salpausselkä Ridges:* Antti Pekkarinen, History of Lake Vesijärvi, p. 26.



Lumber is loaded onto the train from barges in Lahti Harbour in the beginning of the 20th century

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Photo from the book *Lake Vesijärvi Daughter of the Salpausselkä Ridges: Antti Pekkarinen, History of Lake Vesijärvi, p. 24.* 

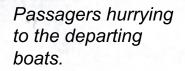




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#### INDUSTRY

Industry on the shore of Lake Vesijärvi from 1869

Pulp, saw products, furniture, matches etc,.



Lake Vesijärvi harbour and the Rauma-Repola area back then.

Photo from the book *Lake Vesijärvi* Daughter of the Salpausselkä Ridges:

Juha Hertsi and Pekka Hopeakoski, Lake Vesijärvi - a regional resource, p 182.



- People in the Vesijärvi region since prehistoric times
  Lahti: township in 1878
- > Lahti: independent city in 1905 (population < 3000)
- > Population grew fast, especially after the Second World War

#### Sewage:

- First waterworks in 1908 (with sewage drains)
- First sewage treatmant plant for 5000 persons on the shore of Pikku-Vesijärvi in 1910.
  - Modern at that time, but Pikku-Vesijärvi got polluted
- New biological treatment plant for 10 000 persons was built on the shore of Teivaala in 1931.
  - Soon too small!
  - Sewage load discharge close to swimming place, which had to be closed in early 1940...
- Kariniemi treatment plant in 1975 as well as tunnel under the city leading the sewage load to Porvoonjoki instead of Vesijärvi.
  - The sewage loading from the city to Lake Vesijärvi ended in April 1976.



Photo from the book *Lake Vesijärvi Daughter of the Salpausselkä Ridges: Juha Hertsi and Pekka Hopeakoski, Lake Vesijärvi* – a regional resource, p. 181.



## GROWTH OF THE CITY

- Heikki Järnefelt in 1925-1927: Clear signs of cultural eutrophication in the southern end of Lake Vesijärvi (especially the pulp mill effluents, sewage from the town of Lahti)

- Nils Hagman 1945: amount of phytoplankton has increased. Impact of the waste waters expanded to the entire region

- Harry Cajander 1950s: no fundamental deterioration

- Paavo Seppänen 1960s: Deep areas of the lake have 10 m thick layer of black, anoxic water.

- Reino Ryhänen: According to the biological and chemical observations Lake Vesijärvi had deteriodated substantially during the period 1925-1960.

- In 1960-75: Large scale oxygen deficiency in deep areas, supersaturation in surface water: pH rose even up to 9.

- Eutrophication proceeded fast also in the northern parts of the lake in 1960s

During 1970s Lake Vesijärvi was the most polluted large lake in Finland

Photo from the book *Lake Vesijärvi Daughter of the Salpausselkä Ridges: Juha Keto, Fishing in the old days, p. 39.* 



### WHAT DID ALL THIS DO TO THE LAKE?





## **1960`S -1970`S**

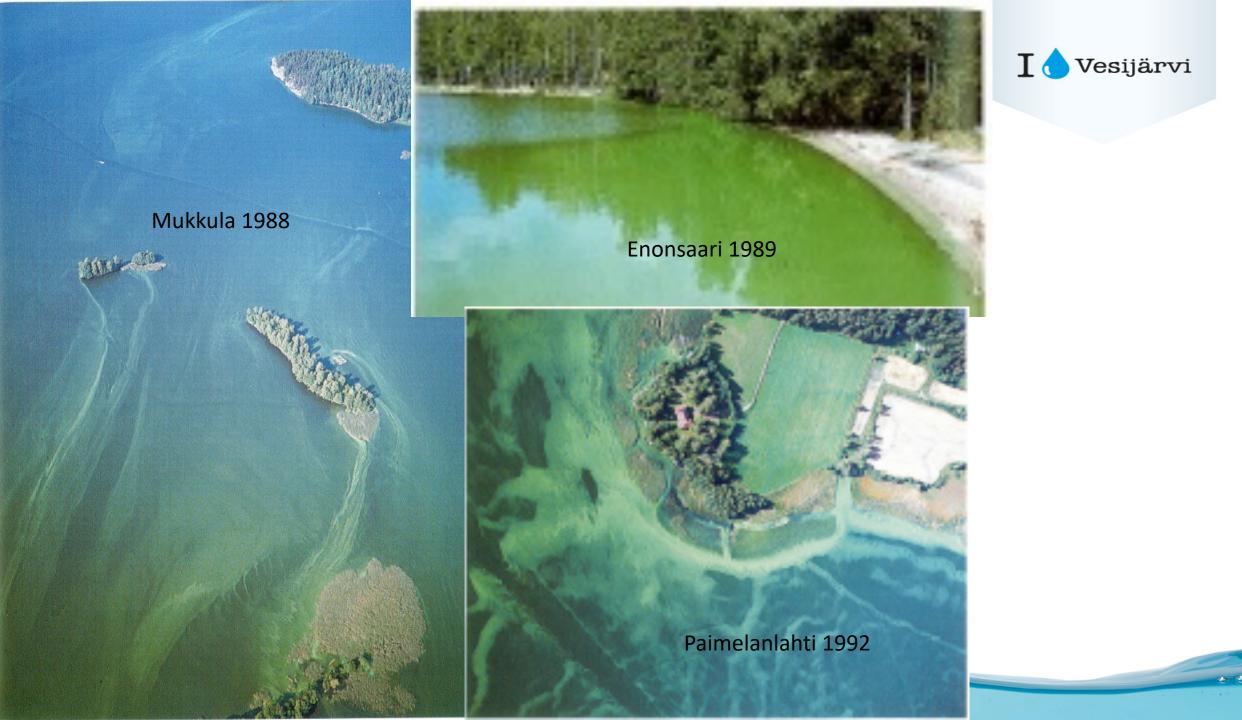
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### SHORT HISTORY OF WATER PROTECTION IN FINLAND I

- Efficient treatment of industrial and municipal waste waters started in 1970`s
- Integrated water resources management plans in the 1970's and 1980's
- Ministry of Environment was established in the 1980's
- Four national Water Protection Programmes since 1974, the latest adopted in 2006



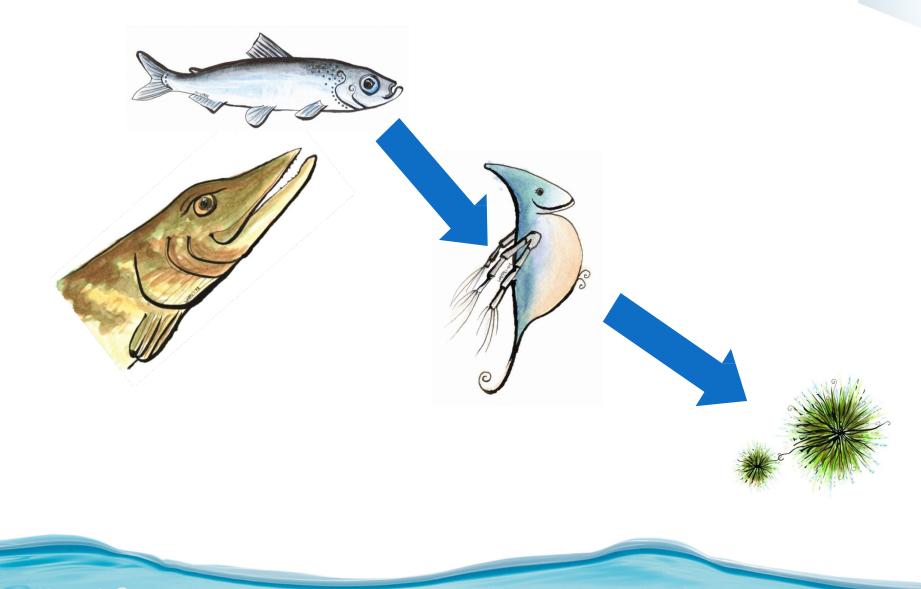




## BIOMANIPULATION (MANAGEMENT FISHING)

#### **FOOD WEB**







### SHORT HISTORY OF WATER PROTECTION IN FINLAND II

- In the 21st century, EU directives have provide framework for the water pollution prevention and management: Water Framework, Marine Strategy Framework, Nitrate, Groundwater, EQS, Urban Waste Water etc.
- River Basin Management Plans covering all surface and groundwater areas







## CYANOBACTERIAL BLOOMS IN A CITY HARBOUR 2006



## LAKE VESIJÄRVI FOUNDATION

Established 2007

Combination of public and private resources

Secure funding for research, maintenance and management efforts

Improve the awareness of Lake Vesijärvi

Promote efforts to improve water quality in Lake Vesijärvi





## FOUNDER BODIES OF LAKE VESIJÄRVI FOUNDATION

City of Lahti Municipality of Hollola Municipality of Asikkala Society of Industrial Enterprises in Lahti, Press company Esan kirjapaino Ltd and a Welding company Kemppi





## FROM GOVERNING TO GOVERNANCE





## **GOVERNANCE HAS MANY MEANINGS**

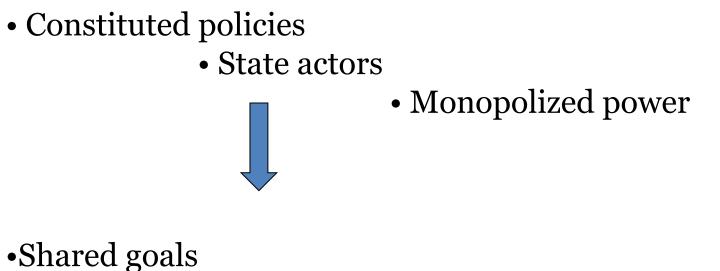
- Good governance/ La bonne gouvernance
- Global governance
- Corporative governance
- Governance/ New public management
- Societal governance

(Pierre 2000)





#### **SOCIETAL GOVERNANCE**



ed goals •Many actors •Private and public





#### NEW PLAYERS IN THE FIELD - MORE RESOURCES

Private enterprices Lions Clubs, Rotary Clubs Hunters organizations Musicians Artists Local media



Illustration: Learning together to manage together/ HarmoniCOP- project





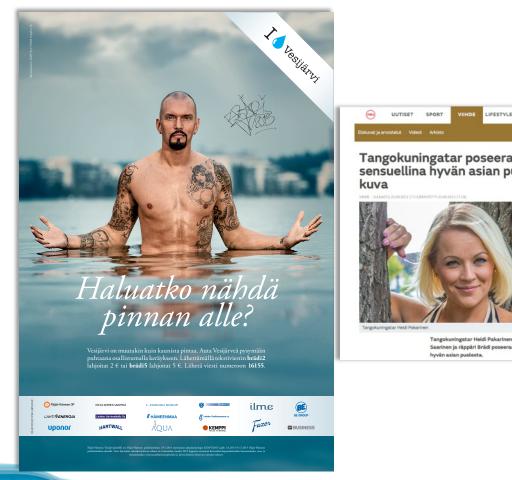
#### PRIVATE ENTERPRICES AND COMPANIES SUPPORTING THE WORK







#### **DO YOU WANT TO SEE UNDER THE WATER?**



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Pakarinen ja räppäri Brädi.

**Rosebikes online** 

Mainostoimisto Ilmeen suunnittelemassa kampanjassa on mukana kaksi muutakin tunnettua päijäthämäläistä, tangokuningatar Heidi

Suuri valikoima pyöriä,

tarvikkeita Huippulaatu. Nopea & varma toimitus rosebikes.fi/bikeshop





## **MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES**





## LAKE VESIJÄRVI MANAGEMENT PLAN

- Communication activities
- Lake restoration measures
- Operations on drainage basin
- Reaserch activities
- Thematic programs and plans
- Monitoring activities

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www.puhdasvesijarvi.fi



## **OBJECTIVE OF LAKE VESIJÄRVI PROGRAMME**

Reaching **good status** (as specified in the EU Water Framework Directive)

Making sure the lakes within the Lake Vesijärvi Fundation's region are versatile in recreational value:

- water is clean and clear
- In a extensive algae bloomings
- diverse fishstock
- Iarge populations of fish good for recreational

fishing

- enough water plants in the right places
- beaches good for swimming



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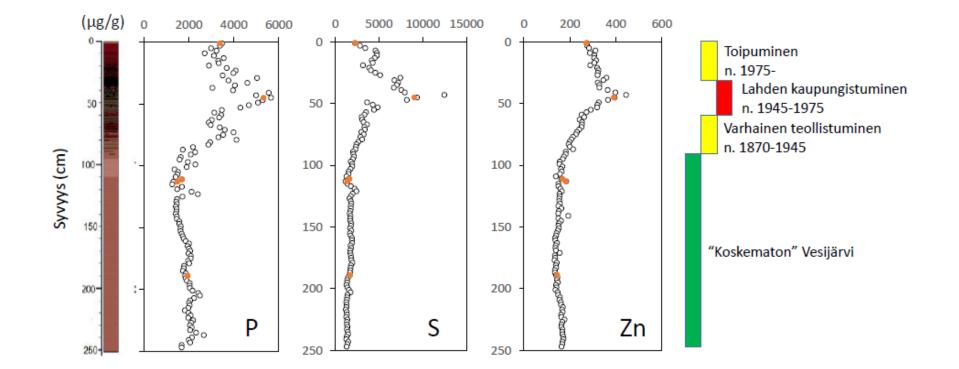


## WE HAVE ACHIEVED A LOT...





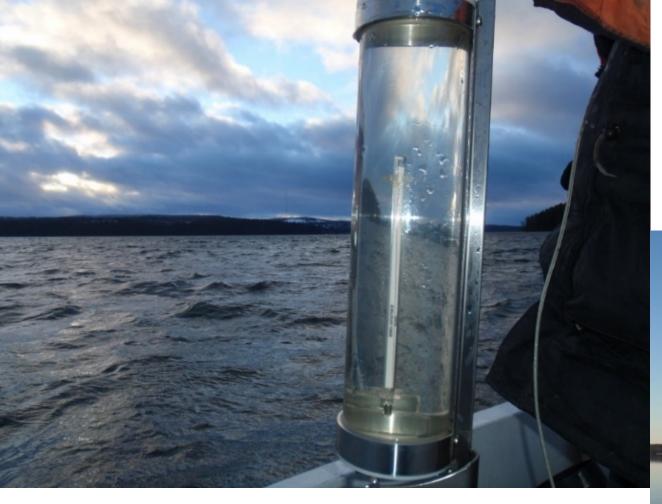
#### WHERE ARE WE NOW?



Tom Jillbert/ Helsinki University



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### **LESSONS LEARNED**

- Water management requires the efforts of a large number of various operators
- Local sense of environmental responsibility is needed and it can be raised by
  - Co-operating actively with people having long history with Lake Vesijärvi
  - Emphasizing mitigation measures which connect local people together
  - Providing interesting and motivating environmental education



Collating public and private funding requires Large effort on networking and dissemination Long term targets which will be achieved step by step Proper scientifical and technical know how requires Long and succesfull co-operation with universities and research organisations Right people in right places Organizations like the Lake Vesijärvi Foundation can be a way to organise the manifestation and actualisation of collective environmental responsibility

Experiences gained in this framework can be utilised in European water policy framework and wordwide



# Thank you!



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