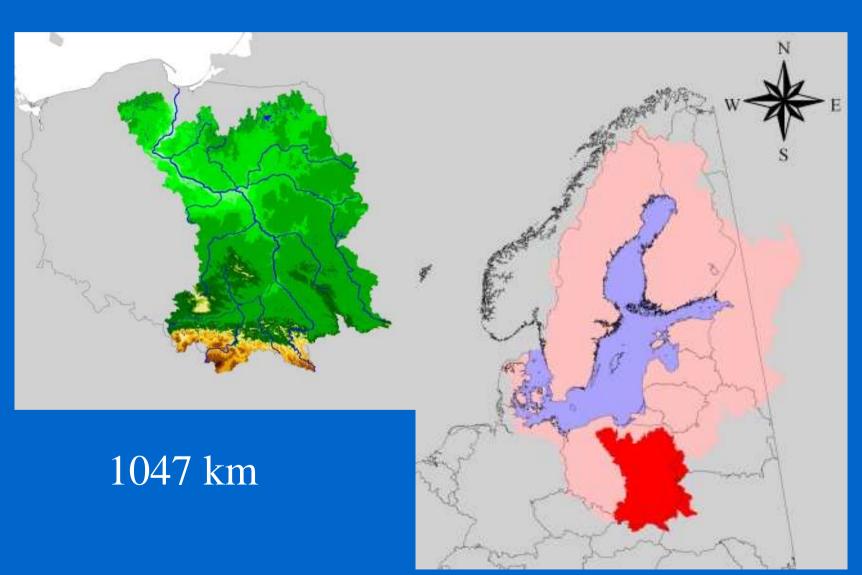


Conservation of Vistula River's biodiversity Water, spaces, species

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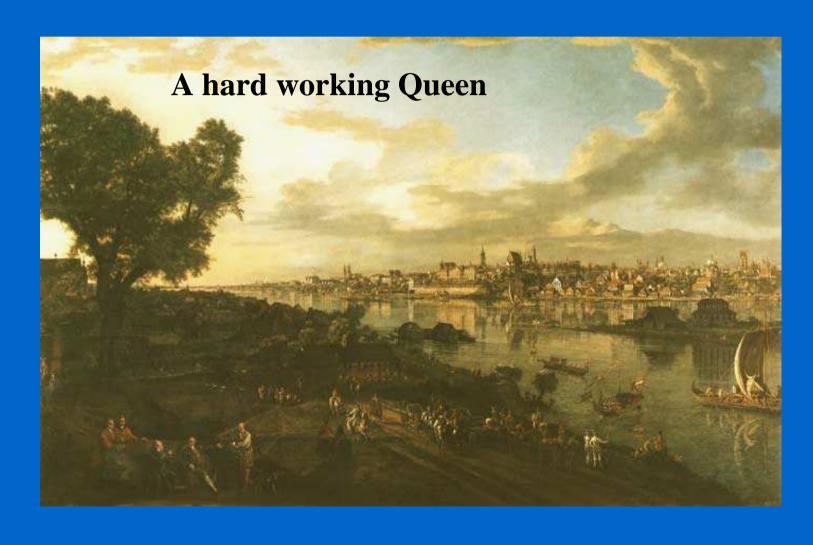


Vistula – Queen of Polish rivers Queen of Baltic Sea catchment



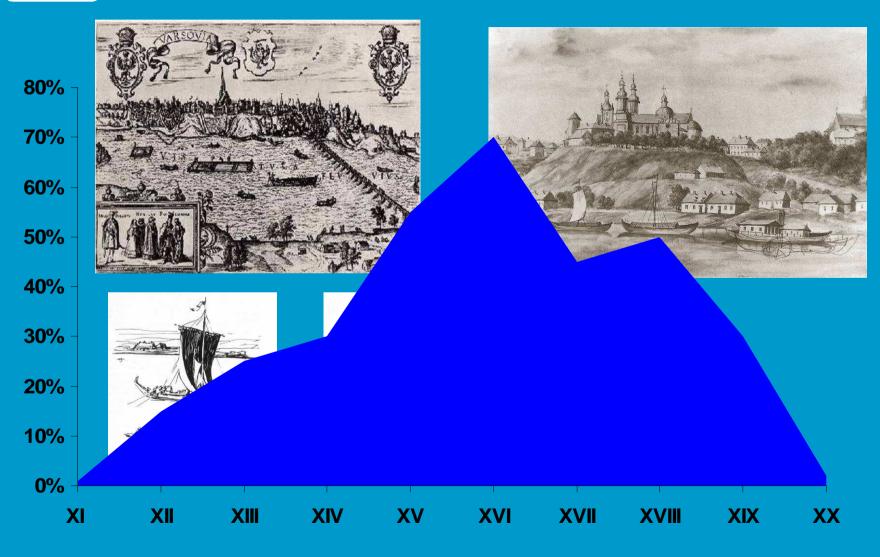


The Vistula which we don't remember





Once important waterway









Attempt to subdue the Queen





The Vistula which we know







The Vistula which we know



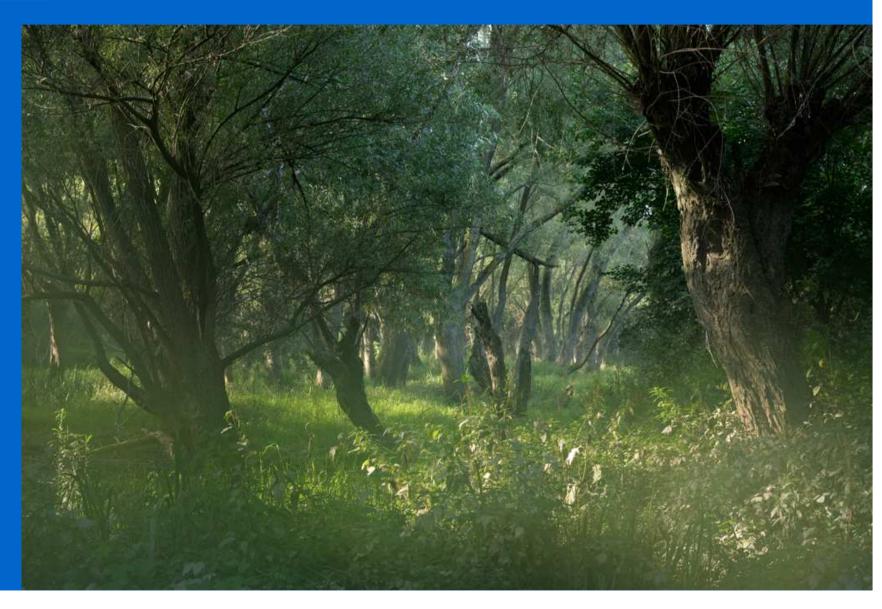
"we have turn our back on the Vistula"



The Queen regenerates herself









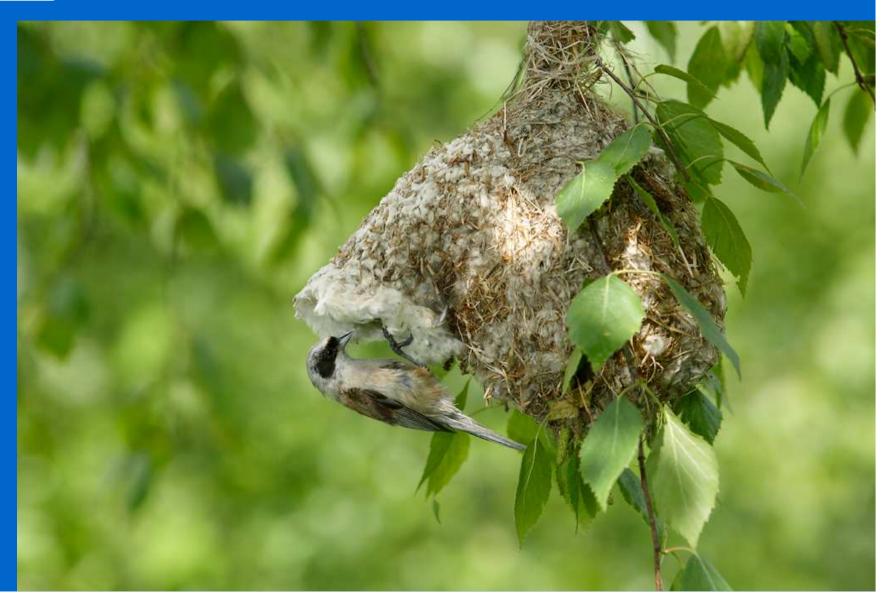




Bird paradise

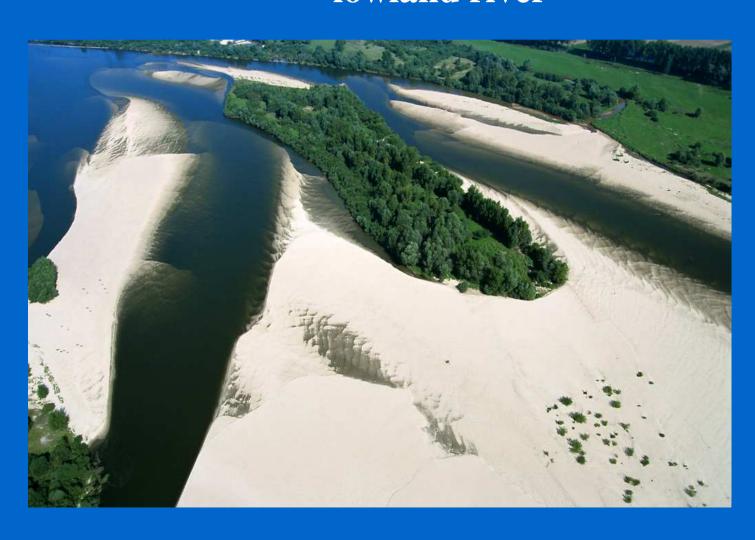








Very well preserved natural hydrology of a large, lowland river





500 breeding pairs

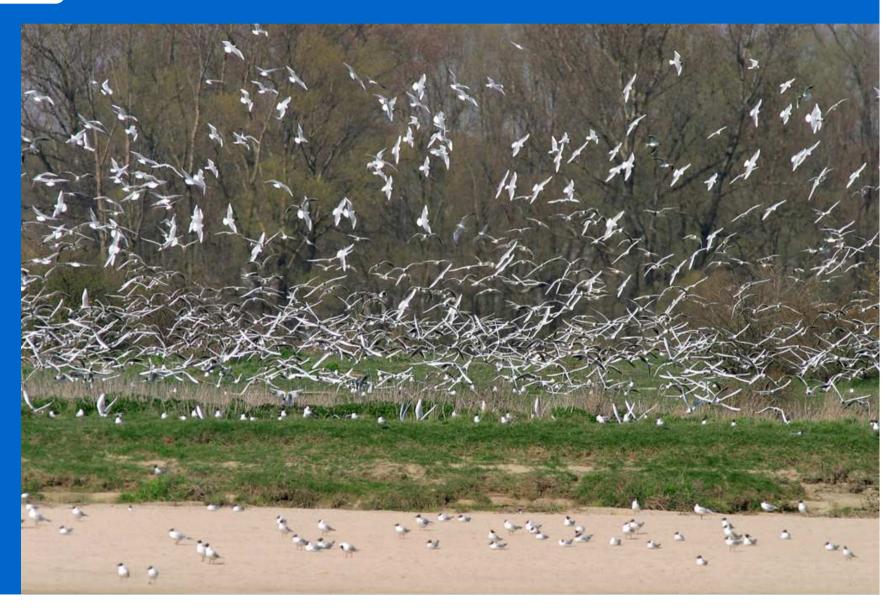






1400 breeding pairs







12 000 breeding pairs





2 900 breeding pairs

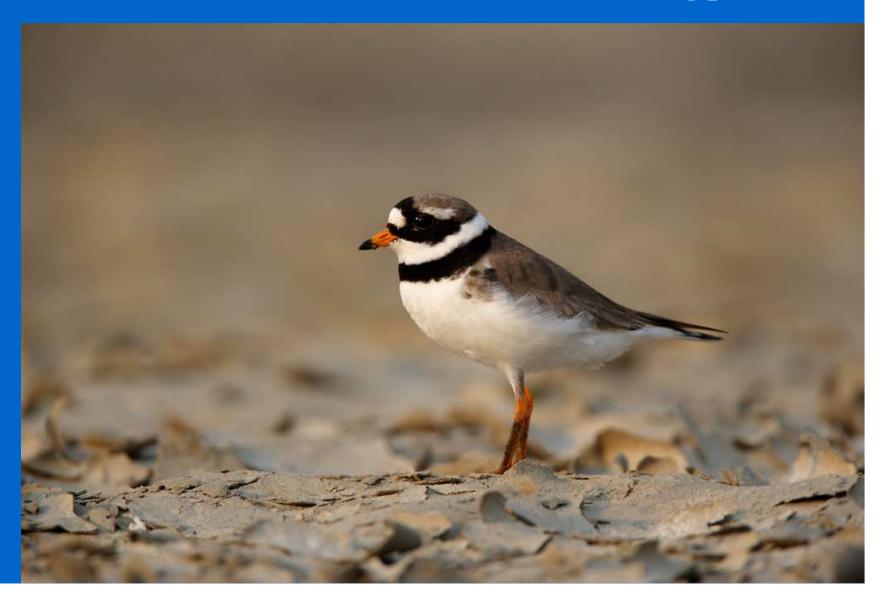








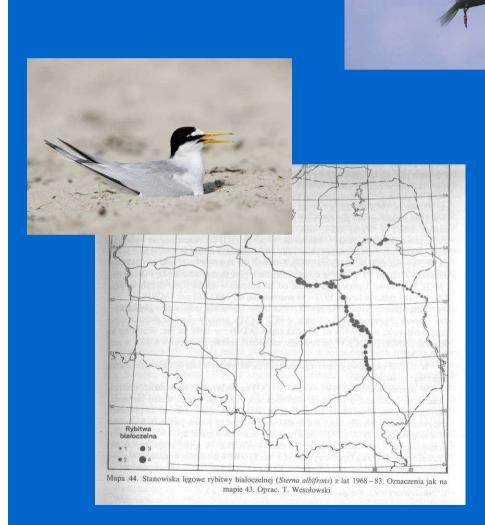
160 breeding pairs

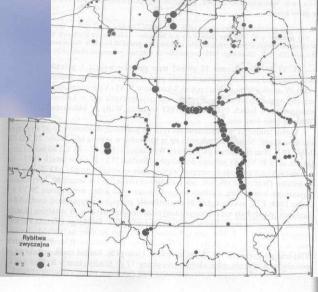


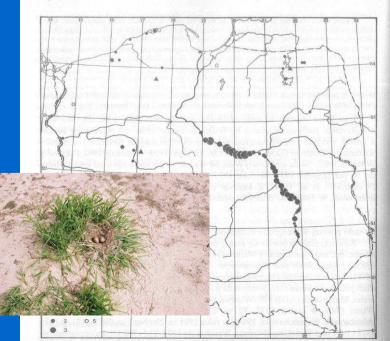




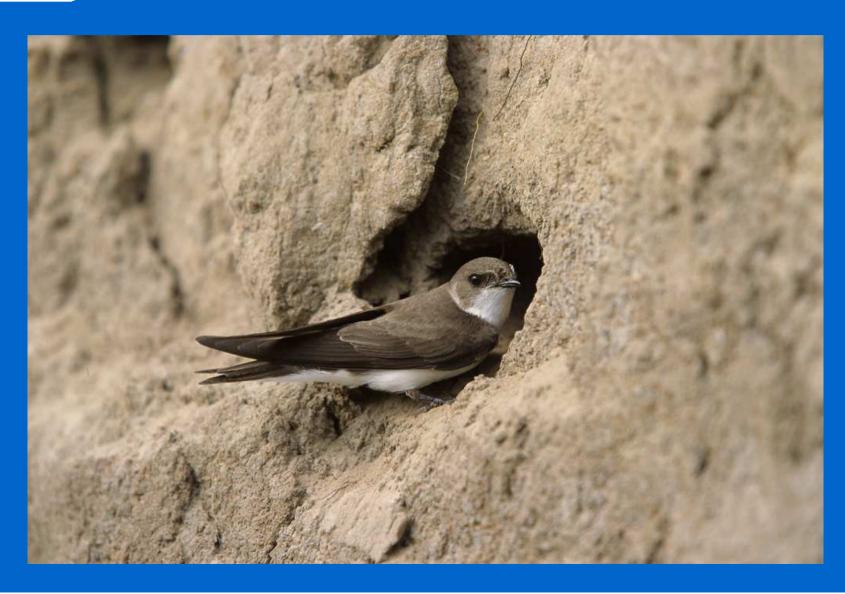






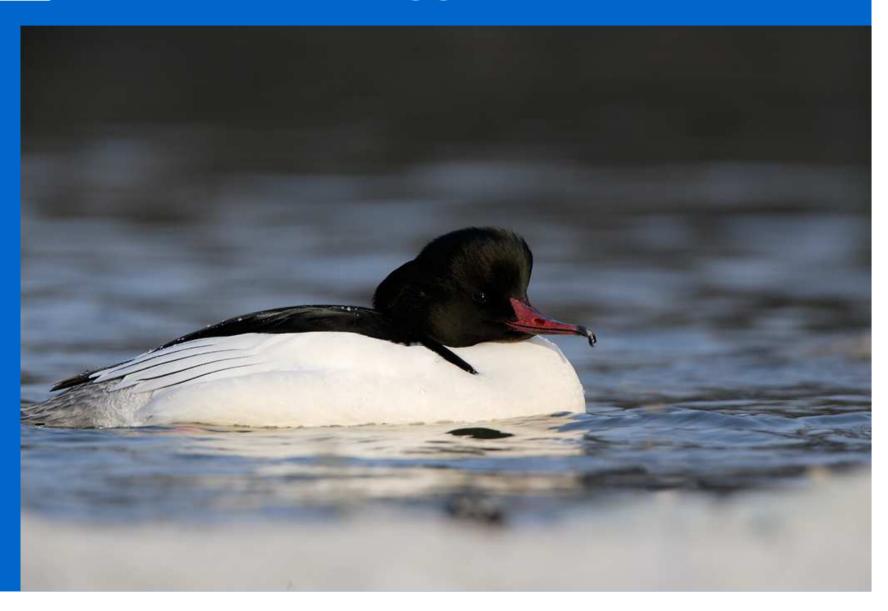








Important migration corridor and inland wintering ground for waterfowl

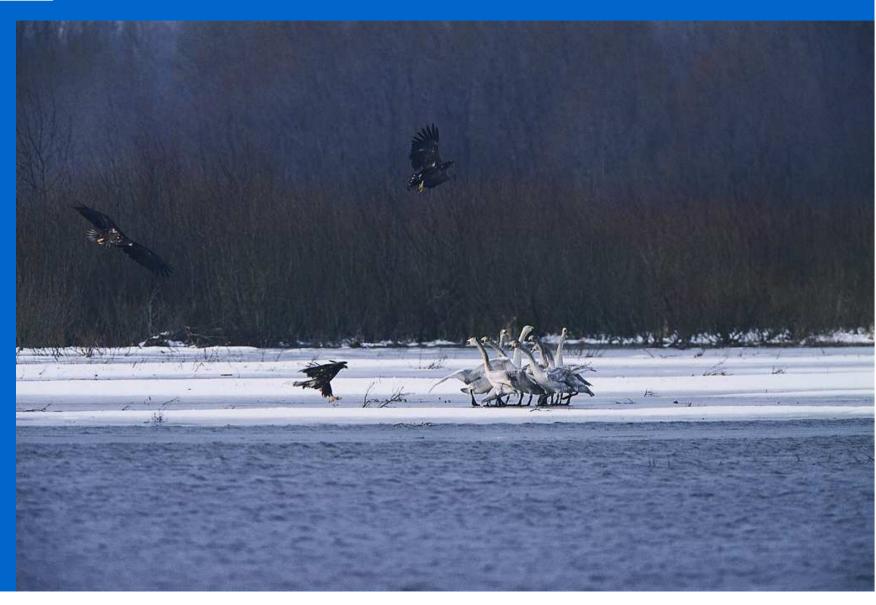










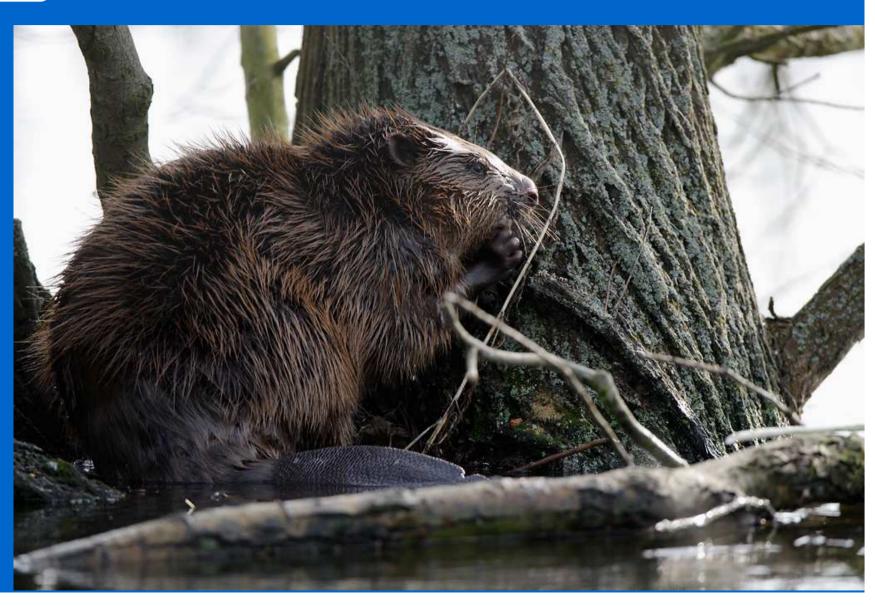
























Loire and Vistula - two sisters, two Queens of European rivers!





"Nobody is a prophet in his own country"



Little success of Vistula's conservation until 2004
16 nature reserves
Total 6000 ha
RAMSAR site not created, nor a national park



Safety for the Queen at last!

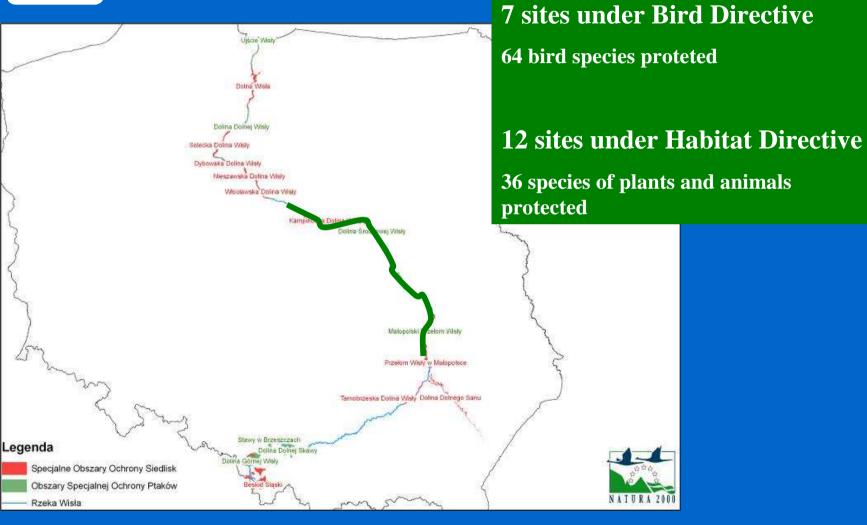
Establishing Natura 2000 sites 19 sites, 193 000ha



30 times-fold increase of protected area's size!



Natura 2000 sites





Threats













Opportunities/ potential for synergy effect





Opportunities/ potential for synergy effect cont.

National Programme For Sewage Treatment (if well implemented)

Water -related directives (if well implemented):

Water Framework Directive

Floods Directive

Growing interest for the Vistula Educational programmes, promotion





Program edukacyjny





