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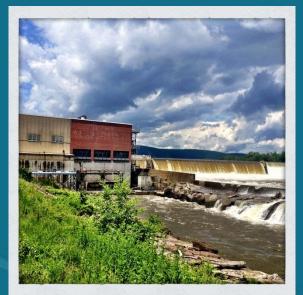
Free passage















Creating commitment and support for fish passage projects

- 1. Experience Hunze & Aa's Water Authority
- 2. Fish migration day

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How did it start...

8 fishways in 2000

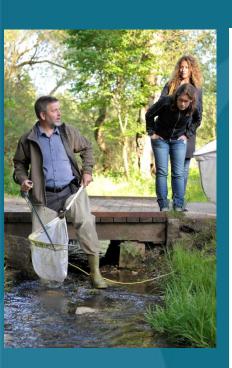
Questions from the management and board members:

- 1. Why do fish migrate and which fish?
- 2. How important is fish migration?
- 3. How much fish migrate and is it cost-effective?
- 4. It's too expensive and we don't have money for it
- What should we do?,
- Who do we need?
- Where to start?

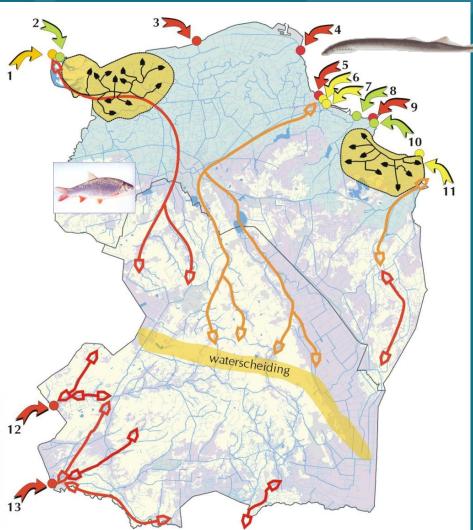


Knowlegde development:

migration routes....learning day by day!

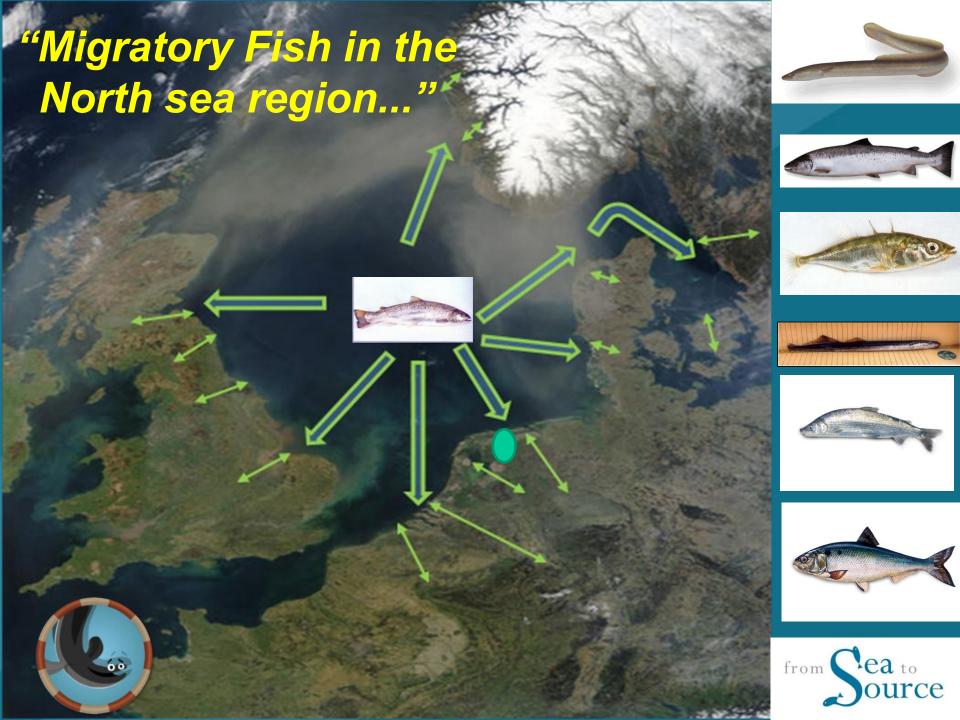




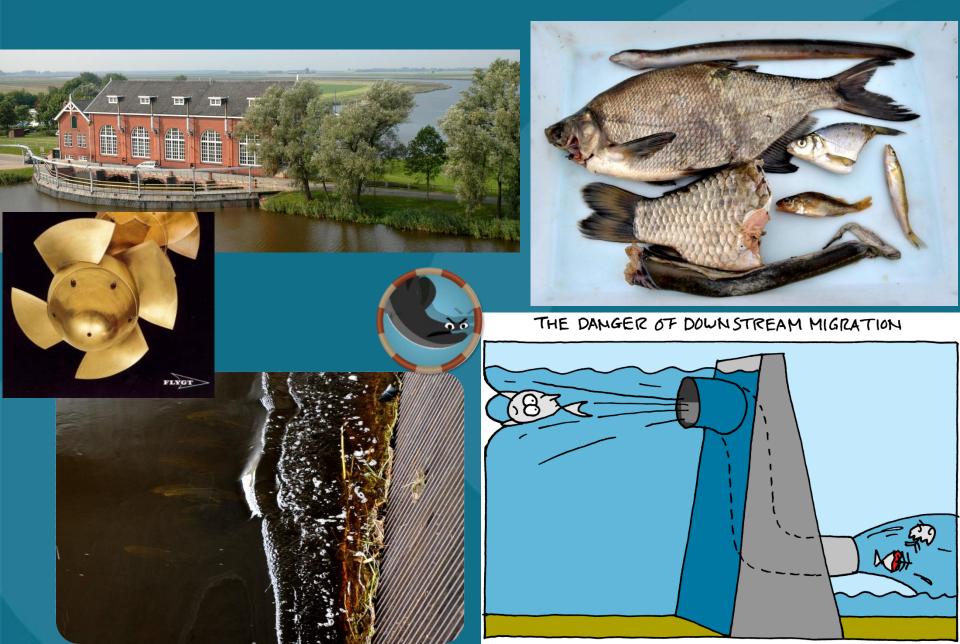


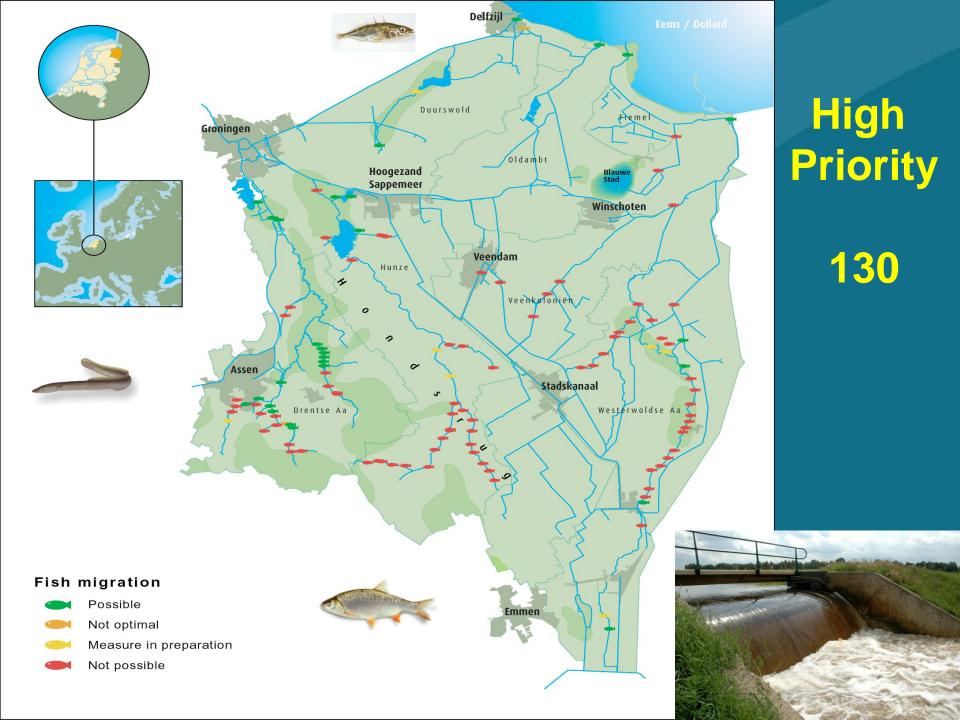






Show the problems!





Fish migration strategy

Our approach!

- we work "from sea to source" (river basin);
- all our main rivers are free of barriers in 2027 (WFD, Eel Directive, Natura 2000);
- fish migration aspects are incorporated when new structures are planned.

Shared strategy...makes it strong and long lasting







Strategy for solutions

Natural solutions first...

..and combine measures for flood defense and ecology





Strategy: Construction of fishways

- interdisciplinary team (ecologist, engineer, hydrologist)
- combination with renovation or restoration work
- every location is unique!
- standard monitoring and evaluation
- maintenance and operation protocols







Fish migration cycle



Communication

Vision & policy

Finance and subsidy

Evaluation

Healthy fish stocks

Measures & maintenance

Knowledge development

Monitoring

Knowledge exchange







Show solutions to the public and media

ps: also failures!!

Communication events:

2003: Regional event

2005: National event

2011: Fish Migration Day (North Sea Region)









Showing the fish...THE MONSTER !!



Best practice events for colleagues

2002 and 2004: National events

2006: From sea to source (EU)

2010: Fish Restoration XL (NL)

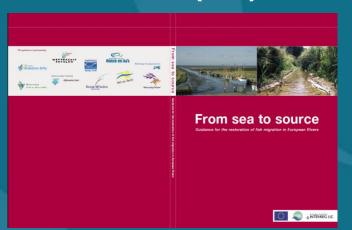
2011: Fish Passage Engineering

network (NL)

2012: Fish Market (NL)

Exscursion Mosellum (GE)







Try it... be practical and show best practises...

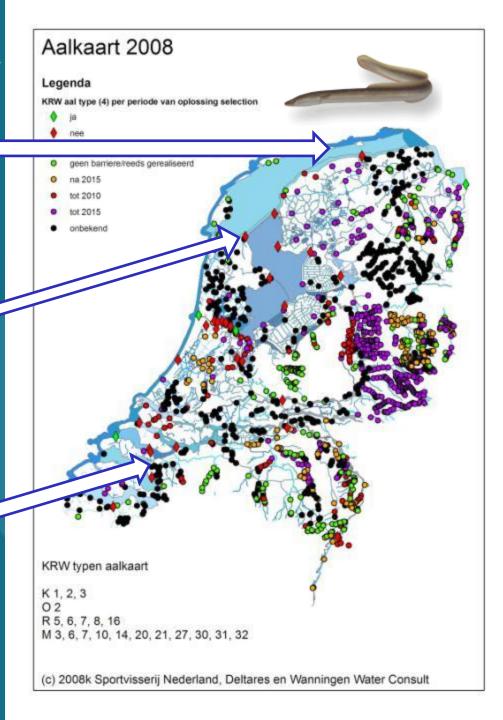


And others will follow...









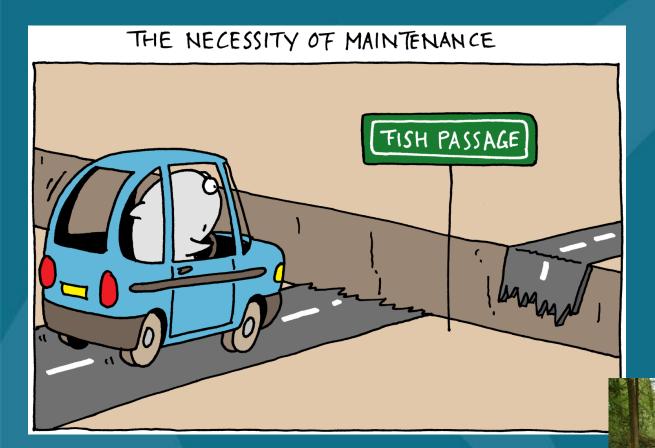
Working with students...

Learning, refreshing, innovative, cheap and fun...
5 former students have an aquatic ecologist position





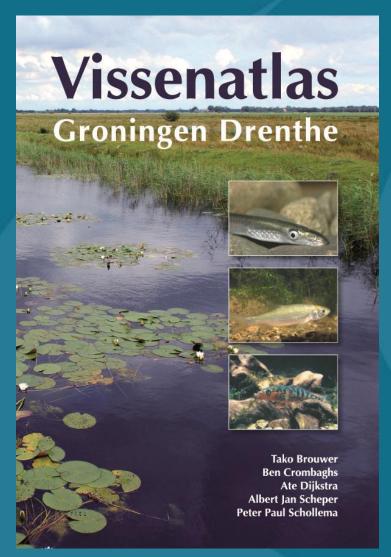
Learn from mistakes!



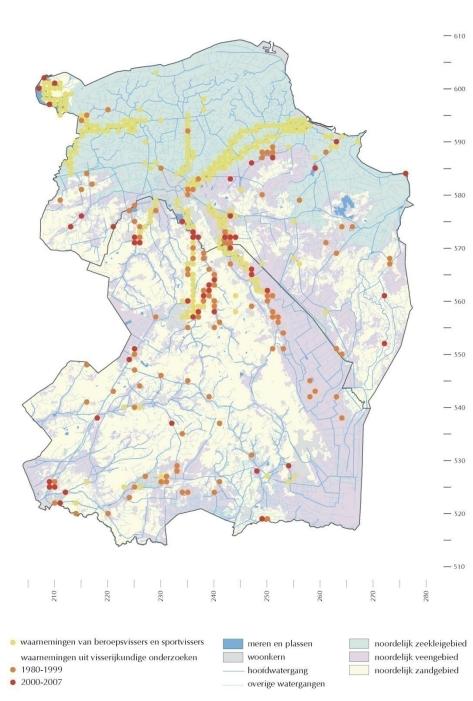


Maintenance and operating protocols

Dissemination of knowledge... ... also for fishermen



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"Showing and feeling the fish..."



Education activities: "Finding fish...an adventure"





























The eel game www.elyeel.eu Sargassozee VAN ZOUT NAAR ZOET Living North Sea

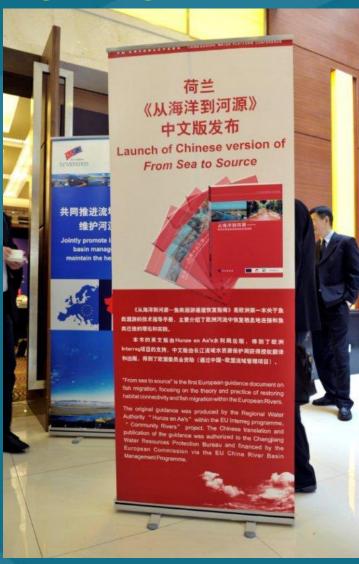
"Ali in the Dutch Parliament"



Making people proud and doing it together!











Situation in 2012

- The Chairman of the water authority is fish migration fan and gate keeper
- 65 problems solved and 65 to go until 2027 ...
 ...and 2000 in the rest of the Netherlands
- engineers, ecologist, sluice managers, communication advisors, hydrologist are working together...
- More cooperation (coalitions) more subsidy
- Working on international level



Success factors...

- Enthusiasm
- Share ideas, goals and vision
- Cooperation... together is more fun
- Use clear starting points
- Practical ...if not now.. than just do it later
- Share best practices and failures
- Use each others qualities
- Involve children





Regional coalition: 6 mln. euro subsidy

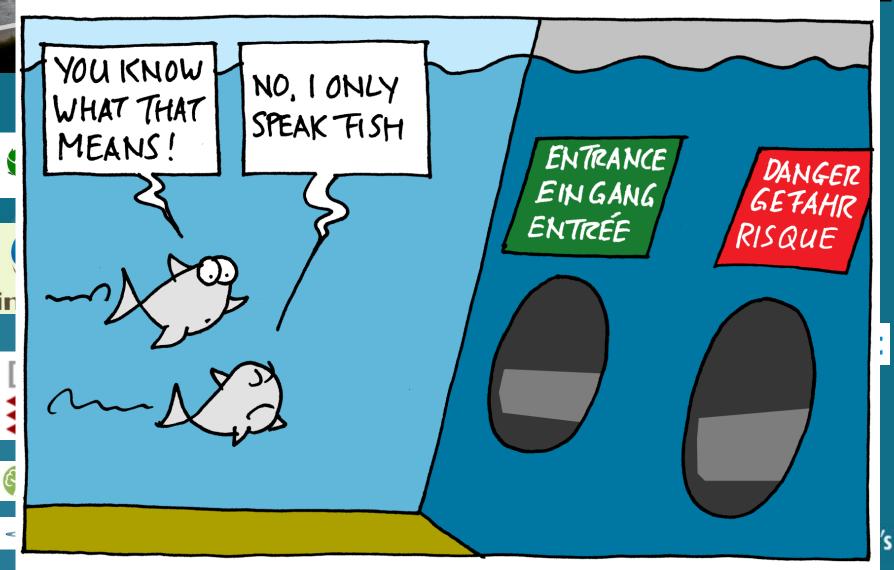




International coalition Living North Sea



LANGUAGE BARRIERS



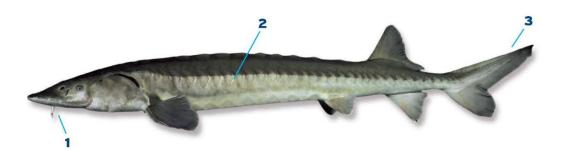






The LNS effect in 2012

re-introduction of Sturgeon in the Rhine together with WWF







European Union



The European Regional Development Fund











One day event along the North Sea Coast

- open for members of the public (fishways, monitoring, rivers, pumping stations, etc)
- fun for children and their parents
- a day you won't forget
- enthusiasm and inspiration

Overall-Coordination:

Dutch Angling Association & WWC







Coordination at the location by regional partners







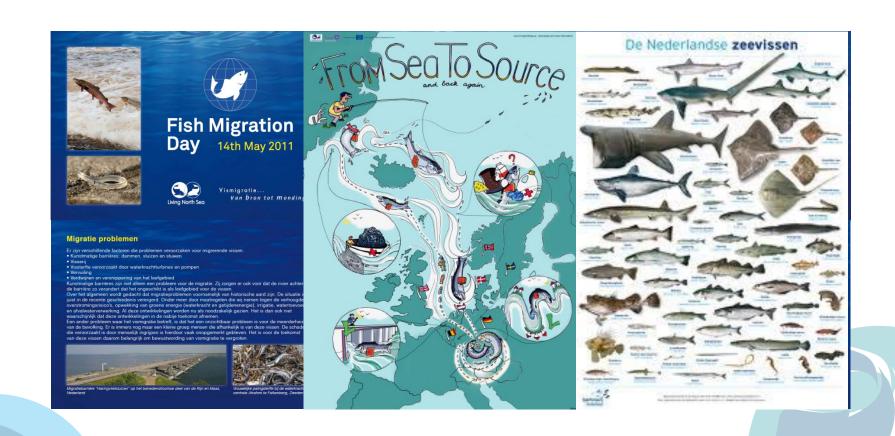
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Press

- TV, Radio, Internet, etc...
- Magazines (like...National Geografic)

Banner campaign

- 8 mln. impressions
- 10.000 extra hits on FMD

BBC country file

8 mln. viewers











- Press Conferences
- Excursions guided tours
- Showing fish ladders, weirs, pumping stations...
- Exhibitions information markets
- Introduction in the policies on fish migration
- Teaching about clean surface water
- Showing how monitoring fish passages is done
- Educational programs for kids
- Catching fishes
- Coloring competition
- Ely the Eel game
- Aquaria with eels, sticklebacks, and more























Visitors

- 6.000 in total, based on 15 locations
- 10.000 visitor estimated for 26 locations
- Range from 5 to 600 per location











World Fish Migration Day 2014

- One day event on all continents
- Starting in New Zealand....ending in California (USA)
- One website with all participating locations and information about migrating fish
- Potential partners: WWF?, American Rivers?, International rivers?, Nature Conservancy,? Universities?,...
- Partner search has started from today...

Share your goals, ambition, vision ...

...and your funding

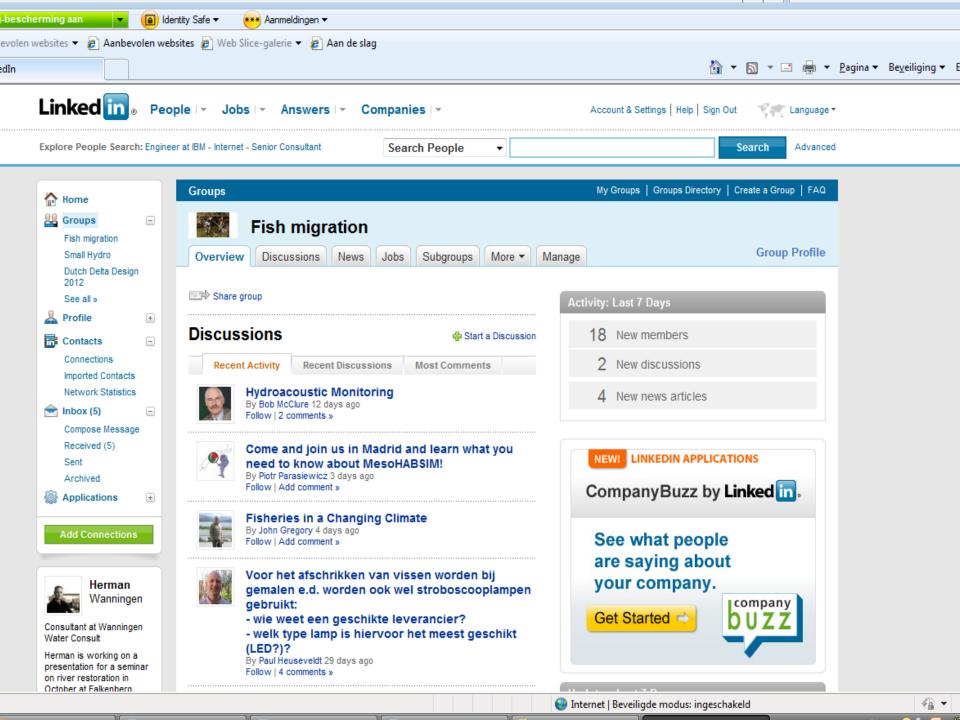












"Showing the bigger picture"



Know your stakeholders and key contacts



provincie Drenthe







dienst landelijk gebied voor ontwikkeling en beheer













Natuurmonumenten

























Rijkswaterstaat Ministerie van Verkeer en Waterstaat



koeman en bijkerk by ecological research and consultancy







Defensie

Waterschap Noorderzijlvest





