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Fish migration possibilities in the Netherlands State of the art (barriers, solutions, monitoring)



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Dutch water authorities are working hard to improve migration routes

- Water Framework Directive

 > good ecological status of water
 bodies before 2027
 -> fish as indicator
- Eel directive

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• Benelux treaty free fish migration in water bodies





Barriers in the Netherlands

(Source: Meetkundige Dienst, 1990. Waterstaatkundig Informatie Systeem (WIS), Delft)





Project: Netherlands living with fish migration

• 2007/2008: set up a national database on barriers for fish migration

Targets:

- Create an overview of all barriers for which a solution is planned
- Create an overview of all solutions in WFD water bodies



Publication

• Data and report (Kroes *et al.*, 2008) available via website (www.vismigratie.nl)

Updates, via contact persons water authority:

- 2008-2011 (Wanningen *et al.,* 2012)
- 2012-2015 (Kroes et al., 2015)



Method

Information in database

- Number of barriers per water authority
- GPS coordinates
- Type of barrier/solution (and functioning)
- Time-schedule for realization solutions
- Progress of measures

-> 26 of 30 water authorities responded





Method

	Area (km²)	Length (km)	WFD waterbodies	Natura- 2000
Salt water	62.000		20%	10%
Brackish and transitional water	800		95%	60%
Large rivers	330	650	100%	0%
Canals		6.500	90%	20%
Lakes (>50ha)	2.500		100%	95%
Streams (e.g. brooks)		6.200	70%	10%
Ditches		330.000	0.5%	0%
Marsh	2.4		<1%	65%

Source: www.compendiumvoordeleefomgeving.nl



2745 prioritized barriers in WFD water bodies

























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Increase of fish friendly pumps since 2008, mostly combined with upstream solutions
Rare are dam removal, remeandering,





Monitoring of solutions





Functioning (expert judgement)







Discussion

Not all water authorities responded, so results are even better

Results applicable

- For national studies and evaluations (e.g. WFD, Eeldirective, Nature outlooks etc.)
- For water authorities national information on solutions and migration routes



Discussion

Migration routes

Waterbody Fully accessible, connected to sea No barriers, but not connected Poorly accessible downstream Inaccessible or poorly accessible No open connection \leftrightarrow to sea



Source: www.compendiumvoordeleefomgeving.nl

Fishmigration, 2014

PBL/may15 www.clo.nl/en135008

Discussion

Migration routes







Conclusions

- Much progress in realization of solutions (41% <2015)
- Monitoring is most often not part of the realization (<20%)
- Developments and practical knowlegde increase fast: exchange more knowledge on new techniques



Thank you



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