Lagoon indicators
Klaipėda June 16

11:30-13:30 Discussion on the Baltic lagoon indicators

•Ramunas Linear & Areal Lagoon Indicators

Arturas & Arvydas Fish communities as an indicator

Data issues (external experts)

•13:30-14:15 Lunch (at Klaipeda Science and Technology Park)

•14:15-17:00 Round table discussion

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Indicator classification (after Tomasz)

- Natural processes - and nature conditions (clear , not polluted etc.)
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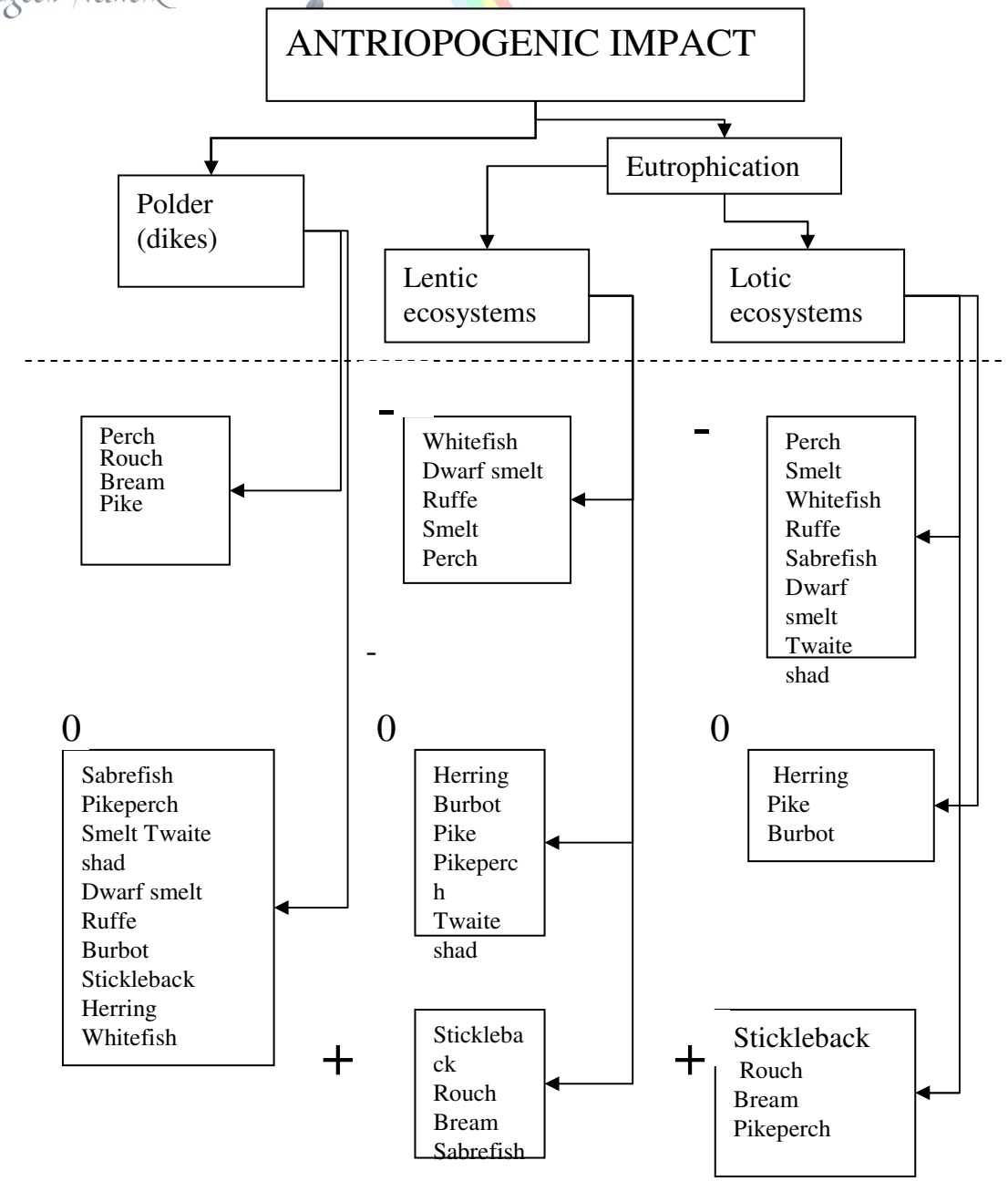
- Linear habitats as indicators (Ramunas)
- Fish community structure (Arvydas & Arturas, Sergej S.)
- Water quality (sensu WFD):
- A) typology residence time (Boris, Ali)
- B) ChA and index Benthos to CHL A (Sergej A.)
- C) Phytoplonkton community structure (Sergej A.)
- Water and nutrient budgets (Arturas, Ali)
- Sediment budget (Boris, Ali)
- Socio-economics part of development / layer existing in context of lagoon (Tomasz ?)
- Local or regional government policy or cooperation (Tomasz?)
- Nature conservation (Kazimierz)

THE DEADLINES !!!

- Week prior to Malmoe meeting - 18 September

Task leaders sending the outlines and basic ideas to all partners

Check the National WFD progress


ANTRIOPOGENIC IMPACT
Polder (dikes)
Eutrophication
Lentic ecosystems
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Perch
Rouch
Bream
Pike
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Whitefish
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Background

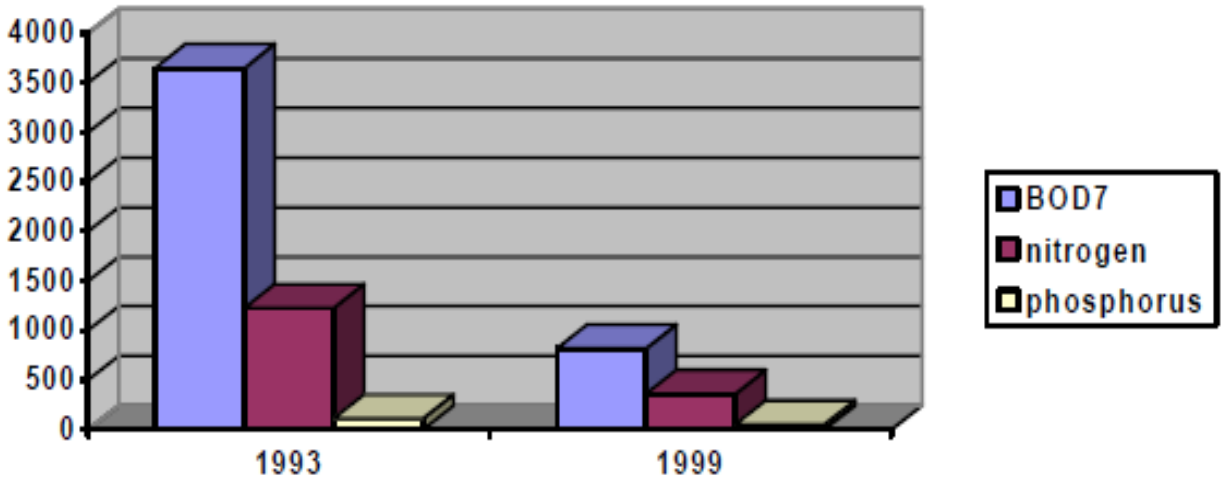
"The first symptom of the eutrophication of the waters in the Lagoon occurred in prewar times. But year by year, the volumes of the agricultural, industrial and municipal waste water increased, especially following the period between 1955 and 1965. This period marked the beginning of the heavy eutrophication of the Curonian Lagoon, due to the poor water quality of the River Nemunas"

HELCOM Thematic report (October 2000)

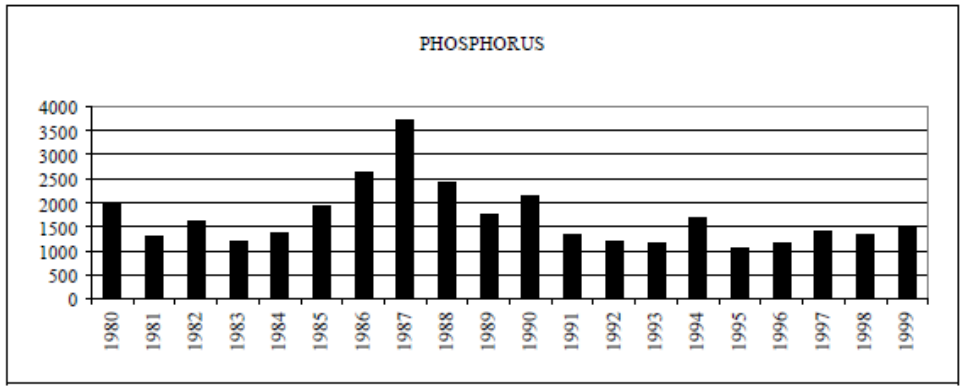
HOTSPOTS WITHIN THE AREA

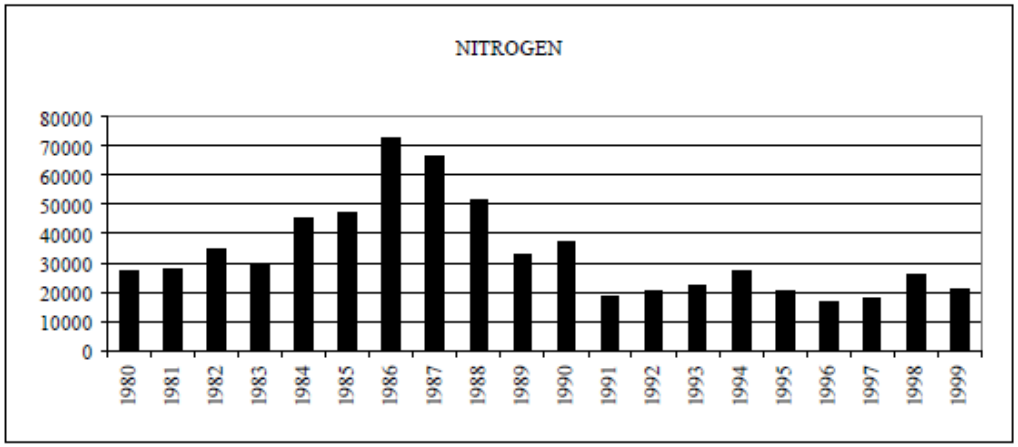
Klaipėda WWTP hot spot (deleted in 2001)

- The secondary and tertiary treatment of waste water introduced in 1998-1999

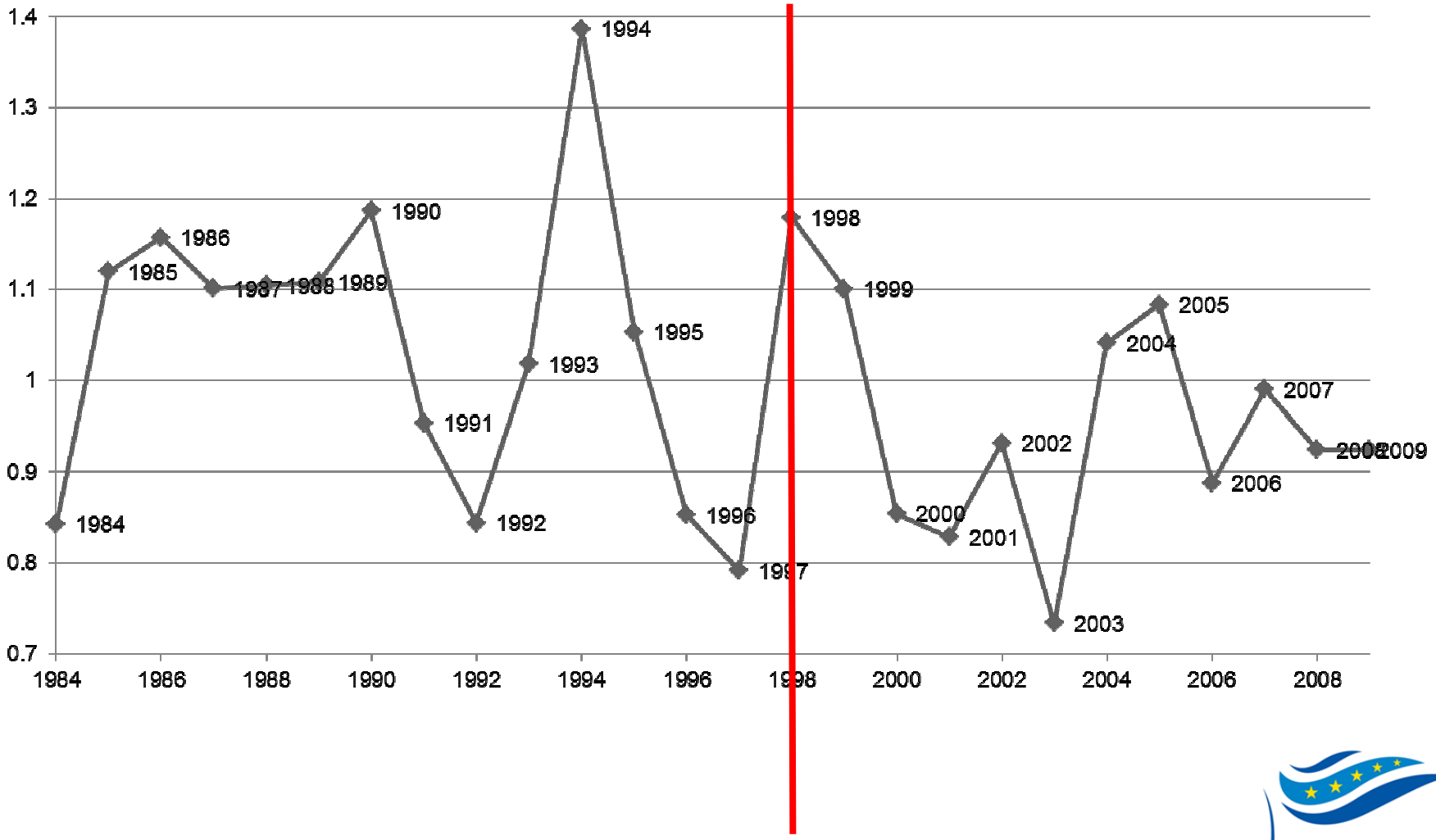


Nutrient loads (from the above report)

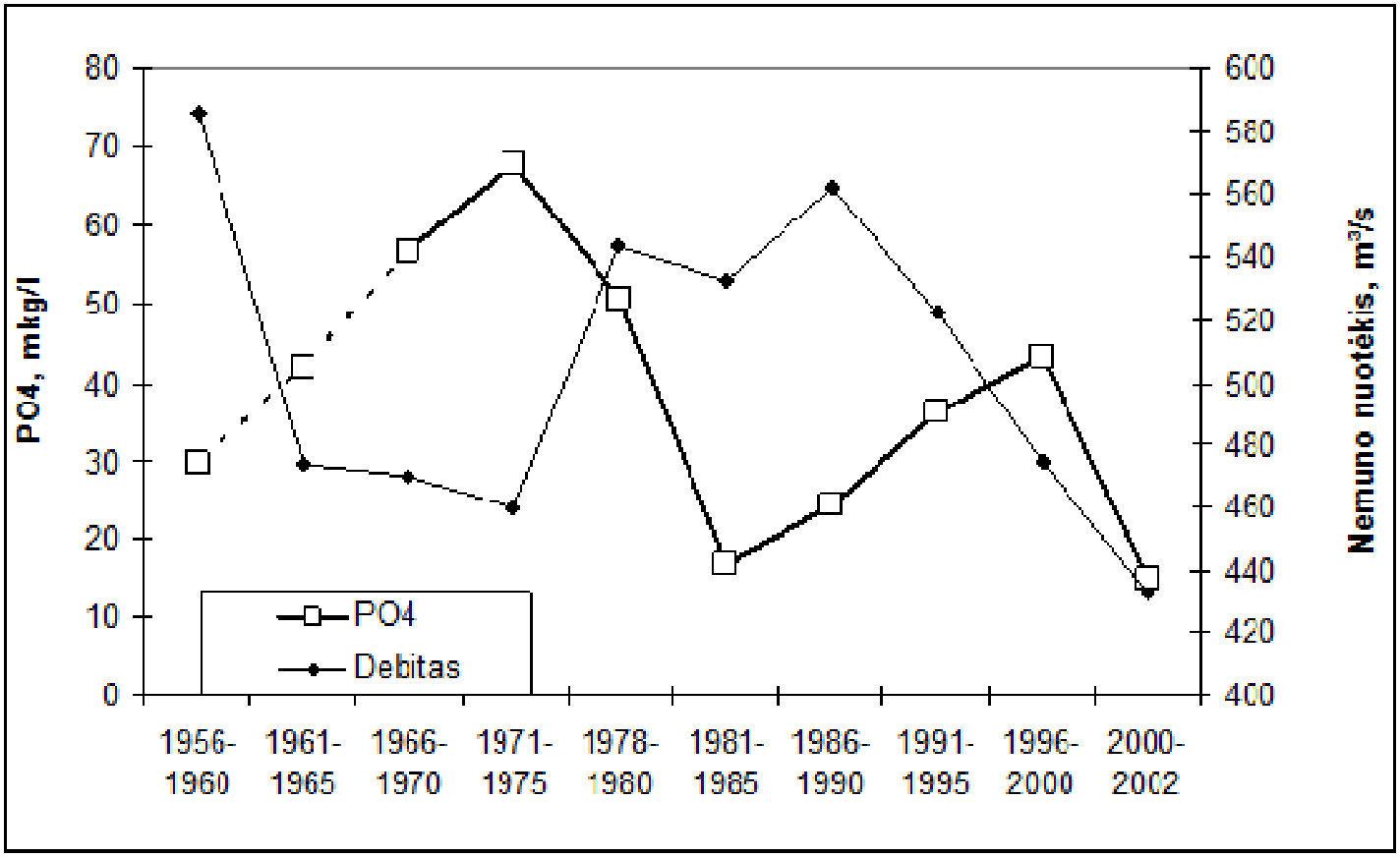




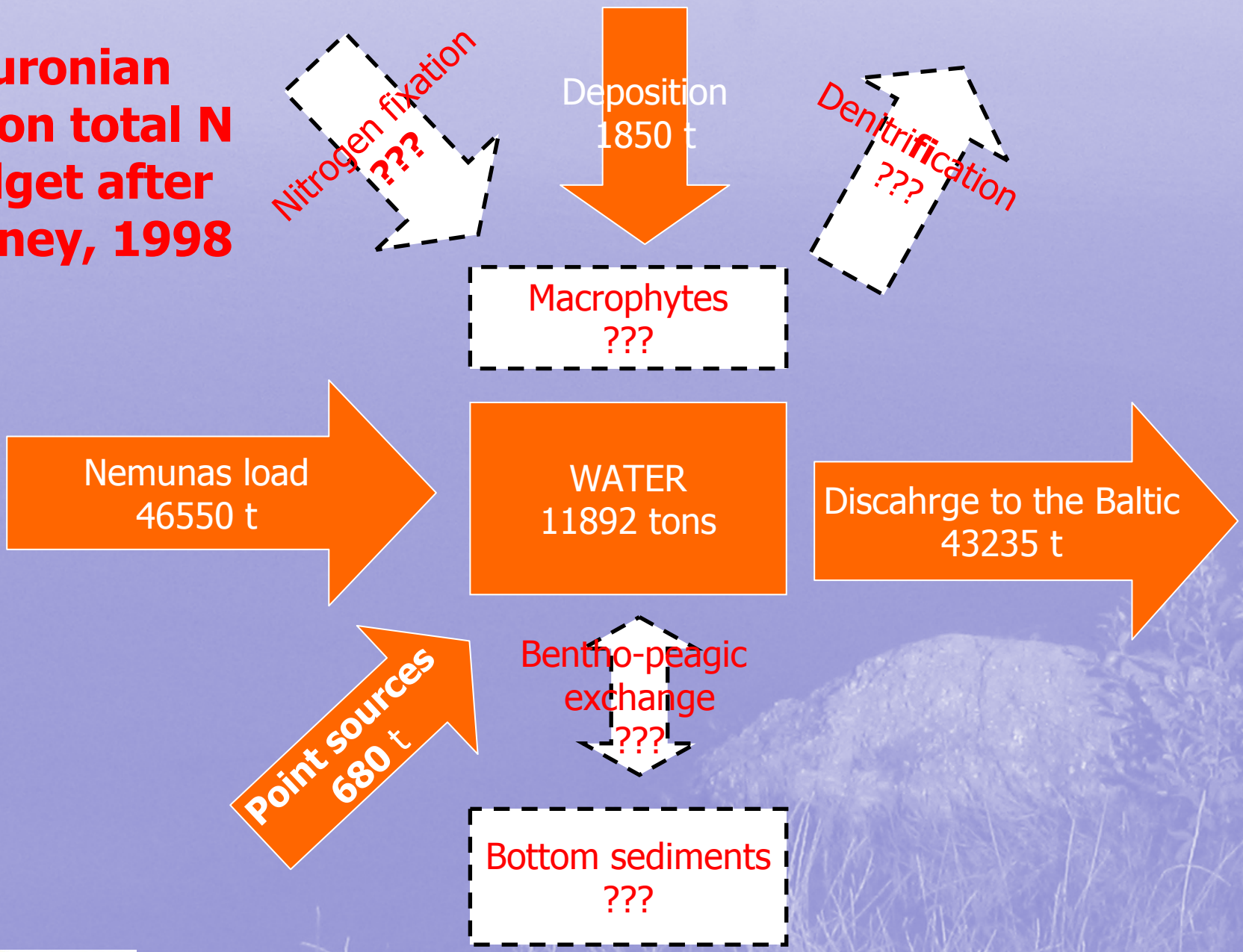
Hydrological coefficient K



Phosphate concentrations and runoff



Curonian lagoon total N budget after Swaney, 1998



Total N Budget revised

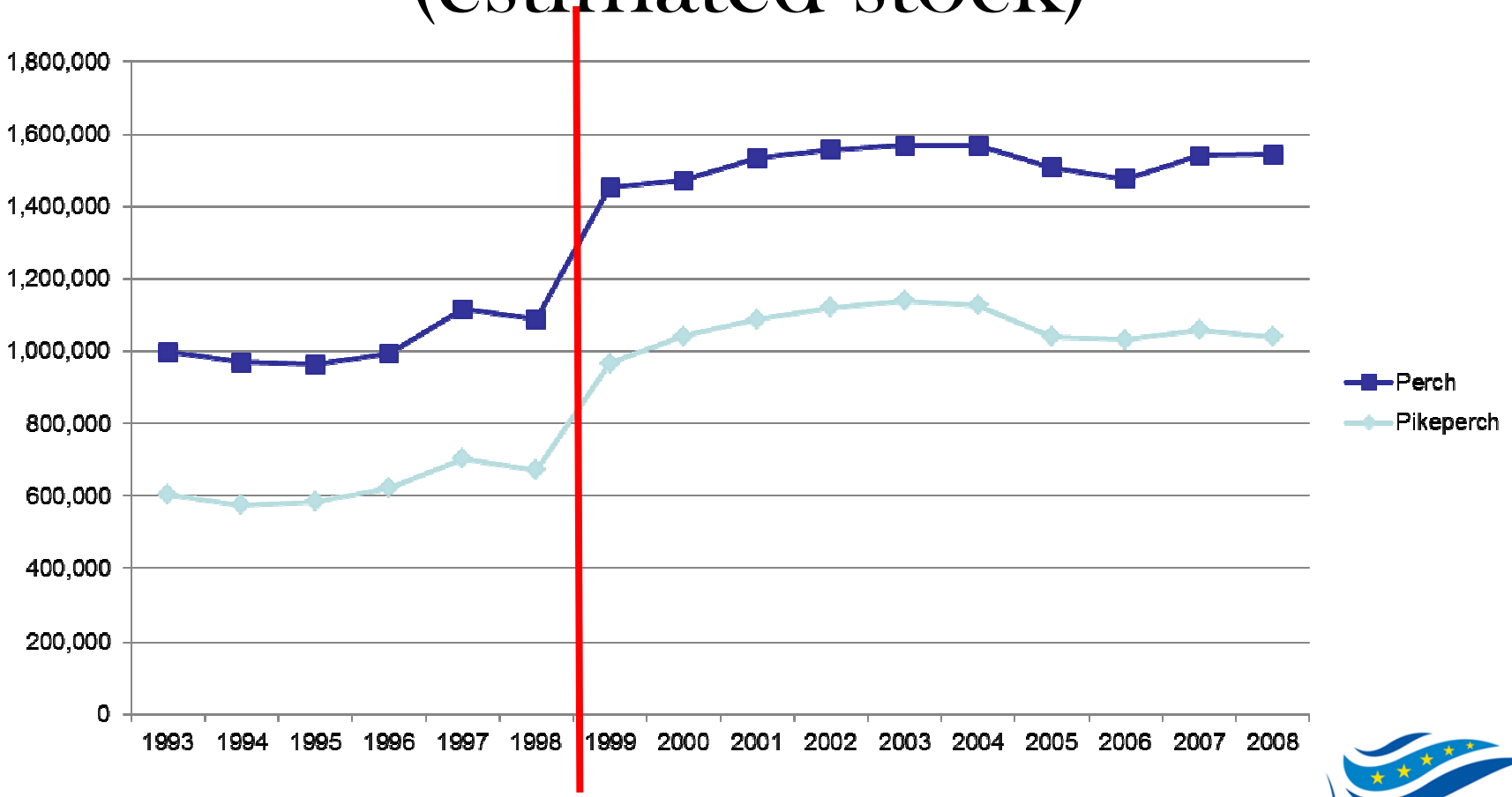
(for 2000-2006)

- Recalculated and corrected N budget for 2000-2006 is significantly lower.
- Not so clear for the P (need additional calculations)

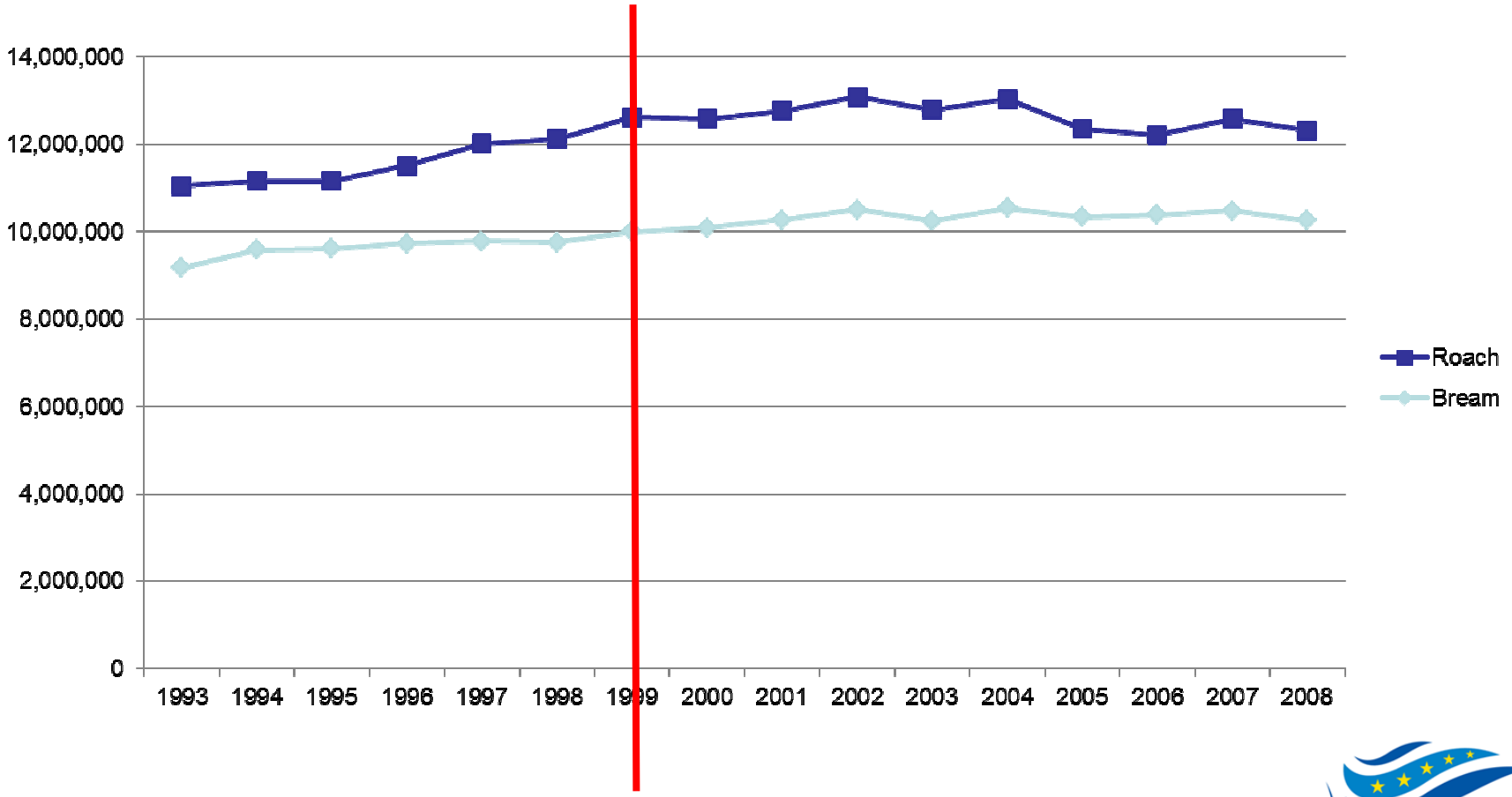
FISHERY

- Reconstruction of stock dynamics based on the population structure (Ložys & Razinkovas, unpublished)

Predatory commercial fish (estimated stock)



Demersal commercial fish stock



Fishery

- Regulation measures improved ?

Conclusions

- Some improvement in mostly N runoff to the lagoon
- Somehow improved stocks of predatory commercial fish

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WFD parameters

- Classification
- Macrophytes
- Phytoplankton
- Benthos
- Chemistry
- Residence time (modelled)

Potameid (*Potamonogeton pectinatus* & *P. perfoliatus*) distribution

Water quality class	Maximum potameid penetration depth, m	Comments
Very good	≥ 3 m	Maximum depth observed in 50ties (Minkevičius, Pipinis, 1959)
Good	1-3 m	Contrmporary potameid distribution threshold in the most suitable locations.
Average	0,6- 1 m	Average potameid distribution
Bad	0,6 – 0,5 m	Potameid zone in hydraulically active habitats
Very bas	< 0,5 m	Only *P. pectinatus* ocuurs

Fishery & food webs(MFD)

- Pelagic/benthic fish ratio
- Maximum length of fish
- Nutritional status of ke species
- ECOPATH derived parameters