## Institutional aspects of monitoring

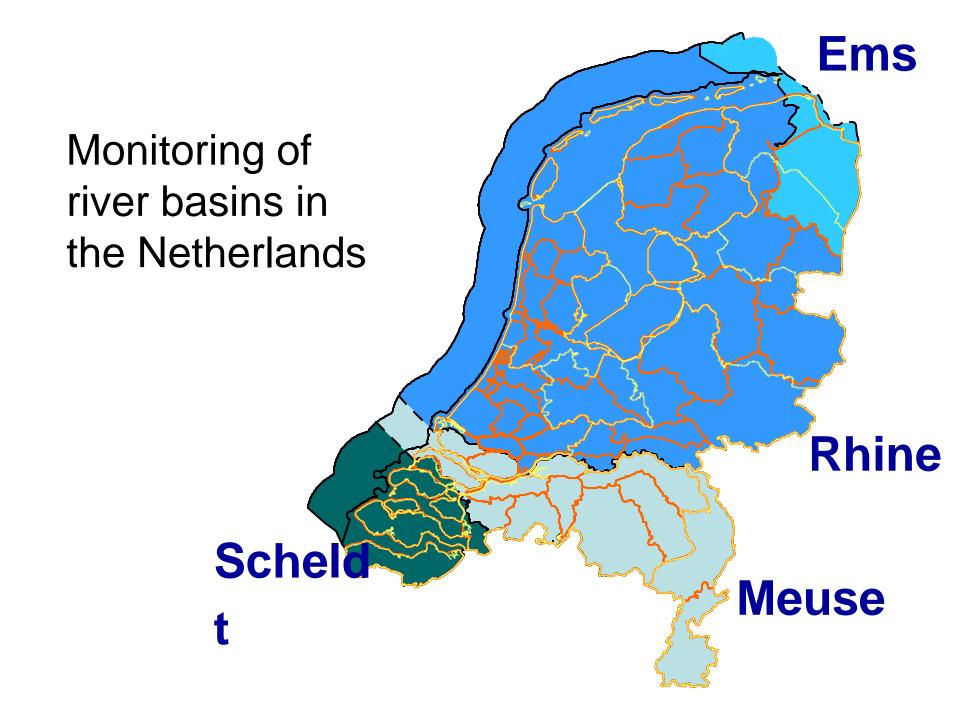
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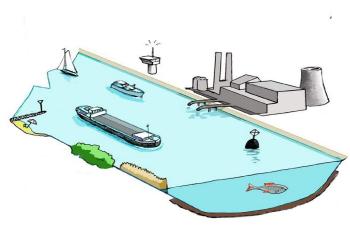
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## The public and scientists





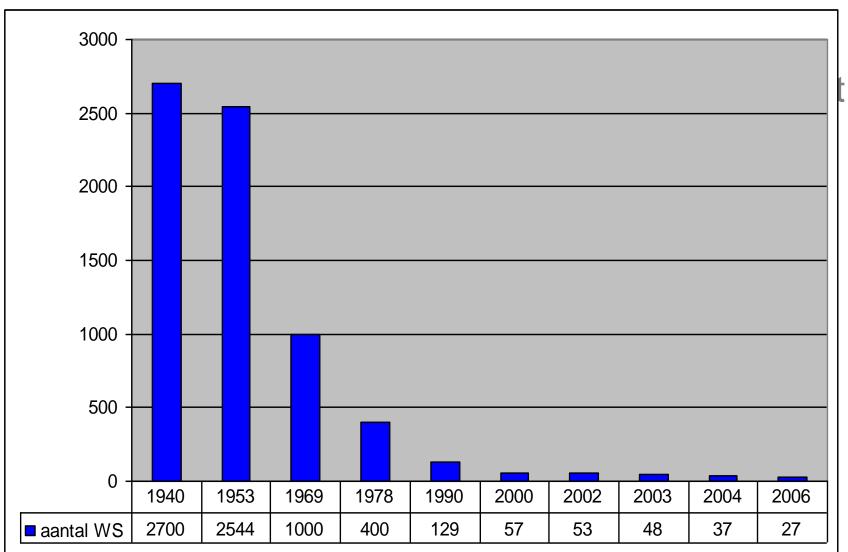
## Water management



Main rivers, big canals, large lakes and the sea managed by de (deconcentrated)
State organization

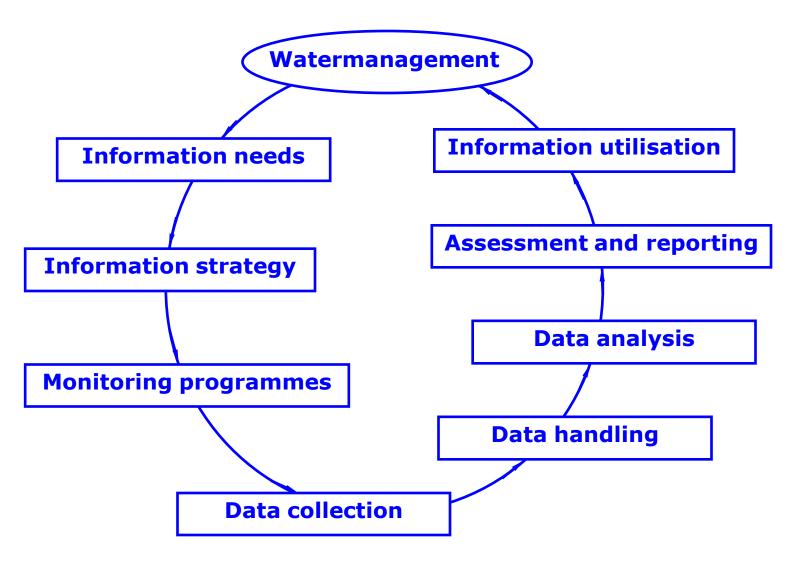


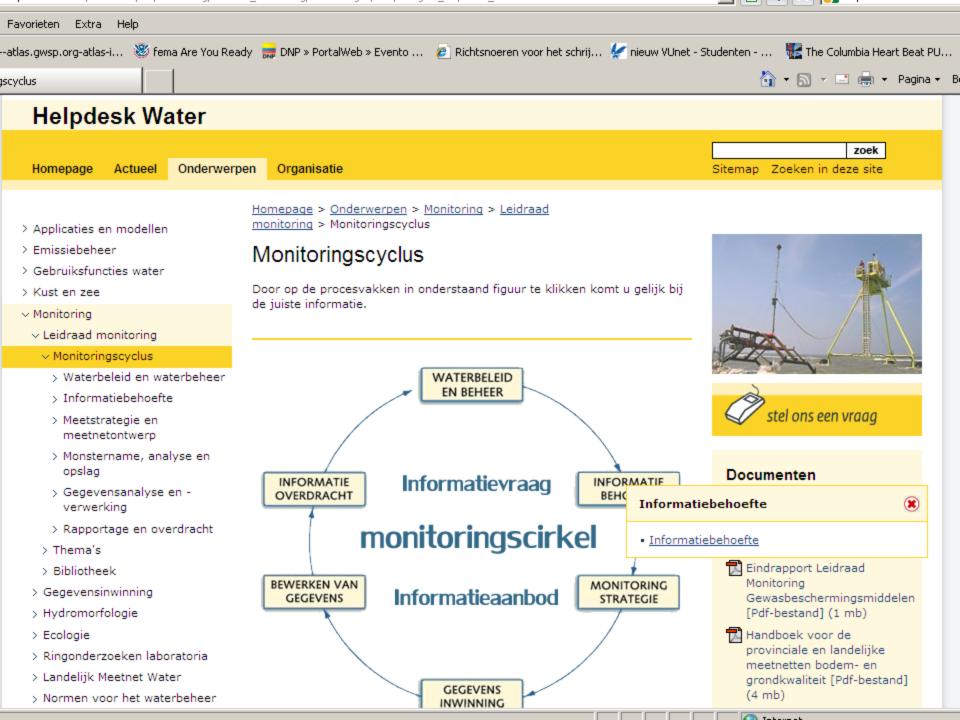
## Waterschappen (25)



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## Monitoring cycle





## Developing monitoring networks

- Physics network since ± 1800
- Chemical monitoring network since 1952
- Automated water quality monitoring network - early warning – since 1978
- Biological monitoring network since 1992

During the years: Many evaluations and redesigns



Water quality monitoring: optimisation studies

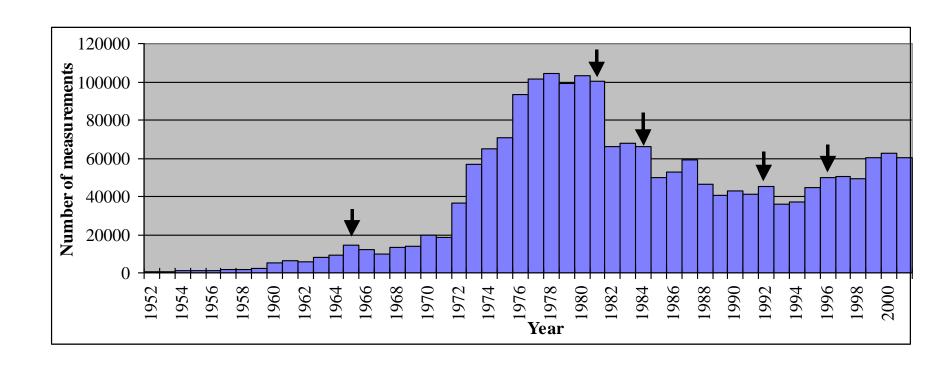
Year	Description Description
1965	Statistical analysis:  • Subsequent monitoring locations in rivers highly correlated  • A sampling frequency set to once per two weeks
1978 - 1981	Statistical analysis:  • A monitoring network with few locations and a high sampling frequency would yield more information than a network with much locations and a low frequency
1984	Attuning to new water quality plans, changed legislation and a new water management policy document
1991 - 1992	Information needs and statistical analysis  Low sampling frequencies not suitable for detection of significant trends  Large reduction in monitoring locations and a radical change in choice of parameters
1996	The study has led to some changes in the choice of parameters.

Monitoring locations in the Netherlands

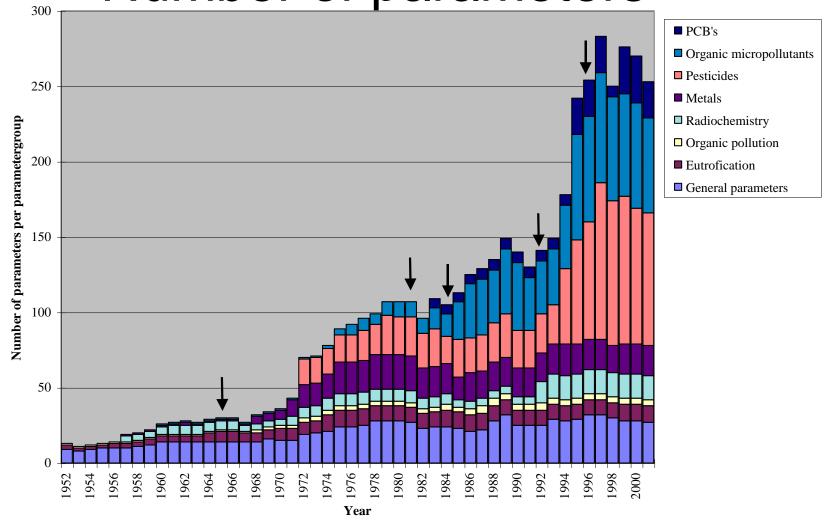
National Water Quality Monitoring network

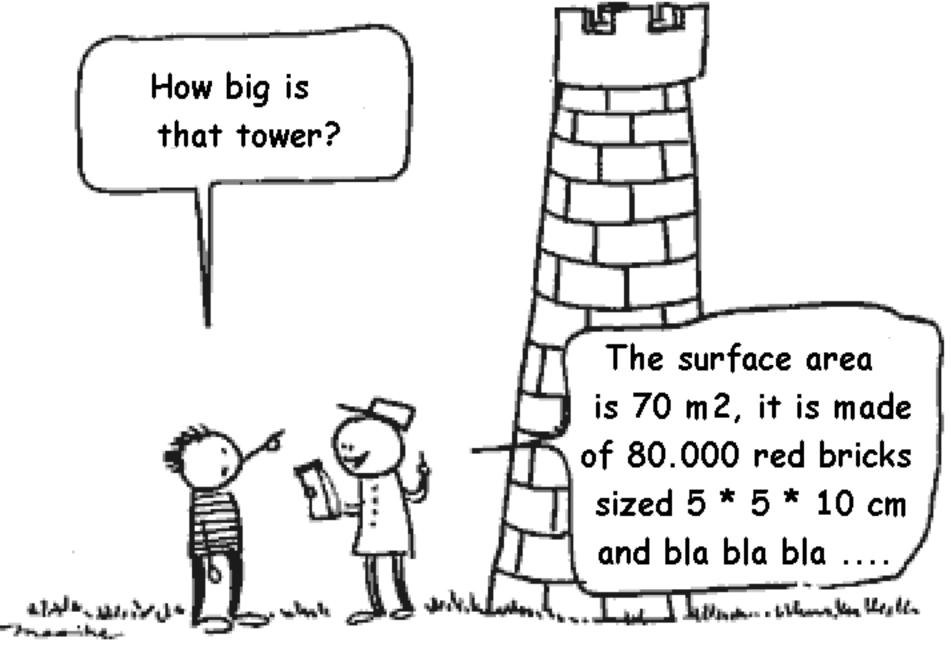


### Number of measurements



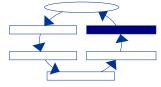
Number of parameters





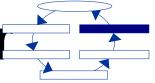
What kind of information do you really want?

## The specialist





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### Incentives

Nothing goes without an incentive



### **Products**

- Obligations by law
  - Report to the national parliament
  - Policy making and evaluation
- International obligations and cooperation's
  - Rapports for river committees, OSPAR, EU (WFD)
- national appointments:
  - RIWA (drinking water) rapports Meuse en Rhine
- Water system rapports (integral view of the state and trends of water systems)
- Rapports from projects: search and signaling new substances
  - e.g. Pollution of the Meuse by Glyfosate (a herbicide)

# Annual reporting to parliament



Water in focus 2003

Other chemical substances, the concentrations of which greatly exceed the target values, include polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) and pesticides, the most important of which is triphenyltin (TPT). In some saltwaters, TPT concentrations were 100 times higher than the maximum permissible risk level. Frequently used in potato growing, TPT is not easily degradable. The concentrations of tributyltin (TBT), a chemical substance used in anti-fouling paint on ships longer than 25 metres, exceed the maximum permissible risk levels by more than 300 times. To solve this problem, the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) reached an agreement regarding a ban on the use of TPT on ships starting in 2003. The concentrations of the pesticides diuron, simazine and metolachlor exceed the target values in the coastal waters and the saltwater delta. In recent years, the concentrations of most of the chemical substances have not decreased at all or only slightly. Accordingly, the target values are not expected to be met by 2015.

Water quality trends in the catchment areas. The figures present the concentrations, expressed as a factor indicating the extent to which the standard (indexed concentration) is exceeded. This clearly shows the degree to which the recorded concentrations exceed or fall below the standard. The information is presented according to international catchment area as outlined in the Water Framework Directive and indicates, according to catchment area, the averages of data collected in regional and national waters.

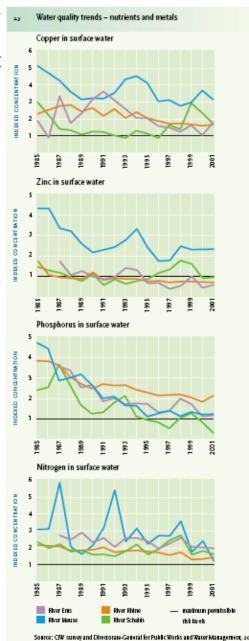
In general, copper, zinc, phosphorus and nitrogen concentrations reveal a stagnating trend with regard towater quality improvements. During the last decade, phosphorus loads reaching surfacewaters have decreased by 58%, while nitrogen loads have only fallen by 16%. Closer investigation of the sources of these nutrients within the Netherlands revealed that tagriculture is a primary source of nutrients from fertilisers (total nitrogen concentrations and total phosphorus concentrations), metals that leach from agricultural areas (copper and zinc) and pesticides. In addition to sources in the Dutch water systems, each year the River Rhine, River Meuse and River Scheldt transports ubstantial amounts of nutrients from abroad. These have not been significantly reduced in the last fifteen years.

#### Pesticides

For the first time in years, a slight improvement in water quality has been noted with regard to pesticides. The percentage of sites monitored that exceed the short-term target — maximum permissible risk levels — for one or more pesticides has fallen slightly, despite the fact that a larger number of locations were monitored.

This improvement has been attributed to the effects of the pestidides authorisation policy, which forbids or substantially restricts the use of the majority of environmentally harmful pestidides.

Withdrawal of these pesticides from the market, however, has created problems for a variety of crops. The Dutch government has addressed this by giving form to and implementing the motion submitted by members of parliament Feenstra and



Water in focus 2003 37

## Financial and economic consequences

#### Strategic objective

To gain insight into the financial and economic consequences of water management in order to facilitate effective decision-making to meet the targets of integrated water policy.

#### 6.1 Costs and revenues of the Directorate-General for Public Works and Water Management, water boards, municipal authorities and individuals

#### Cost trends of the Directorate-General for Public Works and Water Management

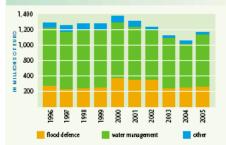
The expenditures of the Directorate-General for Public Works and Water Management total approximately EUR 1 billion a year. The money is used for the preparation and implementation of policy, as well as the management and maintenance of the main water system, waterways, harbours and flood defence structures. In 2003, expenditures for water management will fall substantially - more sharply than in the previous two years - largely due to the completion of the Dalta Plan for the Major Rivers project. As from 2006, expenditures will increase due to the implementation of projects - up to the year 2020 - that have been agreed upon within the framework of the Water Policy for the 21st Century project. The budgets for flood defence and flood protection will structurally increase by 2.8% above standard inflation correction. The Fourth National Policy Document on Water Management had already announced the downward trend in Directorate-General for Public Works and Water Management expenditures, although the decrease is larger than predicted. This trend is expected to continue up to 2004. All of the amounts presented in the table are expressed in constant prices, based on 2002 price levels. Of the expenditures for actual implementation, 25% goes towards the flood defence infrastructure and 75% towards management of the water infrastructure. The expenditures of the Directorate-General for Public Works and Water Management are financed using funds raised through general income tax (i.e. financed by individual taxpayers).

#### Cost and revenue trends of the water boards

Of a water board's revenues, 97% is generated through charges imposed on households and companies within thewater board's management area. Each household pays approximately EUR 200 a year to cover the costs the water board incurs for fulfilling its role, i.e. flood defence and water, land and waterway management. These involve total apportioned payments, including the revenues from charges imposed on companies. In reality, these charges are paid by households, as the costs are incorporated into product prices.

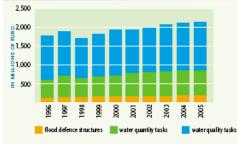
The charges comprise apportionment charges (quantity management) and pollution levies (quality management). Of the charges, two-thirds involve quality management costs,

#### Cost trends of the Ministry of Transport, Public Works and Water Management according to task (2002 price levels)



Source: 2003 Ministry of Transport, Public Works and Water Management budget

#### 6.2 Cost trends of water boards according to task (2002 price levels)

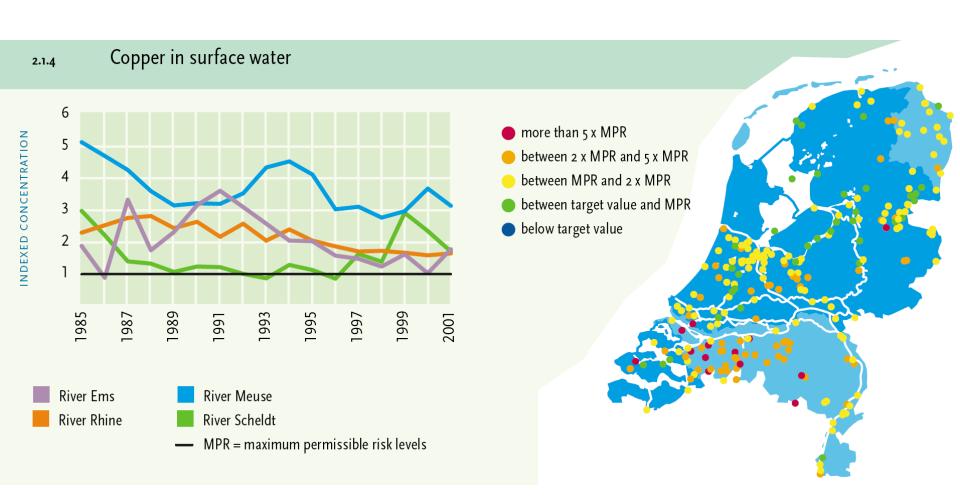


Source: Association of Water Boards

#### 63 Revenue trends ofwater boards (2002 price levels)



### Water in data





## The role of the Water Framework Directive (WFD)

 The WFD is meant to improve the ecological quality of water bodies in the European river basins

#### But

 The WFD works as well as a strong incentive to optimise monitoring and information process

## A Water Framework Directive Portal

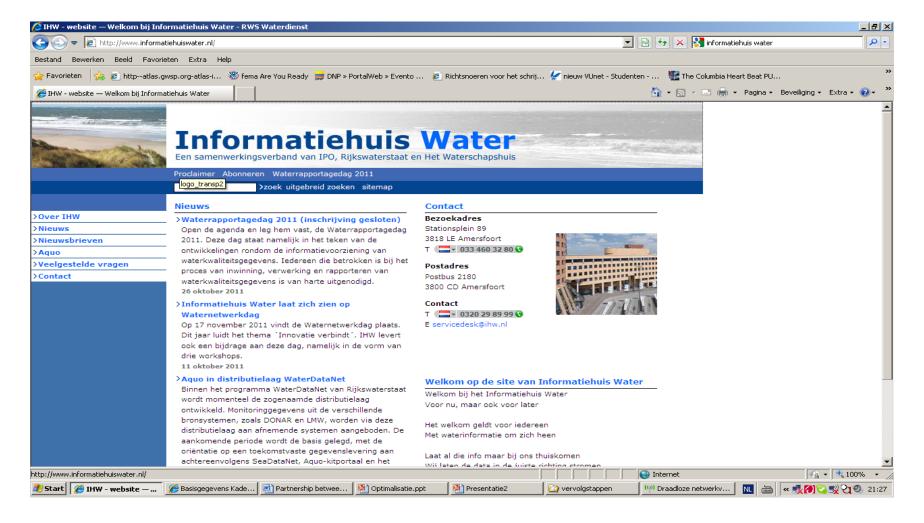
To download the necessary information to make the River Basin Mangemenet Plans

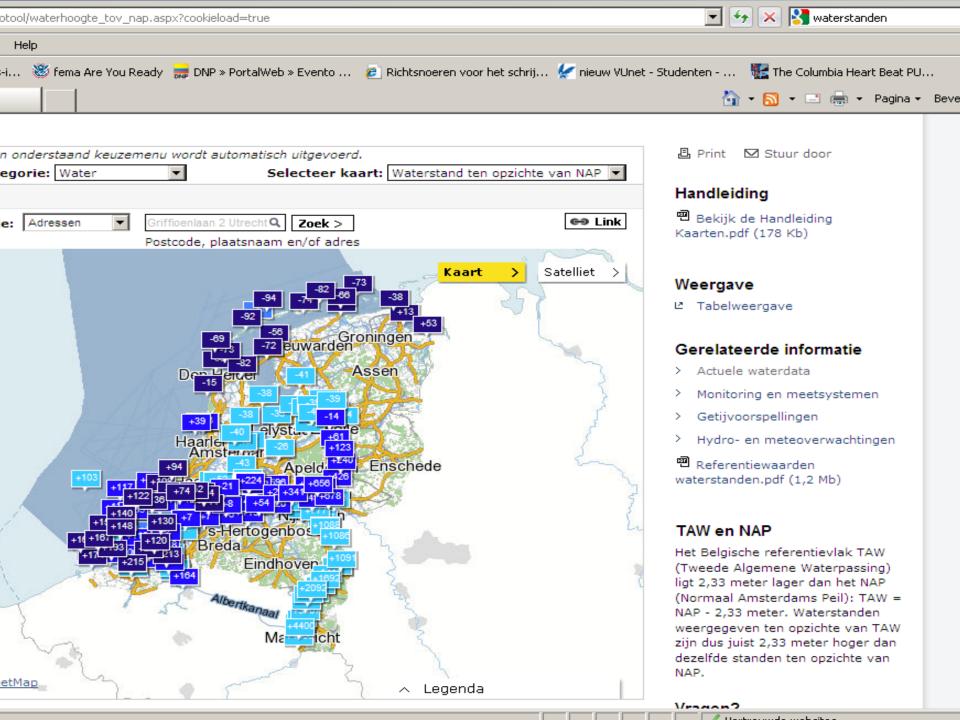


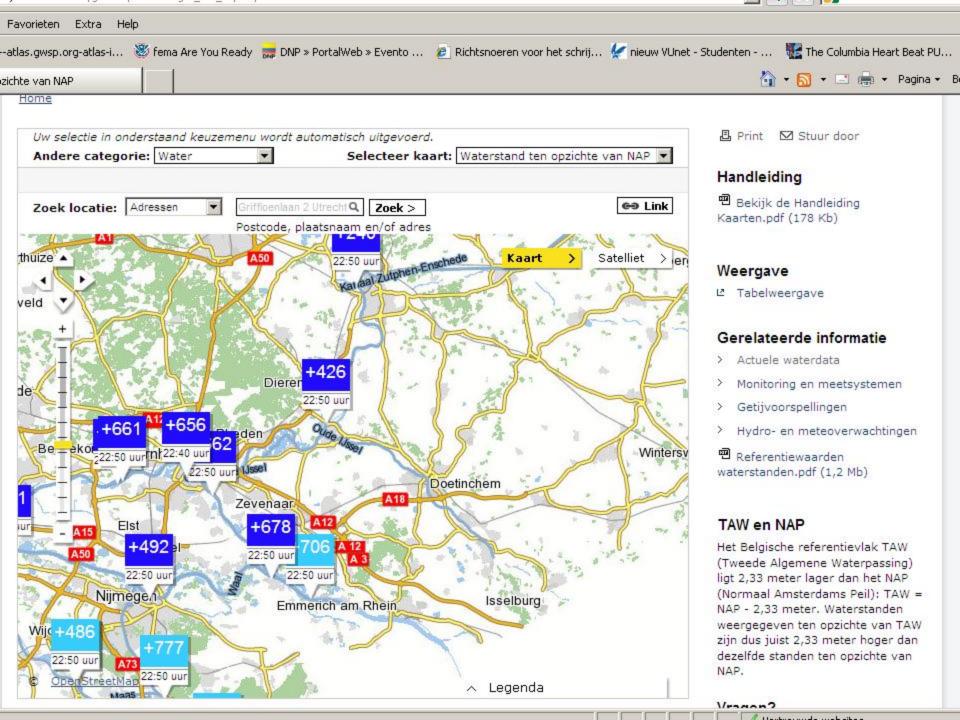
A website partly open for everyone to get the necessary information on:

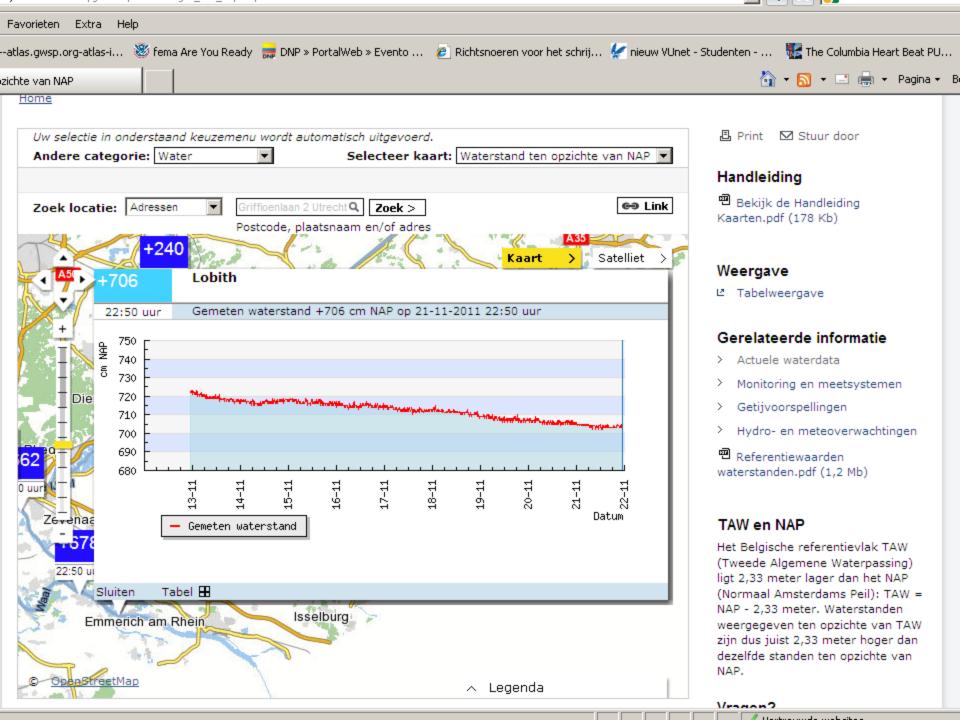
- Water bodies
- Swimming water
- Natura 2000 areas
- •Etc.

## Combining forces and uniting information

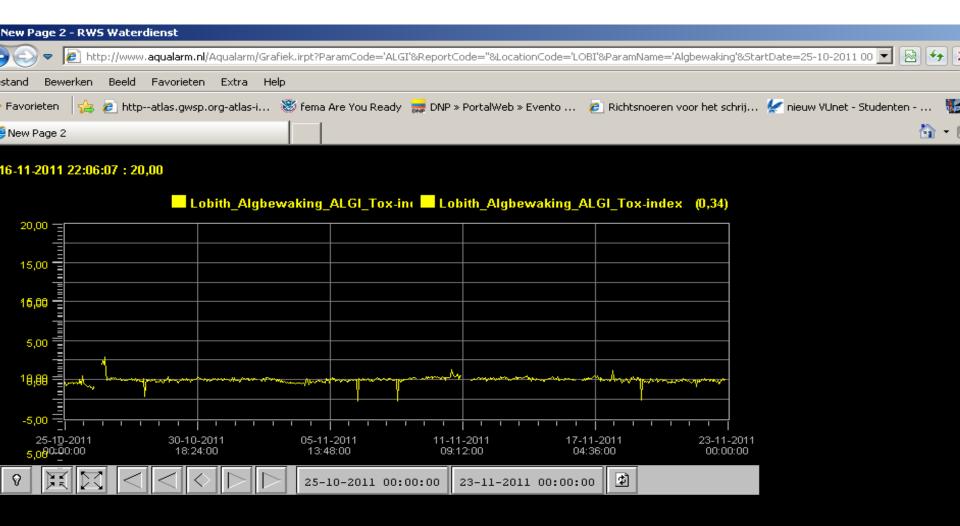




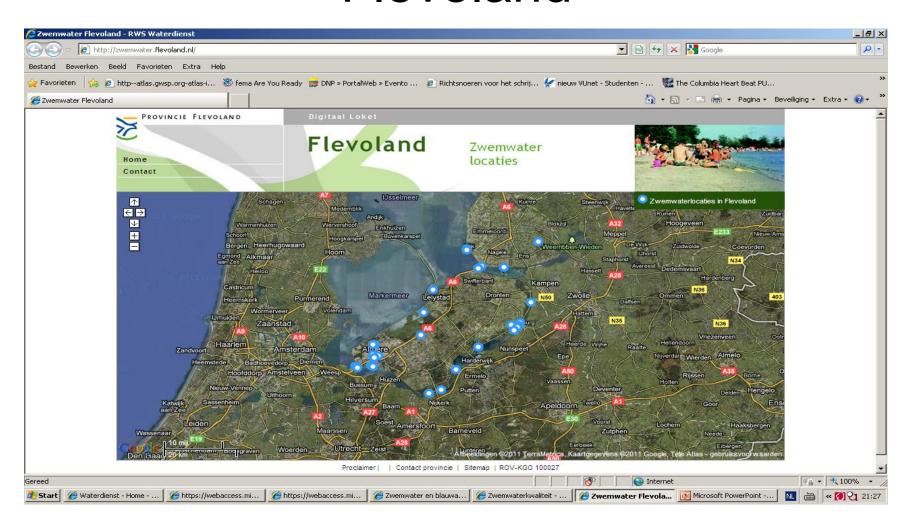




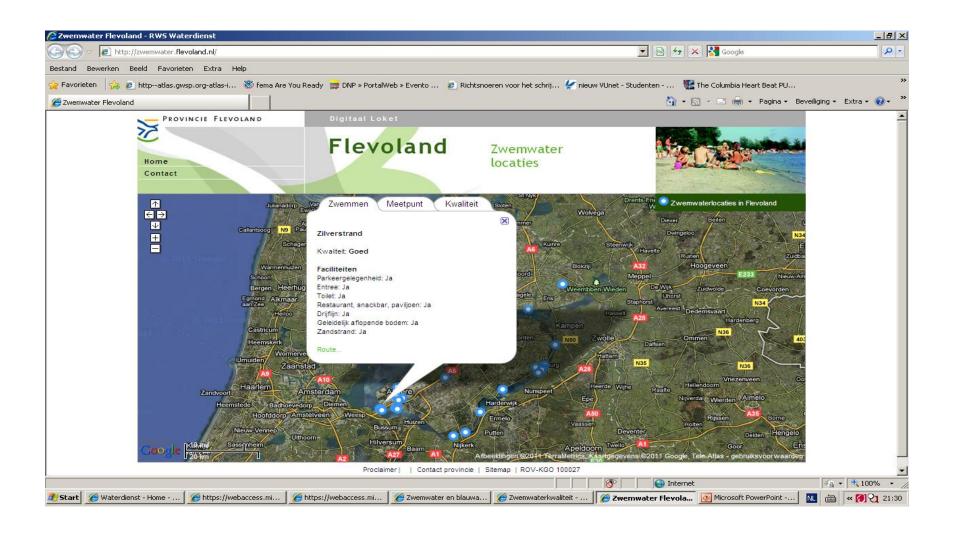
## Algea-toxicity of Rhine water



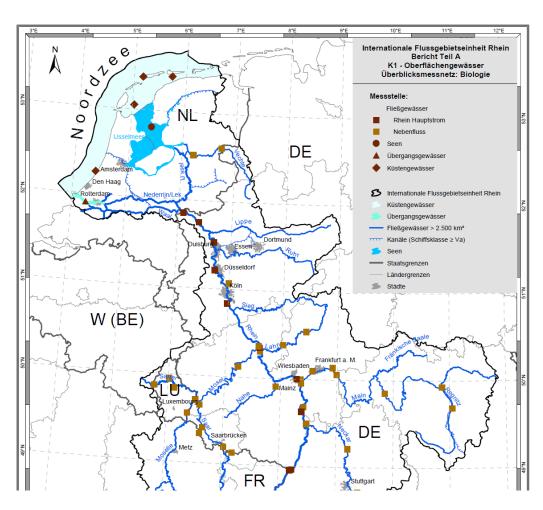
## Bathing water quality in province of Flevoland



### Actual situation on a specific point



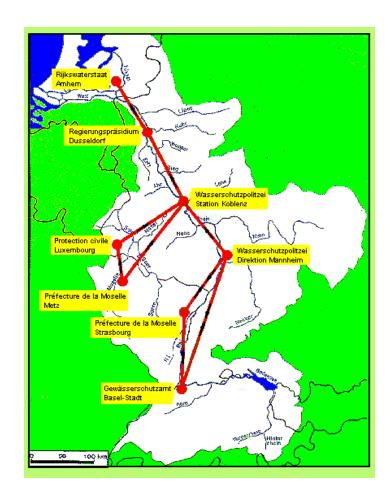
## River Rhine: Main monitoring network biology



## Warning- and alarmplan Rijn

#### Appointments about:

- Informing/warning
- Who and when
- 7 Main Warning Centres
- Format voor communication
- Minimum informatiom
- Ask for searching source
- Evaluation en rapporting
- Jearly report
- Regelar exercise/workshop
- 3<sup>e</sup> level



### Alarm Monitoring Rhine

#### Reasons for Releasing Warning and Alarm Service Rhine:

- information by discharger
- observations at site (e. g. fish kills)
- measurements at monitoring sites

#### Evaluation of Relevance:

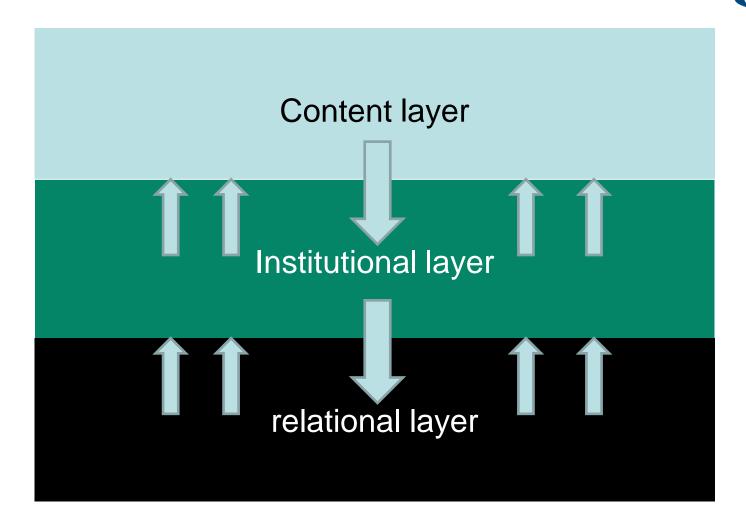
- authority supported by agencies with their experts (e.g. state offices)
- means: flow time model, data bases for hazardous substances, alarm thresholds for concentrations

#### Warning/Information and End of Alarm:

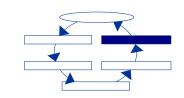
- authority is responsible for decision
- IMWC is responsible for information transfer







Impact-of-information chain





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maps

information

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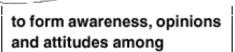
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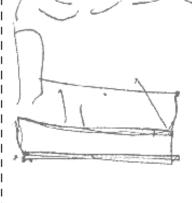




law-makers rule-makers money-makers choice-makers future-makers

for catalysing environmentfriendly

laws
policies
organisations
investments
production
consumption
values



#### causing

lower pressure on the environment and therefore its better quality

(Denisov and Christoffersen 2000)

