### Measures outside the fairway: the Living Rhine experiences

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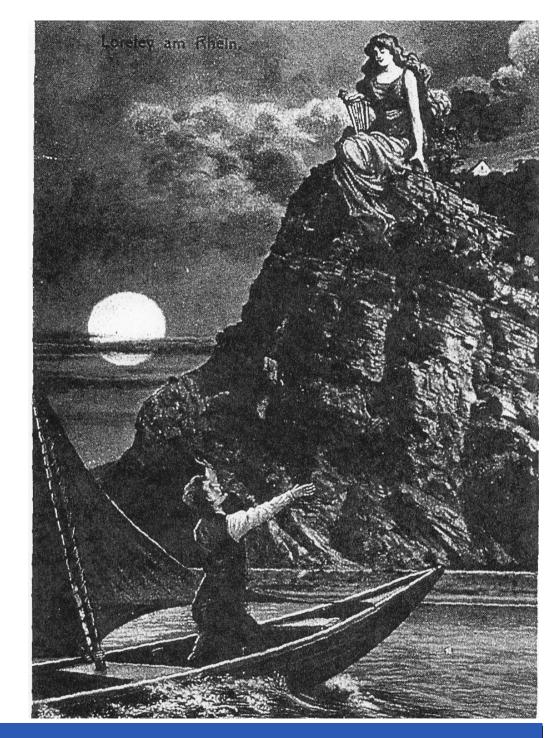
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#### River Rhine – the largest inland waterway in Europe

→ Border D / NL: 180 Mio t/year = one truck of 40-tons every 10 seconds



...recreation for millions of residents.....

Alone in Northrhine-Westfalia 1.4 mio are living within the natural Rhine floodplains





...and outstanding river habitat connecting rivers and wetlands between the Alps and the North Sea



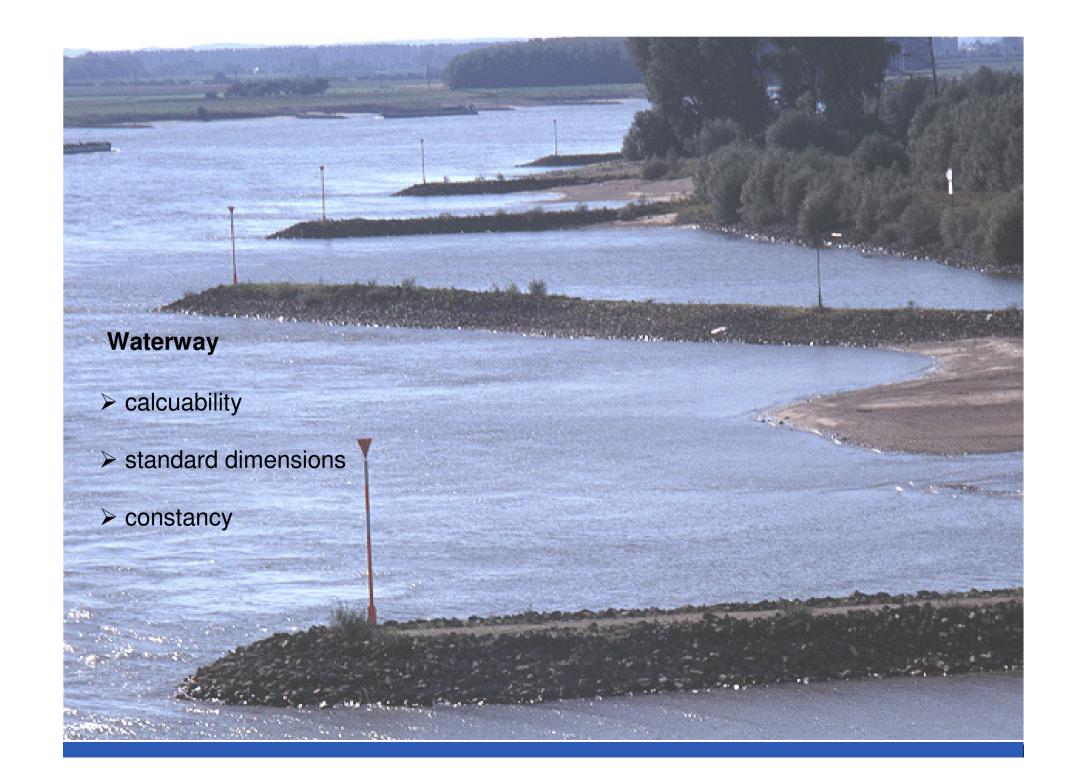
In the 20th century pollution was the main restriction to the quality of the riverine ecosystem Rhine.



Nowadays the loss of the natural diversity of structures and processes as a result of river regulation is the dominant restriction to a living river Rhine.







The regulation with dams means the loss of almost all typical riverine factors and processes. Most of the riverbound habitats and life communities disapear.

# **Living Rhine**

River of thousand lles 2003 - 2008

Riverbanks in urban areas 2008 - 2010



Birmann, 1820

# **Political context**

- Programm "Rhein 2020"
- ➢ Working Plan 2005



- Nationale Conference on River Policy 9/2002, Berlin (Elbe-Flood 2002)
- ➢ EU Water Framework Directive





## Rhein 2020 Programm for sustainable development of the river Rhine

#### 2.1 Improvement of the ecosystem

- 5 Raising structural diversity of the banks .....800 km bis 2020
- 7 **Developing near natural bedstructures** allowing and promoting dynamic bedbuilding processes ......and leaving gravelbanks outside the fairway
- 8 Conception and realisation of measures aiming at the reduction of bederosion
- 13 .....revitalisation of fish-habitats in the main course
- 3 Instruments
  - 10 Initiation of pilot projects.....



# **Project goals and components**

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### **Advisory board**

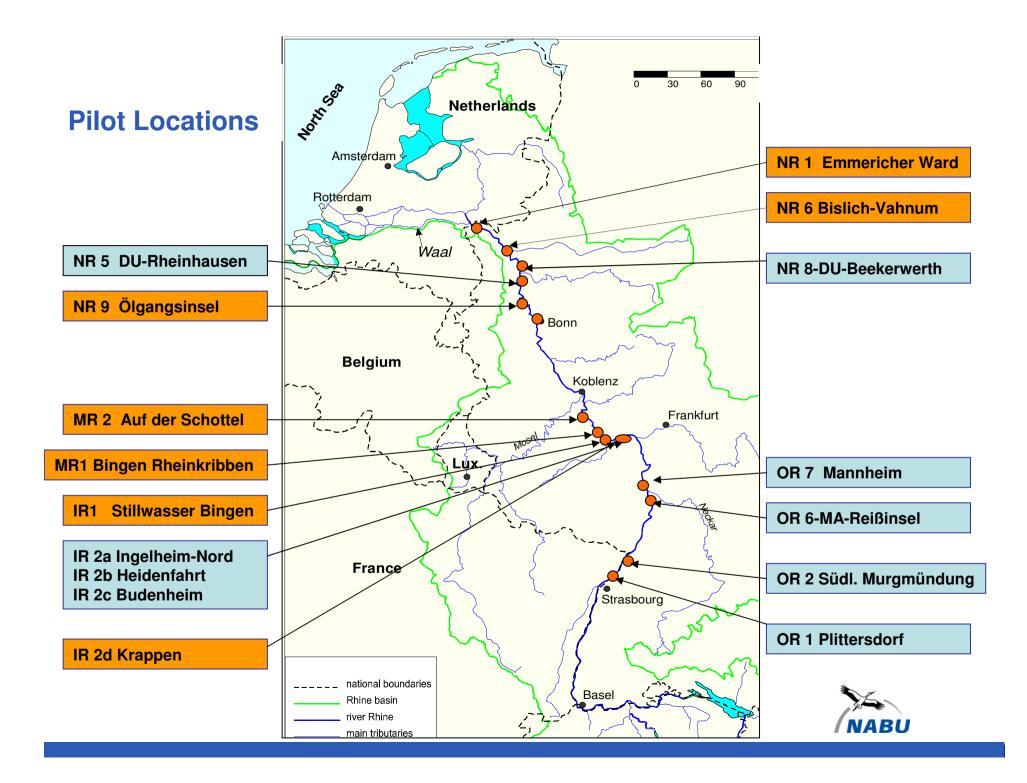


- Ministry of Environment and Nature Protection
- Waterway Authority
- Federal Institute of Hydrographie (BfG)
- Federal Departement of Nature Protection (BfN)
- Federal States Rhineland-Palatinate and Northrhine-Westphalia
- ➢ NABU



# Finanzing





#### **Removal of Bank Protection**

Stones, concrete

2.000 m

OR1 Plittersdorf OR6 Mannheim Reißinsel OR7 Mannheim Ballauf IR2b Heidenfahrt NR5 Duisburg Rheinhausen OR2 Südl.Murgmündung

**Wall** 700 m IR2a Ingelheim

#### **Ecological reconstruction of regulation works**

**Groynes** 650 m / <mark>4.000 m</mark>

Parallel dams

MR1 Bingen NR1 Emmerich NR8 Duisburg

IR2d Krappen MR2 Schottel

#### Sidechannel

5.600 m

NR1 Emmerich NR6 Wesel NR9 Neuss

# **Pilot Project Examples**

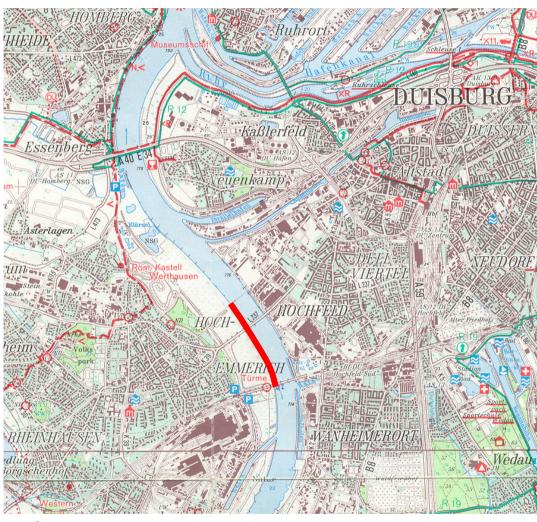
Implementation Projects
Planning Projects

#### NR5 Removal of bank protection near Duisburg - Rheinhausen

Rhein-Km: 774,3 – 775,7

#### Goals

- Removal of bank protection
- Regain dynamic bank structures formed by the river





#### NR5 Removal of bank protection near Duisburg

1.200 m



**Contaminated soil** Problem within 3 out of 5 pilot locations in Northrhine-Westphalia



### NR5 Removal of bank protection near Duisburg

Startevent, Oktober 2003









#### NR5 Removal of bank protection near Duisburg



### **Upper Rhine**

OR6 Removal of bank protection in the inner bent near city of Mannheim, April 2005

(Rhein-km 418,50 - 418,80

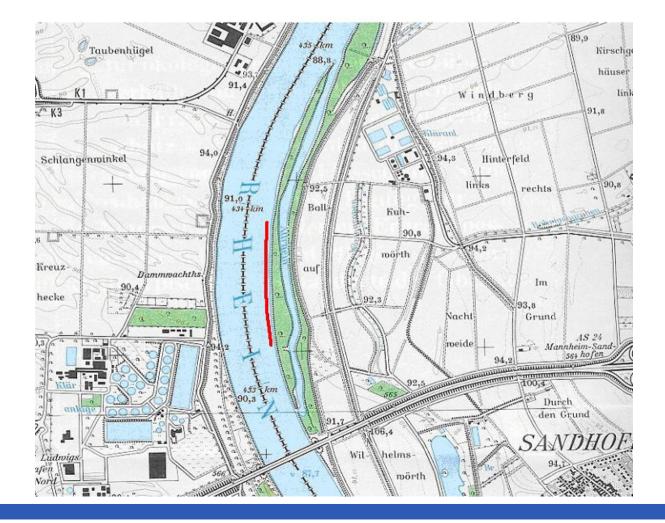


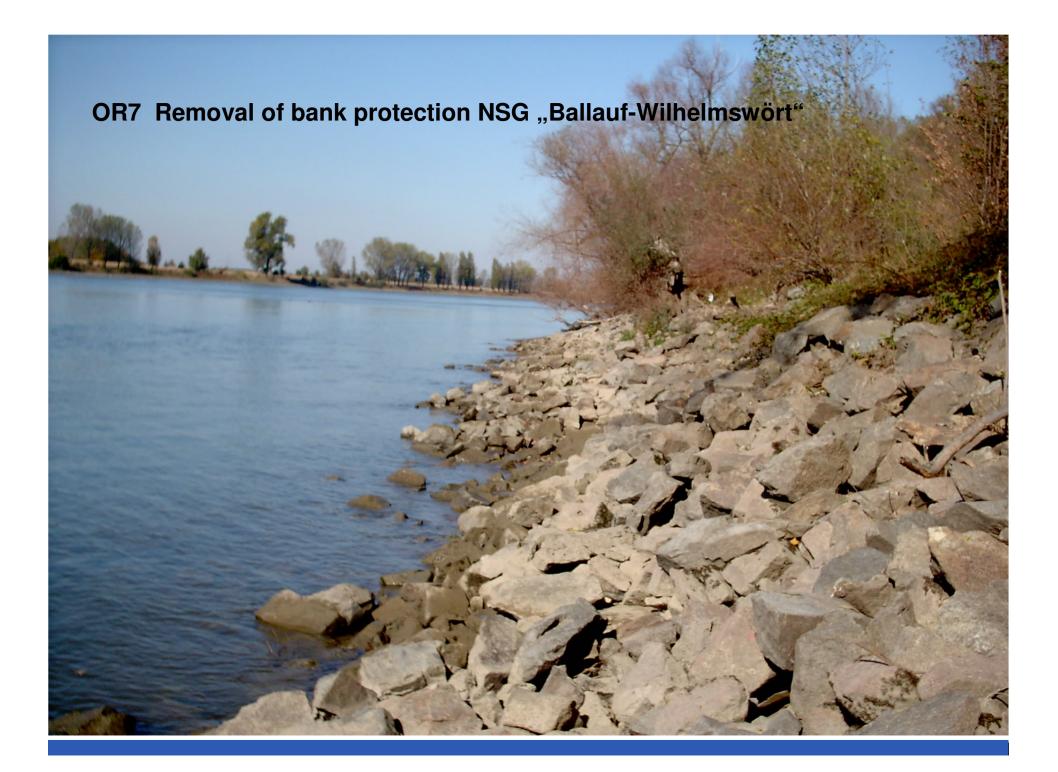
Beforehand

Afterwards

#### OR7 Removal of bank protection NSG "Ballauf-Wilhelmswört"

Rhein-km: 433,3 - 433,7 rechts





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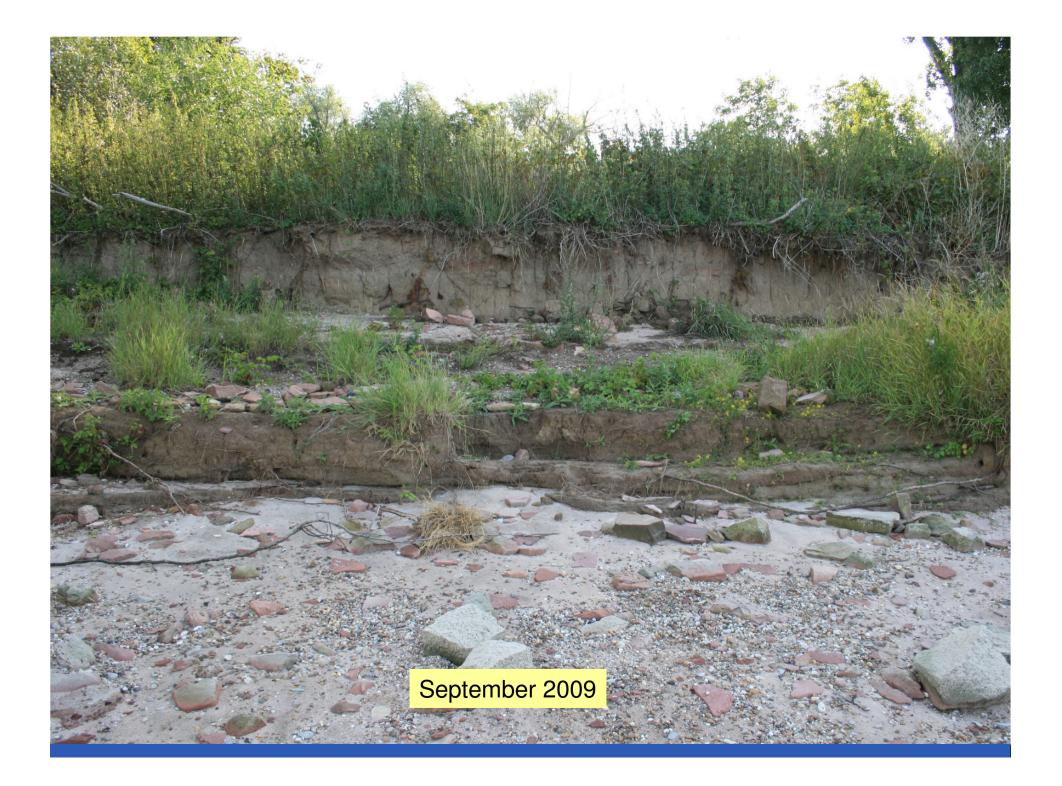
Removal of stone package, March 2005





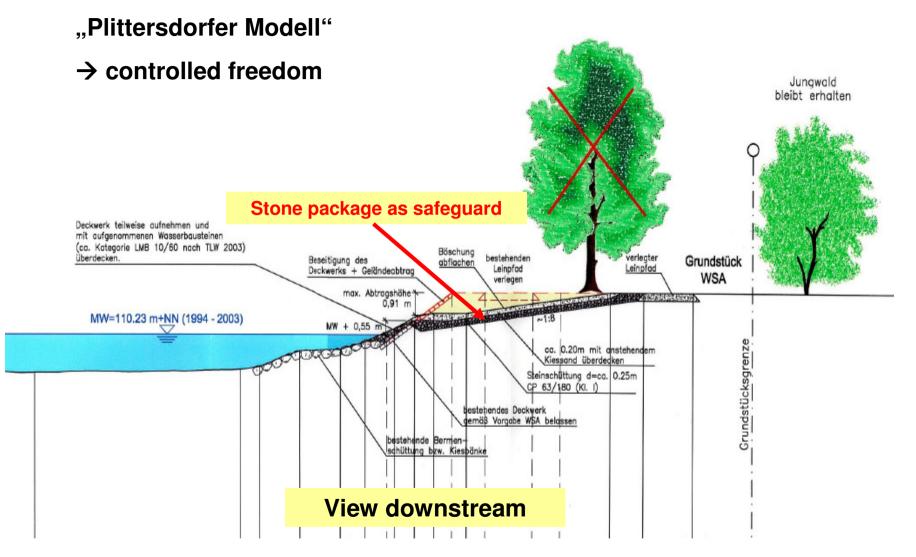






Bank flattening, Rhein-km 342,20





**OR1:** Removal of bank protection, flattening, "Grundsicherung" (Rhein-km 342,2)



Beforehand

Costs: 1.100 Euro / running meter bank





Afterwards

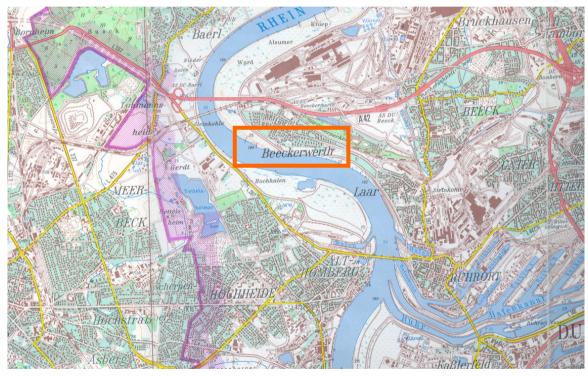




#### NR8 Reconstruction of a group of groynes in Duisburg - Beekerwerth

#### Aims

- Ecological improvement of the groynfields
- Creating shallow water zones, connected to the main stream and sheltered from ship induced swell





#### NR8 Reconstruction of a group of groynes in Duisburg - Beekerwerth

#### Situation beforehand

- Parallel dam isolates shallow waters from the main channel
- Waterway authority plans to reconstruct the fortification in order to optimise the waterway



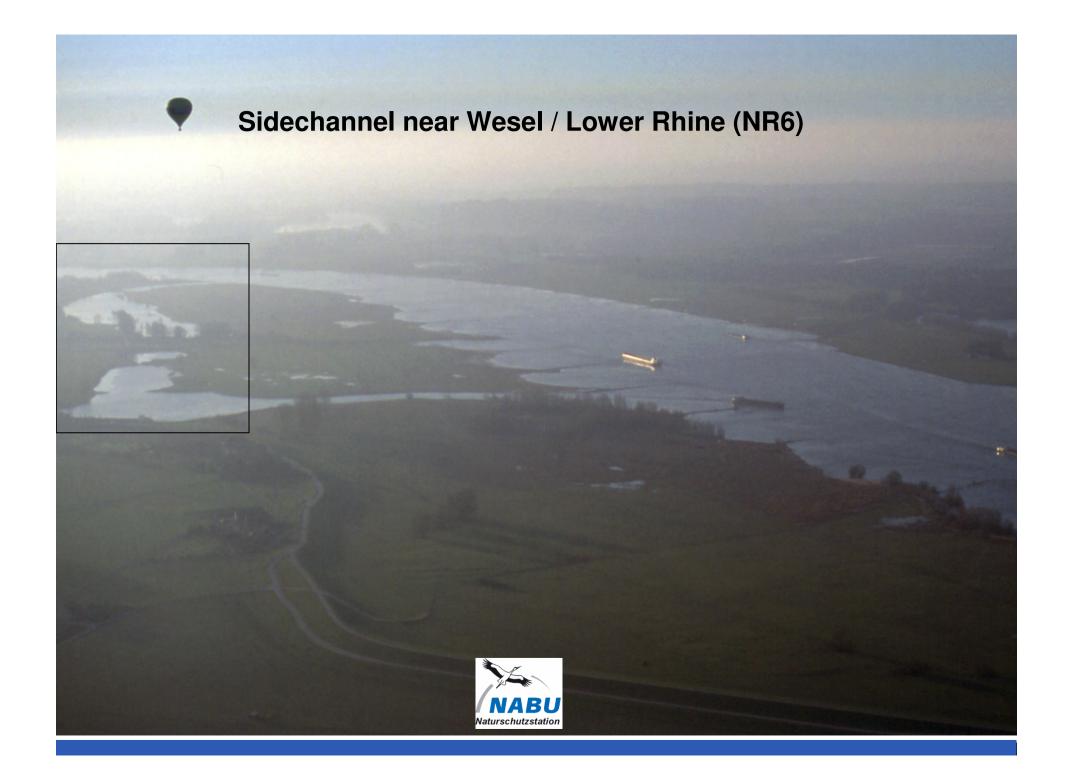


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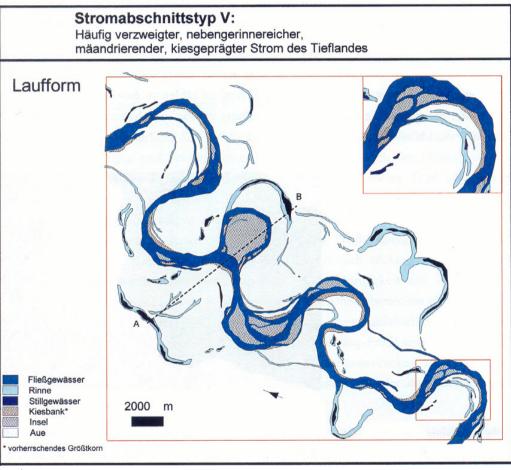


## **NR6 Sidechannel near Wesel**

Rhein-km: 823,5 - 827, rechts

#### Aims

- Regularly / permanently flooded sidechannel
- Dynamic prozesses in the bypass
- Suitable habitat for rheophilic fish species



Niederrhein: Geomorphologischer Stromabschnittstyp V







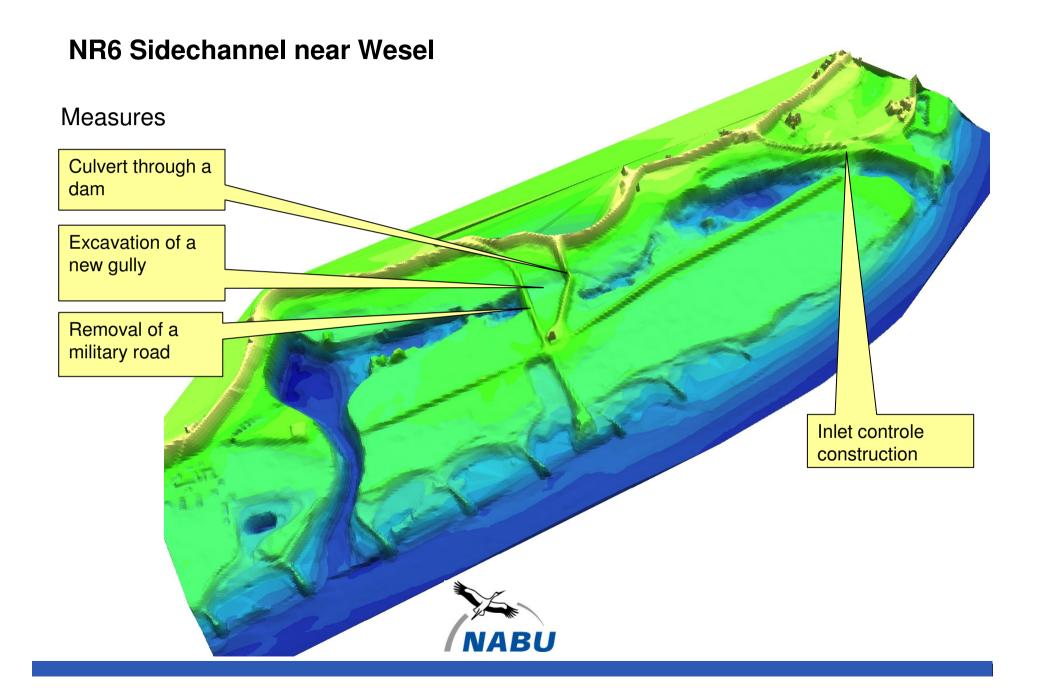


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#### NR6 Sidechannel near Wesel

Example Vreuderijkerward / Ijssel





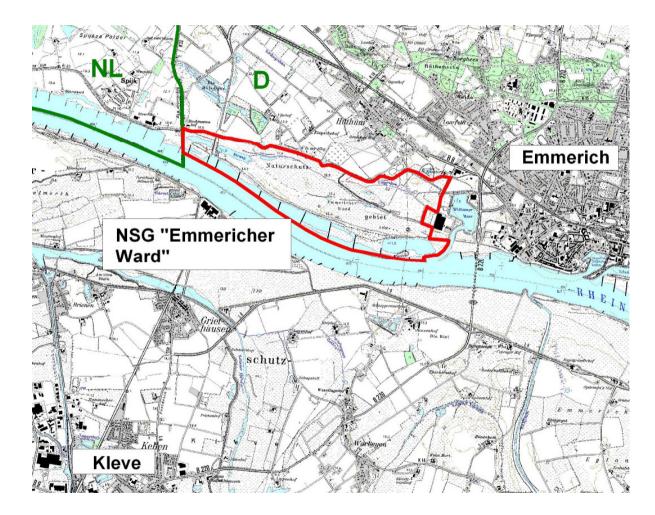
Conservation and development of habitats of common interest (NATURA 2000) - in the floodplain (EU-Bird Directive) - in the river Rhine (EU-Habitat Directive)





#### NR1 Sidechannel and floodplain forest NSG Emmericher Ward

Rhein-km: 854 - 857 rechts



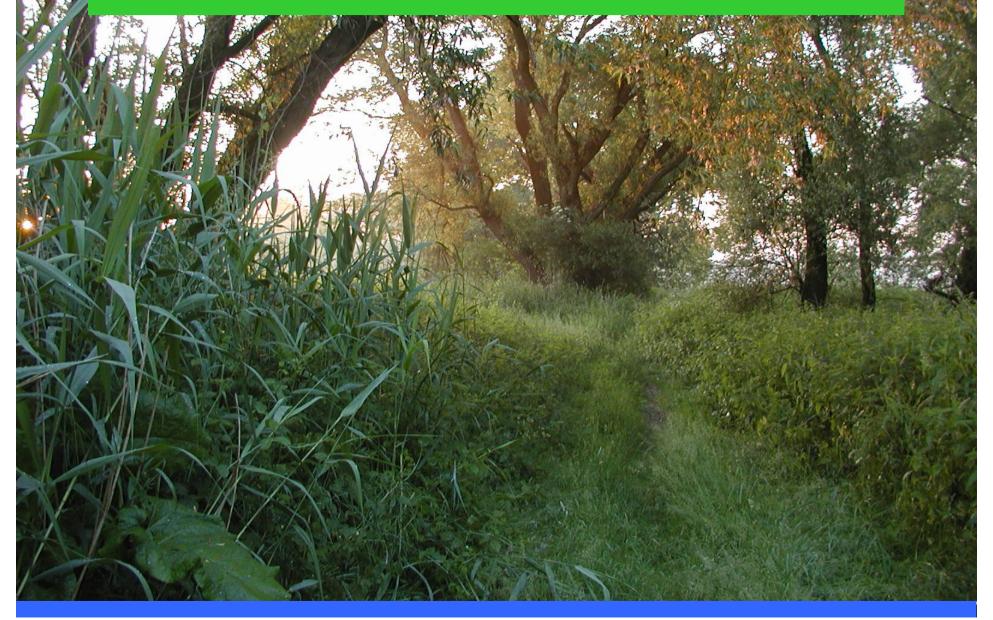
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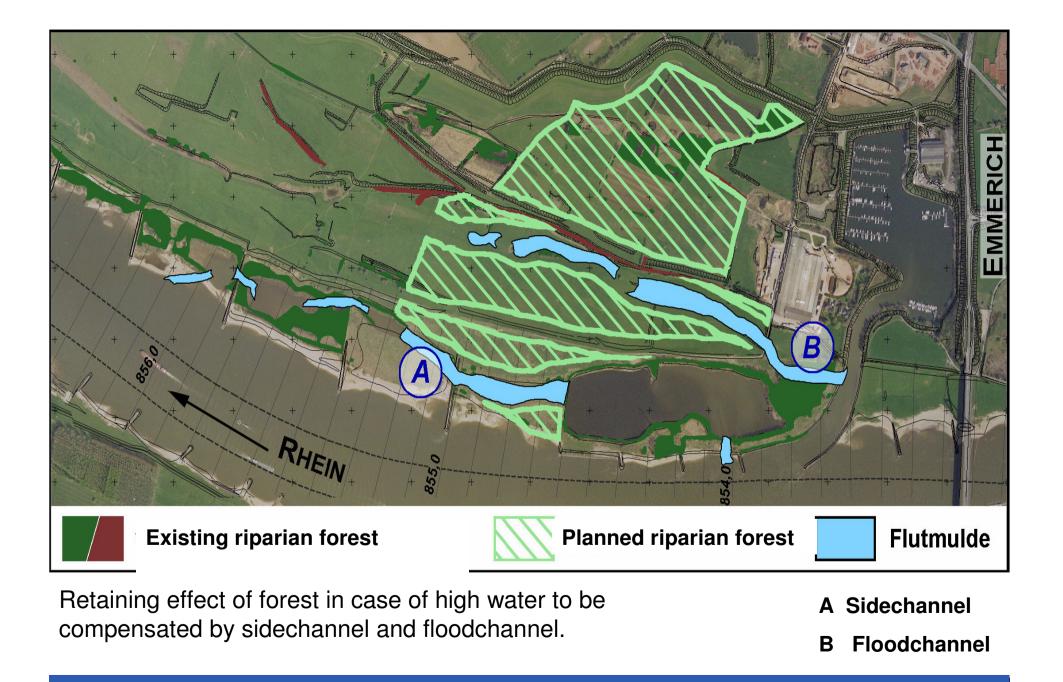
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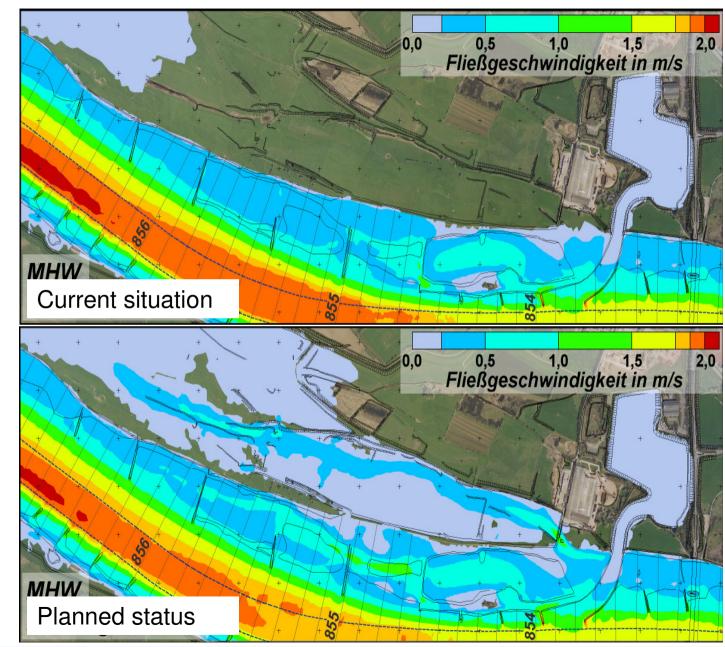


# Development of a floodplain forest

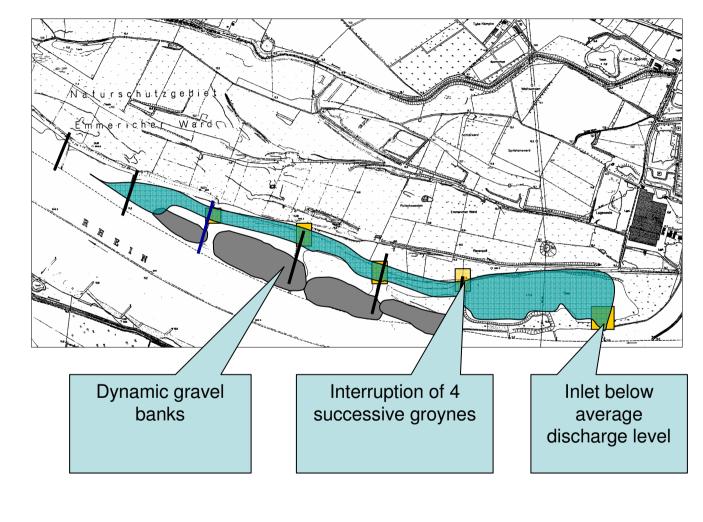




Change in flow rates due to the planned riparian forest, side channel and flood channel at average high water level



#### **NR1 Emmericher Ward**

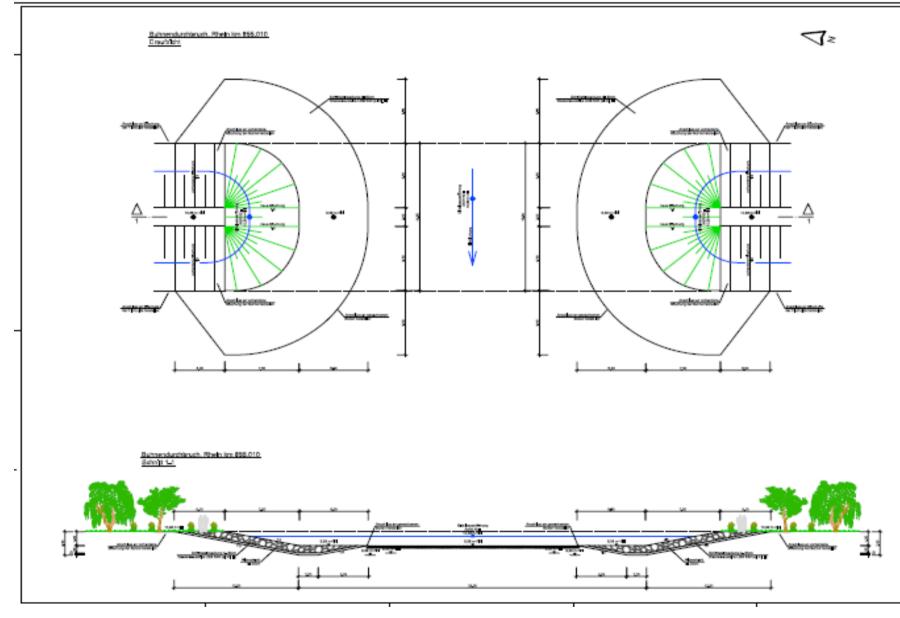


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Sidechannel



### Draft plan of the groyn interruption



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Amphibic transition zone connecting river and floodplain



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# National authorities $\rightarrow$ advisory board

- meetings, newsletter, reports
- information about the project
- input from the authorities
- discussion and agreements about basic issues
- $\rightarrow$  support of leading institutions ("Rückenwind"/ following wind )

# **Advisory board**

#### 1. Meeting, June 2002

WSD'n observer status only

#### 3. Meeting, June 2004

WSD'n support the continuation of the project

#### 4. Meeting, June 2005

WSD'n actively support the project and mediate to the waterway authority



# Local VIP's → Regional advisory board

- meetings and workshops
- integration in planning and publicity
- $\rightarrow$  regional alliances to support the project

# **Regional advisory board**

### Project "Sidechannel near Wesel" (NR6)

- Dike assoziation
- Land owner
- Gravel company
- Local history society
- Fishers
- Departement of ecology and nature protection NRW
- Nature protection organisations





#### Regional advisory board NR6 Sidechannel near Wesel

#### Exkursion / visit of sidechannels in the Netherlands that already work (Example Vreuderijkerward / ljssel)









# **Akteure / Player**

## **Excecution of projects / measures**

- > Federal States (Baden-Württemberg, Rhineland-Palatinate)
- > Waterway administration
- Local authority, municipality
- > NABU (= privat organisation )

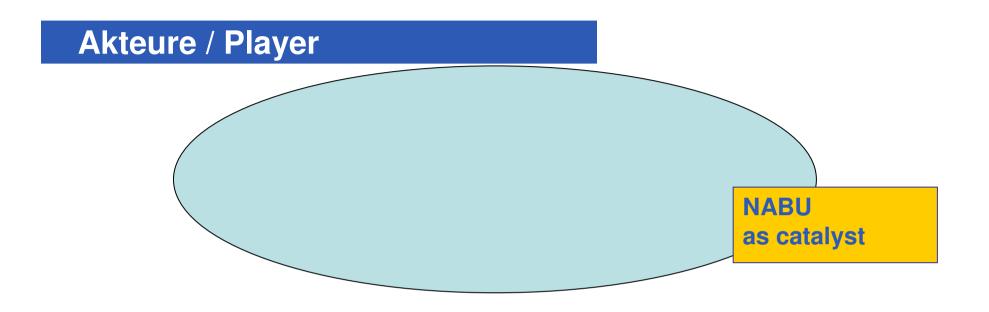


# **Akteure / Player**

# Finanzing

- Funds (public and private)
- Federal States
- ≻ EU
- Sponsors / private companies (Kyocera)
- $\succ$  Waterway administration  $\rightarrow$  integration in maintenance works
- ➢ NABU





Willingness of the different institutions

Realisation of measures in many different groupings

→ The co-operative approach was successful



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# **Projektziele und -bausteine**

- 1. Umsetzung von 9 "kurzfristigen" und Planung von 6 "mittelfristigen" exemplarischen Maßnahmen
- 2. Erprobung neuer Kooperationsmodelle im Spannungsfeld Naturschutz, Wasserstraße und Hochwasserschutz
  - Beirat (BMU, BMV, IKSR, Länder)
  - > Maßnahmenbezogene Kooperationen

#### 3. Transfer in Rheinschutzpolitik und Verwaltungshandeln

- Beirat
- > IKSR
- Rhein Tagung
- Öffentlichkeitsarbeit





**International Rhine Conference** 

# Revitalisation of the banks of the river Rhine

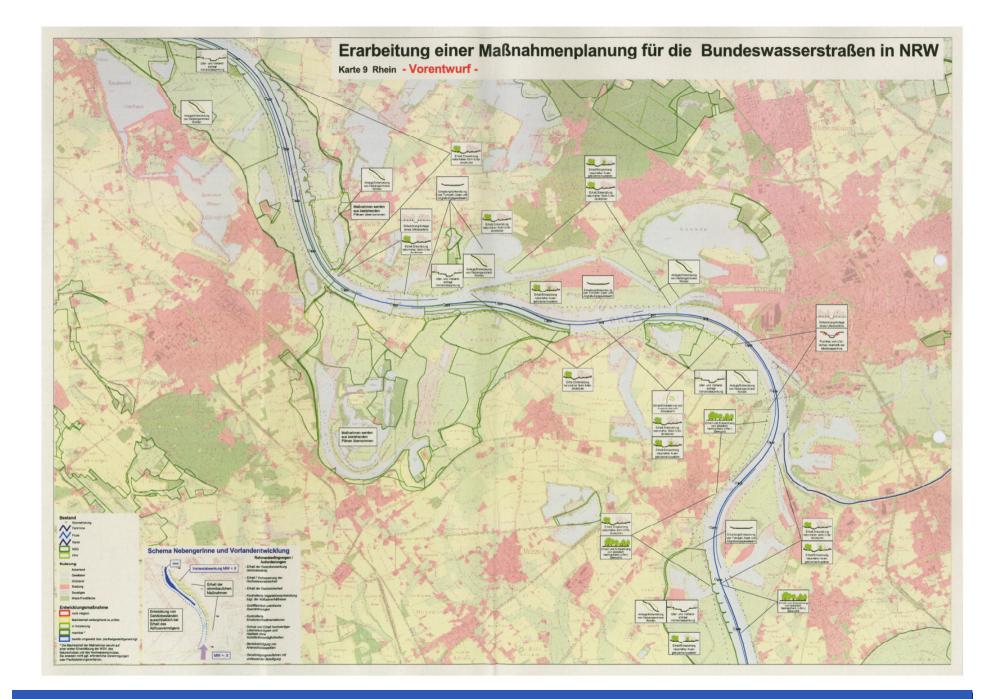
Modells for the improvement of riverbanks along Waterways Mainz, February 2007

> Patron Federal Minister of Environment Sigmar Gabriel

Press conference with Mrs. Conrad, Minister of Environment Rhineland-Palatinat and Mr. Holzwarth, german Water Director and president of the ICPR

Margit Conrad

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# Communication Strategy NR6 Sidechannel near Wesel

# Goals

- raise awareness of the river and its chances
- raise awareness of the political programs and directives "Rheinprogramm 2020", WFD
- reach / support privat and political acceptance of the projekt
- promote NABU

# Goals

- publicity
- information about the chances
- integration of interests (in all planningphases)
- creation of alliances

# Messages

# "River Rhine – more than just a shippingroute !"

- a chance for riverbound nature
- a chance for people, living near the river (floodprotection, recreation, interesting nature development)
- a chance for the town / region (taking part in an exemplary project on national resp. international level)

## Adressees

- National → interdisciplinary advisory board
- Stakeholders  $\rightarrow$  meeting of the authorities
- local VIP's  $\rightarrow$  local advisory board
- landowner  $\rightarrow$  personal visit
- the public  $\rightarrow$  pressreleases and events

# **Stakeholders**

- scooping-meeting at the start of the feasability study
- information about the project
- input from the authoritis: objections, considerations
- agreement about the contents and methods of the feasability study

# **The Public**

#### Project of the month





#### Hilfe für "Vater Rhein"

Mit seinem Projekt "Lebendiger Rhein – Fluss der 1000 Inseln" möchte der NABU dem Strom wenigstens punktuell wieder naturnahe Uferzonen geben. Zum Beispiel an der Ölgangsinsel, dem "Renaturierungsprojekt des Monats".



Klaus Markgraf-Maué (M.) und lörg Dürn-Pucher (L.) stellten gestern das Renaturierungsprojekt des Monats vor: das Naturschutzgebiet Olgangsinsel.

#### VON CHRISTOPH KLEINAU

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haben müssen, wenn sie derartige Projekse verweiklicher sollen. Dem schne 1996, als die Benautrierung eine Engabe Anfang vergangenen neu. Doch viele Pentrer wunden Alterbenautrie die Benautrierung und States beschlet die Stemaa die Alterbenautrie States auf die Stema Alterbenautrie States auf die Stema auf die States auf die Stema und states auf die Stema auf die Stema die Stema und states auf die Stema auf die Stema die Stema schne in States auf die S

"Respektiere das Göttl die Menschen", erklär als Umweltreferent d Organgsinser ein Offweitschutzpro-jekt vor seiner Haustür. Doch bevor dort gebaggert wird, ist noch viel zu klären. Zum Beispiel, ob der abzufahrende Schlamm che-misch belastet und eigentlich ein Fall für die Deponie ist.

der Deutschen Umwelthilfe und vor allem von Kystera Mita. Dieser Japa-nische Konzern verfolgt seit seine Gründung 1959 die Philosophi "Respektiere das Göttliche und liebe als Umweltreferent des Unterneh-mens die Motivation zu aktivem Umweltschutzengagement. 1987 begann die Zusammenarbeit mit der DUH, und seit 2001 ist Kyotera der DUH, und seit 2001 ist Kyötera Partner der bundesweiten Dach-kampagne "Lebendige Flüsse". Wo-rauf das Unternehmen aber lange warten musste, fand es nun mit der Otwarten musste, fand es nun mit der Ölgangsinsel: ein Umweltschutzpro

# **The Public** "Air-Ship" for the Rhine



Meanwhile fairway development goes on, at the expense of the remaining ecological ressources !

Deepening the fairway Rotterdam – Duisburg to 2,80m

How / where to find a balance ?

WILSON



