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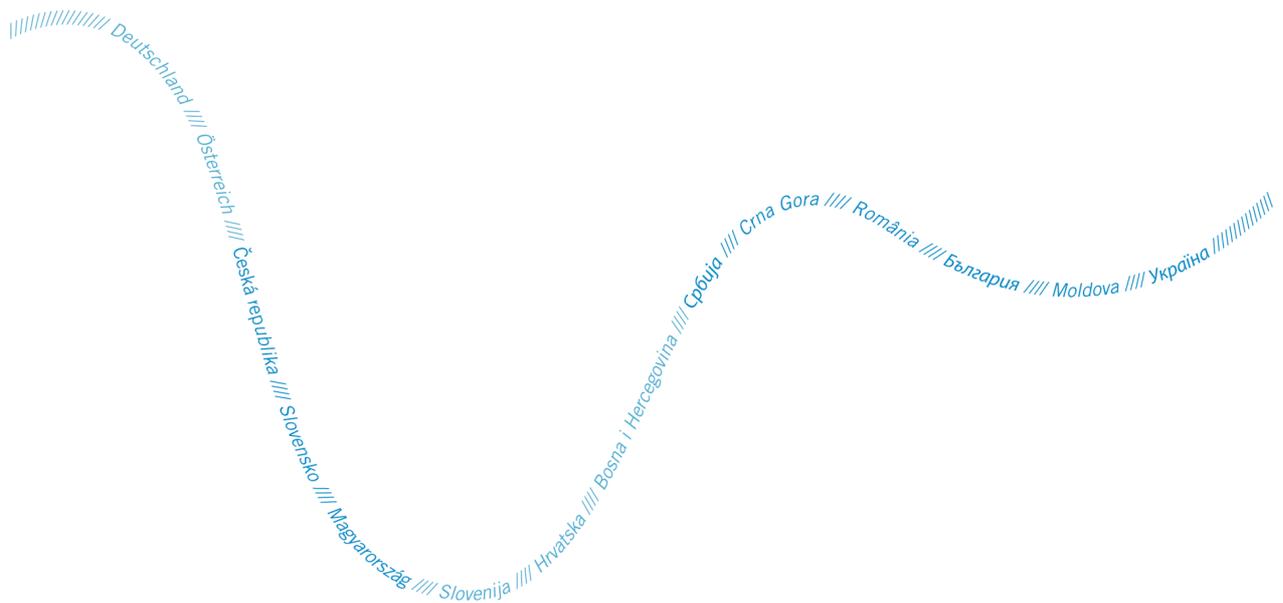
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# 1. Introduction

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## ***History of the TNMN***

In June 1994, the Convention on Cooperation for the Protection and Sustainable Use of the Danube River (DRPC) was signed in Sofia, coming into force in October 1998 with the main objectives of achieving sustainable and equitable water management, including the conservation, improvement and the rational use of surface and ground waters in the Danube catchment area. The DRPC also emphasizes that the Contracting Parties shall cooperate in the field of monitoring and assessment. In this respect, the operation of the Trans National Monitoring Network (TNMN) in the Danube River Basin aims to contribute to the implementation of the DRPC. This Yearbook reports on results of the basin-wide monitoring programme and presents TNMN evaluated data for 2010.

The TNMN has been in operation since 1996, although the first steps towards its creation were taken about ten years earlier. In December 1985 the governments of the Danube riparian countries signed the Bucharest Declaration. The Declaration had as one of its objectives to observe the development of the water quality of the Danube, and in order to comply with this objective, a monitoring programme containing 11 cross-sections of the Danube River was established.

## ***Revision of the TNMN to meet the objectives of EU WFD***

The original objective of the TNMN was to strengthen the existing network set up by the Bucharest Declaration, to enable a reliable and consistent trend analysis for concentrations and loads of priority pollutants, to support the assessment of water quality for water use and to assist in the identification of major pollution sources.

In 2000, having the experience of the TNMN operation, the main objective of the TNMN was reformulated: to provide a structured and well-balanced overall view of the status and long-term development of quality and loads in terms of relevant constituents in the major rivers of the Danube Basin in an international context.

Implementation of the EU Water Framework Directive (2000/60/EC, short WFD) after 2000 necessitated the revision of the TNMN in the Danube River Basin District. In line with the WFD implementation timeline, the revision process has been completed in 2007.

The major objective of the revised TNMN is to provide an overview of the overall status and long-term changes of surface water and – where necessary – groundwater status in a basin-wide context with a particular attention paid to the transboundary pollution load. In view of the link between the nutrient loads of the Danube and the eutrophication of the Black Sea, it is necessary to monitor the sources and pathways of nutrients in the Danube River Basin District and the effects of measures taken to reduce the nutrient loads into the Black Sea.

To meet the requirements of both EU WFD and the Danube River Protection Convention the revised TNMN for surface waters consists of following elements:

- Surveillance monitoring I: Monitoring of surface water status
- Surveillance monitoring II: Monitoring of specific pressures
- Operational monitoring
- Investigative monitoring

Surveillance monitoring II is a joint monitoring activity of all ICPDR Contracting Parties that produces annual data on concentrations and loads of selected parameters in the Danube and major tributaries.

Surveillance monitoring I and the operational monitoring is based on collection of the data on the status of surface water and groundwater bodies in the DRB District to be published in the DRBM Plan once in six years.

Investigative monitoring is primarily a national task but at the basin-wide level the concept of Joint Danube Surveys was developed to carry out investigative monitoring as needed, e.g. for harmonization of the existing monitoring methodologies, filling the information gaps in the monitoring networks operating in the DRB, testing new methods or checking the impact of “new” chemical substances in different matrices. Joint Danube Surveys are carried out every 6 years.

A new element of the revised TNMN is monitoring of groundwater bodies of basin-wide importance. More information on this issue is provided in the respective chapter in this Yearbook.

Detailed description of the revised TNMN is given in the Summary Report to EU on monitoring programmes in the Danube River Basin District designed under WFD Article 8.

This Yearbook presents the results of the Surveillance monitoring II: Monitoring of specific pressures.

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## 2. Description of the TNMN Surveillance Monitoring II: Monitoring of specific pressures

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### ***Objectives***

Surveillance Monitoring II aims at long-term monitoring of specific pressures of basin-wide importance. Selected quality elements are monitored annually. Such denser monitoring programme is needed to identify the specific pressures in the Danube River Basin District in order to allow a sound and reliable long-term trend assessment of specific quality elements and to achieve a sound estimation of pollutant loads being transferred across states of Contracting Parties and into the Black Sea.

Surveillance Monitoring II is based on the set-up of the original TNMN and is fitted to respond to pressures of basin-wide importance. The monitoring network is based on the national monitoring networks and the operating conditions are harmonized between the national and basin-wide levels to minimise the efforts and maximise the benefits.

### ***Selection of monitoring sites***

The selection of monitoring sites is based on the following criteria:

- Monitoring sites that have been monitored in the past and are therefore suitable for long-term trend analysis; these include sites
  - located just upstream/downstream of an international border,
  - located upstream of confluences between Danube and main tributaries or main tributaries and larger sub-tributaries (to enable estimation of mass balances),
  - located downstream of the major point sources,
  - located to control important water uses.
  
- Sites required to estimate pollutant loads (e.g. of nutrients or priority pollutants) which are transferred across boundaries of Contracting Parties, and which are transferred into the marine environment.

The sites are located in particular on the Danube and its major primary or secondary tributaries near crossing boundaries of the Contracting Parties. List of monitoring sites is in the Table 1.

**Table 1: List of monitoring sites**

No.	Country code	DEFF Code	New TNMN code	River	Name of site	Locations	x- coord.	y-coord.	River-km	Altitude	Catchment
1	DE	L2130	DE2	Danube	Jochenstein	M	13.703	48.520	2 204	290	77 086
2	DE		DE5	Danube	Dillingen	L	10.499	48.568	2 538	420	11 315
3	DE	L2150	DE3	/Inn	Kirchdorf	M	12.126	47.782	195	452	9 905
4	DE	L2160	DE4	/Inn/Salzach	Laufen	L	12.933	47.940	47	390	6 113
5	AT	L2220	AT1	Danube	Jochenstein	M	13.703	48.521	2 204	290	77 086
6	AT		AT5	Danube	Enghagen	R	14.512	48.240	2 113	241	84 869
7	AT	L2180	AT3	Danube	Wien-Nussdorf	R	16.371	48.262	1 935	159	101 700
8	AT		AT6	Danube	Hainburg	R	16.993	48.164	1 879	136	130 759
9	CZ	L2100	CZ1	/Morava	Lanzhot	M	16.989	48.687	79	150	9 725
10	CZ	L2120	CZ2	/Morava/Dyje	Pohansko	M	16.885	48.723	17	155	12 540
11	SK	L1840	SK1	Danube	Bratislava	LMR	17.107	48.138	1 869	128	131 329
12	SK	L1860	SK2	Danube	Medved'ov	M	17.652	47.794	1 806	108	132 168
13	SK	L1960	SK4	/Váh	Komárno	MR	18.142	47.761	1.5	106	19 661
14	SK	L1871	SK5	Danube	Szob	M	18.853	47.813	1 707	100	183 350
15	SK		SK6	/Morava	Devín	M	16.976	48.188	1.5	145	26 575
16	SK		SK7	/Hron	Kamenica	M	18.723	47.826	1.7	114	5 417
17	SK		SK8	/Ipoly	Salka	M	18.763	47.886	12	110	5 060
18	HU	L1470	HU1	Danube	Medvedov	M	17.652	47.792	1 806	108	131 605
19	HU	L1475	HU2	Danube	Komarom	LMR	18.121	47.751	1 768	101	150 820
20	HU	L1490	HU3	Danube	Szob	LMR	18.964	47.787	1 708	100	183 350
21	HU	L1520	HU4	Danube	Dunafoldvar	LMR	18.934	46.811	1 560	89	188 700
22	HU	L1540	HU5	Danube	Hercegszanto	LMR	18.814	45.909	1 435	79	211 503
23	HU	L1604	HU6	/Sio	Szekszard-Palank	M	18.720	46.380	13	85	14 693
24	HU	L1610	HU7	/Drava	Dravasabolcs	M	18.200	45.784	78	92	35 764
25	HU	L1770	HU8	/Tisza/Sajo	Sajopuspoki	M	20.340	48.283	124	148	3 224
26	HU	L1700	HU9	/Tisza	Tiszasziget	LMR	20.105	46.186	163	74	138 498

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27	HU		HU10	/Tisza	Tiszabecs	M	22.830	48.102	757	114	9707
28	HU		HU11	/Tisza/Szamos	Csenger	M	22.404	47.513	45	113	15283
29	HU		HU12	/Tisza/Hármas-Körös/Sebes-Körös	Korosszakal	M	21.392	47.011	59	92	2489
30	HU		HU13	/Tisza/Hármas-Körös/Kettős-Körös/Fekete-Körös	Sarkad	M	21.255	46.414	16	85	4302
31	HU		HU14	/Tisza/Hármas-Körös/Kettős-Körös/Fehér-Körös	Gyulavari	M	21.201	46.374	9	85	4251
32	HU		HU15	/Tisza/Maros	Nagylak	R	20.421	46.094	51	80	30149
33	SI	L1390	SI1	/Drava	Ormoz	LM	16.155	46.403	300	192	15 356
34	SI	L1330	SI2	/Sava	Jesenice	R	15.692	45.861	729	135	10 878
35	HR	L1315	HR1	Danube	Batina	MR	16.938	46.241	1 429	86	210 250
36	HR	L1320	HR2	Danube	Borovo	R	18.201	45.783	1 337	89	243 147
37	HR	L1300	HR9	/Drava	Ormoz	LM	16.155	46.403	300	192	15356
38	HR	L1240	HR4	/Drava	Botovo	MR	18.829	45.875	227	123	31 038
39	HR	L1250	HR5	/Drava	Donji Miholjac	MR	16.691	46.419	78	92	37 142
40	HR	L1150	HR7	/Sava	Upstream Una Jasenovac	L	16.369	45.484	525	87	30 953
41	HR	L1060	HR8	/Sava	Zupanja	LMR	16.953	45.251	254	85	62 890
42	HR		HR10	/Sava	Drenje	LR	15.690	45.862	728.8	135	10 878
43	RS	L2350	RS1	Danube	Bezdan	L	18.854	45.864	1 427	83	210 250
44	RS	L2360	RS2	Danube	Bogojevo	L	19.084	45.529	1 367	80	251 253
45	RS	L2370	RS3	Danube	Novi Sad	R	19.842	45.225	1 258	75	254 085
46	RS	L2380	RS4	Danube	Zemun	R	20.417	44.849	1 174	71	412 762
47	RS	L2390	RS5	Danube	Pancevo	L	20.594	44.856	1 155	70	525 009
48	RS	L2400	RS6	Danube	Banatska Palanka	M	21.345	44.826	1 077	69	568 648
49	RS	L2410	RS7	Danube	Tekija	R	22.424	44.700	955	0	574 307
50	RS	L2420	RS8	Danube	Radujevac	R	22.686	44.263	851	32	577 085
51	RS	L2430	RS9	Danube	Backa Palanka	L	19.386	45.234	1 287	0	253 737

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52	RS	L2440	RS10	/Tisza (Tisa)	Martonos	R	20.087	46.114	152	76	140 130
53	RS	L2450	RS11	/Tisza (Tisa)	Novi Becej	L	20.140	45.586	66	74	145 415
54	RS	L2460	RS12	/Tisza (Tisa)	Titel	M	20.320	45.205	9	73	157 147
55	RS	L2470	RS13	/Sava	Jamena	L	20.320	45.205	195	78	64 073
56	RS	L2480	RS14	/Sava	Sremska Mitrovica	L	19.608	44.966	136	75	87 996
57	RS	L2490	RS15	/Sava	Sabac	R	19.704	44.770	104	74	89 490
58	RS	L2500	RS16	/Sava	Ostruznica	R	20.317	44.732	17	0	37 320
59	RS	L2510	RS17	/Velika Morava	Ljubicevski Most	R	21.138	44.585	35	75	37 320
60	BA		BA5	/Sava	Gradiska	M	17.255	45.141	457	86	39 150
61	BA		BA6	/Sava/Una	Kozarska Dubica	M	16.849	45.200	16	94	9 130
62	BA		BA7	/Sava/Vrbas	Razboj	M	17.458	45.050	12	100	6 023
63	BA		BA8	/Sava/Bosna	Modrica	M	18.313	44.961	24	114	10 500
64	BA		BA9	/Sava/Drina	Foca	M	18.833	43.344	234	442	3 884
65	BA		BA10	/Sava/Drina	Badovinci	M	19.344	44.779	16	90	19 226
66	BA		BA11	/Sava	Raca	M	19.335	44.891	190	80	64 125
67	BA		BA12	/Sava/Una	Novi Grad	M	16.295	44.988	70	137	4 573
68	BA		BA13	/Sava/Bosna	Usora	M	18.074	44.664	78	148	7 313
69	BG	L0730	BG1	Danube	Novo Selo harbour	LMR	22.785	44.165	834	35	580 100
70	BG		BG9	Danube	Lom	R	23.270	43.835	741	24	588 860
71	BG		BG10	Danube	Orjahovo	R	23.997	43.729	679	22	607 260
72	BG	L0780	BG2	Danube	Bajkal	R	24.400	43.711	641	20	608 820
73	BG		BG11	Danube	Nikopol	R	25.927	43.701	598	21	648 620
74	BG	L0810	BG3	Danube	Svishtov	R	25.345	43.623	554	16	650 340
75	BG	L0820	BG4	Danube	Upstream Russe	R	25.907	43.793	503	12	669 900
76	BG	L0850	BG5	Danube	Silistra	LMR	27.268	44.125	375	7	698 600
77	BG		BG12	/Iskar	mouth	M	24.461	43.706	4	27	8 646
78	BG		BG13	/Vit	Guljantzi	M	24.728	43.644	7	29	3 225
79	BG		BG14	/Jantra	mouth	M	25.579	43.603	4	25	7 869
80	BG		BG15	/Russenski Lom	mouth	M	25.936	43.813	1	17	2 974
81	RO	L0020	RO1	Danube	Bazias	LMR	21.384	44.816	1 071	70	570 896

No.	Country code	DEFF Code	New TNMN code	River	Name of site	Locations	x- coord.	y-coord.	River-km	Altitude	Catchment
82	RO		RO18	Danube	Gruia/Radujevac	LMR	22.684	44.270	851	32	577 085
83	RO	L0090	RO2	Danube	Pristol/Novo Selo	LMR	22.676	44.214	834	31	580 100
84	RO	L0240	RO3	Danube	Dunare - upstream Arges (Oltenita)	LMR	26.619	44.056	432	16	676 150
85	RO	L0280	RO4	Danube	Chiciu/Silistra	LMR	27.268	44.128	375	13	698 600
86	RO	L0430	RO5	Danube	Reni	LMR	28.232	45.463	132	4	805 700
87	RO	L0450	RO6	Danube	Vilkova-Chilia arm/Kilia arm	LMR	29.553	45.406	18	1	817 000
88	RO	L0480	RO7	Danube	Sulina - Sulina arm	LMR	29.530	45.183	0	1	817 000
89	RO	L0490	RO8	Danube	Sf. Gheorghe-Ghorghe arm	LMR	29.609	44.885	0	1	817 000
90	RO	L0250	RO9	/Arges	Conf. Danube (Clatesti)	M	26.599	44.145	0	14	12 550
91	RO	L0380	RO10	/Siret	Conf. Danube (Sendreni)	M	27.933	45.406	0	4	42 890
92	RO	L0420	RO11	/Prut	Conf. Danube (Giurgiuilesti)	M	28.203	45.469	0	5	27 480
93	RO		RO12	/Tisza/Somes	Dara (frontiera)	M	22.720	47.815	3	118	15 780
94	RO		RO13	/Tisza/Hármas-Körös/Sebes-Körös/Crisul Repede	Cheresig	M	21.692	47.030	3	116	2 413
95	RO		RO14	/Tisza/Hármas-Körös/Kettös-Körös/Crisul Negru	Zerind	M	21.517	46.627	13	86.4	3 750
96	RO		RO15	/Tisza/Hármas-Körös/Kettös-Körös/Crisul Alb	Varsand	M	21.339	46.626	0.2	88.9	4 240
97	RO		RO16	/Tisza/Mures	Nadlac	M	20.727	46.145	21	85.6	27 818
98	RO		RO17	/Tisza/Bega	Otelec	M	20.847	45.620	7	46	2 632
99	RO		RO19	/Jiu	Zaval	M	23.845	43.842	9	30.9	10 046
100	RO		RO20	/Olt	Islaz	M	24.797	43.744	3	32	24 050
101	RO		RO21	/Ialomita	Downstream Tandarei	M	27.665	44.635	24	8.5	10 309
102	MD	L2230	MD1	/Prut	Lipcani	L	26.483	48.152	658	100	8 750
103	MD	L2270	MD3	/Prut	Conf. Danube-Giurgiuilesti	LMR	28.124	45.285	0	5	27 480
104	MD		MD5	/Prut	Costesti Reservoir	L	27.145	47.513	557	91	11 800

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105	MD		MD6	/Prut	Braniste	L	27.145	47.475	546	63	12 000
106	MD		MD7	/Prut	Valea Mare	L	27.515	47.075	387	55	15 200
107	UA	L0630	UA1	Danube	Reni	M	28.241	45.463	132	4	805 700
108	UA	L0690	UA2	Danube	Vylkove	M	29.246	45.436	18	1	817 000
109	UA		UA4	/Tisza	Chop	M	22.184	48.416	342	92	33000
110	UA		UA5	/Tisza/Bodrog/Latoritsa	Strazh	M	22.212	48.454	144	97	4418
111	UA		UA6	/Prut	Tarasivtsi	M	26.336	48.183	262	122	9836
112	UA		UA7	/Siret	Porubne	M	26.030	47.981	100	303	2070
113	UA		UA8	/Uzh	Storozhnica	R	22.200	48.617	106	112	1582
114	ME		ME1	/Lim	Dobrakovo	L	19°46'22"	43°07'17"	112	609	2875
115	ME		ME2	/Cehotina	Gradac	L	19°09'14"	43°23'45"	55.5	55	809.8

Distance:

The distance in km from the mouth of the mentioned river

Sampling location in profile:

Altitude:

The mean surface water level in meters above sea level

L: Left bank

Catchment:

The area in square km, from which water drains through the station

M: Middle of river

ds.

Downstream of

R: Right bank

us.

Upstream of

Conf.

Confluence tributary/main river

/

Indicates tributary to river in front of the slash. No name in front of the slash means Danube

Figure 2.2.1: The Danube Stationmap TNMN



\*Surveillance Monitoring 2 provides an assessment of long-term trends of specific pollutants and of loads of substances transferred downstream the Danube.

## Quality elements

### Parameters indicative of selected biological quality elements

To cover pressures of basin-wide importance as organic pollution, nutrient pollution and general degradation of the river, following biological quality elements have been agreed for SM2:

- Phytoplankton (chlorophyll-a)
- Benthic invertebrates (mandatory parameters: Saprobic index and number of families once yearly, both Pantle&Buck and Zelinka&Marvan SI are acceptable; optional parameters: ASPT and EPT taxa)
- Phytobenthos (benthic diatoms – an optional parameter)

### Priority pollutants and parameters indicative of general physico-chemical quality elements

The list of parameters for assessment of trends and loads and their monitoring frequencies are given in Table 2

**Table 2: Determinand list for water for TNMN**

	Surveillance Monitoring 2	
	Water	Water
	concentrations	load assessment
Parameter		
Flow	anually / 12 x per year	daily
Temperature	anually / 12 x per year	
Transparency (1)	anually / 12 x per year	
Suspended Solids (5)	anually / 12 x per year	anually / 26 x per year

	<b>Surveillance Monitoring 2</b>	
	<b>Water</b>	<b>Water</b>
	<b>concentrations</b>	<b>load assessment</b>
<b>Parameter</b>		
Dissolved Oxygen	anually / 12 x per year	
pH (5)	anually / 12 x per year	
Conductivity @ 20 °C (5)	anually / 12 x per year	
Alkalinity (5)	anually / 12 x per year	
Ammonium (NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup> -N) (5)	anually / 12 x per year	anually / 26 x per year
Nitrite (NO <sub>2</sub> <sup>-</sup> -N)	anually / 12 x per year	anually / 26 x per year
Nitrate (NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup> -N)	anually / 12 x per year	anually / 26 x per year
Organic Nitrogen	anually / 12 x per year	anually / 26 x per year
Total Nitrogen	anually / 12 x per year	anually / 26 x per year
Ortho-Phosphate (PO <sub>4</sub> <sup>3-</sup> -P) (2)	anually / 12 x per year	anually / 26 x per year
Total Phosphorus	anually / 12 x per year	anually / 26 x per year
Calcium (Ca <sup>2+</sup> ) (3, 4, 5)	anually / 12 x per year	
Magnesium (Mg <sup>2+</sup> ) (4, 5)	anually / 12 x per year	
Chloride (Cl <sup>-</sup> )	anually / 12 x per year	
Atrazine	anually / 12 x per year	
Cadmium (6)	anually / 12 x per year	
Lindane (7)	anually / 12 x per year	
Lead (6)	anually / 12 x per year	
Mercury (6)	anually / 12 x per year	
Nickel (6)	anually / 12 x per year	
Arsenic (6)	anually / 12 x per year	
Copper (6)	anually / 12 x per year	
Chromium (6)	anually / 12 x per year	
Zinc (6)	anually / 12 x per year	
p,p'-DDT and its derivatives (7)	see below	

	<b>Surveillance Monitoring 2</b>	
	<b>Water</b>	<b>Water</b>
	<b>concentrations</b>	<b>load assessment</b>
<b>Parameter</b>		
COD <sub>Cr</sub> (5)	anually / 12 x per year	
COD <sub>Mn</sub> (5)	anually / 12 x per year	
Dissolved Silica		anually / 26 x per year
BOD <sub>5</sub>	anually / 12 x per year	

- (1) Only in coastal waters
- (2) Soluble reactive phosphorus SRP
- (3) Mentioned in the tables of the CIS Guidance document but not in the related mind map
- (4) Supporting parameter for hardness-dependent eqs of PS metals
- (5) Not for coastal waters
- (6) Measured in a dissolved form. Measurement of total concentration is optional
- (7) In areas with no risk of failure to meet the environmental objectives for DDT and lindane  
the monitoring frequency is 12 x per a RBMP period; in case of risk the frequency is 12 x year

### ***Analytical Quality Control (AQC)***

The long-term provider of the AQC programme of the ICPDR had operational problems in 2012 and was finally disestablished which did not allow to run the basin-wide AQC exercise in this year. The AQC program was restored in 2013.

### ***TNMN Data Management***

The procedure of TNMN data collection is organized at a national level. The National Data Managers (NDMs) are responsible for data acquisition from TNMN laboratories as well as for data checking, conversion into an agreed data exchange file format (DEFF) and sending it to the TNMN data management centre in the Slovak Hydrometeorological Institute in Bratislava. This centre performs a secondary check of the data and uploads them into the central TNMN database. In cooperation with the ICPDR Secretariat, the TNMN data are uploaded into the ICPDR website ([www.icpdr.org](http://www.icpdr.org)).

### 3. Results of basic statistical processing

142 sites at 107 TNMN monitoring stations were monitored in the Danube River Basin in 2012 (some monitoring stations contain two or three sampling sites - left, middle and/or right side of the river). The data was collected from 70 sampling sites at 39 stations on the Danube river and from 72 sampling sites at 68 stations at the tributaries.

The basic processing of the TNMN data includes the calculation of selected statistical characteristics for each determinand/monitoring site. Results are presented in tables in the Annex I using the following format:

Term used	Explanation
<b>Determinand name</b>	name of the determinand measured according to the agreed method
<b>Unit</b>	unit of the determinand measured
<b>N</b>	number of measurements
<b>Min</b>	minimum value of the measurements done in the year 2012
<b>Mean</b>	arithmetical mean of the measurements done in the year 2012
<b>Max</b>	maximum value of the measurements done in the year 2012
<b>C50</b>	50 percentile of the measurements done in the year 2012
<b>C90</b>	90 percentile of the measurements done in the year 2012

When processing the TNMN data and presenting them in the tables of the Annex, the following rules have been applied:

- *If “less than the quantification limit” values were present in the dataset for a given determinand, then the ½ value of the limit of quantification was used in statistical processing of the data.*
- *If the number of measurements for a particular determinand was lower than four, then only the minimum, maximum and mean are reported in the tables of the Annex.*
- *The statistic value “C90” is equal to 90 percentile (10 percentile for dissolved oxygen and lower limit of pH value) if the number of measurements in a year was at least eleven. If the number of measurements in a year was lower than eleven, then the “C90” value is represented by a maximum value from a data set (a minimum value for dissolved oxygen and lower limit of pH value).*

A restrictive factor is the reduced monitoring frequency for certain determinands such as dissolved phosphorus, biological determinands, heavy metals and specific organic micropollutants, primarily in the lower part of the Danube River Basin.

Table 3, created on the basis of data in tables in the Annex I, shows in an aggregated way the concentration ranges and mean annual concentrations of selected determinands in the Danube

River and its tributaries in 2012. These include indicators of the oxygen regime, nutrients, heavy metals, biological determinands and organic micropollutants.

Table 3 also includes information about the number of monitoring locations and sampling sites providing measurements of the determinands.

In table are minimal, maximal values for all determinands calculated from all Danube or tributaries station and minimal and maximal values for all determinands calculated from mean (average) values from all Danube or tributaries.

\* For some heavy metals in Table 3, the statistical values for dissolved form are in certain cases higher than those for the total content. The reason is that not all countries report on the dissolved metals which led to differences in the processed statistical values.

Table 3: Concentration ranges and mean annual concentrations of selected determinands in the Danube River and its tributaries in 2012

Determinand name	Unit	Danube					Tributaries				
		No. of monitoring locations / No. of monitoring sites with measurements	Range of values		Mean		No. of monitoring locations / No. of monitoring sites with measurements	Range of values		Mean	
			Min	Max	Min <sub>avg</sub>	Max <sub>avg</sub>		Min	Max	Min <sub>avg</sub>	Max <sub>avg</sub>
Temperature	°C	70/39	-0.5	29.0	4.0	17.2	71/68	-0.3	205	4	27.908
Suspended Solids	mg/l	60/34	< 0.25	542	5	79	66/64	< 1	1160	5.0	235
Dissolved Oxygen	mg/l	68/38	4.5	14.4	6.6	11.3	69/67	2.7	20.6	6.3	12.3
BOD <sub>5</sub>	mg/l	69/39	< 0.25	7.5	1.2	4.3	65/63	< 0.25	11.96	0.82	8.17
COD <sub>Mn</sub>	mg/l	50/27	1.0	11.8	2.1	4.5	45/43	< 0.50	22.9	1.96	8.39
COD <sub>Cr</sub>	mg/l	67/37	< 1.75	35.8	4.0	23.4	67/65	< 0.00	96.21	3.45	38.6
TOC	mg/l	51/32	< 0.50	11.0	2.2	5.2	36/34	< 0.50	32.4	1.1	10.61
DOC	mg/l	6/6	1.3	4.7	1.9	2.5	41764	1	7.3	1.586	5.988
pH		65/37	6.8	9.0	7.6	8.3	68/66	6.41	8.9	6.68	8.37
Alkalinity	mmol/l	69/39	1.2	5.3	1.5	4.3	56/54	0.9	360	1.245	207.583
Ammonium-N	mg/l	69/39	< 0.004	1.40	0.03	0.32	70/68	< 0.005	14.869	0.023	5.803
Nitrite-N	mg/l	69/39	< 0.0015	0.200	0.007	0.037	70/68	< 0.0005	2.052	0.0044	0.3908
Nitrate-N	mg/l	69/39	< 0.003	4.00	0.60	2.56	70/68	0.01400	8.9	0.283	5.1
Total Nitrogen	mg/l	63/33	< 0.500	5.4	1.4	2.9	59/57	< 0.150	22.52	0.564	12.111
Organic Nitrogen	mg/l	30/20	< 0.025	3.38	0.03	1.06	28/26	0.005	2.503	0.15	1.04
Ortho-Phosphate-P	mg/l	69/39	< 0.0015	0.591	0.023	0.104	70/68	< 0.0025	1.29	0.0067	1.1
Total Phosphorus	mg/l	67/37	< 0.0100	1.133	0.058	0.186	65/63	0.007	1.442	0.0264	0.6205
Total Phosphorus - Dissolved	mg/l	15/11	0.013	0.176	0.044	0.105	15/15	0.007	0.4	0.0111	0.1867
Chlorophyll-a	µg/l	63/35	< 0.0500	135.10	2.24	55.08	41/39	0.09	167.24	0.9	100.74
Conductivity 20°C	µS/cm	66/36	32	1028	39	550	65/63	23.3	1669	47	1487
Calcium	mg/l	68/38	10.4	97.0	43.2	78.8	63/61	21.16	169	29.82	109.53
Sulphates	mg/l	63/39	11.4	91.2	17.0	56.1	52/50	< 5.00	140	13.6	101.89
Magnesium	mg/l	65/37	3.4	37.0	10.1	17.8	63/61	2	70	4.5	63.09
Potassium	mg/l	55/33	< 0.30	28.0	1.7	7.3	47/45	0.3	16	1.22	9.82
Sodium	mg/l	56/33	2.20	108.50	9.33	31.77	47/45	2.2	290.9	4.35	233.28
Manganese	mg/l	36/17	< 0.0050	1080.00	< 0.0100	162.61	21/21	< 0.0010	115	0.023	30.26
Iron	mg/l	36/17	< 0.001	36030	0.105	5934.566	22/22	< 0.010	2.9	0.019	0.89
Chlorides	mg/l	69/39	< 0.95	225.8	15.0	78.9	70/68	0.51	2503	1.38	428.37
Silicates (SiO <sub>2</sub> )	mg/l	9/6	0.5	8.9	2.2	6.8	41703	0.3	11.1	1.8	6.6
Silicates(SiO <sub>2</sub> ), dissolved	mg/l	24/14	0.75	17.23	2.0	7.2	26/26	0.6	23.48	1.627	9.24
Macrozoobenthos- saprobic index		25/16	2.018	2.698	2.018	2.698	26/26	0.501	11.84	0.568	11.84
Macrozoobenthos - no. of taxa		4/3	4	24	4	24	7/7	12	404	17	404
Macrozoobenthos-number of families		5/4	3	12	3	12	8/8	6	58	6	58

Table 3: Concentration ranges and mean annual concentrations of selected determinands in the Danube River and its tributaries in 2012 (cont.)

Determinand name	Unit	Danube						Tributaries			
		No. of monitoring locations / No. of monitoring sites with measurements	Range of values		Mean		No. of monitoring locations / No. of monitoring sites with measurements	Range of values		Mean	
			Min	Max	Min <sub>avg</sub>	Max <sub>avg</sub>		Min	Max	Min <sub>avg</sub>	Max <sub>avg</sub>
Zinc - Dissolved *	µg/l	54/30	0.162	313	< 1.250	37.5	64/62	0.147	202.94	1.625	92.5
Copper - Dissolved	µg/l	54/30	< 0.250	44.4	< 0.250	8.8	66/64	0.196	120	0.463	18.4
Chromium - Dissolved	µg/l	55/31	0.04	480	< 0.10	40.1	56/54	< 0.10	48	< 0.10	10.0
Lead - Dissolved	µg/l	55/29	0.056	19.5	0.186	1.9	56/54	0.018	110	0.058	23.1
Cadmium - Dissolved	µg/l	55/29	< 0.005	0.895	0.01	0.2	56/54	< 0.005	23	0.006	2.58
Mercury - Dissolved	µg/l	52/28	< 0.0010	0.2	0.0021	0.1	46/44	< 0.0010	< 1.0000	0.0014	0.80
Nickel - Dissolved	µg/l	55/29	0.225	136.3	0.49	16.9	56/54	< 0.150	69	0.41	11.48
Arsenic - Dissolved	µg/l	53/29	< 0.100	8.5	< 0.500	2.1	50/48	< 0.100	15.8	0.426	6.66
Aluminium - Dissolved	µg/l	11/9	< 5.00	400	8.84	77.9	21/19	< 0.30	342.2	5.51	56.78
Zinc *	µg/l	44/20	< 0.50	120	< 0.50	48.8	28/28	< 0.50	1300	< 0.50	120.38
Copper	µg/l	44/20	< 0.500	79.8	< 0.500	26.19	27/27	< 0.300	95	1.875	22.79
Chromium - total	µg/l	41/19	< 0.2500	62.9	< 0.2500	17.35	22/22	0.2	50	< 0.2500	12.22
Lead	µg/l	35/15	< 0.1500	25.00	0.51	7.98	26/26	< 0.1500	250	< 0.5000	40.54
Cadmium	µg/l	35/15	< 0.02500	1.4	0.031	0.3	26/26	< 0.02500	31	0.0275	4.45
Mercury	µg/l	30/12	< 0.0075	0.2	< 0.0075	< 0.1000	26/26	< 0.0075	1.18	0.0129	0.8
Nickel	µg/l	35/15	< 0.250	41.7	0.9	13.3	24/24	< 0.150	70	< 0.500	13.273
Arsenic	µg/l	44/20	< 0.500	18.0	< 0.500	5.8	20/20	< 0.500	122.1	1.0	33.689
Aluminium	µg/l	9/5	< 0.005	1200	< 0.005	399	8/8	< 0.300	1940	31.377	389.6
Phenol index	mg/l	56/28	< 0.0005	0.031	< 0.0005	0.007	42/40	< 0.0004	0.03	0.0005	0.01
Anionic active surfactants	mg/l	49/25	< 0.0025	1.126	0.005	0.195	43/41	< 0.0050	0.52	0.006	0.18
AOX	µg/l	14/8	< 5.0000	40.0	< 5.0000	14.5	10/10	< 5.0000	70	< 5.0000	49.7
Petroleum hydrocarbons	mg/l	36/22	< 0.0025	0.761	< 0.0025	< 0.2500	36/34	< 0.0025	0.55	0.007	0.200
PAH (sum of 6)	µg/l	0/0					2/2	0.0047	0.0572	0.01433	0.025
PCB (sum of 7)	µg/l	0/0					0/0				
Lindane	µg/l	61/33	< 0.0005	0.040	< 0.0005	< 0.0250	42/40	< 0.00425	0.03	< 0.00425	< 0.0250
pp'DDT	µg/l	51/27	< 0.0005	0.100	< 0.0005	0.033	46/44	< 0.0004	0.2	< 0.0004	0.034
Atrazine	µg/l	58/30	< 0.0005	0.096	< 0.0050	< 0.0900	35/33	< 0.0005	1.040	< 0.0045	0.18
Chloroform	µg/l	18/11	< 0.002	< 0.500	< 0.002	< 0.500	15/15	< 0.005	< 5.000	< 0.005	< 5.000
Carbon tetrachloride	µg/l	13/7	< 0.005	< 0.200	< 0.005	< 0.200	10/10	< 0.005	< 0.500	< 0.005	< 0.500
Trichloroethylene	µg/l	10/6	< 0.005	< 0.250	0.01	< 0.250	10/10	< 0.005	< 10.000	< 0.005	< 10.000
Tetrachloroethylene	µg/l	13/7	< 0.005	< 0.250	0.019	< 0.250	15/15	< 0.005	< 5.000	< 0.005	< 5.000

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## 4. Profiles and trend assessment of selected determinands

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The 90 percentiles (C90) of selected determinands (dissolved oxygen, BOD<sub>5</sub>, COD<sub>Cr</sub>, N-NH<sub>4</sub>, N-NO<sub>3</sub>, P-PO<sub>4</sub>, P<sub>total</sub> and Cd) measured in last ten years are displayed in the Figures 4.1-4.16. Due to revision of the TNMN in 2006 following monitoring points on the Danube were replaced : AT2 rkm 2120 to AT5 rkm 2113, AT4 rkm 1874 to AT6 rkm 1879, DE1 rkm 2581 to DE5 rkm 2538. Among tributaries the site HR3 rkm 288 was replaced by HR9 rkm 300 BG8 rkm 54 to BG14 rkm 4 and BG8 rkm 13 to BG15 rkm 1. In 2008 was replaced HR6 rkm 729 by HR10 rkm 728.8. In 2009 SK3 was replaced with SK5, this monitoring point is also in graphs illustrated as Hungarian point HU3. For trend graphs SK3 and HU3 were used, because for SK5 there is only one year of monitoring.

To indicate the long-term trends in the upper, middle and lower Danube a more detailed analysis for selected parameters (BOD<sub>5</sub>, N-NO<sub>3</sub>, P<sub>total</sub>) is provided for the sites SK1 Bratislava, HU5 Hercegszanto and RO5 Reni (Figures 4.17-4.33).

In general in 2012 the concentration values measured in a number of the tributaries (especially the Arges River) were influenced by the hydrologic regime (low flow conditions).

As regards a general spatial distribution of key water quality parameters along the Danube River in 2012 the highest concentrations of biodegradable organic matter were observed in the middle parts of the river. The highest pollution by the biodegradable organic matter in 2012 was measured in Russenski Lom, Arges and Morava.

The highest values of dissolved oxygen were observed in the upper part of the Danube, in the lower Danube dissolved oxygen levels decrease (Figure 4.1). The lowest value is in monitoring point BG2. Low values of dissolved oxygen were in 2012 measured in tributaries Sava, Arges and Jantra.

Taking into account the entire period of TNMN operations positive changes in water quality can be seen at several TNMN stations. Decreasing tendencies of biodegradable organic matter was observed in the upper Danube and also at some stations of the lower Danube (see Figure 4.3). The BOD levels at trend assessment monitoring points SK1 and HU5 were decreased, but at monitoring point RO5 in 2012 an increase was observed (Figures 4.17-4.19).

A decreasing tendency of BOD levels in the tributaries Inn, Siret, Russenski Lom and Prut has observed (Figure 4.4).

The decreasing or stable level of concentration of ammonium-N was recorded in the whole Danube river. During the last ten years of TNMN operation, concentration of ammonium was decreasing in

the Inn, Salzach, Morava, Dyje and Sava rivers. In 2012 an increased concentration of ammonium-N was observed in the tributary Arges (see Figure 4.8).

The level of nitrate-N concentrations is rather stable during recent years. A decrease was observed downstream the whole Danube including its lower part (for example RO5, RO6, RO7, RO8 see Figure 4.9). In selected monitoring sites (SK1, HU5 and RO5) nitrate-N concentrations in 2012 decreased (Figure 4.20-4.22). The nitrate-N has a decreasing tendency in the tributaries Dyje, Vah, Velika Morava, Jantra and Russenski Lom (Figure 4.10).

In the last decade a decreasing tendency of ortho-phosphate-P concentrations is mostly seen in the upper part of the Danube, but a concentration decrease has been also observed at few stations in the Lower Danube (BG2, RO6, RO7, RO8, Figure 4.11). Decreasing tendency of ortho-phosphate-P was observed in the tributaries Jantra, Velika Morava and Russenski Lom (Figure 4.12). In 2012 concentration increased in tributaries Dyje, Sio, Arges, Siret.

P-total concentration has decreasing tendency in the last decade in the Upper and Middle Danube and close to the Danube delta (Figure 4.13). In 2012 the P-total concentration has increased in tributaries Sio, Arges and Dyje (see Figure 4.14).

In 2012 at SK1 Bratislava and HU5 Hercegszanto concentrations of P-total increased, the opposite situation was at RO5 (Figure 4.23-4.25).

The trends of COD in the Danube River was rather stable during last ten years, the highest concentrations was in lower part of the Danube. The highest COD concentrations in 2012 were observed in tributaries Arges, Siret and Russenski Lom.

The cadmium concentration is constant or slightly decreasing in the whole Danube as well as in its tributaries (Figures 4.15 and 4.16).

The 90 and 10 percentiles of selected determinands (N-NH<sub>4</sub>, P-PO<sub>4</sub>, COD<sub>cr</sub>, BOD<sub>5</sub>) measured in 2011 are displayed in the Figures 4.26-4.33. Pictures indicate the margins of a usual annual concentration range for a given parameter and site. In graphs for tributaries there are rkm of Danube, where tributary discharge to the Danube river.

Lower concentrations of N-NH<sub>4</sub> were observed in the upper part of Danube (Figure 4.26), the highest concentration was in BG2. In tributaries the highest values were observed in Ialomita and Arges (Figure 4.27).

The highest values of percentiles of P-PO<sub>4</sub> were observed in the Bulgarian and Romanian part of the Danube (Figure 4.28). The highest value was observed in Tisza (Figure 4.29).

The maximal values of COD<sub>cr</sub> percentiles were found in the lower Danube and in tributaries Ialomita, Russenski Lom, Arges and Szamos (Figure 4.30 and Figure 4.31).

The highest values of BOD<sub>5</sub> were in middle and lower part of Danube in Hungarians and Romanian monitoring points HU1, HU2, RO7 (Figure 4.32). In tributaries the highest values were observed in Ialomita, Russenski Lom, Iskar and Arges (Figure 4.33).

The annual differences between C90 and C10 have an insignificant variation for N-NH<sub>4</sub>, COD<sub>cr</sub>, and BOD<sub>5</sub> in the in upper and middle Danube. The visible differences were observed for P-PO<sub>4</sub> along the whole Danube. Evident differences between C90 and C10 are in lower part of Danube.

Insignificant differences were observed for N-NH<sub>4</sub> and P-PO<sub>4</sub> in the upper and middle tributaries.

Large variation for N-NH<sub>4</sub> was observed in the lower Danube tributaries Ialomita and Arges. Different are 10 and 90 percentiles for COD<sub>cr</sub> and BOD<sub>5</sub> in majority of the lower Danube tributaries. Significant differences were observed for BOD<sub>5</sub> mostly in Arges and Jantra, for COD<sub>cr</sub> in Arges and Tisza.

Figure 4.1.: Temporal changes of dissolved oxygen (c10) in the Danube river.

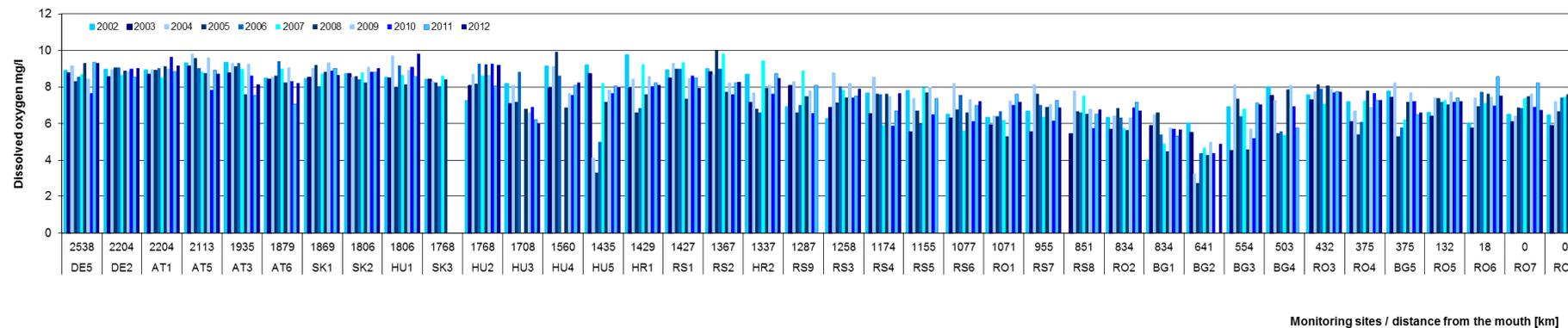


Figure 4.2.: Temporal changes of dissolved oxygen (c10) in tributaries.

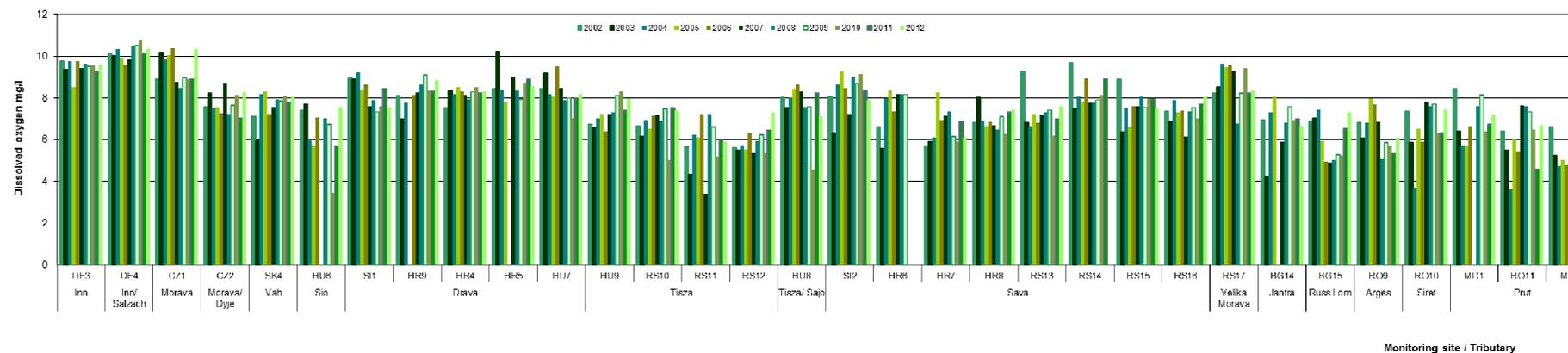


Figure 4.3.: Temporal changes of BOD<sub>5</sub> (c90) in the Danube river.

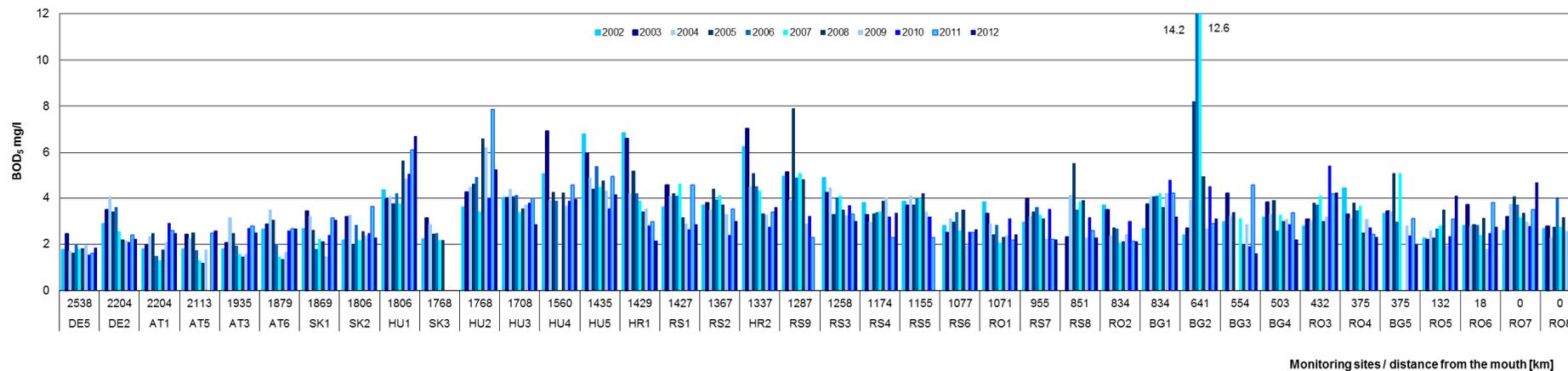


Figure 4.4.: Temporal changes of BOD<sub>5</sub> (c90) in tributaries.

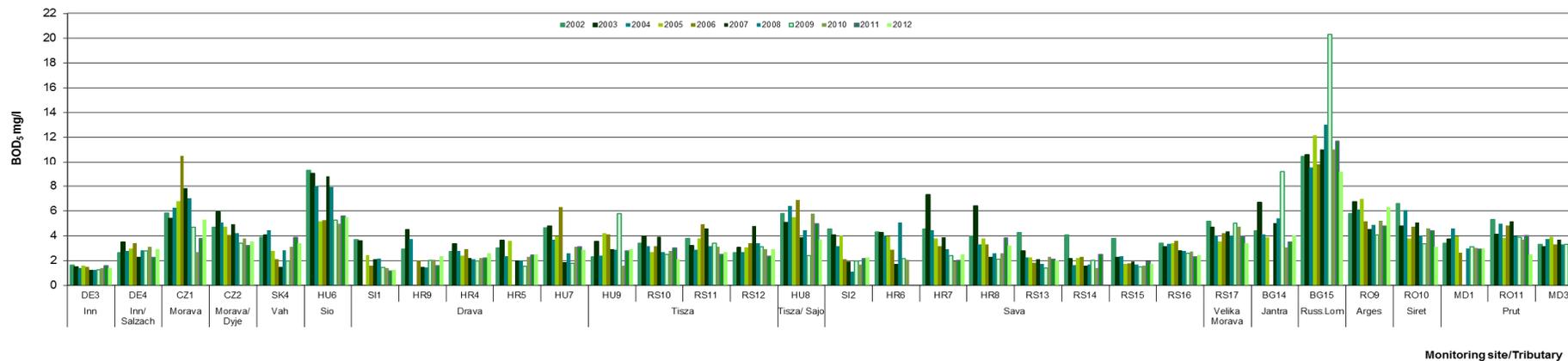


Figure 4.5.: Temporal changes of COD<sub>Cr</sub> (c90) in the Danube river.

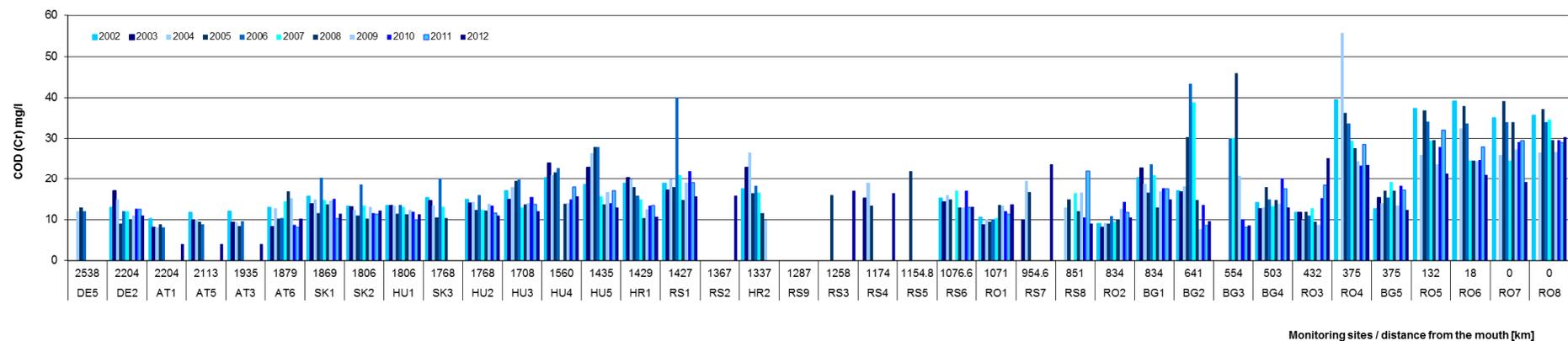


Figure 4.6.: Temporal changes of COD<sub>Cr</sub> (c90) in tributaries.

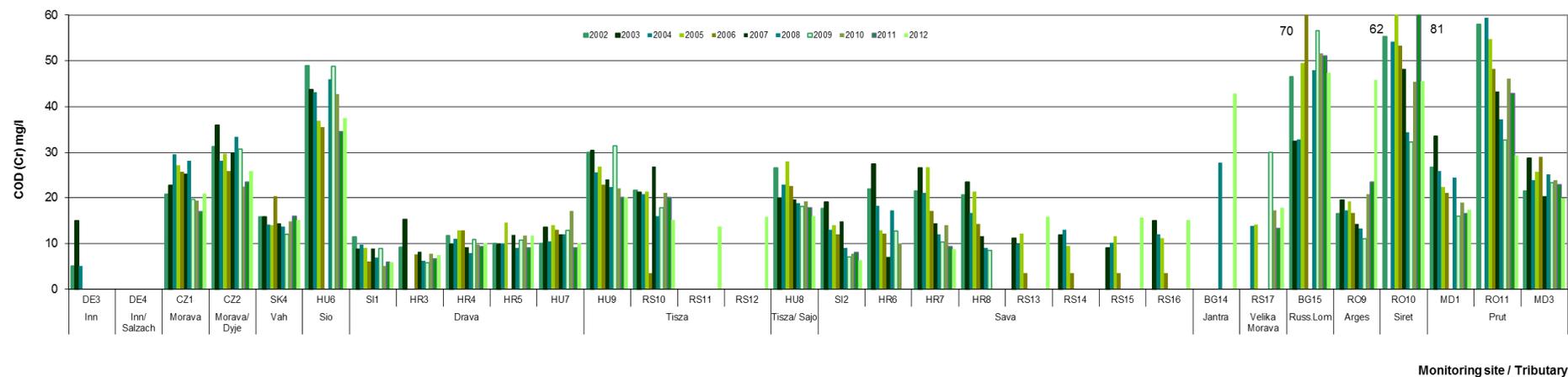


Figure 4.7.: Temporal changes of ammonium-nitrogen (c90) in the Danube river.

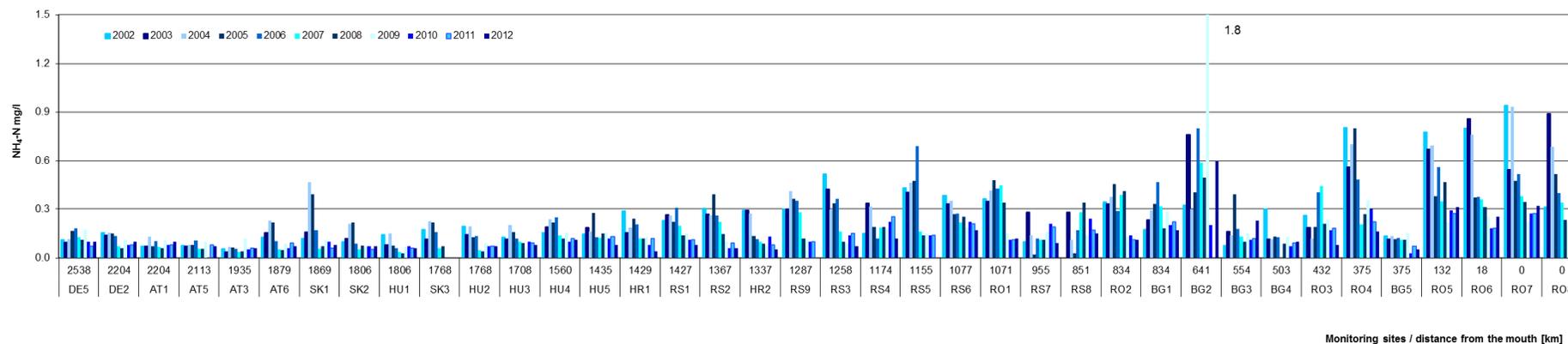


Figure 4.8.: Temporal changes of ammonium-nitrogen (c90) in tributaries.

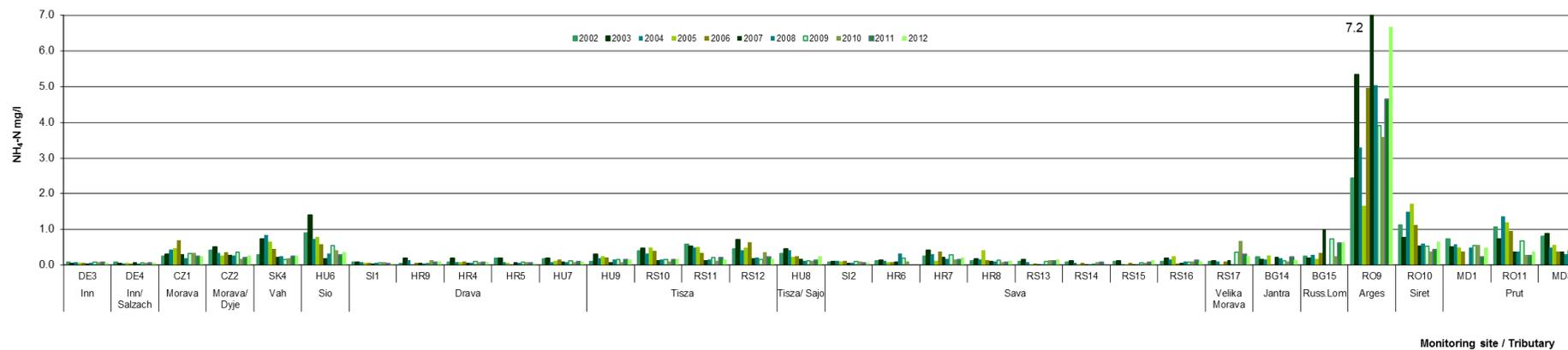


Figure 4.9.: Temporal changes of nitrate-nitrogen (c90) in the Danube river.

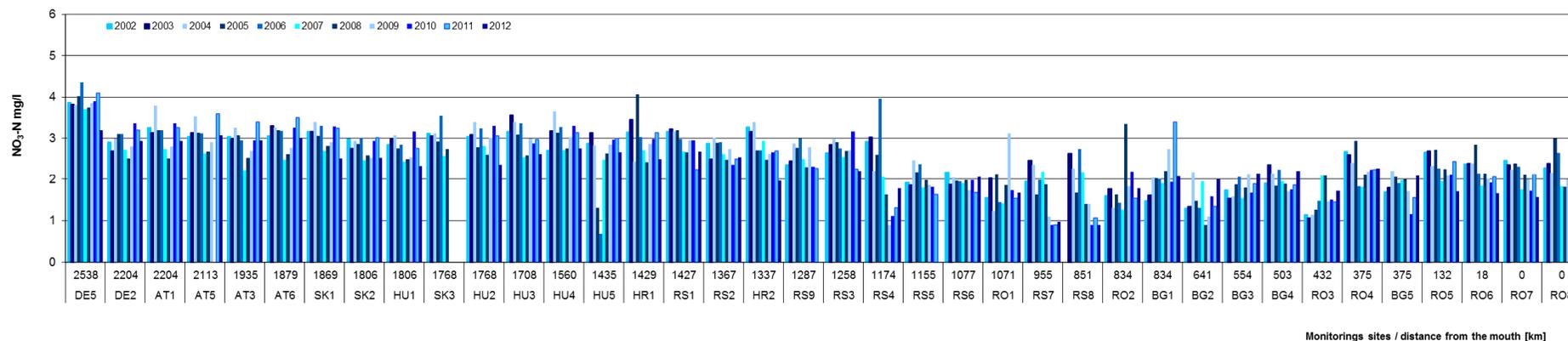


Figure 4.10.: Temporal changes of nitrate-nitrogen (c90) in tributaries.

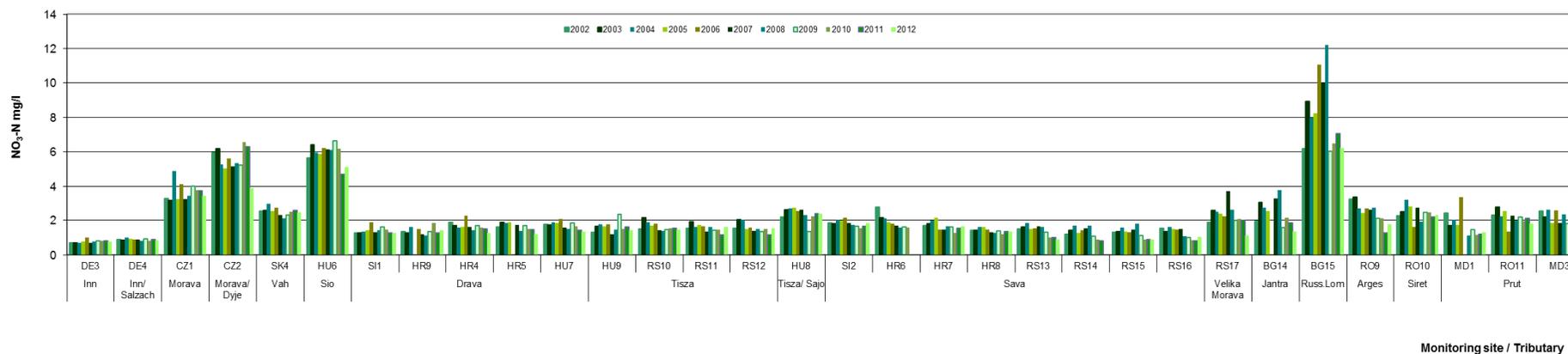


Figure 4.11: Temporal changes of ortho-phosphate-phosphorus (c90) in the Danube river.

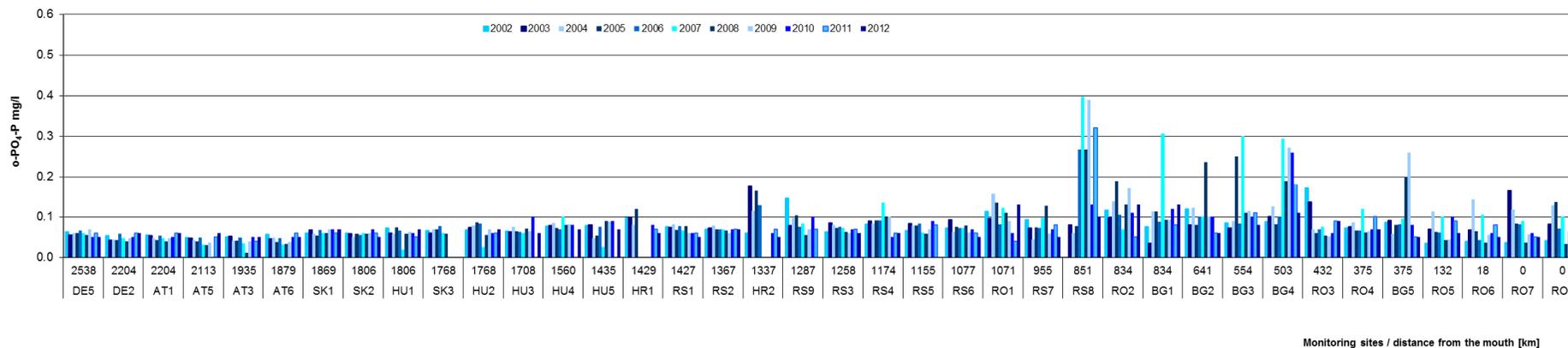
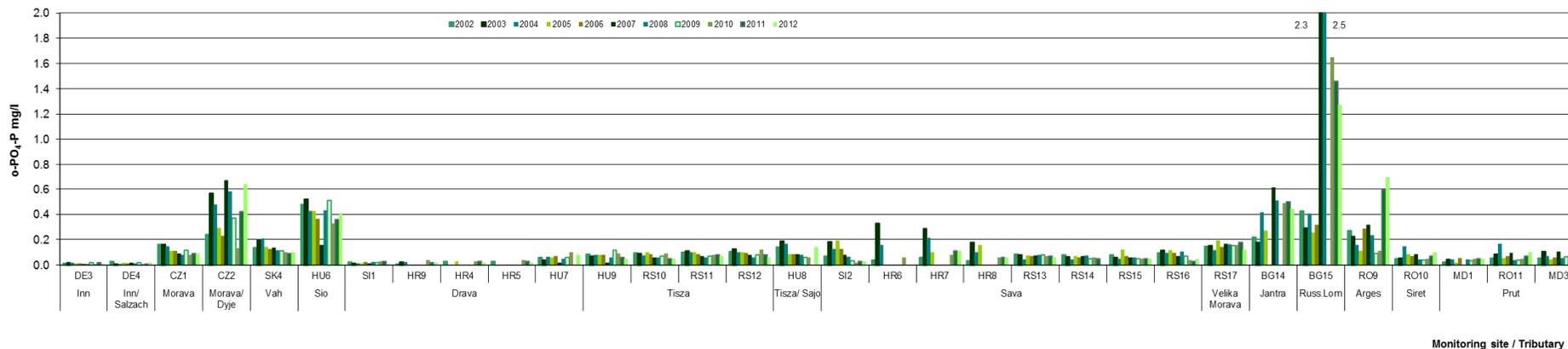
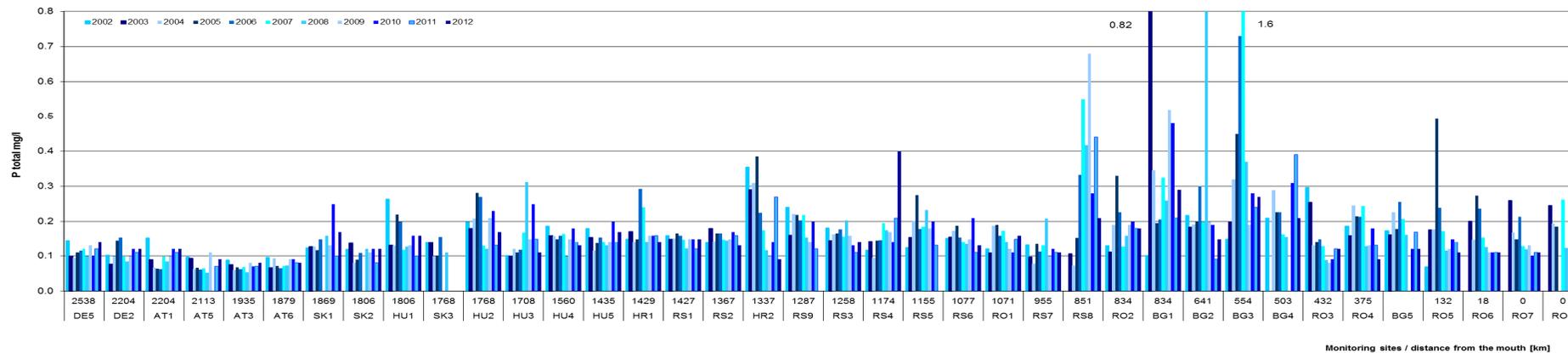


Figure 4.12: Temporal changes of ortho-phosphate-phosphorus (c90) in tributaries



**Figure 4.13: Temporal changes of total phosphorus (c90) in the Danube river.**



**Figure 4.14: Temporal changes of total phosphorus (c90) in tributaries.**

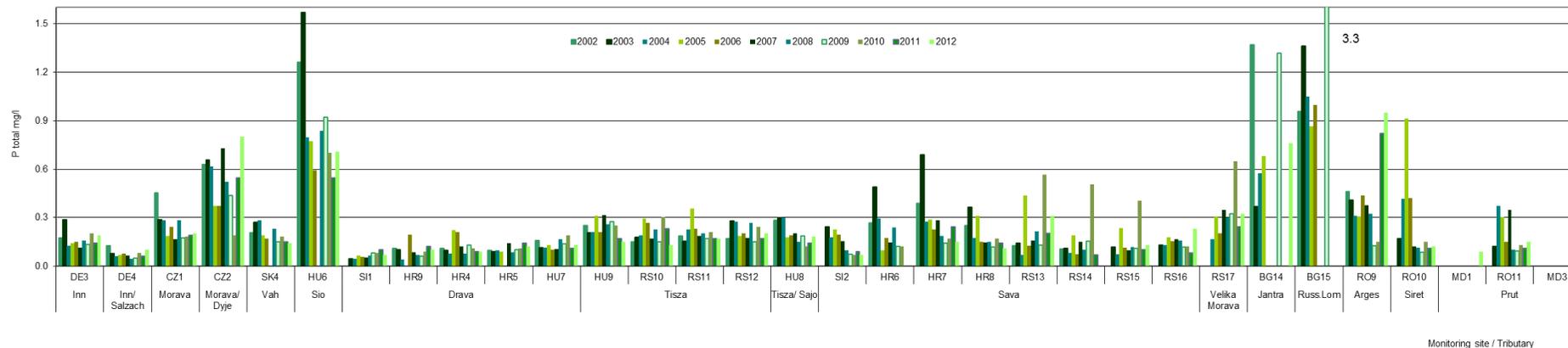


Figure 4.15: Temporal changes of cadmium (c90) in the Danube river.

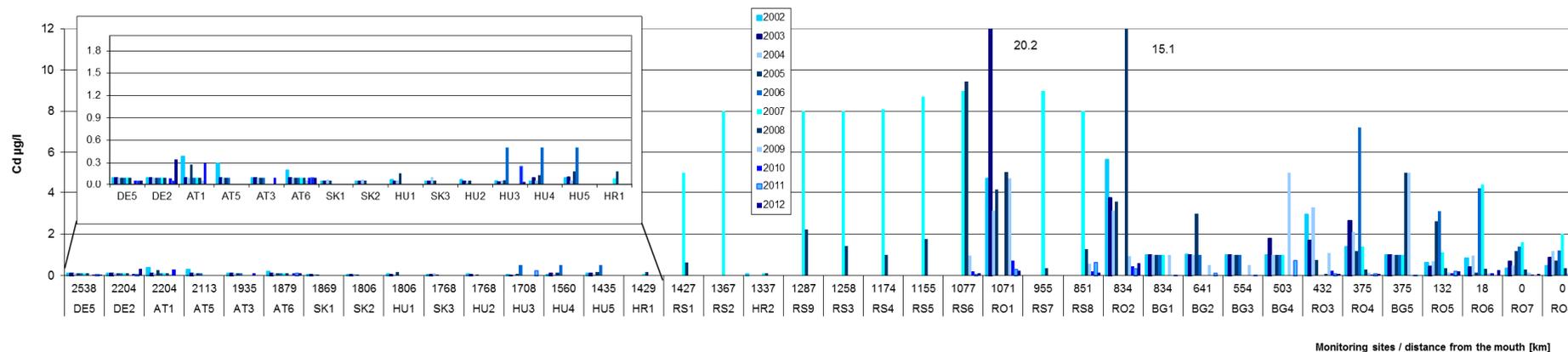


Figure 4.16: Temporal changes of cadmium (c90) in tributaries.

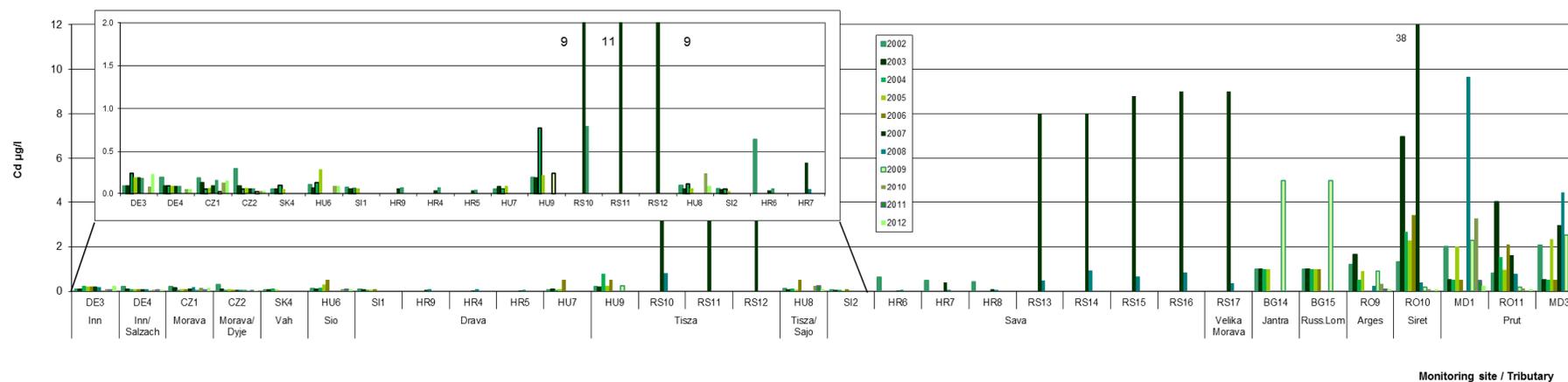


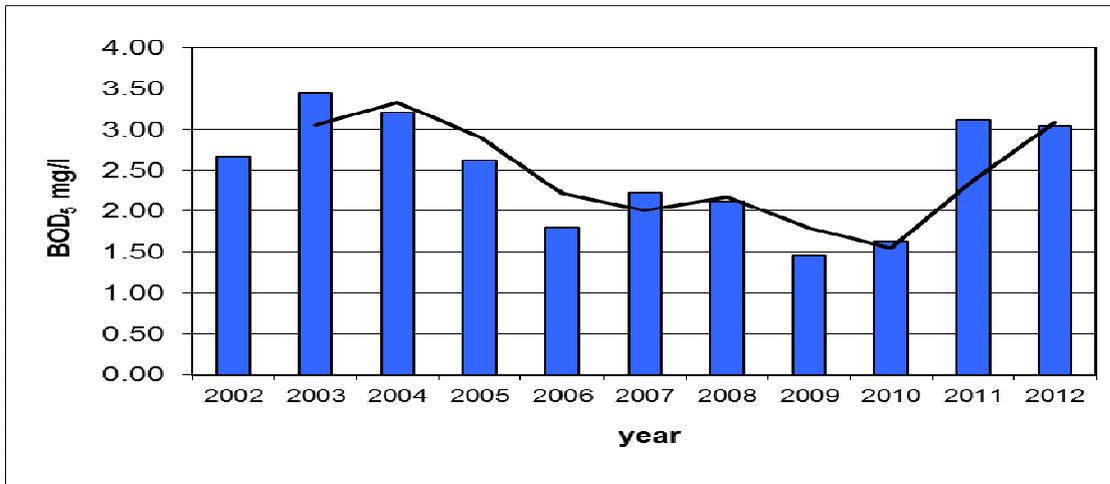
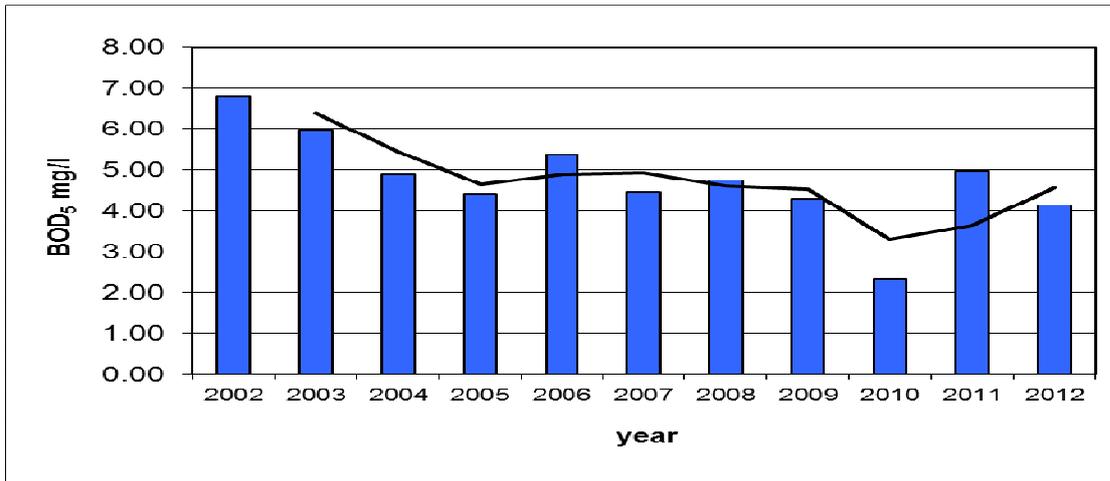
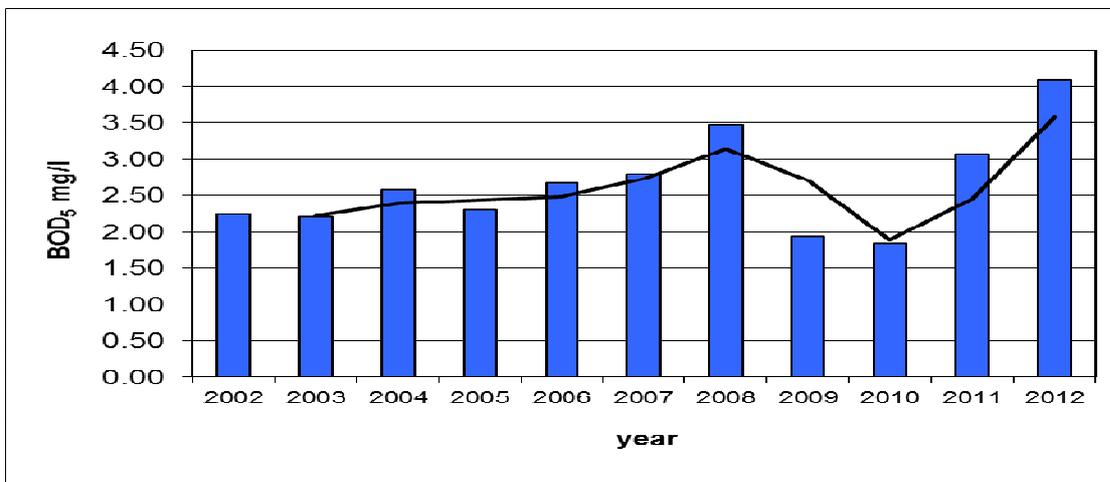
Figure 4.17: Temporal changes of BOD<sub>5</sub> (c90) in BratislavaFigure 4.18: Temporal changes of BOD<sub>5</sub> (c90) in HercegszantoFigure 4.19: Temporal changes of BOD<sub>5</sub> (c90) in Reni

Figure 4.20: Temporal changes of nitrate-nitrogen (c90) in Bratislava

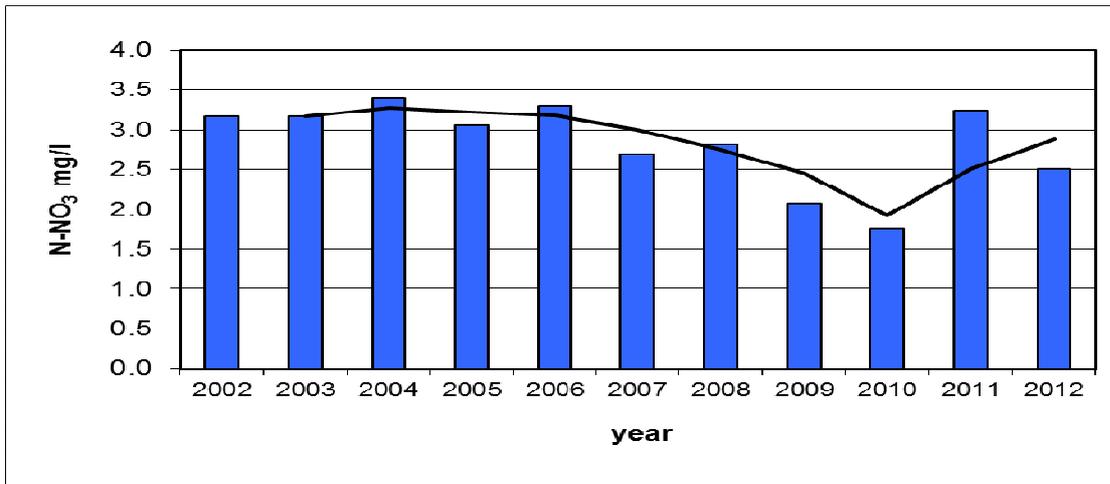


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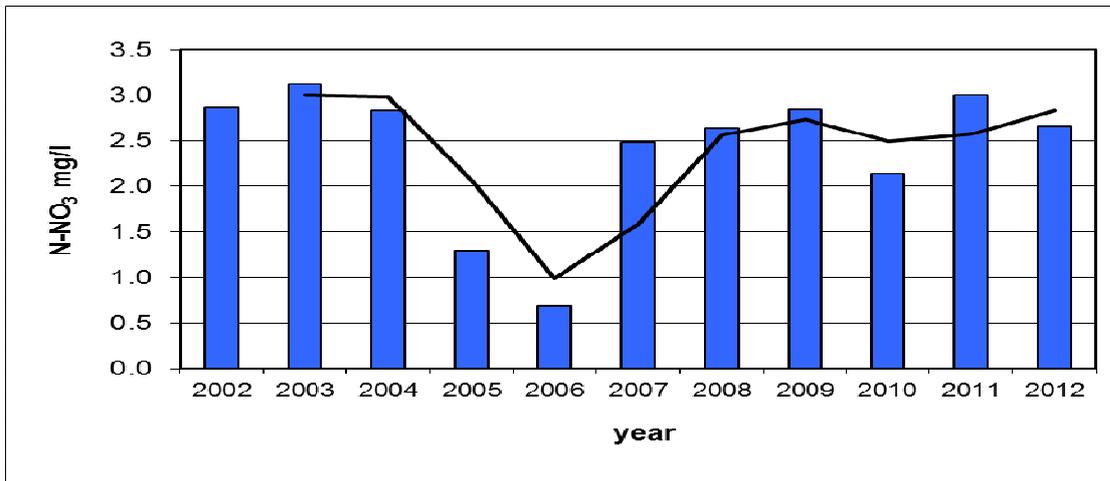


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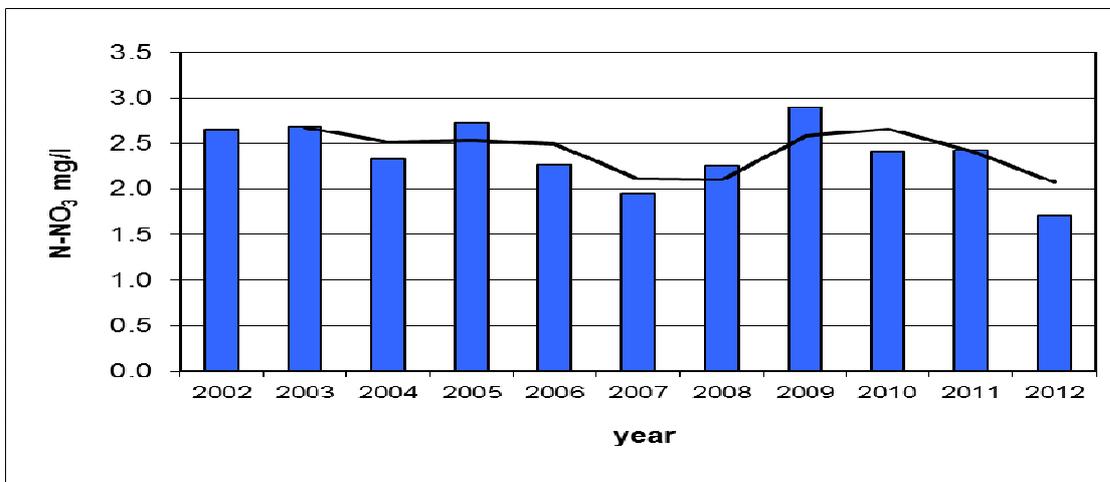


Figure 4.23: Temporal changes of total phosphorus (c90) in Bratislava

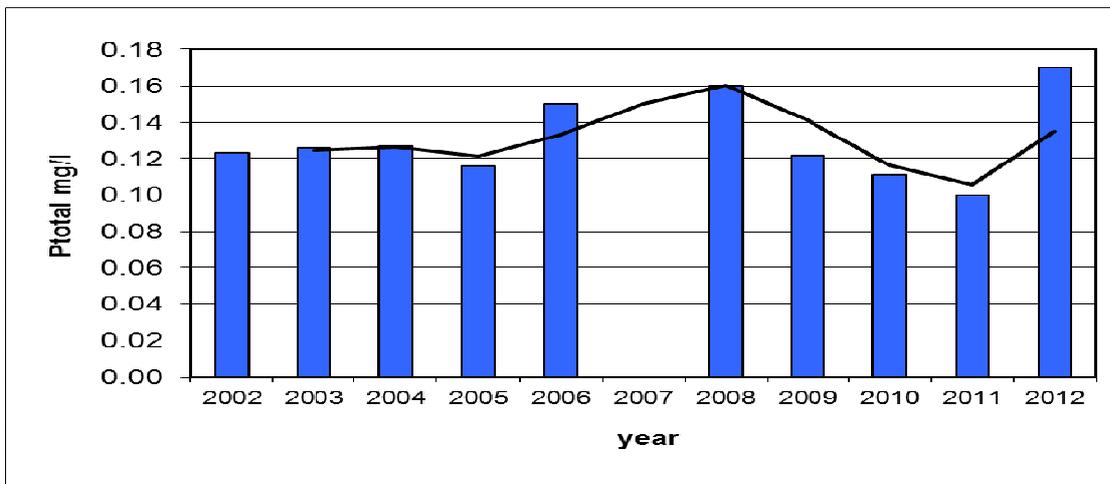


Figure 4.24: Temporal changes of total phosphorus (c90) in Hercegszanto

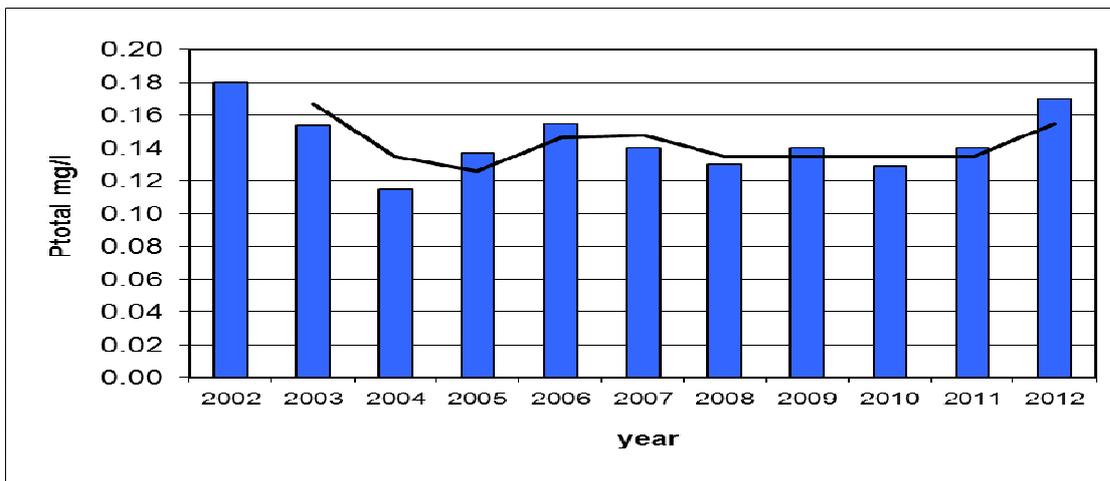


Figure 4.25: Temporal changes of total phosphorus (c90) in Reni

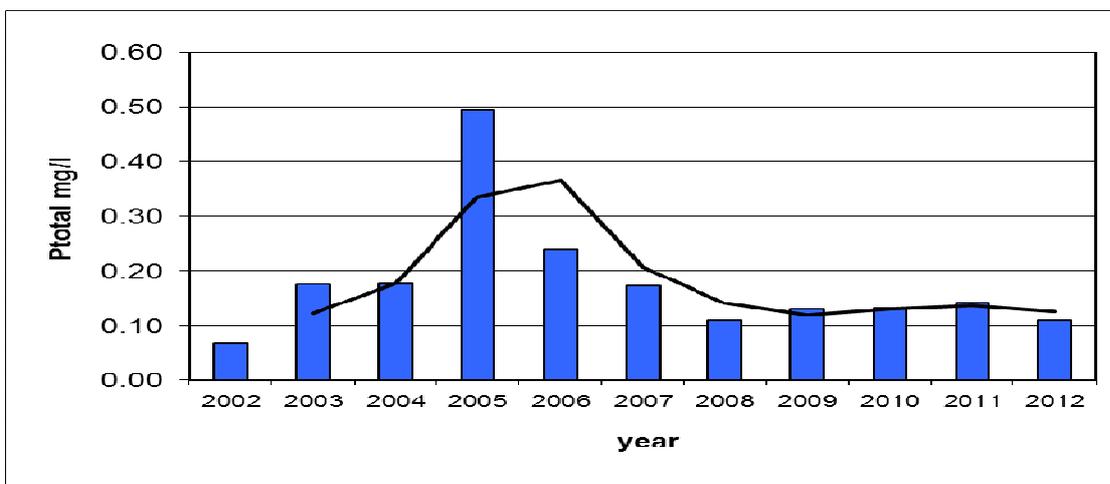




Figure 4.28: The percentile (90, 10) of P-PO<sub>4</sub> concentration along the Danube river in 2012.

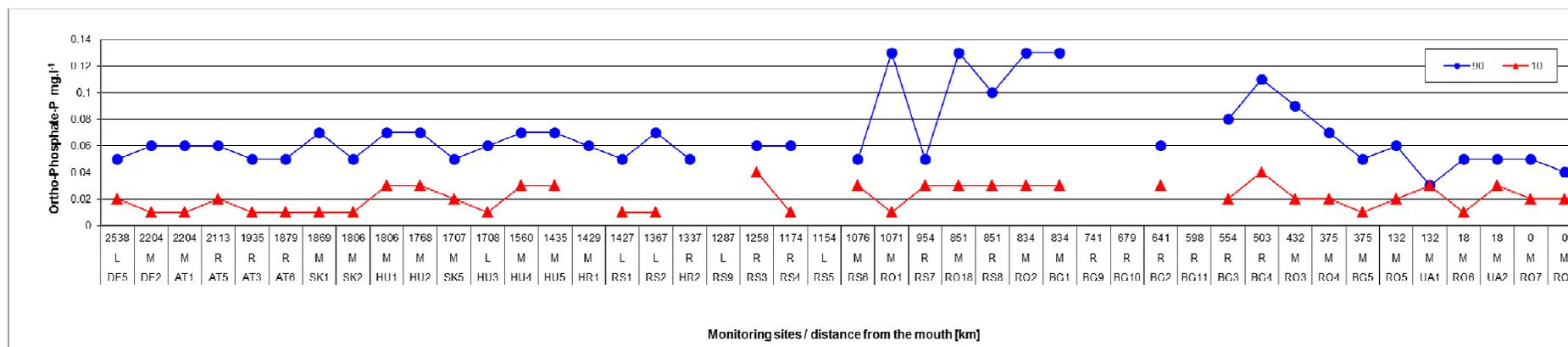


Figure 4.29: The percentile (90, 10) of P-PO<sub>4</sub> concentration in the tributaries in 2012.

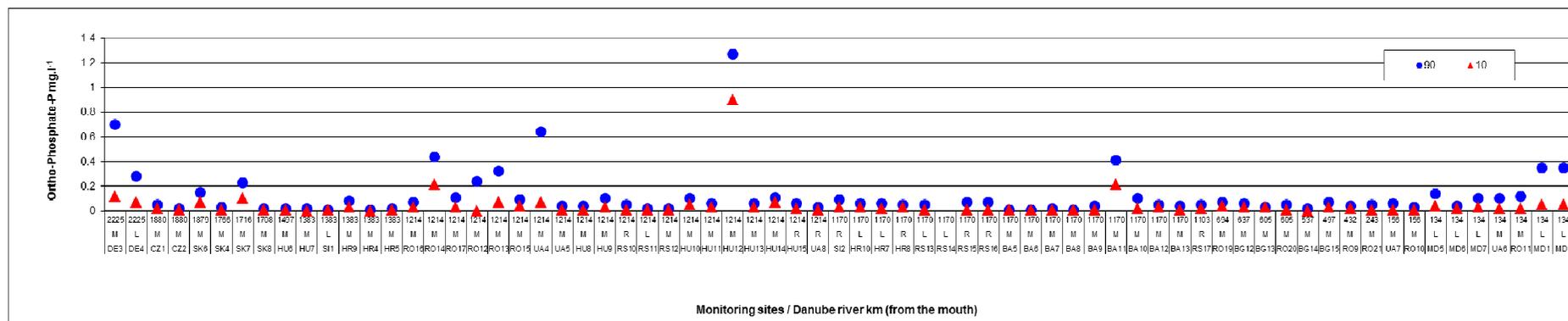


Figure 4.30: The percentile (90, 10) of COD<sub>cr</sub> concentration along the Danube river in 2012.

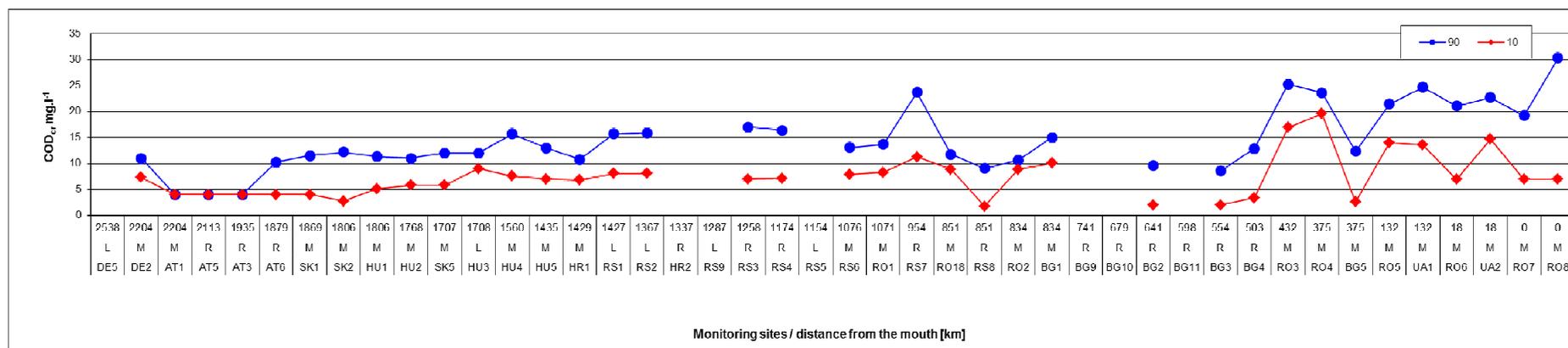


Figure 4.31: The percentile (90, 10) of COD<sub>cr</sub> concentration in the tributaries in 2012.

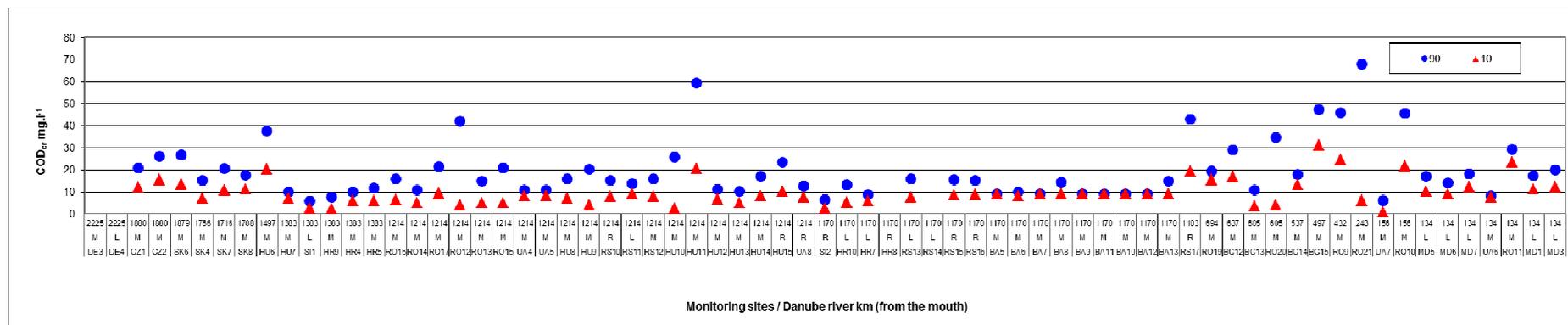


Figure 4.32: The percentile (90, 10) of BOD<sub>5</sub> concentration along the Danube river in 2012.

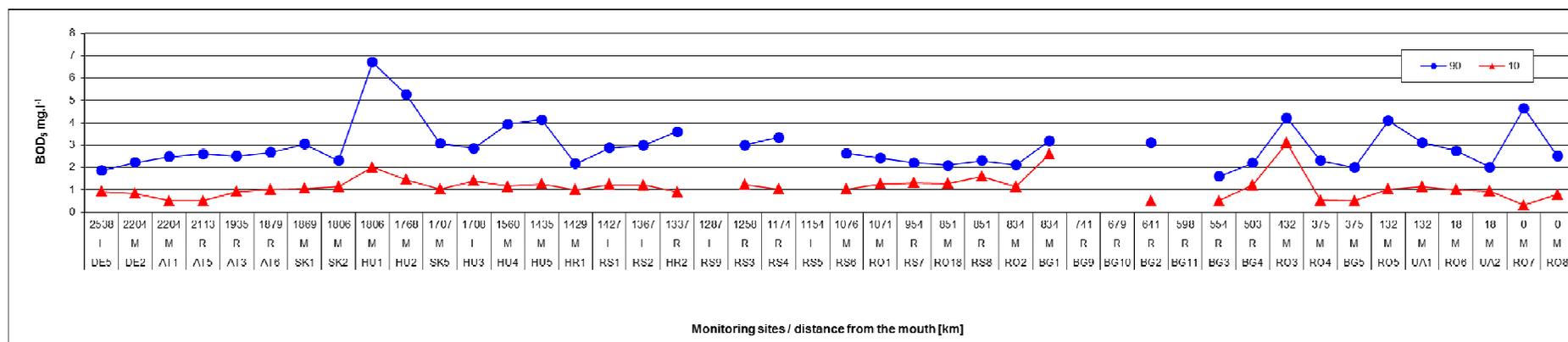


Figure 4.33: The percentile (90, 10) of BOD<sub>5</sub> concentration in the tributaries in 2012.

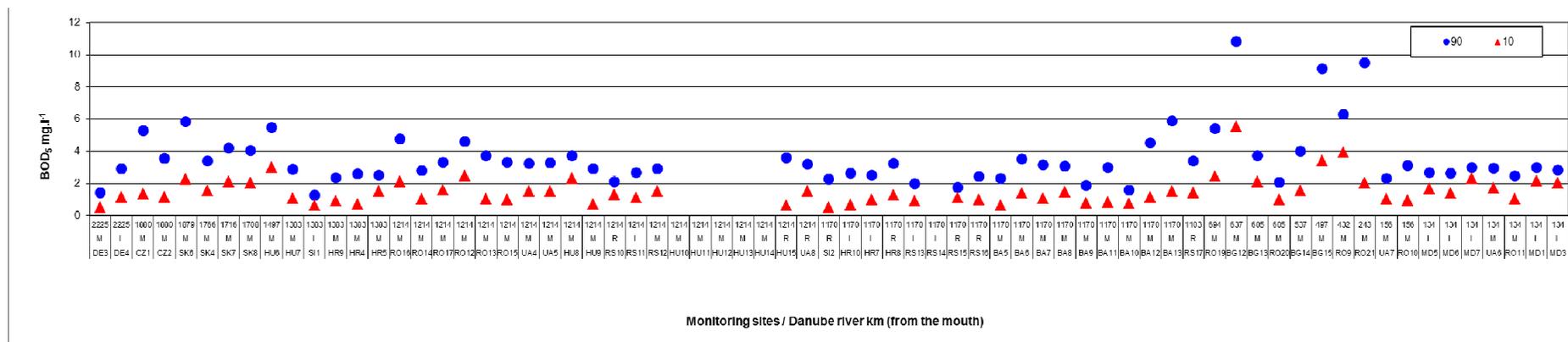


Figure 4.34: The maximum of Macrozoobenthos- saprobic index along the Danube river in 2012.

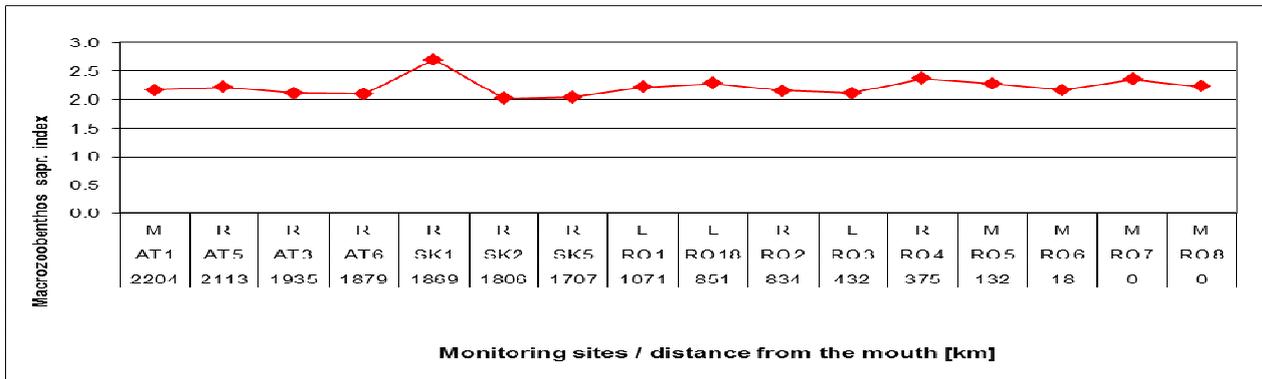
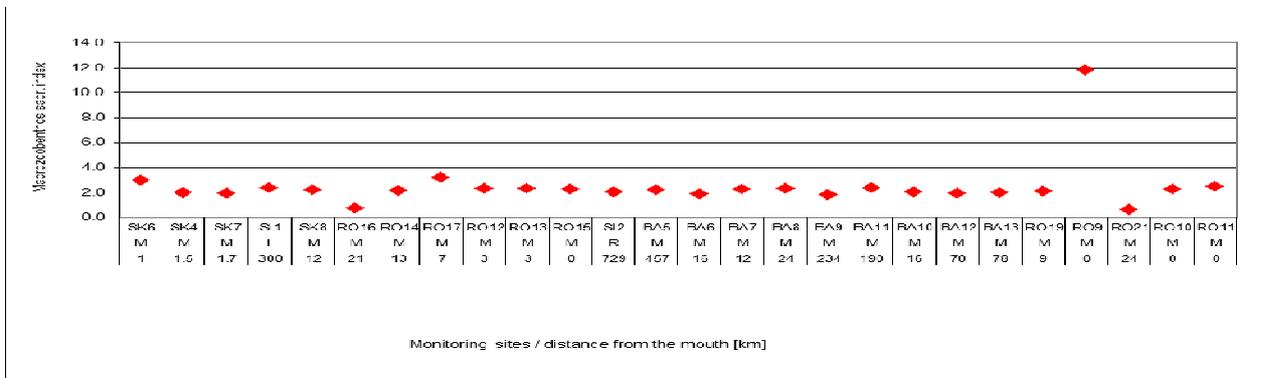
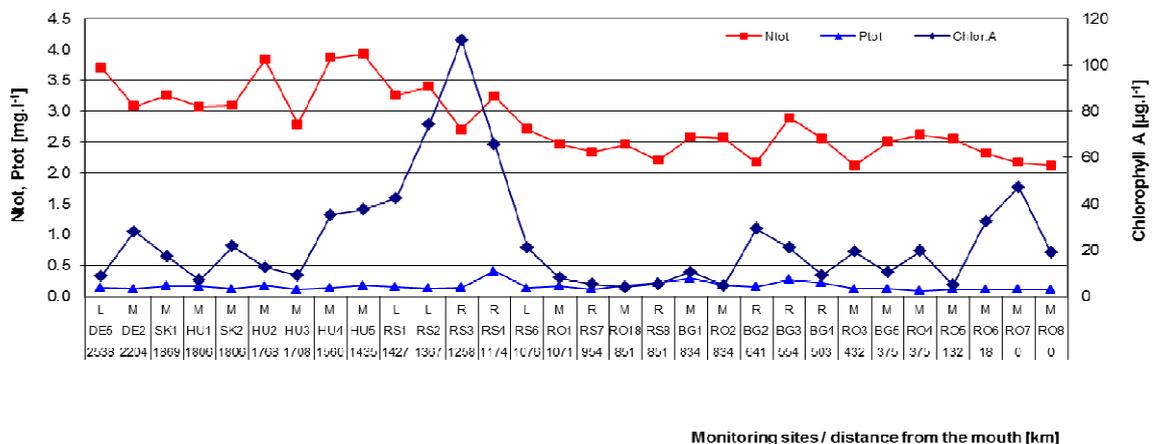


Figure 4.35: The maximum of Macrozoobenthos- saprobic index in the tributaries in 2012



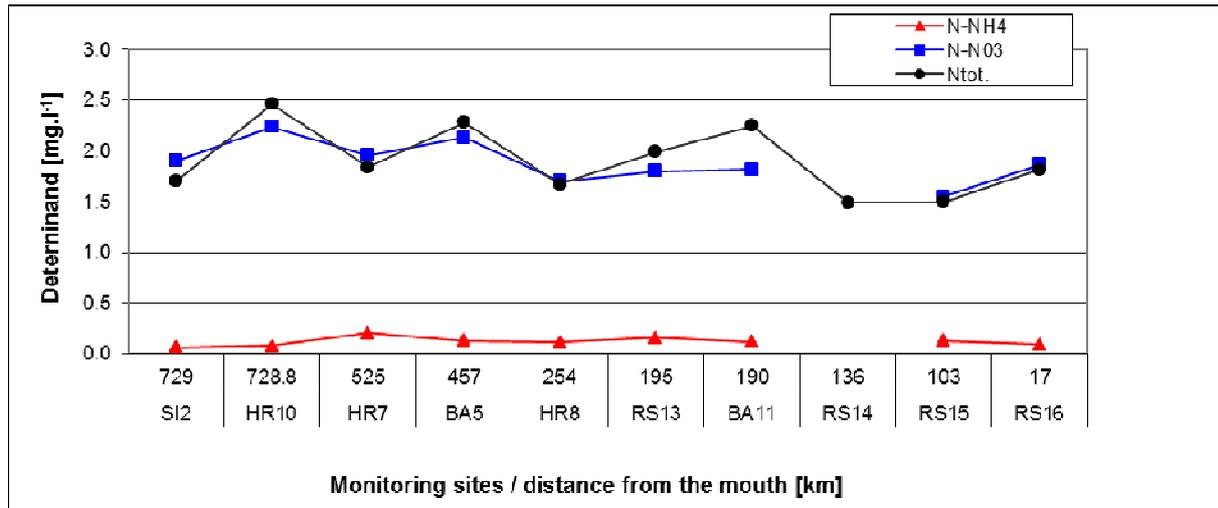
The maximum of macrozoobenthos- saprobic index in the Danube River and tributaries is presented in the Figures 4.34 and 4.35. The data of macrozoobenthos was delivered during the year 2012 for 16 monitoring points located in the Danube river and in 26 monitoring points in tributaries. The maximal value of saprobic index was determined in SK1 Bratislava. The highest macrozoobenthos- saprobic index was found in tributary Arges (RO9).

Figure 4.36: The percentile (90) of total nitrogen, phosphorus and chlorophyll-A concentration along the Danube river in 2012.

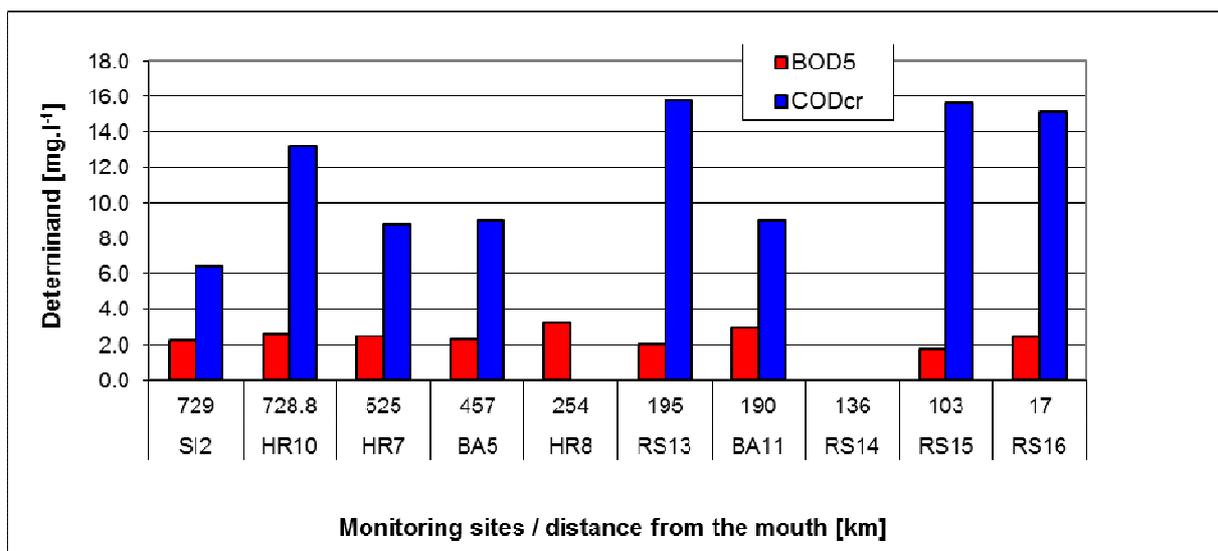


The concentration of nutrients and chlorophyll A are presented in Figure 4.36 (the figure shows only those monitoring points at which all three determinands were measured). The maximal concentration of chlorophyll A was observed in the middle part of Danube river at RS3. The highest concentration of  $N_{\text{total}}$  was observed in HU5 and maximal concentration of  $P_{\text{total}}$  was in RS4.

**Figure 4.37: The percentile (90) of  $N_{\text{tot}}$ ,  $N\text{-NH}_4$  and  $N\text{-NO}_3$  concentration along the Sava river in 2012.**

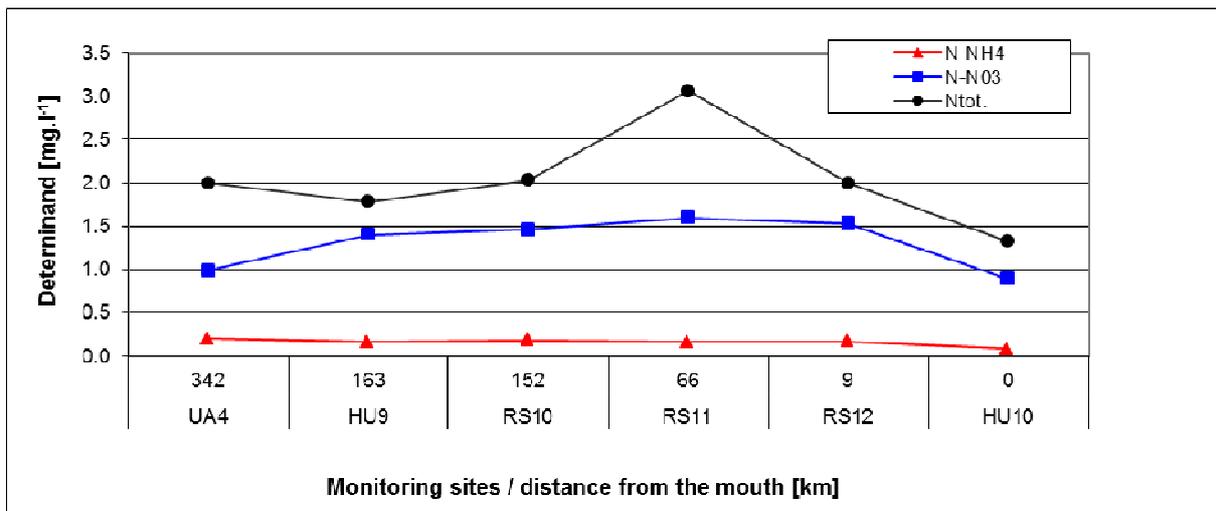


**Figure 4.38: The percentile (90) of  $BOD_5$  and  $COD_{cr}$  concentration along the Sava river in 2012.**

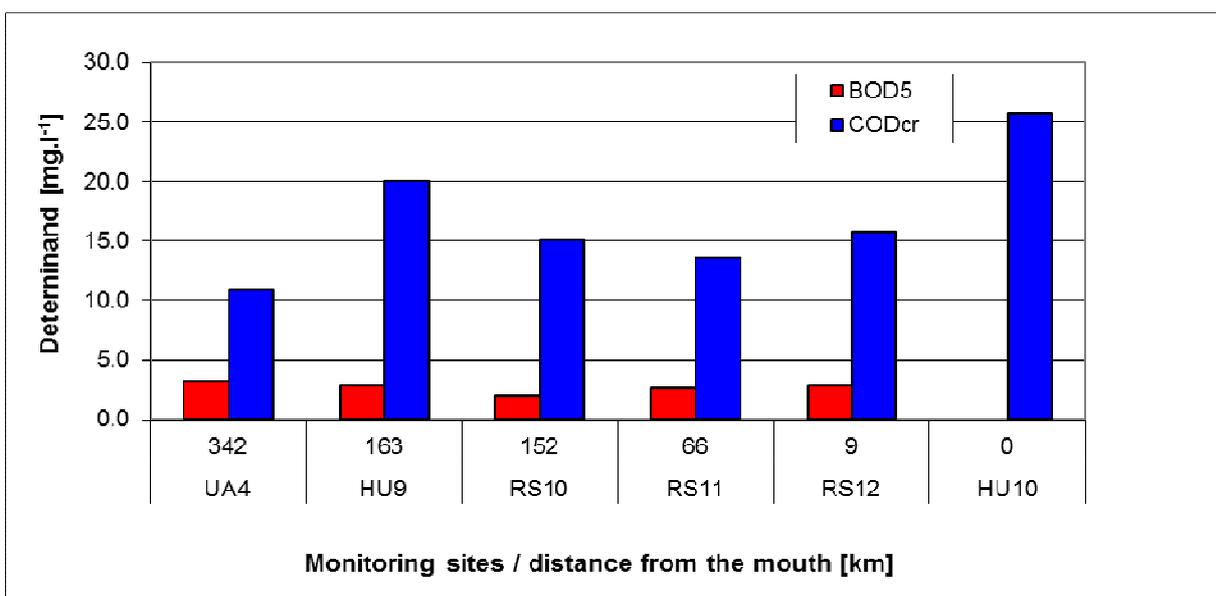


The percentiles 90 and of nutrients and  $\text{COD}_{\text{cr}}$ ,  $\text{BOD}_5$  measured in 2012 in Sava and Tisza rivers are presented in the Figures 4.37-4.40. The highest value of  $\text{N-NH}_4$  in Sava river was found at monitoring point HR7 (rkm 525). The maximal concentration of  $\text{N-NO}_3$  and  $\text{N}_{\text{total}}$  was observed in HR10 (rkm 728.8, Figure 4.37). The highest values of  $\text{BOD}_5$  in Sava river was measured in monitoring point HR8 rkm 254 and the highest  $\text{COD}_{\text{cr}}$  value was measured in monitoring point RS13 (rkm 195, Figure 4.38).

**Figure 4.39: The percentile (90) of total nitrogen,  $\text{N-NH}_4$  and  $\text{N-NO}_3$  concentration along the Tisza river in 2012.**



**Figure 4.40: The percentile (90) of  $\text{BOD}_5$  and  $\text{COD}_{\text{cr}}$  concentration along the Tisza river in 2012.**



The maximal value of N-NH<sub>4</sub> in Tisza river was measured at monitoring point UA4 rkm 342 (see Figure 4.39). The highest value of N-NO<sub>3</sub> and N<sub>total</sub> was measured at RS11 rkm 66. The highest value of BOD<sub>5</sub> in Tisza river was found in monitoring point UA4 (rkm 342) and the highest COD<sub>cr</sub> in HU10 (rkm 0, Figure 4.40).

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## 5. Load Assessment

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### **Introduction**

The long-term development of loads of relevant determinands in the important rivers of the Danube Basin is one of the major objectives of the TNMN. This is why the load assessment programme in the Danube River Basin started in 2000. For the calculation of loads, a commonly agreed standard operational procedure is used.

### **Description of load assessment procedure**

The following principles have been agreed for the load assessment procedure:

- *Load is calculated for the following determinands: BOD<sub>5</sub>, inorganic nitrogen, ortho-phosphate-phosphorus, dissolved phosphorus, total phosphorus, suspended solids and - on a voluntary basis - chlorides; based on the agreement with the Black Sea Commission, silicates are measured at the Romanian load assessment sites since 2004;*
- *The minimum sampling frequency at sampling sites selected for load calculation is set at 24 per year;*
- *The load calculation is processed according to the procedure recommended by the Project “Transboundary assessment of pollution loads and trends” and described in Chapter 6.4. Additionally, countries can calculate annual load by using their national calculation methods, results of which would be presented together with data prepared on the basis of the agreed method;*
- *Countries should select for load assessment those TNMN monitoring sites for which valid flow data is available (see Table 5).*

Table 5 shows TNMN monitoring locations selected for the load assessment program. It also provides information about hydrological stations collecting flow data for load assessment. Altogether 27 monitoring locations from nine countries are included in the list. One location – Danube-Jochenstein have been included by two neighboring countries, therefore the actual number of locations is 26, with ten locations on the Danube River itself and 16 locations on the tributaries. Rivers Prut and Siret were added in year 2010.

The second location that could potentially be processed by using combined data from two countries is Sava-Jesenice, but from 2009 Croatian side performed samplings at the location Drenje (left side of the river Sava) located under the influence of the estuary Sotla. Therefore the results at the location Sava Drenje do not show the load of the Sava River in the border profile.

## Monitoring Data in 2012

The monitoring frequency is an important factor for the assessment of pollution loads in water courses. Table 6 shows the number of measurements of flow and water quality determinands in the TNMN load assessment sites.

Data are shown in tables 7 and 9. Flow data are missing from one Croatian monitoring location HR2. In most of the locations, the number of samples was higher than 20, lower frequency was for chlorides. A frequency of 10-12 times per year was applied only in Czech and for Croatians monitoring stations. In 2010 was added load calculation for Slovakian monitoring points on tributaries Morava, Hron, Ipoly, also for this points frequency of monitoring were 12.

The loads in the Danube at Jochenstein are being assessed on the basis of combined data from Germany and Austria, there is no problem with insufficient frequency there.

Regarding particular determinands, there is still a lack of data on dissolved phosphorus as it was measured in 10 locations only. At 12 monitoring points the silicate or dissolved silicate load was calculated. This calculation of the silicate load is to respond to the agreements with the Black Sea Commission.

**Table 5: List of TNMN locations selected for load assessment program**

Country	River	Water quality monitoring location		Hydrological station		
		Country Code	Location	Distance from mouth (Km)	Location	Distance from mouth (Km)
<b>Germany</b>	Danube	DE2	Jochenstein	2204	Achleiten	2223
<b>Germany</b>	Inn	DE3	Kirchdorf	195	Oberaudorf	211
<b>Germany</b>	Inn/Salzach	DE4	Laufen	47	Laufen	47
<b>Austria</b>	Danube	AT1	Jochenstein	2204	Aschach	2163
<b>Austria</b>	Danube	AT6	Hainburg	1879	Hainburg (Danube)	1884
					Angern (March)	32
<b>Czech Republic</b>	Morava	CZ1	Lanzhot	79	Lanzhot	79
<b>Czech Republic</b>	Morava/Dyje	CZ2	Pohansko	17	Breclav-Ladná	32,3
<b>Slovak Republic</b>	Danube	SK1	Bratislava	1869	Bratislava	1869
<b>Slovak Republic</b>	Váh	SK4	Komárno		Sum of: Maly Dunaj -Trstice	22,5
					Vah- Sala	58,8
					Nitra -Nove Zamky	12,3
<b>Slovak Republic</b>	Morava	SK6	Devín		Zahorska Ves	32,5
<b>Slovak Republic</b>	Hron	SK7	Kamenica		Kanenin	10,9
<b>Slovak Republic</b>	Ipoly	SK8	Salka		Salka	12,2
<b>Hungary</b>	Danube	HU3	Szob	1708	Nagymaros	1695
<b>Hungary</b>	Danube	HU5	Hercegszántó	1435	Mohács	1447
<b>Hungary</b>	Tisza	HU9	Tiszasziget	163	Szeged	174
<b>Croatia</b>	Danube	HR2	Borovo	1337	Vukovar	1337

Croatia	Sava	HR10	Drenje	728.8	Jesenice II	728.5
Croatia	Sava	HR7	Una Jesenovac	525	Una Jesenovac	525
Croatia	Sava	HR8	Zupanja	254	Zupanja	254
Slovenia	Drava	SI1	Ormoz	300	Borl	325
					HE Formin	311
					Pesnica-Zamusani	10.1(to the Drava)
Slovenia	Sava	SI2	Jesenice	729	Catez	737
					Sotla -Rakovec	8.1 (to the Sava)
Romania	Danube	RO2	Pristol-Novo Selo	834	Gruia	858
Romania	Danube	RO4	Chiciu-Silistra	375	Chiciu	379
Romania	Danube	RO5	Reni	132	Isaccea	101
Romania	Siret	RO10	Sendreni	0	Sendreni	0
Romania	Prut	RO11	Giurgulesti	0	Giurgulesti	0
Ukraine	Danube	UA2	Vylkove	18		

## Calculation Procedure

Regarding several sampling sites in the profile, the average concentration at a site is calculated for each sampling day. In case of values “below the limit of detection”, the value of the limit of detection is used in the further calculation. The average monthly concentrations are calculated according to the formula:

$$C_m [\text{mg.l}^{-1}] = \frac{\sum_{i \in m} C_i [\text{mg.l}^{-1}] \cdot Q_i [\text{m}^3 \cdot \text{s}^{-1}]}{\sum_{i \in m} Q_i [\text{m}^3 \cdot \text{s}^{-1}]}$$

where  $C_m$  average monthly concentrations  
 $C_i$  concentrations in the sampling days of each month  
 $Q_i$  discharges in the sampling days of each month

The monthly load is calculated by using the formula:

$$L_m [\text{tones}] = C_m [\text{mg.l}^{-1}] \cdot Q_m [\text{m}^3 \cdot \text{s}^{-1}] \cdot \text{days (m)} \cdot 0,0864$$

where  $L_m$  monthly load

$Q_m$  average monthly discharge

- *If discharges are available only for the sampling days, then  $Q_m$  is calculated from those discharges.*
- *For months without measured values, the average of the products  $C_m \cdot Q_m$  in the months with sampling days is used.*

The annual load is calculated as the sum of the monthly loads:

$$L_a \text{ [tones]} = \sum_{m=1}^{12} L_m \text{ [tones]}$$

Table 6: Number of measurements in TNMN locations selected for assessment of pollution load in 2012

Country Code	River	Location	Location in profile	River Km	Number of measurements in 2012								
					Q	SS	N <sub>inorg</sub>	P-PO <sub>4</sub>	P <sub>total</sub>	BOD <sub>5</sub>	Cl	P <sub>diss</sub>	SiO <sub>2</sub>
DE2	Danube	Jochenstein	M	2204	365	25	32	32	31	25	25	31	
DE3	Inn	Kirchdorf	M	195	365	25	24	25	25	25	25	22	
DE4	Inn/Salzach	Laufen	L	47	365	25	26	26	26	26	26	26	
AT1	Danube	Jochenstein	M	2204	365	12	32	32	31	12	12	31	
AT6	Danube	Hainburg	R	1879	365	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	
CZ1	Morava	Lanzhot	M	79	365	12	12	12	12	12	12		
CZ2	Morava/Dyje	Pohansko	M	17	365	12	12	12	12	12	12		
SK1	Danube	Bratislava	M	1869	365	23	23	23	23	23	12	23	23
SK4	Váh	Komárno	M	1	365	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	
SK6	Morava	Devín	M	1	365	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	
SK7	Hron	Kamenica	M	2	365	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	
SK8	Ipoly	Salka	M	12	365	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	
HU3	Danube	Szob	L	1708		25	24	25	25	25	25		
			M	1708	365	24	23	24	24	24	24		
			R	1708		25	24	25	25	25	25		
HU5	Danube	Hercegszántó	M	1435	365	24	24	24	24	24	23		24
HU9	Tisza	Tiszasziget	L	163		24	24	24	24	11	11		24
			M	163	365	23	23	23	23	11	11		23
			R	163		23	23	23	23	11	11		23
HR2	Danube	Borovo	R	1337	0	11	11	11	11	11	11		11
HR10	Sava	Drenje	L	729	365	10	10	10	10	10	10		10
HR7	Sava	us Una Jesenovac	L	525	365	11	11	11	11	11	11		11
HR8	Sava	ds Zupanja	ML	254	365	10	10	10	10	10	10		10
SI1	Drava	Ormoz	L	300	365	26	26	26	26	26	12		
SI2	Sava	Jesenice	R	729	365	26	26	26	26	26	12		
RO2	Danube	Pristol-Novo Selo	L	834		24	24	24	24	24	23		24
			M	834		24	24	24	24	24	23		24
			R	834		24	24	24	24	24	23		23
RO4	Danube	Chiciu-Silistra	L	375		26	26	26	26	25	12		26
			M	375		26	26	26	26	25	12		26
			R	375		26	26	26	26	25	12		26
RO5	Danube	Reni	L	132		26	26	26	25	25	13		26
			M	132		26	26	26	25	26	13		26
			R	132		26	26	26	25	26	13		26
RO10	M	Siret	M	0		24	26	26	26	26	12		6
RO11	M	Prut	M	0		26	26	26	26	26	12		21
UA2	Danube	Vylkove	M	18	365	12	12	12		12	12	12	12

## Results

The mean annual concentrations and annual loads of suspended solids, inorganic nitrogen, ortho-phosphate-phosphorus, total phosphorus, BOD<sub>5</sub>, chlorides and – where available – dissolved phosphorus and silicates - are presented in tables 7 to 10, separately for monitoring locations on the Danube River and for monitoring locations on tributaries. The explanation of terms used in the tables 7 to 10 is as follows.

Term used	Explanation
<b>Station Code</b>	TNMN monitoring location code
<b>Profile</b>	location of sampling site in profile (L-left, M-middle, R-right)
<b>River Name</b>	name of river
<b>Location</b>	name of monitoring location
<b>River km</b>	distance to mouth of the river
<b>Q<sub>a</sub></b>	mean annual discharge in the year 2012
<b>C<sub>mean</sub></b>	arithmetical mean of the concentrations in the year 2012
<b>Annual Load</b>	annual load of given determinand in the year 2012

Table 10 shows loads of other determinands (nitrogen forms and heavy metals) at the profile Reni, which are monitored since 2005 based on the agreement with the Black Sea Commission. The annual loads in the Danube and its tributaries are in figures 5.5.1 -5.5.12.

Trends of loads during last 10 years at the Reni are shown in figures 5.5.13.-5.5. 17. In general loads have a decreasing tendency in the last two years. Due to the high discharges in 2005 and 2010 loads have been higher in those years.

In 2012 the mean annual discharge in the whole Danube was lower than in 2011, the similar situation was observed also in tributaries.

The spatial pattern of the annual load along the Danube river is similar to that in previous year. In case of suspended solids, inorganic nitrogen, BOD<sub>5</sub>, ortho-phosphate, total phosphorus and chlorides, the highest load is observed in the lower part of the Danube. The maximum load of suspended solids, BOD<sub>5</sub> and chlorides has been observed at monitoring location Danube-Reni (RO5). For total phosphorus and ortho-phosphate and silicates maximum value was measured in Pristol-Novo Selo (RO2), for inorganic nitrogen maximum was at RO4 Chiciu-Silistra.

In the case of tributaries, the highest load of inorganic nitrogen, ortho-phosphate, BOD<sub>5</sub> and chlorides are coming from the Sava. The highest load for suspended solids was from the Siret. For total phosphorus and silicates maximum was measured in the Tisza.

Table 7: Mean annual concentrations in monitoring locations selected for load assessment on Danube River in 2012

Station Code	Profile	River Name	Location	River km	Q <sub>a</sub>	C <sub>mean</sub>							
					Suspended Solids	Inorganic Nitrogen	Ortho-Phosphate Phosphorus	Total Phosphorus	BOD <sub>5</sub>	Chlorides	Phosphorus - dissolved	Silicates	
					(m <sup>3</sup> .s <sup>-1</sup> )	(mg.l <sup>-1</sup> )	(mg.l <sup>-1</sup> )	(mg.l <sup>-1</sup> )	(mg.l <sup>-1</sup> )	(mg.l <sup>-1</sup> )	(mg.l <sup>-1</sup> )	(mg.l <sup>-1</sup> )	
DE2 +AT1	M	Danube	Jochenstein	2204	1517	19.53	1.84	0.03	0.07	1.52	16.35	0.05	
AT6	R	Danube	Hainburg	1879	2073	14.89	2.01	0.03	0.06	1.88	16.51	0.05	
SK1	M	Danube	Bratislava	1869	2120	49.70	1.60	0.04	0.09	1.90	15.48	0.05	5.22
HU3	LMR	Danube	Szob	1708	2216	12.07	1.70	0.05	0.08	2.18	24.87		
HU5	M	Danube	Hercegszántó	1435	2276	31.46	1.68	0.05	0.11	2.33	18.66		3.07
HR2	R	Danube	Borovo	1337		14.64	1.42	0.02	0.08	2.31	15.34		5.36
RO2	LMR	Danube	Pristol-Novo Selo	834	4321	34.10	1.21	0.08	0.14	1.78	16.74		3.81
RO4	LMR	Danube	Chiciu-Silistra	375	4665	15.32	1.72	0.05	0.07	1.55	27.08		2.11
RO5	LMR	Danube	Reni	132	5053	42.57	1.42	0.04	0.09	2.31	23.71		2.37
UA2	M	Danube	Vylkove	18	4830	79.04	1.36	0.03		1.40	34.47	0.11	2.21

Table 8: Mean annual concentrations in monitoring locations selected for load assessment on tributaries in 2012

Station Code	Profile	River Name	Location	River km	Q <sub>a</sub>	C <sub>mean</sub>							
					Suspended Solids	Inorganic Nitrogen	Ortho-Phosphate Phosphorus	Total Phosphorus	BOD <sub>5</sub>	Chlorides	Phosphorus - dissolved	Silicates	
					(m <sup>3</sup> .s <sup>-1</sup> )	(mg.l <sup>-1</sup> )	(mg.l <sup>-1</sup> )	(mg.l <sup>-1</sup> )	(mg.l <sup>-1</sup> )	(mg.l <sup>-1</sup> )	(mg.l <sup>-1</sup> )	(mg.l <sup>-1</sup> )	
DE3	M	Inn	Kirchdorf	195	342	61.72	0.54	0.01	0.09	0.82	6.85	0.01	
DE4	L	Inn/Salzach	Laufen	47	279	30.60	0.68	0.01	0.05	1.93	7.84	0.02	
CZ1	M	Morava	Lanzhot	79	43	24.58	2.21	0.06	0.15	3.16	30.52		
CZ2	L	Morava/Dyje	Pohansko	17.00	24	11.83	1.78	0.28	0.41	2.38	55.71		
SK4	M	Váh	Komámo	1	72	44.75	1.72	0.15	0.26	4.09	37.79	0.19	
SK6	M	Morava	Devín	1	153	16.54	1.78	0.07	0.12	2.73	19.68	0.09	
SK7	M	Hron	Kamenica	2	27	19.92	2.07	0.11	0.16	3.03	16.11	0.13	
SK8	M	Ipoly	Salka	12	5	17.17	2.14	0.15	0.21	2.95	33.73	0.18	
HU9	LMR	Tisza	Tiszasziget	163	452	38.57	0.98	0.04	0.12	1.63	32.88		6.33
SI1	L	Drava	Ormoz	300	251	12.51	0.97	0.01	0.04	0.93	7.04		
SI2	R	Sava	Jesenice	729	242	6.82	1.49	0.02	0.06	1.31	9.36		
HR10	L	Sava	Drenje	729	240	9.44	1.27	0.04	0.08	1.77	14.91		7.37*
HR7	L	Sava	us. Una Jasenovac	525	554	8.91	1.43	0.09	0.12	1.71	10.49		4.42*
HR8	ML	Sava	ds. Zupanja	254	765	15.73	1.09	0.04	0.09	2.39	25.83		4.29*
RO10	M	Siret	Conf. Danube (Sendreni)	0	130	161.42	2.04	0.06	0.07	2.32	76.16		2*
RO11	M	Prut	Conf. Danube (Giurgiulesti)	0	46	62.65	1.66	0.07	0.10	1.86	43.18		1.87*

Table 9: Annual load in selected monitoring locations on Danube River

Station Code	Profile	River Name	Location	River km	Annual Load in 2012							
					Suspended Solids	Inorganic Nitrogen	Ortho-Phosphate Phosphorus	Total Phosphorus	BOD <sub>5</sub>	Chlorides	Phosphorus - dissolved	Silicates
					(x10 <sup>6</sup> tonns)	(x10 <sup>3</sup> tonns)	(x10 <sup>3</sup> tonns)	(x10 <sup>3</sup> tonns)	(x10 <sup>3</sup> tonns)	(x10 <sup>6</sup> tonns)	(x10 <sup>3</sup> tonns)	(x10 <sup>6</sup> tonns)
DE2 +AT1	M	Danube	Jochenstein	2204	0.97	90.01	1.51	3.67	69.51	0.839573	2.28	
AT6	R	Danube	Hainburg	1879	1.07	130.54	2.08	4.06	123.57	1.063153	3.37	
SK1	M	Danube	Bratislava	1869	3.83	112.09	3.17	6.68	129.77	1.041615	3.68	0.34
HU3	LMR	Danube	Szob	1708	0.90	121.13	3.45	5.68	159.36	1.747128		
HU5	M	Danube	Hercegszántó	1435	2.42	124.02	3.79	8.48	170.28	1.333834		0.22
HR2	R	Danube	Borovo	1337								
RO2	LMR	Danube	Pristol-Novo Selo	834	4.64	168.23	10.23	19.24	251.21	2.34		0.57*
RO4	LMR	Danube	Chicju-Silistra	375	2.11	233.95	6.29	9.00	223.42	3.53		0.28*
RO5	LMR	Danube	Reni	132	7.66	226.68	6.38	14.10	359.8	3.74		0.46*
UA2	M	Danube	Vylkove	18	6.73	112.51	2.38		112.31	2.80	8.28	0.18

\*Silicates (SiO<sub>2</sub>) in dissolved form

Table 10: Annual load in selected monitoring locations on tributaries

Station Code	Profile	River Name	Location	River km	Annual Load in 2012							
					Suspended Solids	Inorganic Nitrogen	Ortho-Phosphate Phosphorus	Total Phosphorus	BOD <sub>5</sub>	Chlorides	Phosphorus - dissolved	Silicates
					(x10 <sup>6</sup> tonns)	(x10 <sup>3</sup> tonns)	(x10 <sup>3</sup> tonns)	(x10 <sup>3</sup> tonns)	(x10 <sup>3</sup> tonns)	(x10 <sup>6</sup> tonns)	(x10 <sup>3</sup> tonns)	(x10 <sup>6</sup> tonns)
DE3	M	Inn	Kirchdorf	195	0.89	5.50	0.07	1.18	8.86	0.06	0.11	
DE4	L	Inn/Salzach	Laufen	47	0.35	5.47	0.10	0.54	16.35	0.06	0.20	
CZ1	M	Morava	Lanzhot	79	0.05	3.47	0.07	0.22	3.64	0.03		
CZ2	L	Morava/Dyje	Pohansko	17	0.01	1.74	0.16	0.25	1.82	0.04		
SK4	M	Váh	Komárno	1	0.10	9.01	0.35	0.57	14.03	0.09	0.43	
SK6	M	Morava	Devín	1	0.13	4.98	0.27	0.52	8.73	0.08	0.34	
SK7	M	Hron	Kamenica	2	0.02	1.84	0.09	0.14	2.61	0.01	0.11	
SK8	M	Ipoly	Salka	12	0.00	0.40	0.02	0.03	0.45		0.02	
HU9	LMR	Tisza	Tiszasziget	163	1.00	16.45	0.53	1.91	21.33	0.34		0.10
SI1	L	Drava	Ormoz	300	0.12	7.16	0.09	0.39	6.87	0.05		
SI2	R	Sava	Jesenice	729	0.07	11.89	0.13	0.43	7.11	0.06		
HR10	L	Sava	Drenje	728.8	0.08	8.64	0.28	0.52	8.87	0.09		0.05*
HR7	L	Sava	us. Una Jasenovac	525	0.14	19.17	1.06	1.63	24.49	0.12		0.06*
HR8	ML	Sava	ds. Zupanja	254	0.36	22.27	0.87	1.86	43.23	0.39		0.08*
RO10	M	Siret	Conf. Danube (Sendreni)	0	1.26	9.30	0.25	0.34	13.78	0.27		0.00108*
RO11	M	Prut	Conf. Danube (Giurgiulesti)	0	0.08	2.28	0.09	0.13	2.98	0.06		0.00223*

\*Silicates (SiO<sub>2</sub>) in dissolved form

Table 11: Additional annual load data at Reni for reporting to the Black Sea Commission

Country Code	River	Location	Location in profile	River km	Number of measurements in 2012												
					Q	N-NH <sub>4</sub>	N-NO <sub>2</sub>	N-NO <sub>3</sub>	N <sub>total</sub>	Cu	Cu <sub>diss.</sub>	Pb	Pb <sub>diss.</sub>	Cd	Cd <sub>diss.</sub>	Hg	Hg <sub>diss.</sub>
RO5	Danube	Reni	LMR	132	365	26	26	26	26	12	13	12	13	12	13	12	12
Country Code	River	Location	Location in profile	River km	C <sub>mean</sub>												
					Q <sub>a</sub>	N-NH <sub>4</sub>	N-NO <sub>2</sub>	N-NO <sub>3</sub>	N <sub>total</sub>	Cu	Cu <sub>diss.</sub>	Pb	Pb <sub>diss.</sub>	Cd	Cd <sub>diss.</sub>	Hg	Hg <sub>diss.</sub>
					(m <sup>3</sup> .s <sup>-1</sup> )	(mg.l <sup>-1</sup> )	(mg.l <sup>-1</sup> )	(mg.l <sup>-1</sup> )	(mg.l <sup>-1</sup> )	(µg.l <sup>-1</sup> )							
RO5	Danube	Reni	LMR	132	5053	0.23	0.01	1.17	1.68	10.60	3.88	2.68	1.69	0.24	0.20	0.016	0.015
Country Code	River	Location	Location in profile	River km	Annual Load in 2012												
					N-NH <sub>4</sub>	N-NO <sub>2</sub>	N-NO <sub>3</sub>	N <sub>total</sub>	Cu <sub>diss.</sub>	Pb <sub>diss.</sub>	Cd <sub>diss.</sub>	Hg <sub>diss.</sub>					
					(x10 <sup>3</sup> tonns)	(x10 <sup>3</sup> tonns)	(x10 <sup>3</sup> tonns)	(x10 <sup>3</sup> tonns)		(tonns)	(tonns)	(tonns)	(tonns)				
RO5	Danube	Reni	LMR	132	37.41	2.22	187.06	268.95	1712.35	629.73	423.33	255.48	37.55	29.94	1.42	1.09	

Figure 5.5.1: Annual load of suspended solids at monitoring locations along the Danube River.

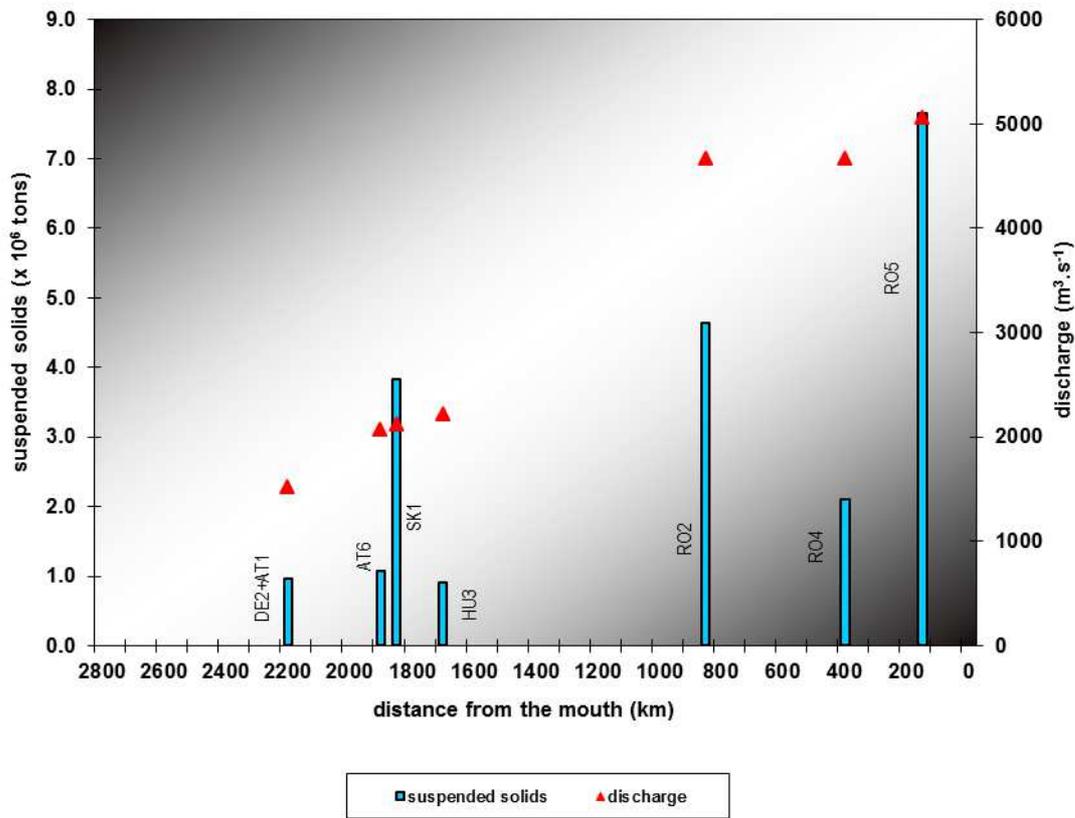


Figure 5.5.2: Annual load of suspended solids at monitoring locations on tributaries.

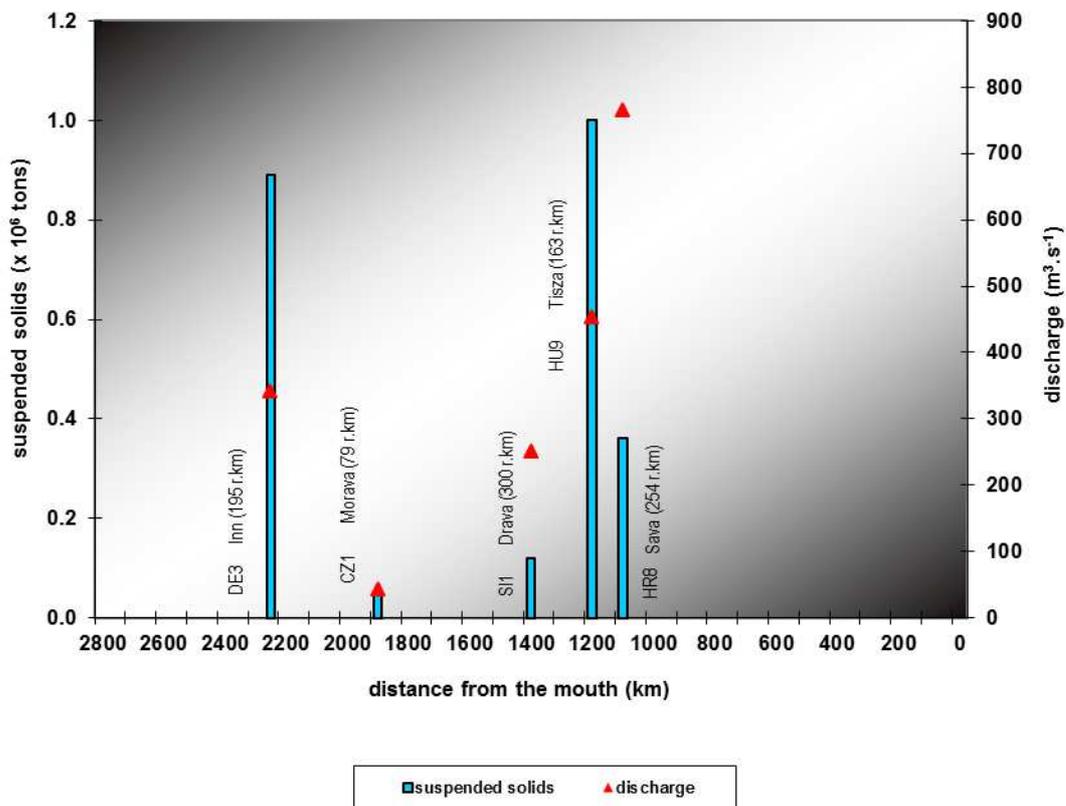


Figure 5.5.3: Annual loads of inorganic nitrogen at monitoring locations along the Danube River.

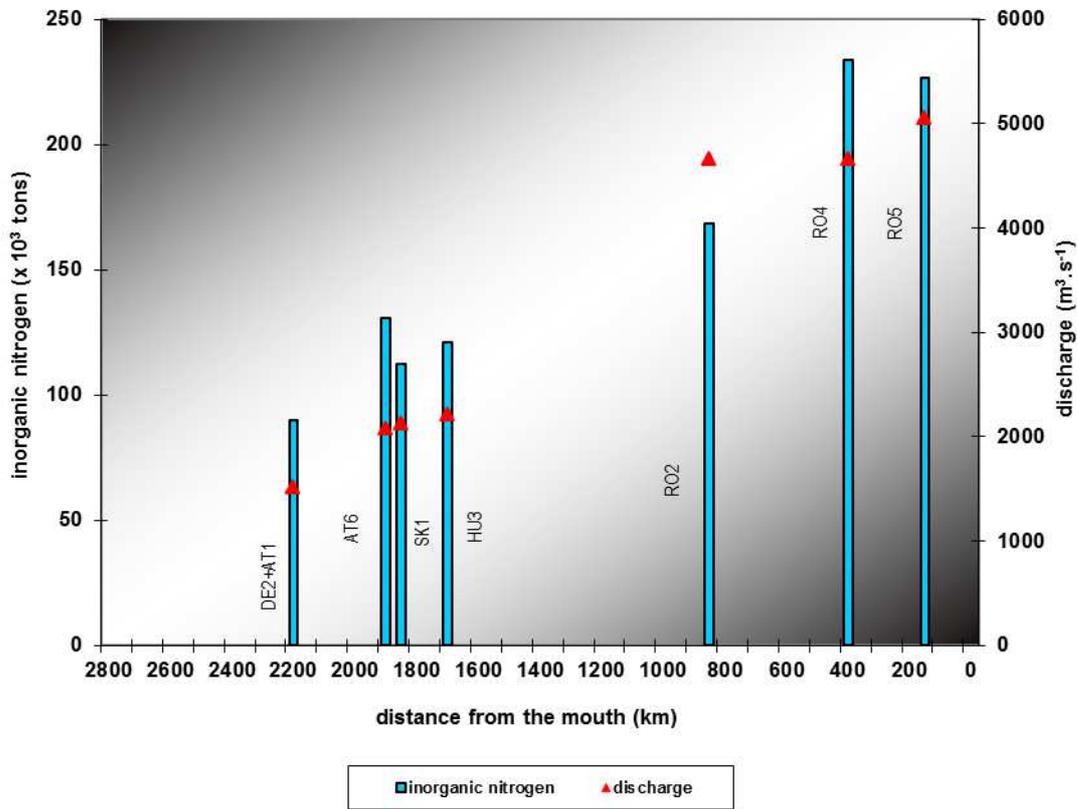


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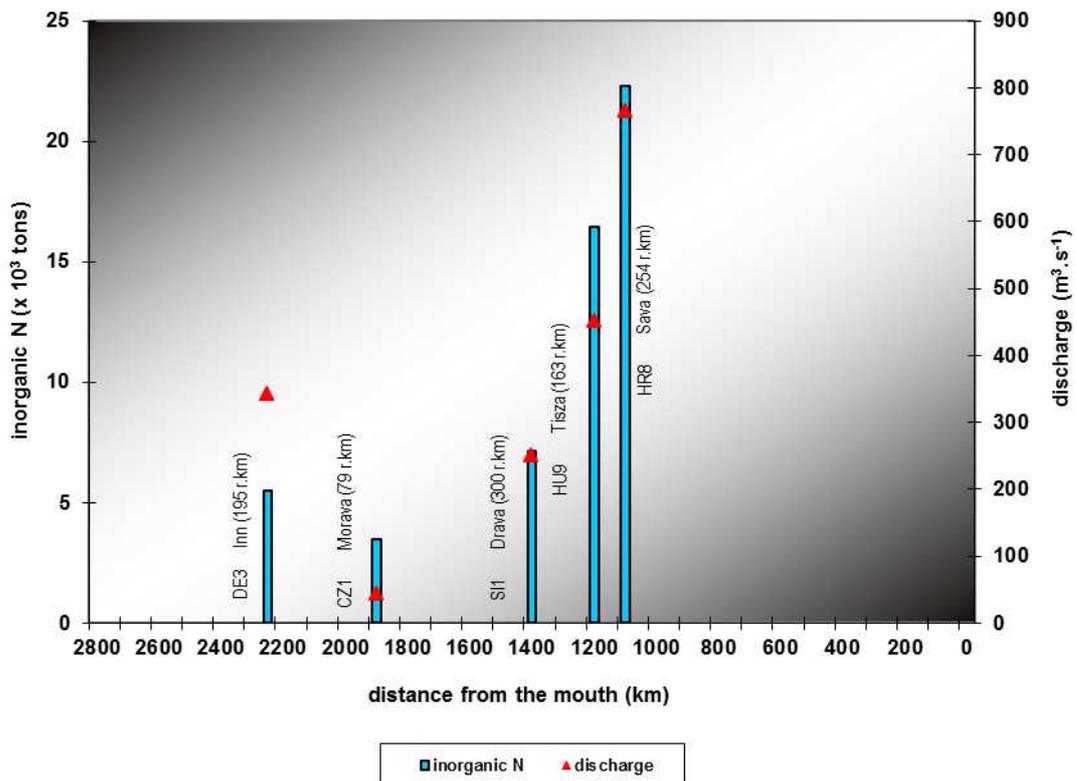


Figure 5.5.5: Annual loads of ortho-phosphate-P at monitoring locations along the Danube River.

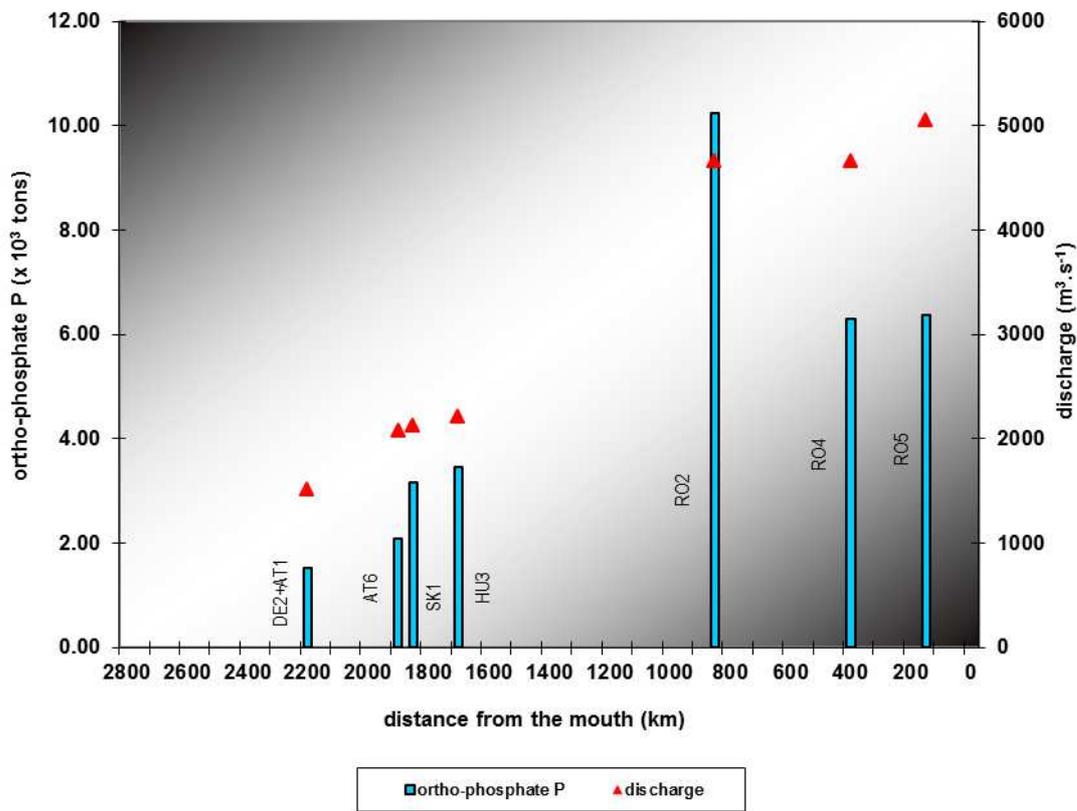


Figure 5.5.6: Annual loads of ortho-phosphate-P at monitoring locations on tributaries.

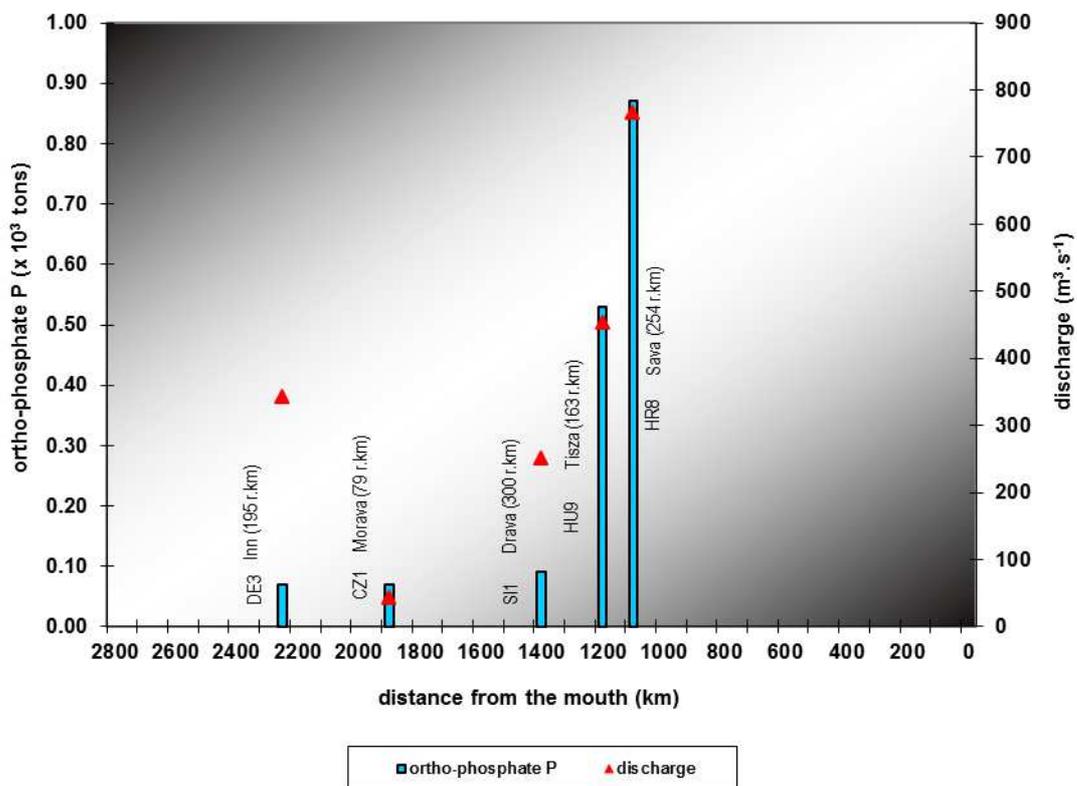


Figure 5.5.7: Annual loads of total phosphorus at monitoring locations along the Danube River.

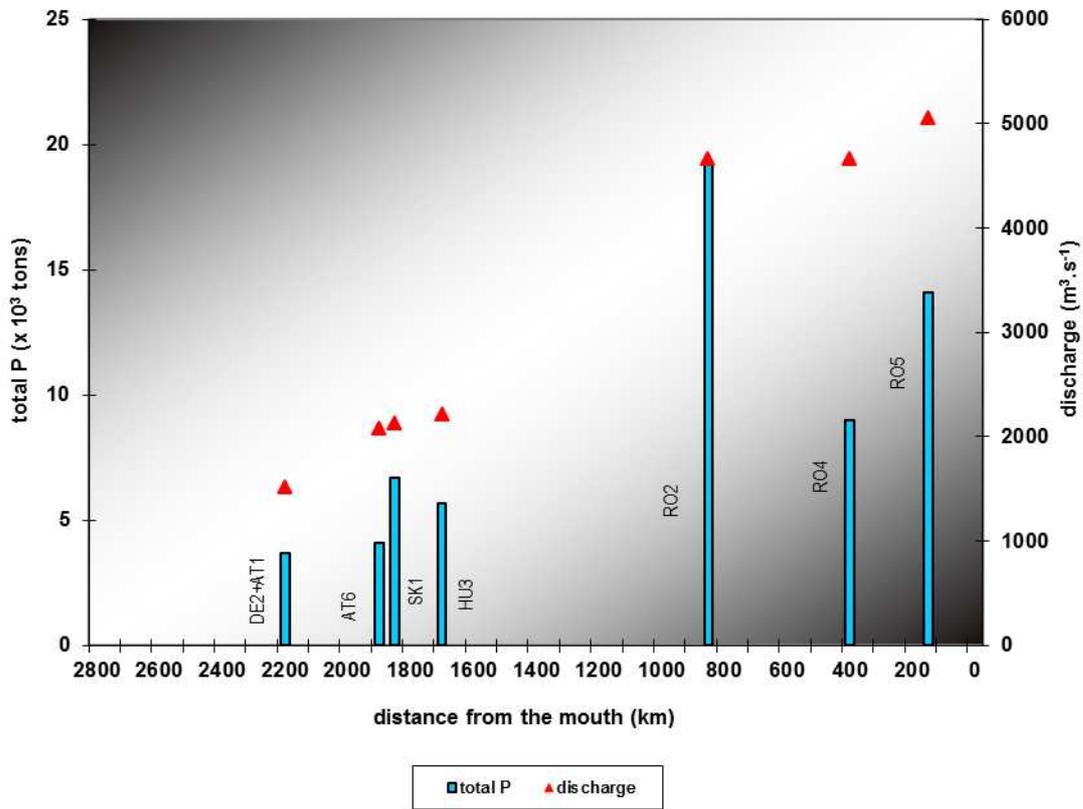


Figure 5.5.8: Annual loads of total phosphorus at monitoring locations on tributaries.

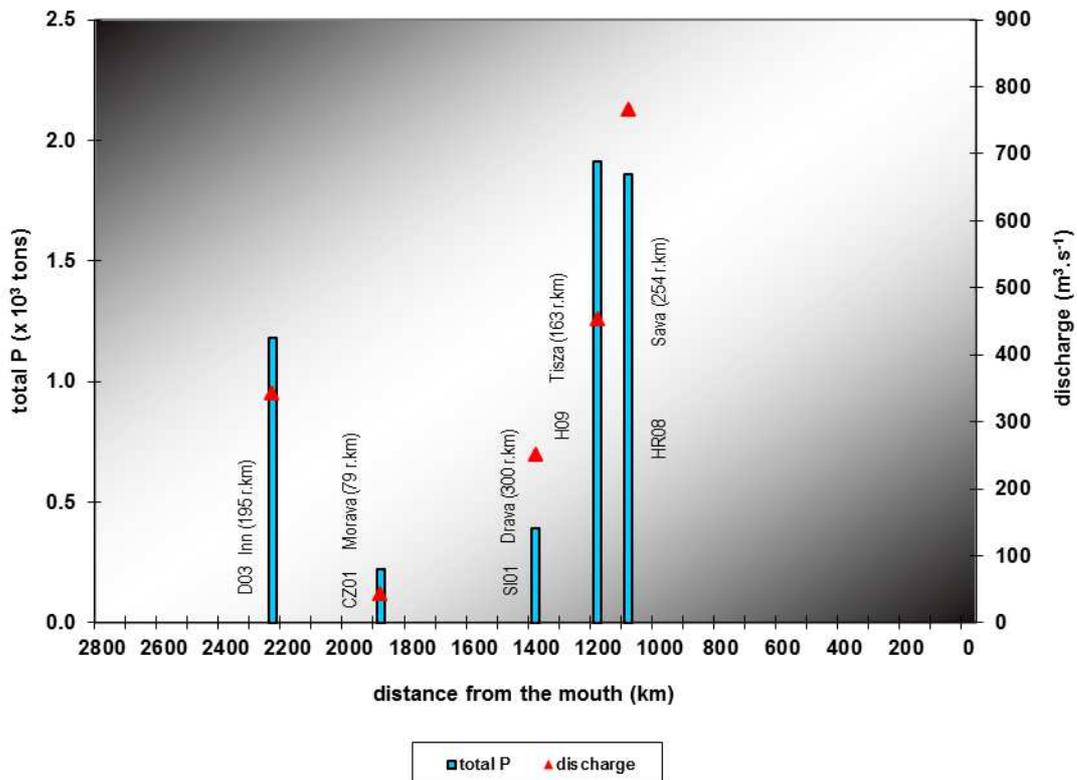


Figure 5.5.9: Annual loads of BOD<sub>5</sub> at monitoring locations along the Danube River.

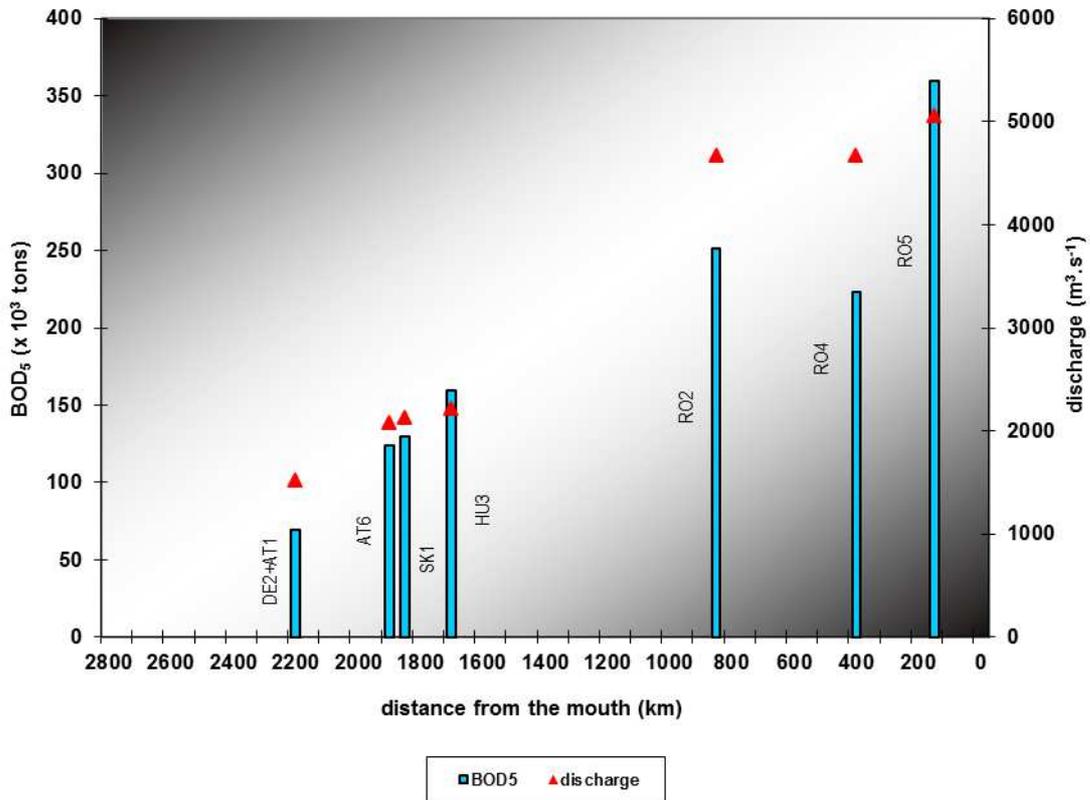


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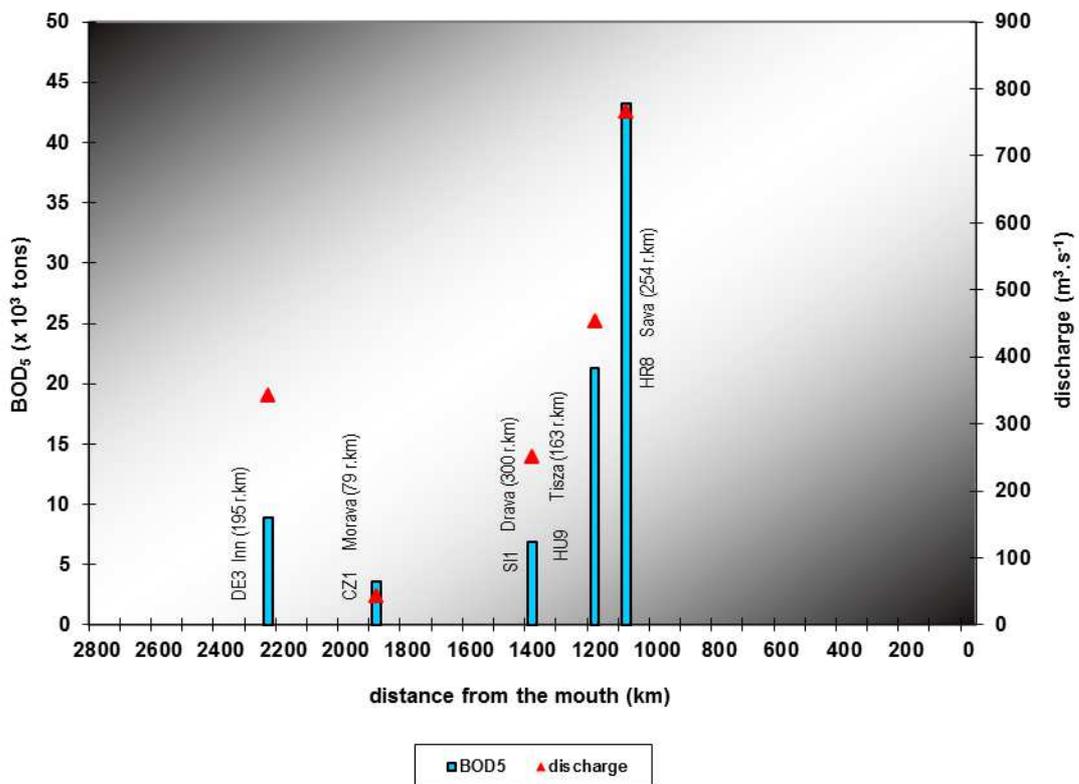


Figure 8.5.11: Annual loads of chlorides at monitoring locations along the Danube River.

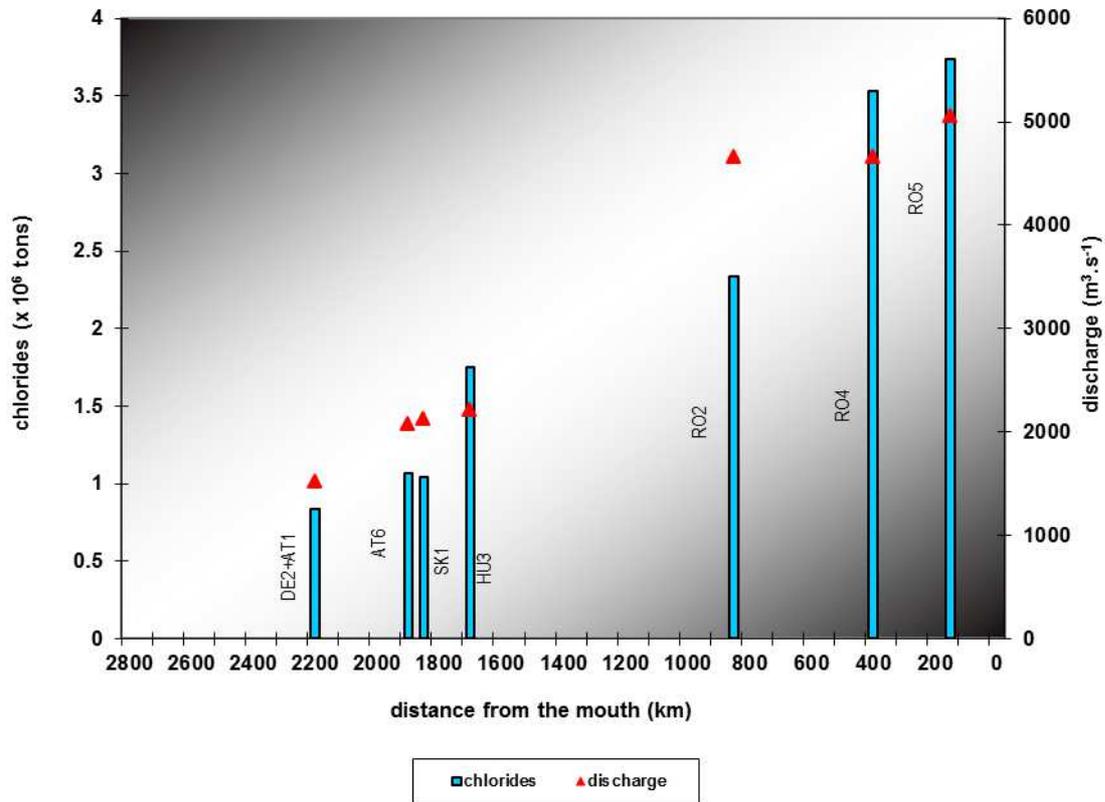


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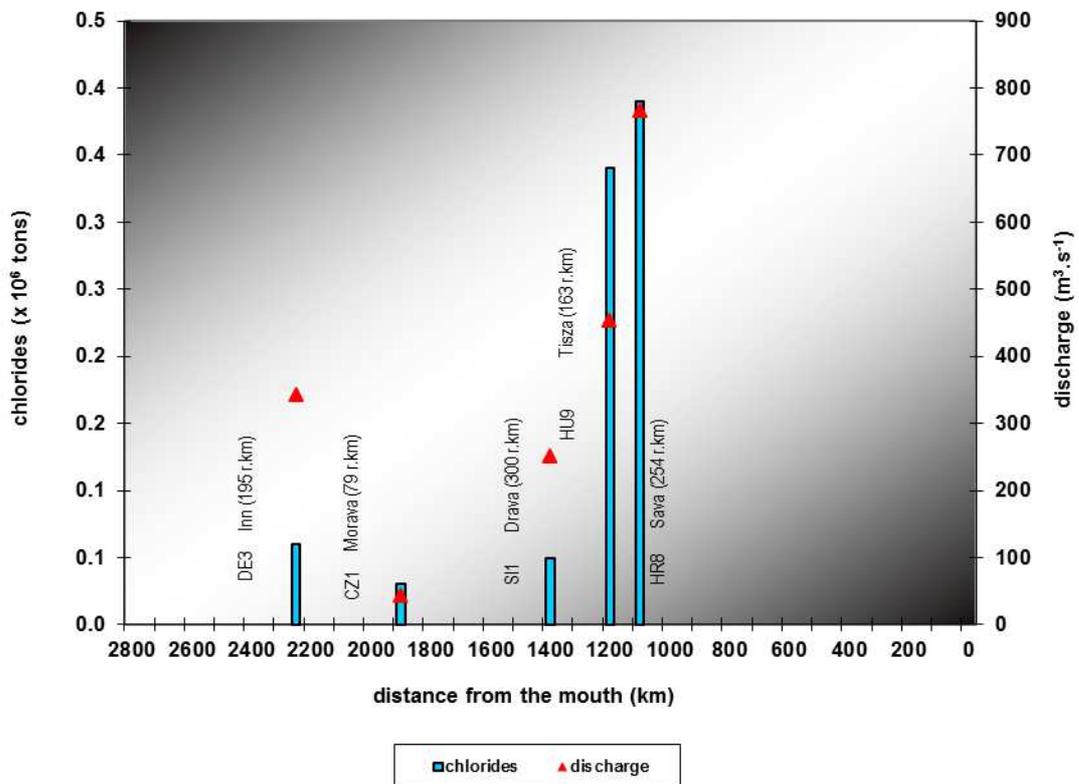


Figure 5.5.13: Trends of annual loads of suspended solids at Reni.

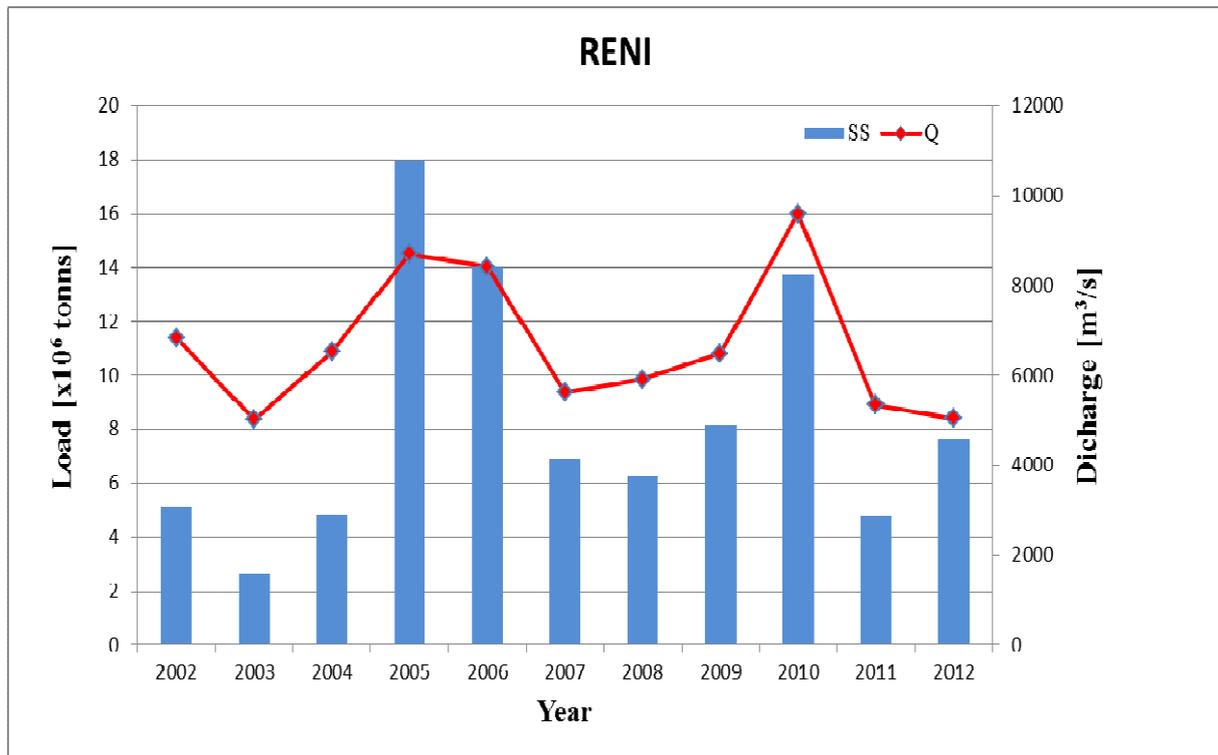


Figure 5.5.14: Trends of annual loads of inorganic nitrogen at Reni.

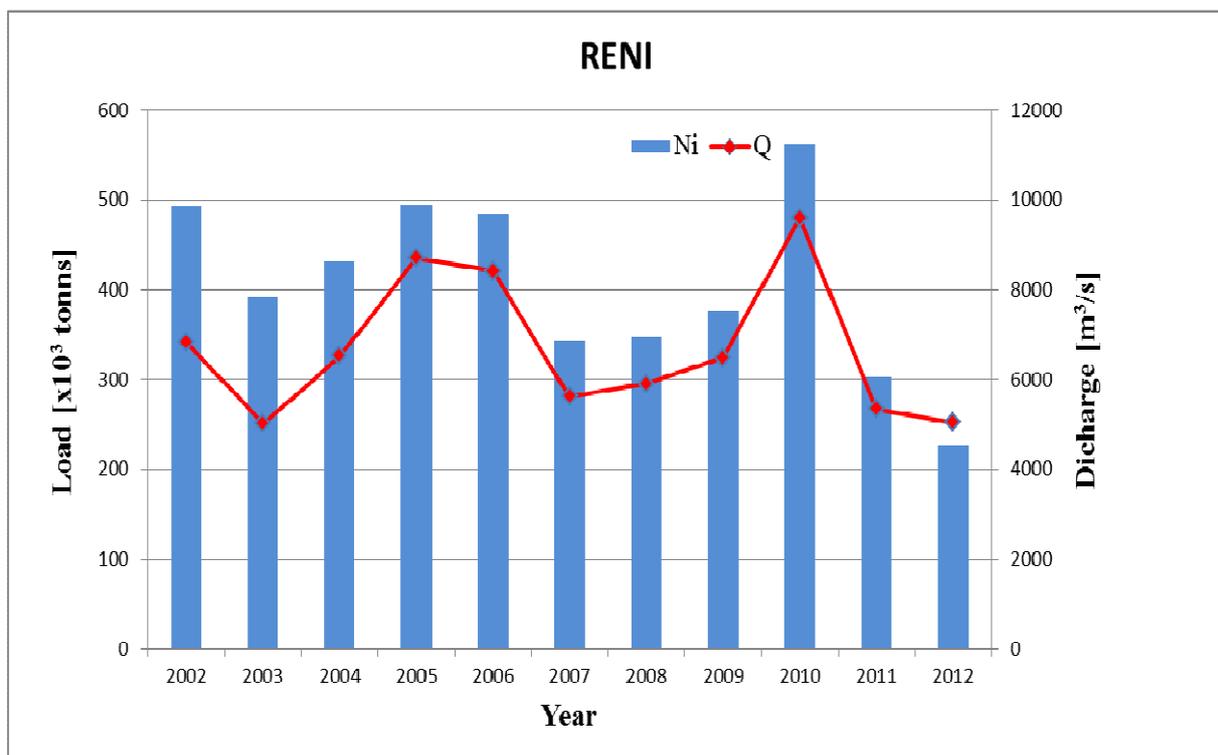


Figure 5.5.15: Trends of annual loads of ortho-phosphate-P and total phosphorus at Reni.

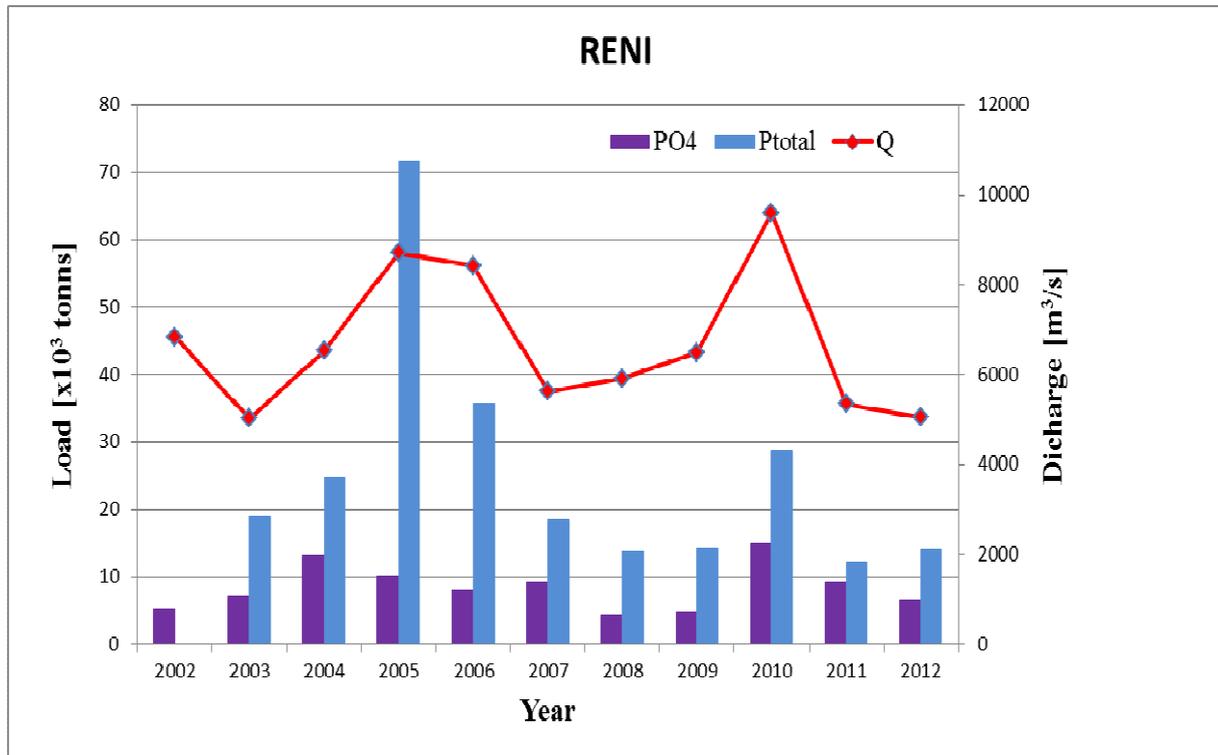
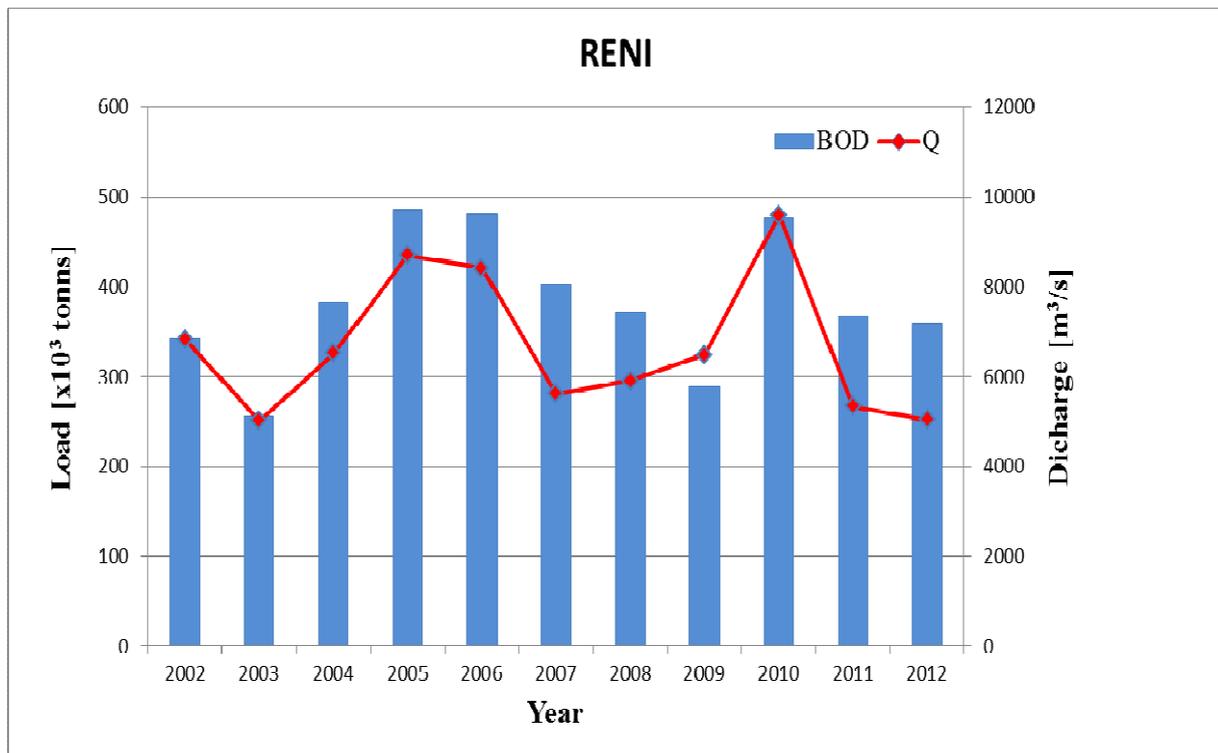
Figure 5.5.16: Trends of annual loads of BOD<sub>5</sub> at Reni.

Figure 5.5.16: Trends of annual loads of chlorides at Reni.

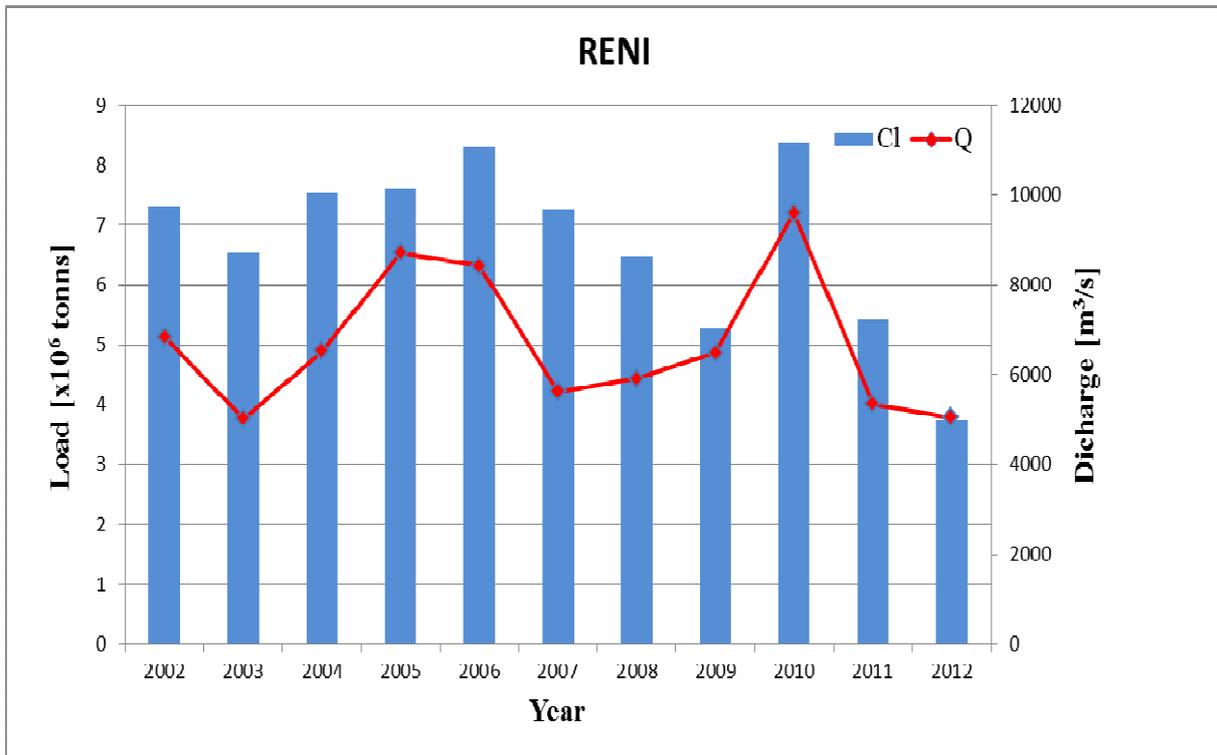
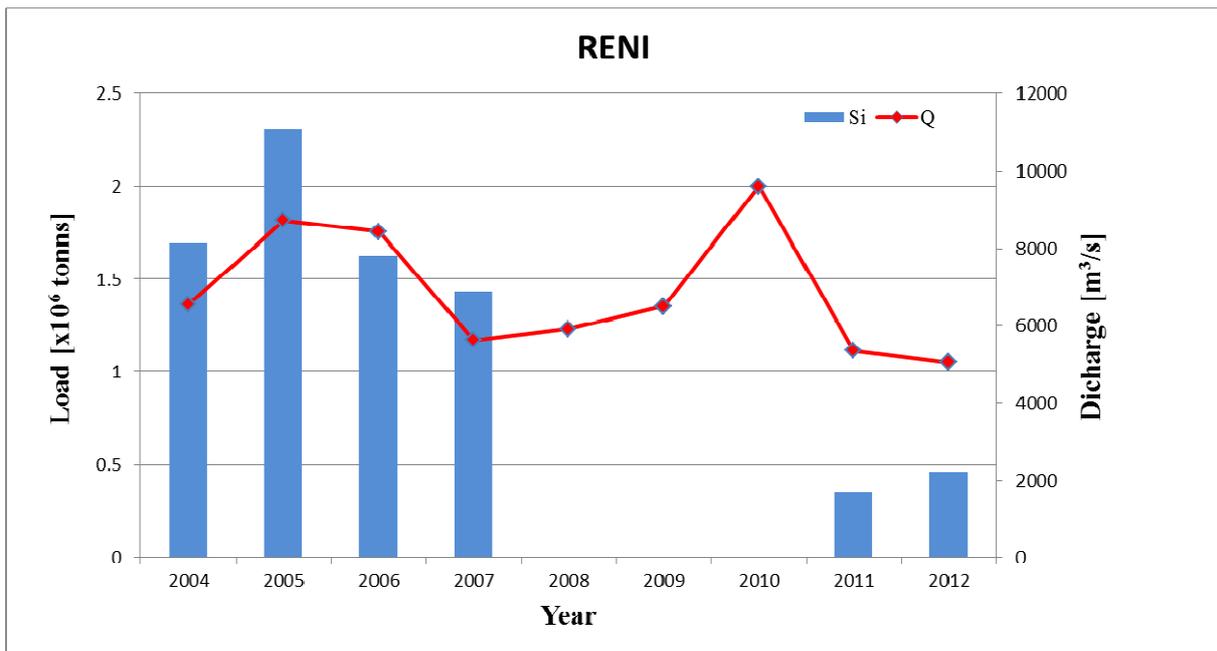


Figure 5.5.17: Trends of annual loads of silicates at Reni.



## 6. Groundwater monitoring

### *GW bodies of basin-wide importance*

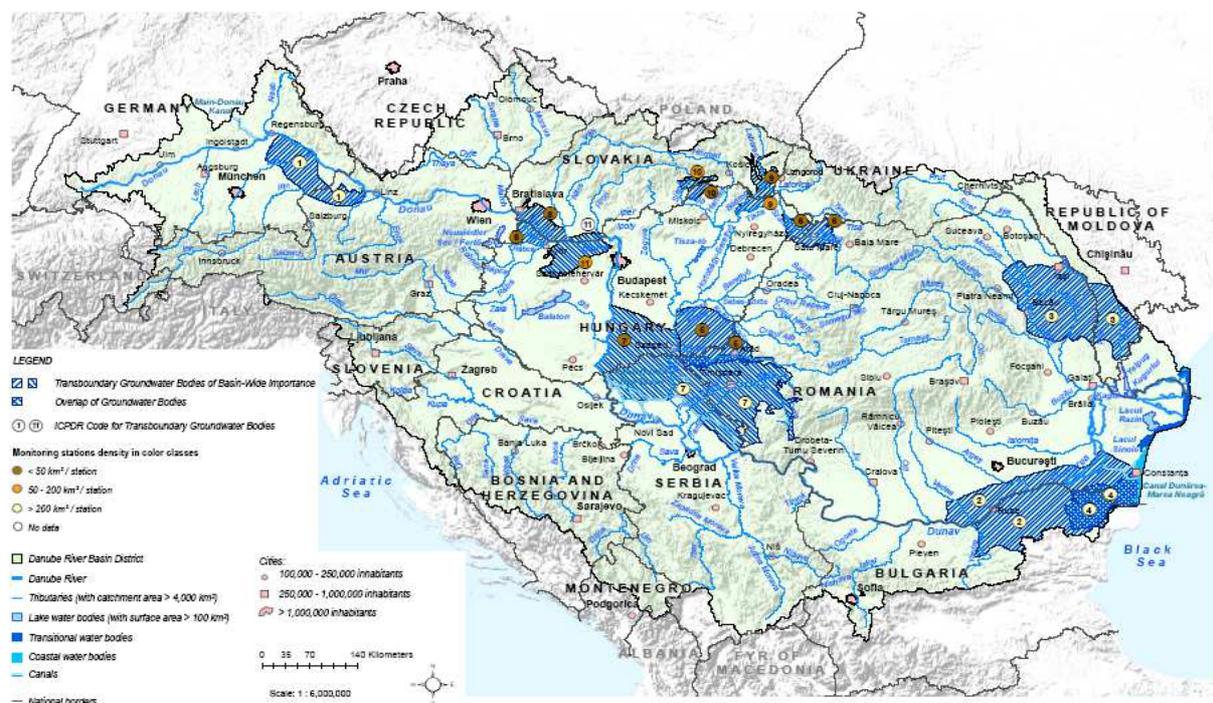
According to the Article 2 of the EU Water Framework Directive (2000/60/EC) 'Groundwater' means all water which is below the surface of the ground in the saturation zone and in direct contact with the ground or subsoil. The analysis and review of the groundwater bodies in the Danube River Basin as required under Article 5 and Annex II of the WFD was performed in 2004 and it identified 11 GW-bodies or groups of GW-bodies of basin-wide importance, which are shown in Map (Figure 6.1.1).

GW-bodies of basin-wide importance were defined as follows:

- important due to the size of the groundwater body which means an area larger than 4000 km<sup>2</sup> or
- important due to various criteria e.g. socio-economic importance, uses, impacts, pressures interaction with aquatic eco-system. The criteria need to be agreed bilaterally.

This means that the other groundwater bodies even those with an area larger than 4000 km<sup>2</sup>, which are fully situated within one country of the DRB are dealt with at the national level. A link between the content of the DRBMP and the national plans is given by the national codes of the groundwater bodies.

**Figure 6.1: Transboundary GW-bodies of basin-wide importance and their transnational monitoring network**



## ***Reporting on groundwater quality***

According to the WFD groundwater is an integral part of the river basin management district and therefore monitoring of groundwater of basin-wide importance was introduced into the TNMN in the Danube River Basin. The detailed description of the current status in development of the groundwater monitoring network in the Danube River Basin District is given in the TNMN Groundwater monitoring report (Part II of the Summary Report to EU on monitoring programs in the Danube River Basin District designed under Article 8).

Groundwater monitoring under TNMN is based on a six-year reporting cycle in line with the WFD reporting requirements. Information on status of the groundwater bodies of basin-wide importance is provided in the DRBM Plans published every six years. This sufficiently allows for making any relevant statement on significant changes of groundwater status for the GW-bodies of basin-wide importance.

## 7. Abbreviations

Abbreviation	Explanation
AQC	Analytical Quality Control
BSC	Black Sea Commission
DEFF	Data Exchange File Format
DRPC	Convention on Cooperation for the Protection and Sustainable Use of the Danube River (short: Danube River Protection Convention)
ICPDR	International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River
LOD	Limit of Detection
MA EG	Monitoring and Assessment Expert Group (former MLIM EG)
MLIM EG	Monitoring, Laboratory and Information Management Expert Group
NRL	National Reference Laboratory
SOP	Standard Operational Procedure
TNMN	Trans National Monitoring Network
WFD	EU Water Framework Directive
DRB	Danube River Basin
DRBMP	Danube River Basin Management Plan
GW	Groundwater
BOD <sub>5</sub>	Biochemical oxygen demand (5 days)
COD <sub>Mn</sub>	Chemical oxygen demand (Potassium permanganate)
COD <sub>Cr</sub>	Chemical oxygen demand (Potassium dichromate)
TOC	Total organic carbon
DOC	Dissolved organic carbon
AOX	Adsorbable organic halogens
PAH	Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons
PCB	Polychlorinated biphenyls

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