# WFD and cultural heritage Conflicts in implementation

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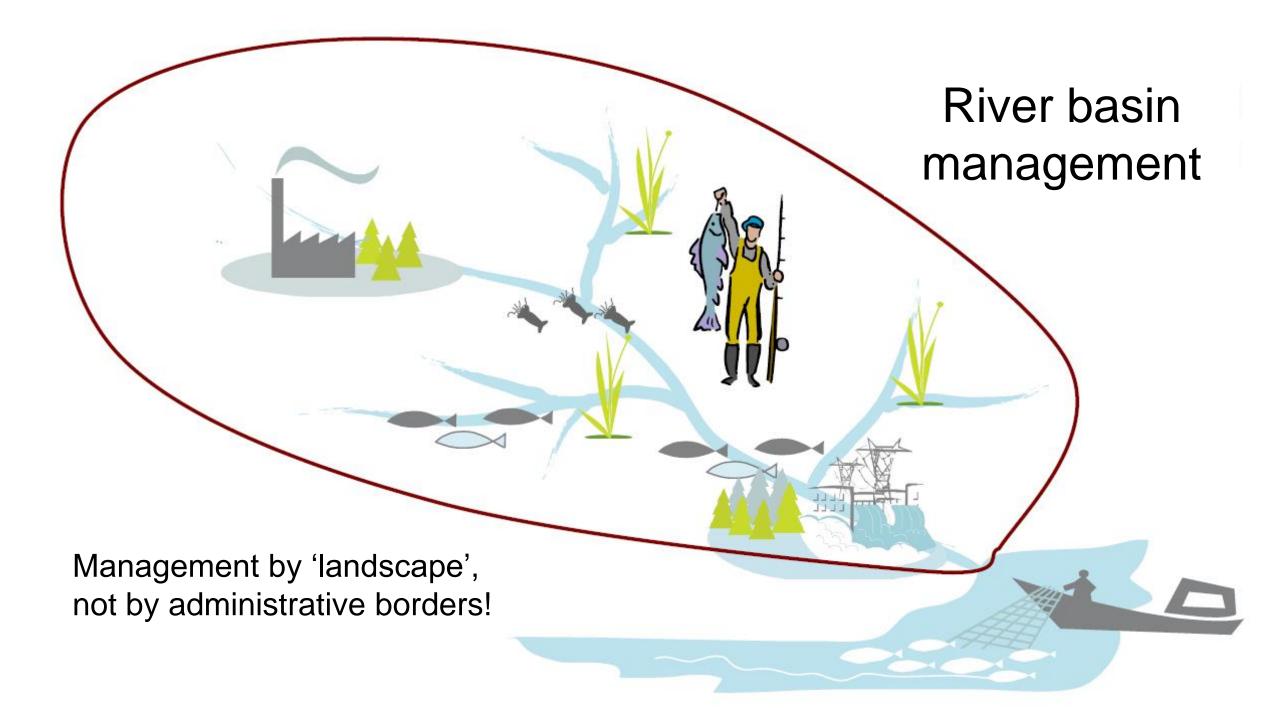
#### Getting Europe's waters cleaner and getting citizens involved

Water framework directive (European Union):

- Good status for all waters no later than 2027;
- Ecological as well as chemical status;
- River basin management;
- Exceptions for eg heavily modified waters;

The success of this Directive relies on close cooperation and coherent action – as well as the involvement of the public, including users.



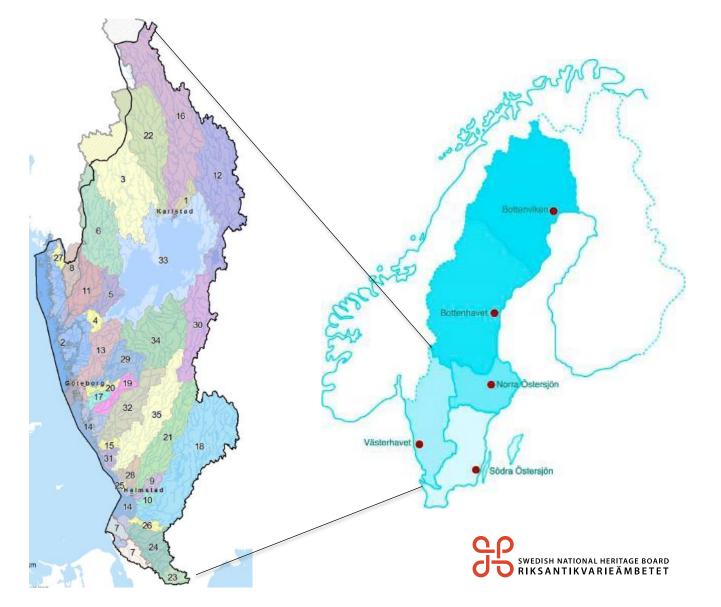


### Water management organisation in Sweden

Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management

- **5** Regional Water Authorities
- 21 Secretariats
- 111 Water Councils:
- Local authorities
- Companies
- Users, land-owners
- NGOs

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#### Water use and cultural heritage

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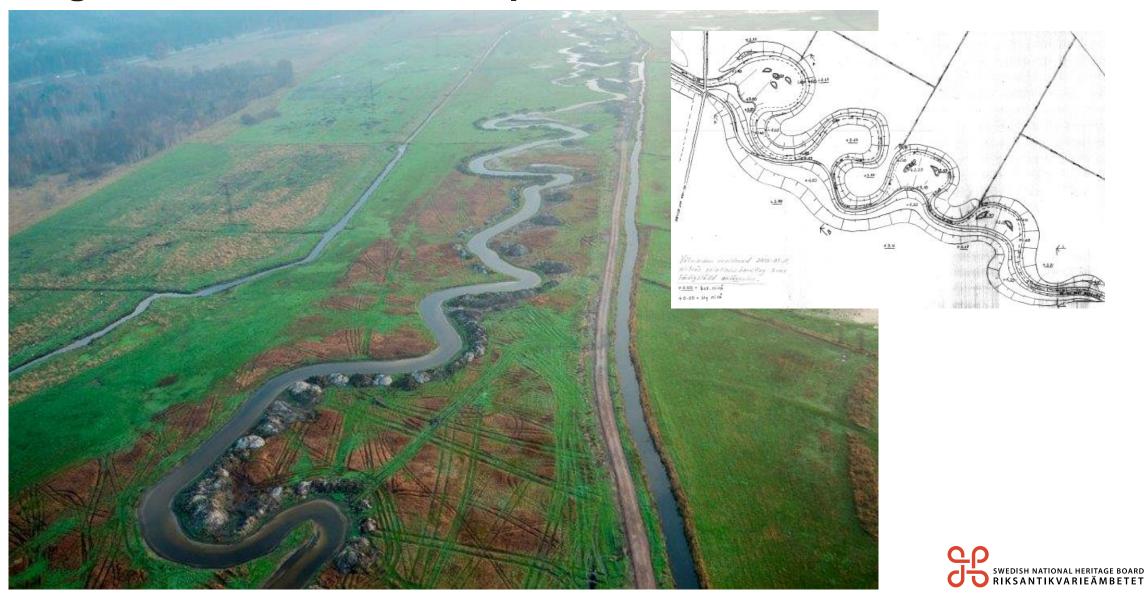
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#### Large-scale areas, complex systems





#### Large scale cultural landscapes



#### Measures for connectivity: how to get rid of artificial barriers



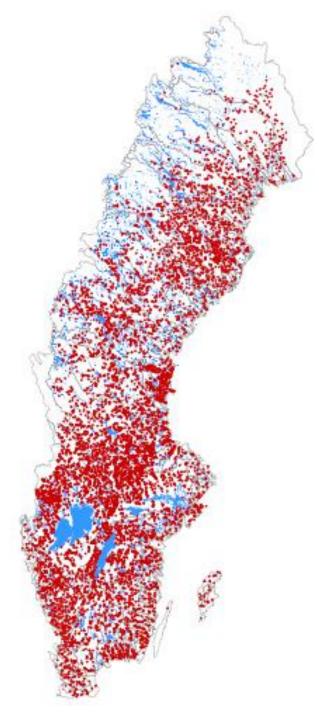
Demolition/deconstruction of barriers

New constructions (eg bypass streams)

Reconstructions (e g fish ladders)

#### Measures for connectivity: Need for action

- 11,000 dams many barriers need to be fixed
- 2,200 hydropower plants 80 % small-scale and not needed in the national grid
- Need for speed: Good status in place no later than 2027



#### Measures for connectivity: impact on cultural heritage

- Destruction of heritage sites
- Additional costs for adaptation to cultural heritage cannot be covered
- Constructions for fish migration are not always efficient – deconstruction of barriers is preferred
- Historic small-scale use of water power will be wiped out?



However, some heritage sites are quite resilient to measures for connectivity



### **Conflicts widely** reflected in media







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#### What has been done? What needs to be done?

- Co-operation between national agencies, eg the National Board of Heritage and the Agency for Marine and Water Management;
- Co-operation between water management nature conservation heritage management at regional and local level;
- Knowledge and accessible information about water related heritage sites;
- Methods/criteria for classification of water related heritage sites as "heavily modified waters";
- Financial compensation for additional costs;
- Guidelines for heritage assessment within the permit and EIA processes for measures.

**Spring 2019:** A method for assessment of heritage due to the resilience to measures is implemented (method developed by the National Heritage Board).

