#### WWF Finland, 50 wetlands, 50 barrier removals















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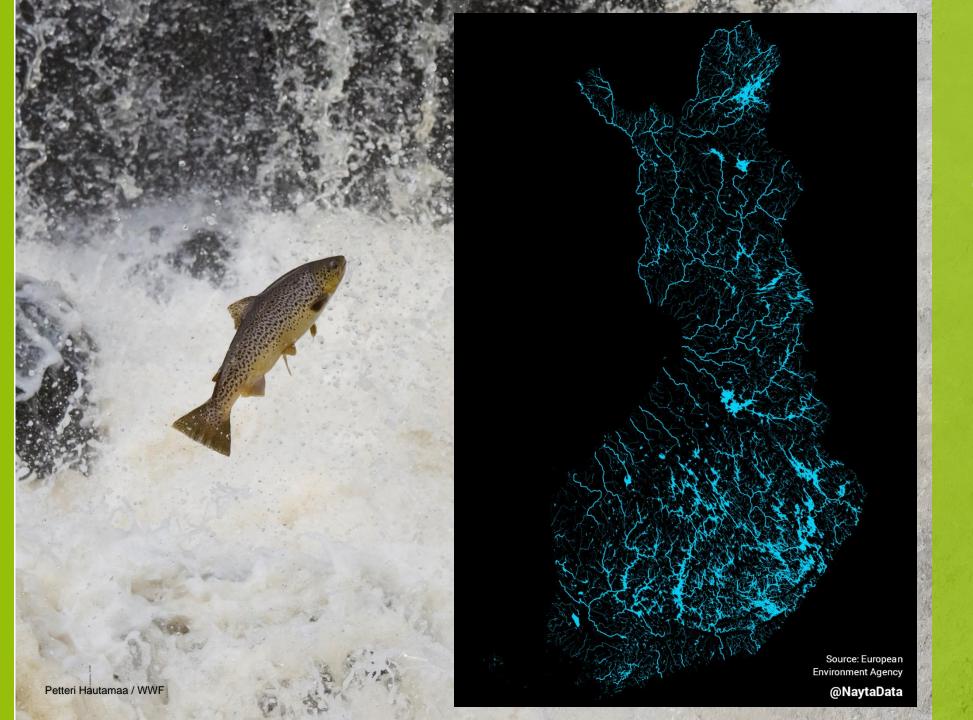
**Uutiset** 

#### Padon purku riehaannutti harvinaiset lohet kutemaan – tutkijat hämmästyivät: "En ole törmännyt tällaiseen koskaan Suomessa"

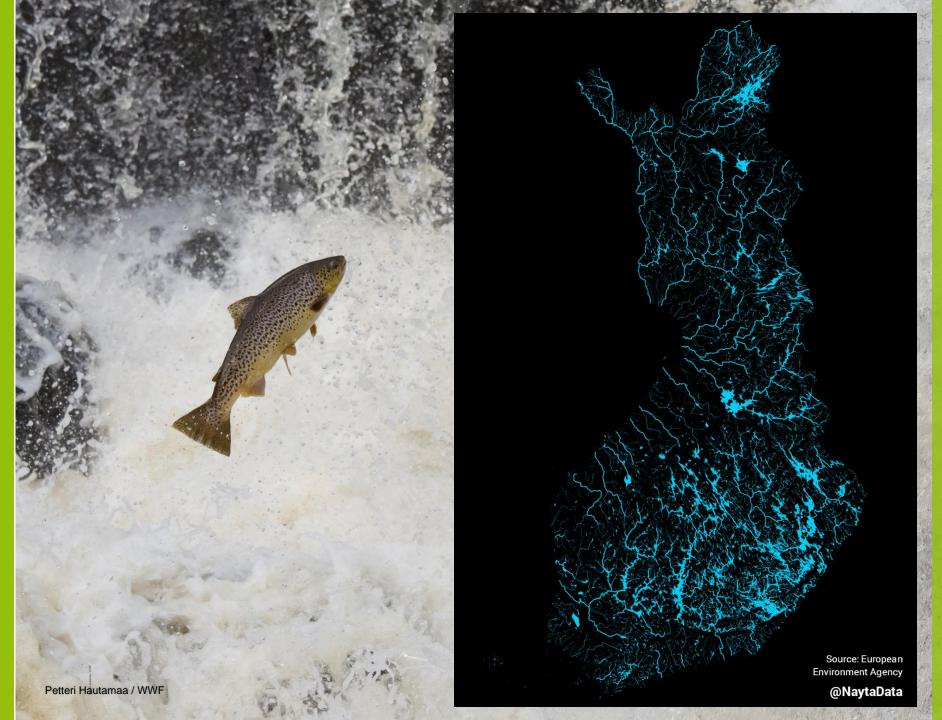
Yli sata vuotta valjastettuna olleen Kangaskosken ennallistaminen Etelä-Karjalassa on onnistunut yli odotusten. Ensimmäisessä sähkökoekalastuksessa laatokanlohen ja -taimenen poikasia löytyi määrä, jota kukaan ei olisi voinut kuvitella.







Finland, a perfect candidate for dam removal?



# Finland, a perfect candidate for dam removal? Forget it!

- Eternal permits for hydropower.
- Dams are privately owned and there's strong protection for private ownership.
- Strong dependency on Russian energy.
- Public dept huge and increasing.



## These HP dams have been already removed







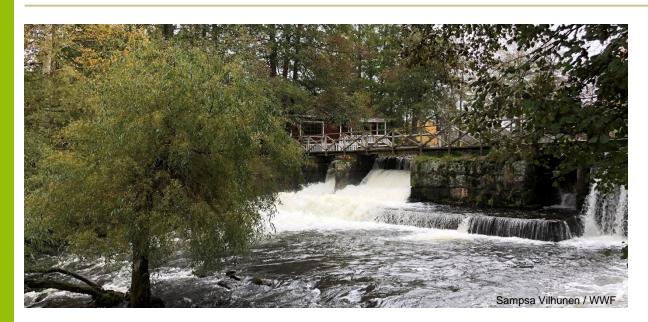






### These HP dams are the next ones going down













#### Dozens of active projects to get rid of obsolete dams (with dormant HP licences)







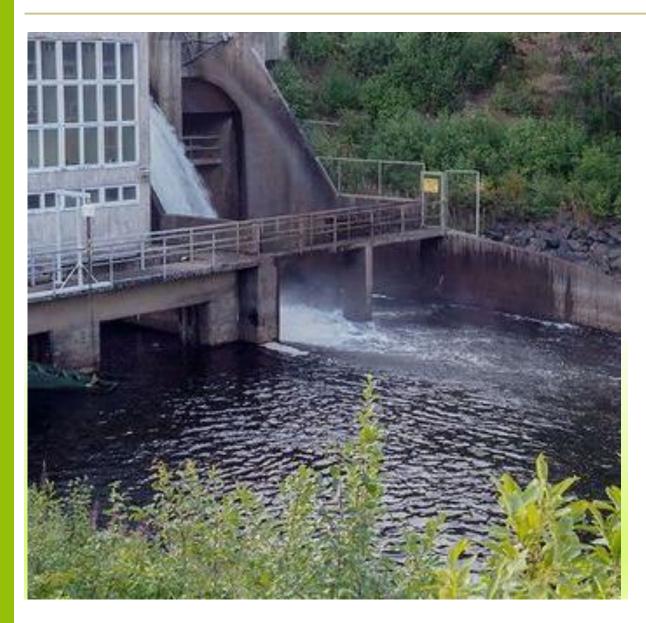






#### Largest HPP that is set for removal is 1,4 MW



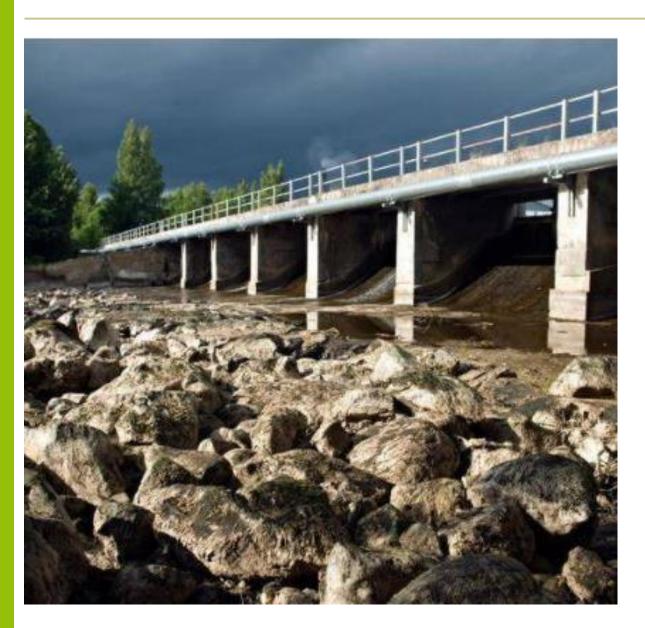






### Some of the dams are bypassed, if the removal is not possible









## 110 barrier removals in 2021













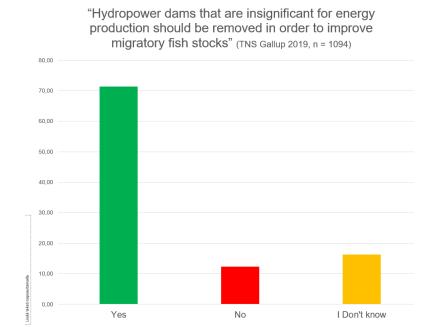
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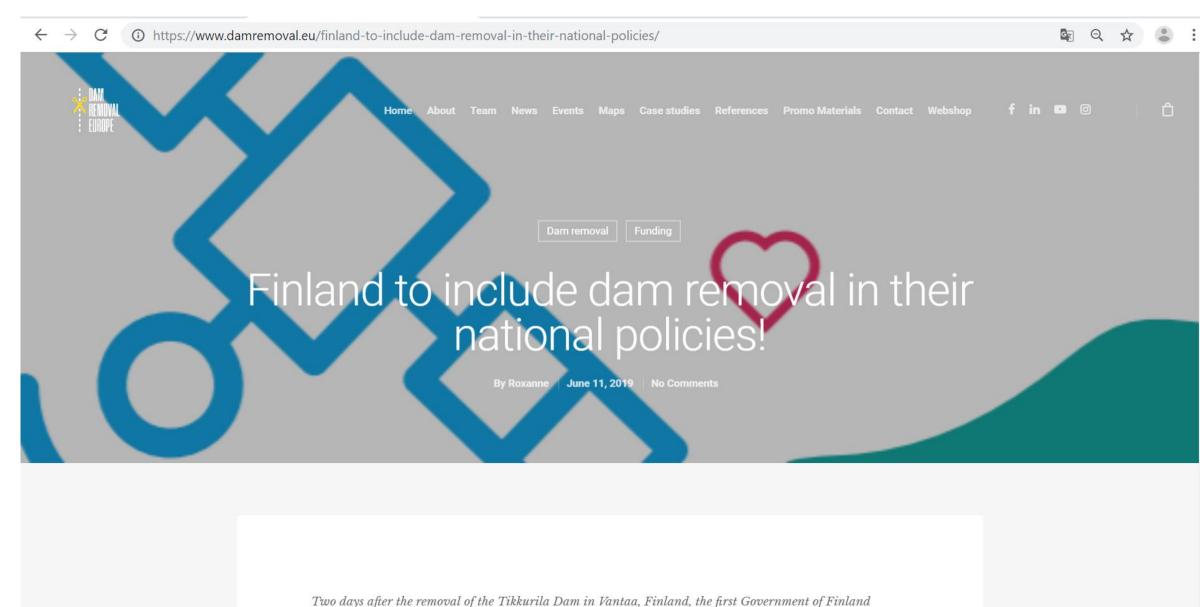
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Paper invitation sent to mayors across the country



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Atracted a corporate partner for a 5year collaboration

With previous collaboration on seafood

## Kalapolut



Käännä kats





The front pager of Helsingin Sanomat, 23.8.2017









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Stora Enso, Tornator and WWF Finland have launched a three-year cooperation to improve the condition of Finland's freshwaters and to conserve and protect their species. The first voluntary work will take place in summer 2022.

More about Biodiver Stora Enso

More about Stora Er forests



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Saimaan Tuore lahjoittaa 1 %:n myynnistään kampanja-aikana 15.8.-31.12.2022 WWF vaelluskalojen suojelemiseksi.

Saimaan Tuore myy kirjolohta, joka on kasvatettu yrityksen omassa kiertovesilaitokses suomalainen kasvatettu kirjolohi on **WWF:n Kalaoppaassa** vihreällä listalla. Kiertovettä se kuormittaa vesistöä verkkoallaskasvatusta vähemmän.

Yhteistyö alkoi kesällä 2020. Vastaavia lahjoituskampanjoita on toteutettu vuosina 202 Tuoreen lahjoitukset ovat tukeneet WWF:n työtä **Vauhtia vaellukseen -hankkeen** 

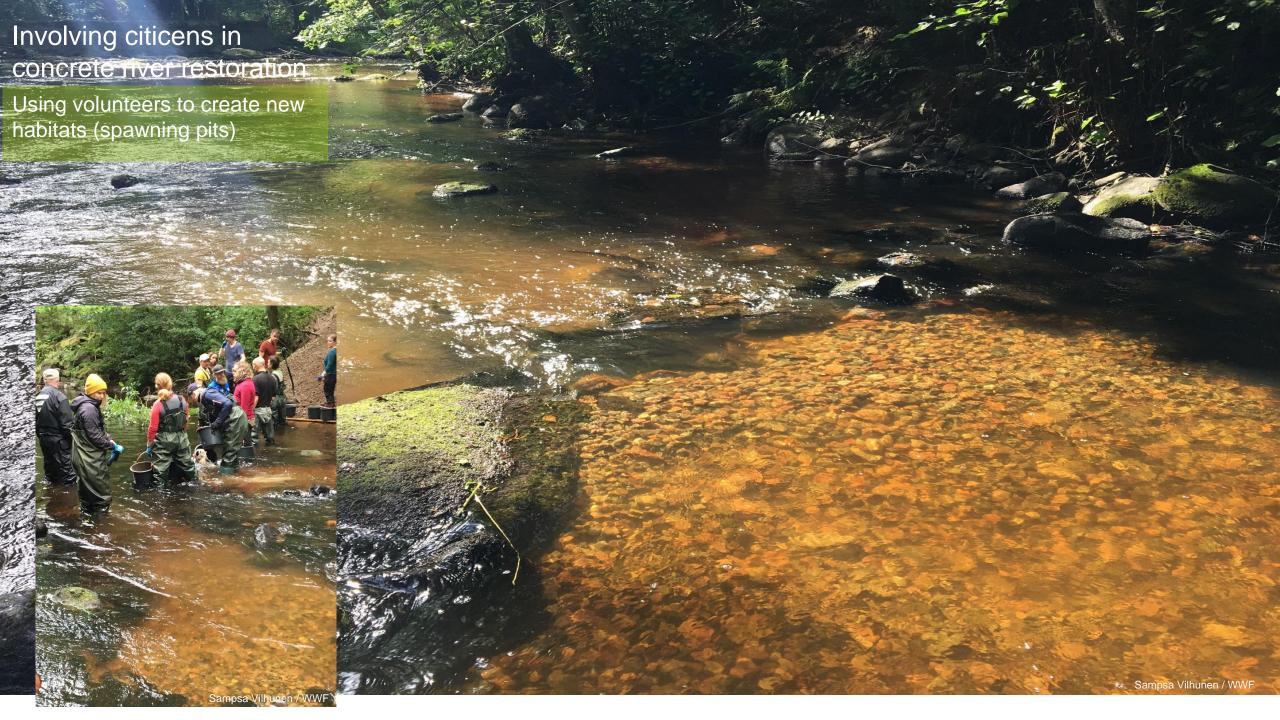
Saimaan Tuore on Finnforel Oy:n käyttämä tuotemerkki.



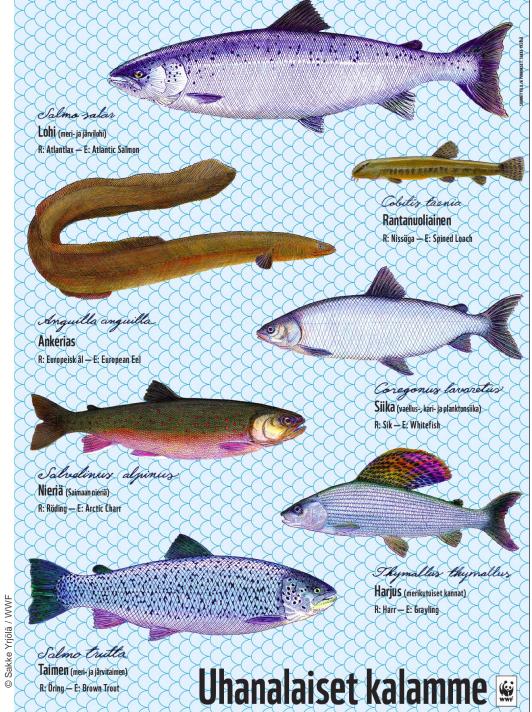
Rudus tukee WWF:n työtä virtavesiluonnon hyväksi lahjoittamalla kiviainesta hankk uhanalaisille vaelluskaloille elintärkeitä kalateitä.

Ensimmäisenä yhteistyökohteena oli Siuntion Kirkkojoen hanke, jossa WWF ja Uude rakensivat syksyn 2018 aikana kahden padon ohi kulkevat luonnonmukaiset kalatiet. hankkeeseen. Yhteistyö Ruduksen kanssa on varmistanut, että Siuntion hankkeessa plaadultaan juuri oikeanlaista kiviainesta.

Lisäksi Rudus ja WWF käyvät asiantuntijavuoropuhelua luonnon monimuotoisuutee ratkaisuista.











# Endangared migratory fish connected to the loss of biodiversity

RED BOOK of species for Finland:

"Dams are the main cause for the poor conservation status of migratory fish species"

Also different river and stream habitats are all endangered.

Viable fish stocks communicated also as a food security issue.





## Creating value for the fish, making fish matter

 Managed to get <u>full protection</u> <u>by law</u> for the wild stocks of the critically endangered fish (with all fishing banned)

 Furthermore, endangered fish also got <u>conservation</u> <u>values</u> (to be confiscated to the State)

#### Initiating legislative changes: new private roads act, water act revision









#### Advocacy work on dams prior to parliament elections

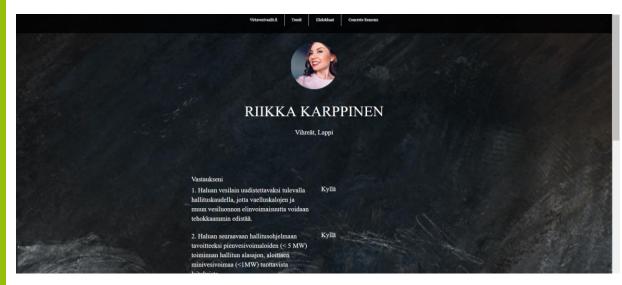


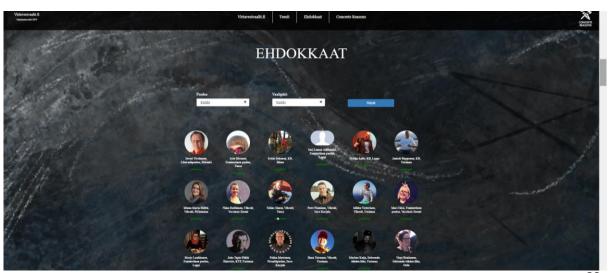














#### Clear comms on the redundancy of small hydro power



500 small power plants where households can use the electricity directly.

Additionally 120 small ones selling electricity to the grid.

The largest 100 > 97% of hydroelectricity.



#### Artists and celebrities activated



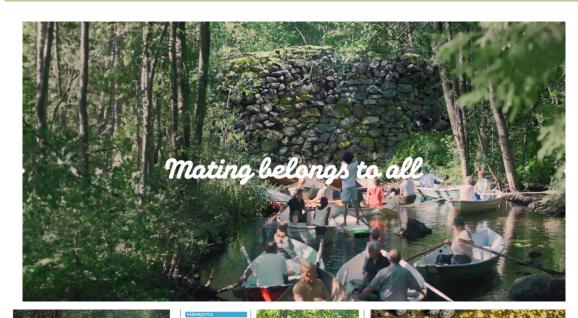


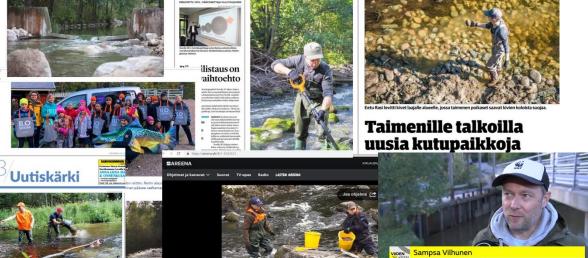




#### A lot of media work on dams







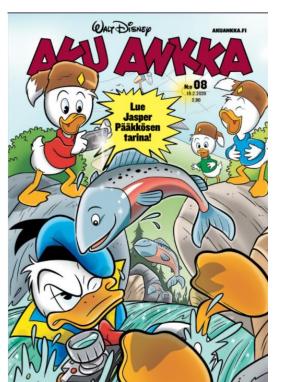






When something is featured in Donald Duck, it's mainstream!

Idea Jasper Pääkkönen, käsikirjoitus Kari Korhonen3











#### Why has Finland been successful in DR?

- Catchy and innovative comms products.
- Involvement of celebrities (anglers).
- Involvement of citizens, municipalities, science and business sector in the restoring.
- Successful fundraising from public sources, major donors, and corporates.
- Successful phaze-out of HP subsidies.

- WWF choosing dam removal as a spearhead for the parliament elections advocacy.
- Legislative changed initiated.
- Opportunism as the leading strategy in choosing which projects to engage with:
  - local support and conflict free
  - flexibility so that anyone can suggest a dam to be removed
  - Each removal properly celebrated!!!



## Thank you for listening!

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together possible ...

