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**MAN-MADE** POLLUTION OF THE  
ODER RIVER –  
A **CRIME** STORY OF (UN)LOVED  
RIVER AND SOCIAL MOURNING

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# There was a big strong river...



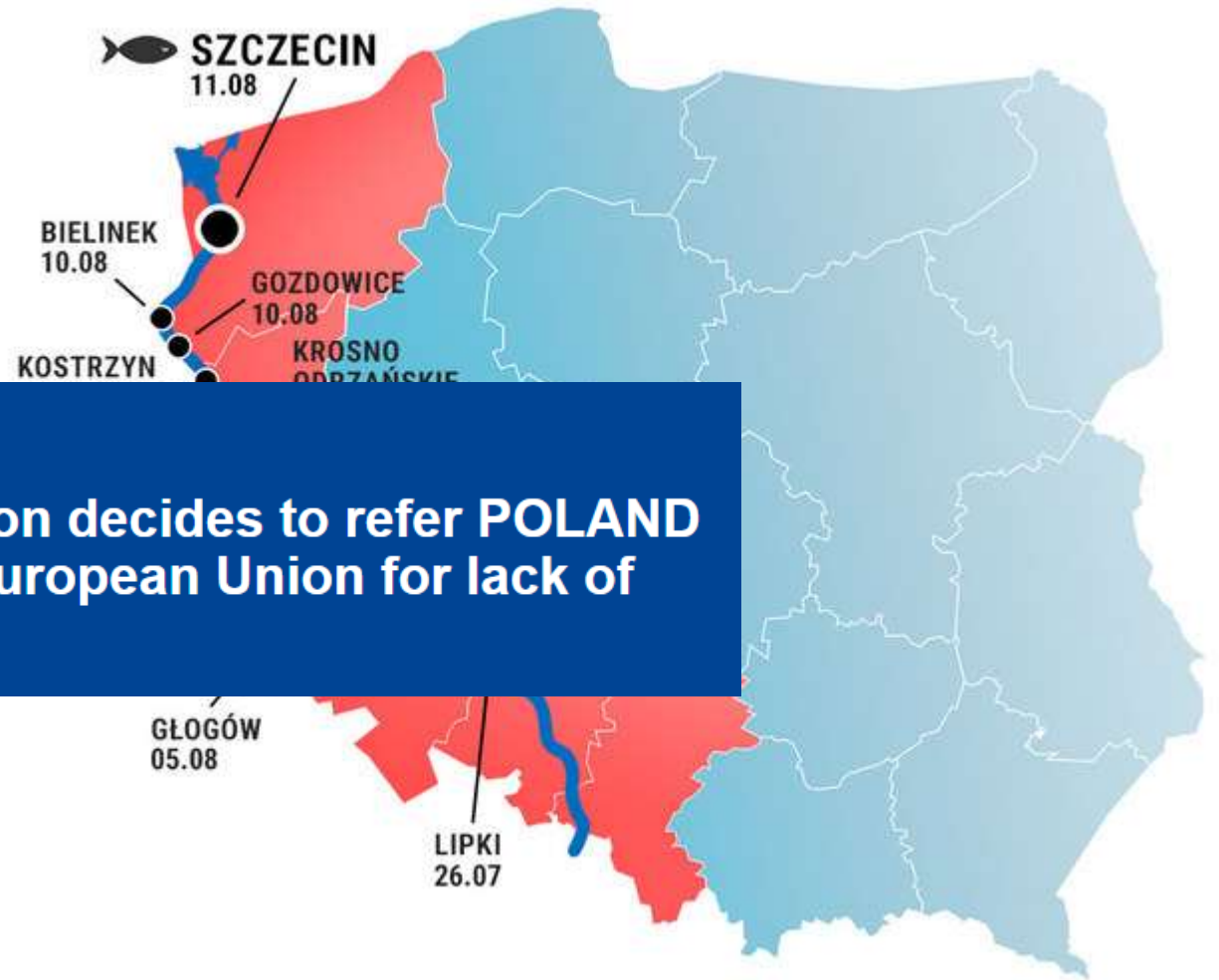






# WHAT HUMANS CAUSED ?

Pollution of water;  
**Mass extinction** of water organisms;  
Loss of sturgeon population reintroduced;  
Loss of income source in Odra basin;  
...



**Qatar Tribune**

Polish authorities  
280 illegal  
into the Odra

Press release | 9 February 2022 | Brussels

**Urban Waste Water: Commission decides to refer POLAND to the Court of Justice of the European Union for lack of treatment of its waste waters**

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92 % rivers in Poland is in bad condition and needs renaturalisation!

**#ENVIRONMENTAL CATASTROPHE**



## ACTIONS AFTER:

### What we do:

- Data gathering on the river
- Informing society and engaging them – science based
- Transboundary cooperation PL-DE-CZ
- Advice to relevant bodies: HELCOM, governments, ICPO

### What we demand:

- ! AN IMMEDIATE STOP OF ALL REGULATORY WORK AND PLANS on the Oder;**
- ! URGENT PREPARATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A RENATURATION PROGRAMME for the Oder and its Valley;**
- ! INSPECTING RIVERS INTO A CONSTANT automatic MONITORING NETWORK;**
- ! SYSTEMIC STRENGTHENING OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION SERVICES.**



# Odra



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There WAS a river...



## YOUR ACTIONS MATTER:

- **Crowdfunding** for Odra river by Fundacja Ekorozwoju: [click!](#) your financial contribution does make an impact and helps to lead the particular actions (e.g. monitoring, legislative procedures)
- **Odra as legal entity** – [petition](#): your signature can make a change and help to protect Odra river
- **Lower Odra valley as a riverine national park!** [petition](#): your signature may help to establish it



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## SOURCES:

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RMFFM

Videos: [Praca Przyrodnika](#); [Stowarzyszenie 515km](#);

Photos: Ewa Leś

### MORE:

[Koalicja Ratujmy Rzeki](#);

[Home - SaveOder](#);

[CCB River University](#);

[IGB Leibniz-Institute of Freshwater Ecology and Inland Fisheries \(igb-berlin.de\)](#);

[Commission decides to refer POLAND to EU Court of Justice \(europa.eu\)](#);



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**THANK YOU**

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