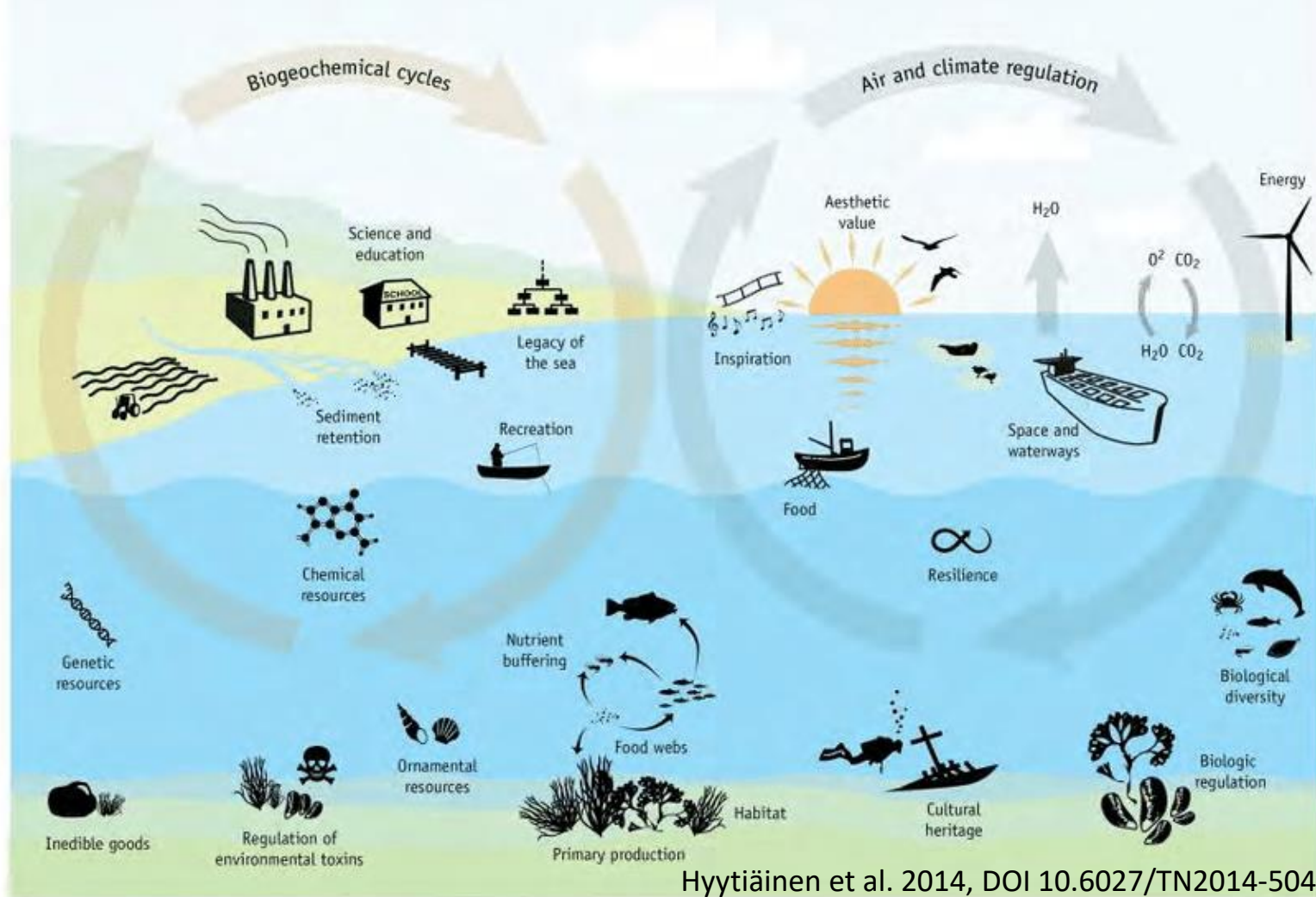
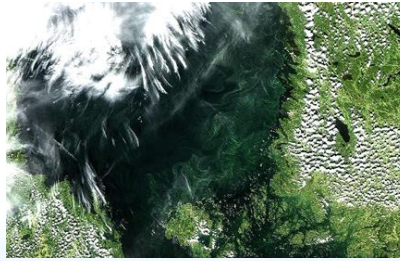
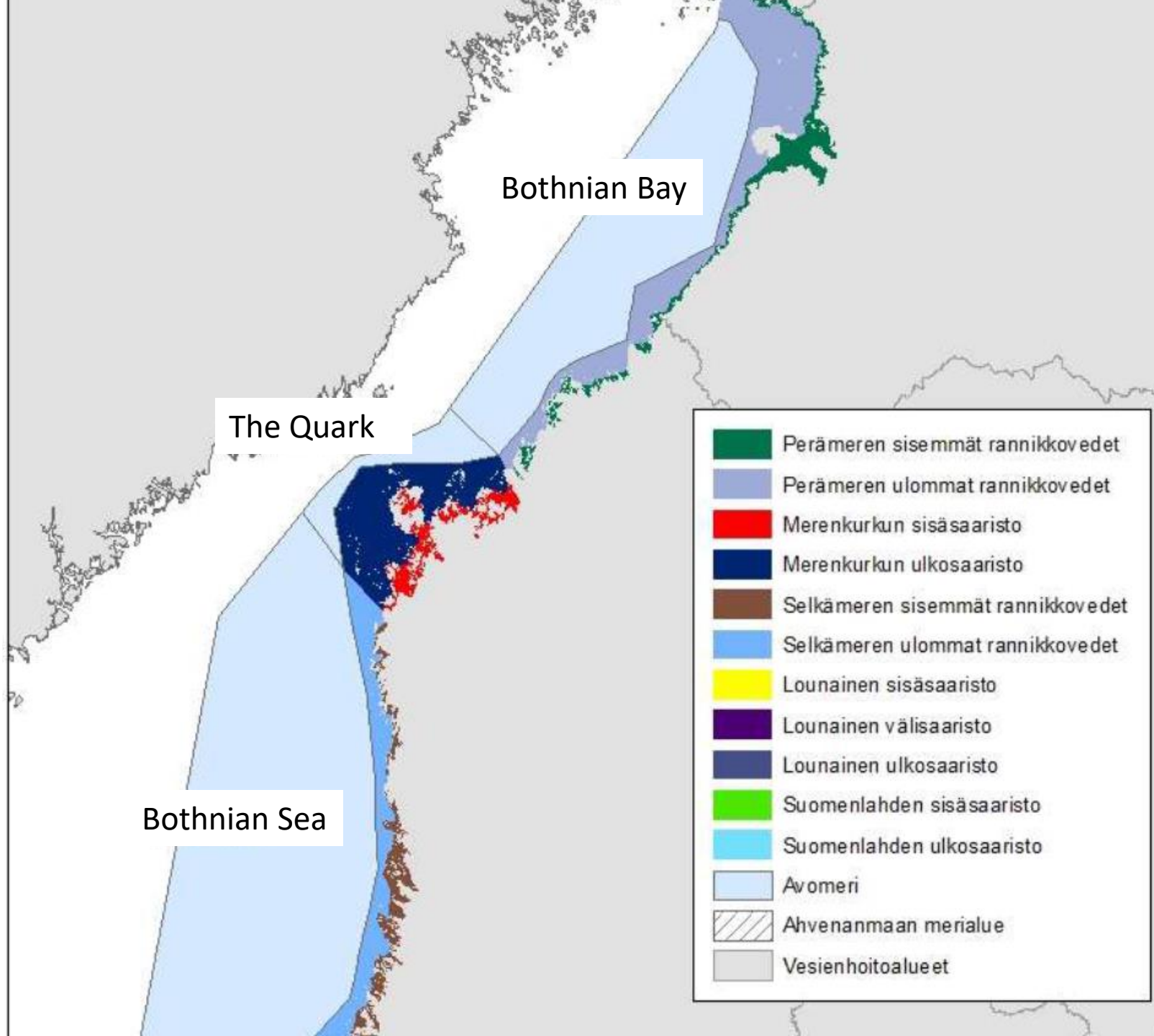


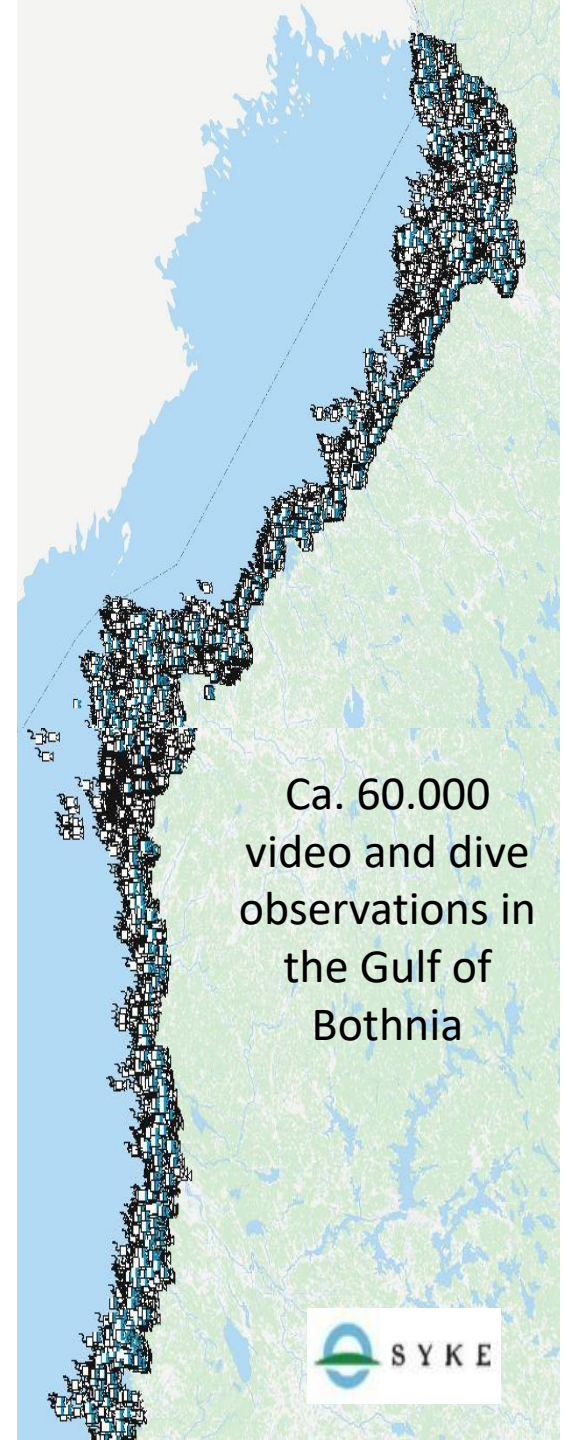
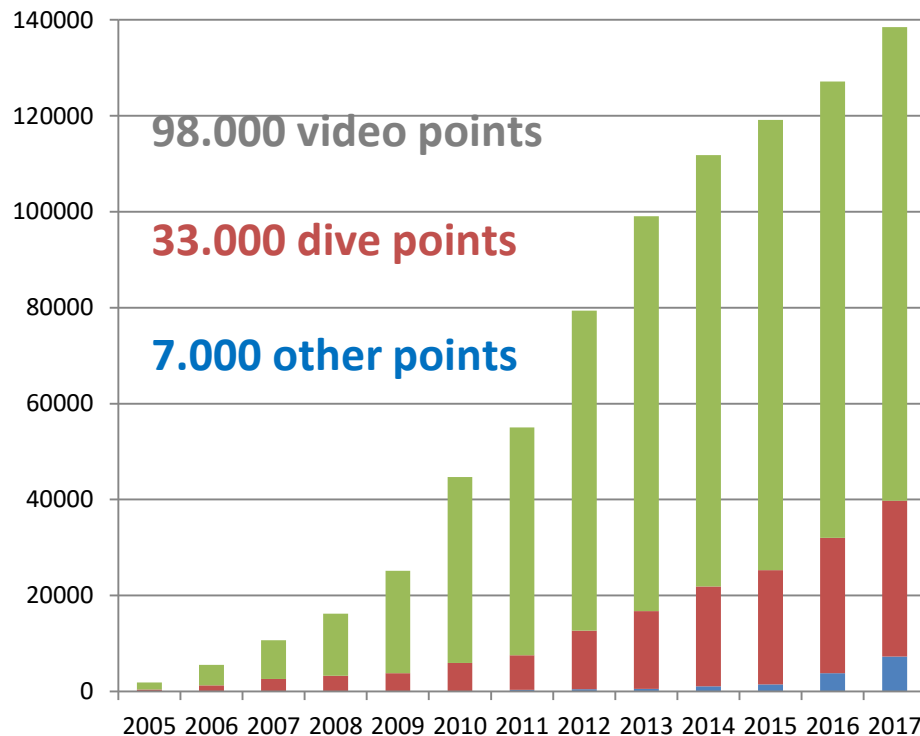
# 09:55h-10:05h – Ecosystem effects – Harri Kuosa (SYKE)





# VELMU has in 2004-2017 collected a vast database of information on underwater flora and fauna of the Finnish sea area

138.000 observations of habitats and species  
(for Finland)





# Observations on biodiversity hotspots & rare species



Shallow coastal bays - biodiversity hotspots and nursery areas for fish



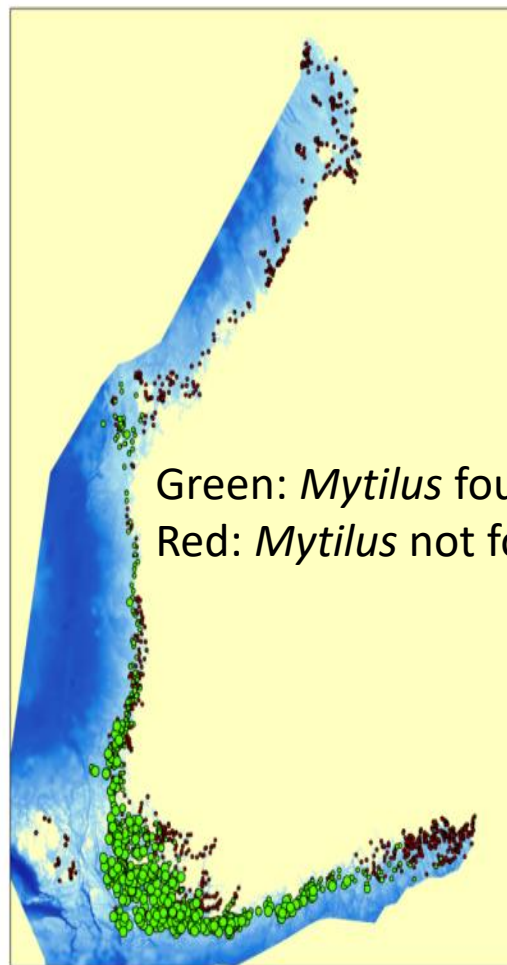
*Macrolea pubipennis*  
a leaf beetle  
– in EU only in Finland



*Hippuris tetraphylla*  
fourleaf mare's tail  
– in EU only in Finland

## Geographical distribution maps

Blue mussel *Mytilus trossulus*

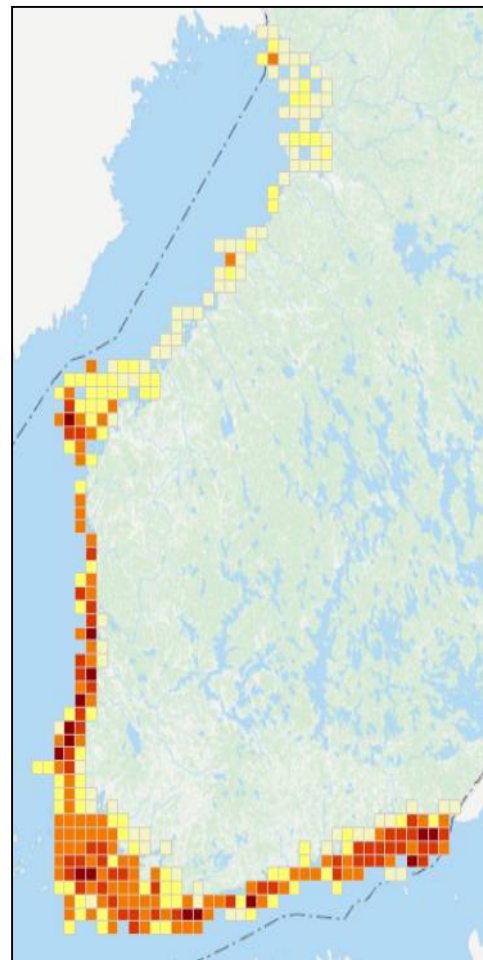


Green: *Mytilus* found  
Red: *Mytilus* not found

Markku Viitasalo, SYKE

## Biodiversity maps

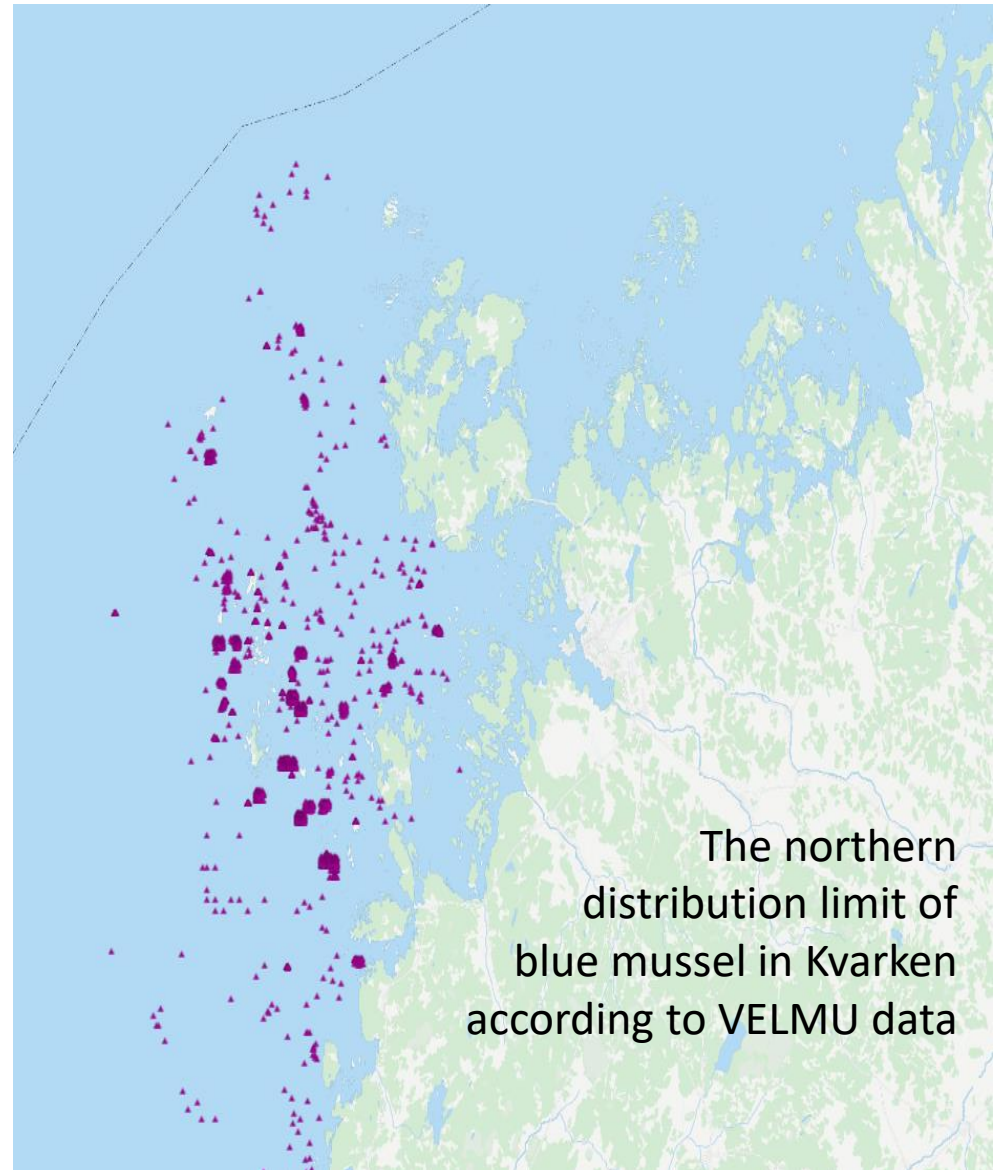
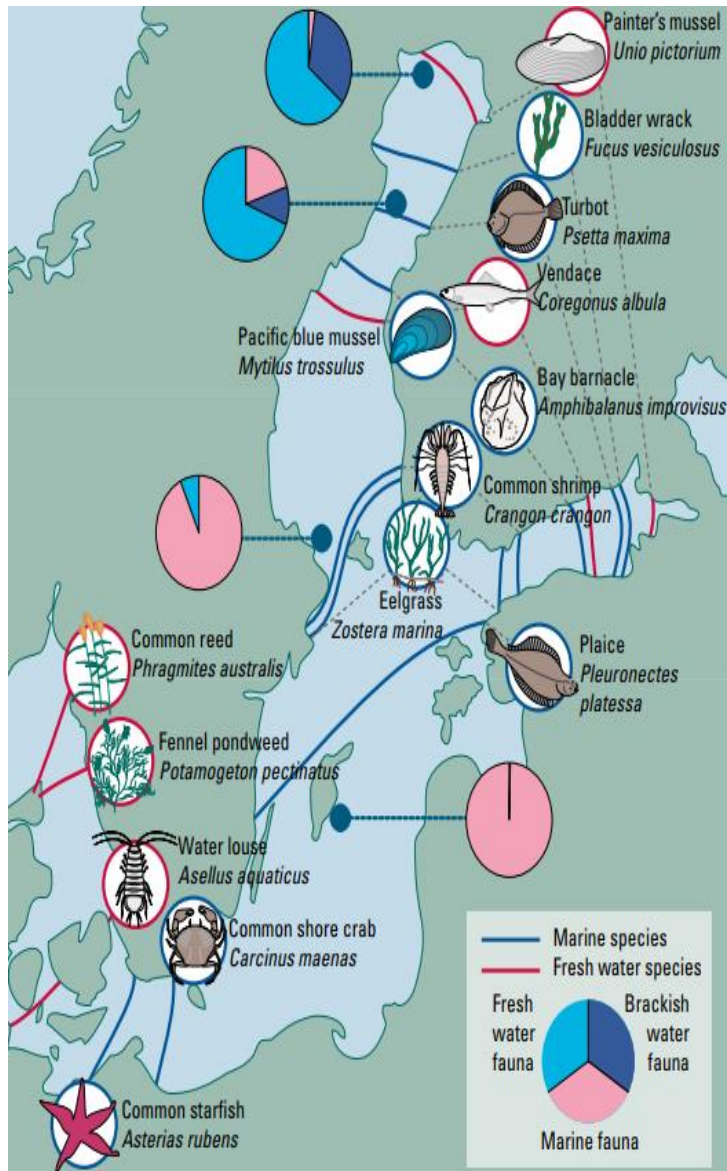
Number of algal genera



Lasse Kurvinen, Parks & Wildlife  
Finland

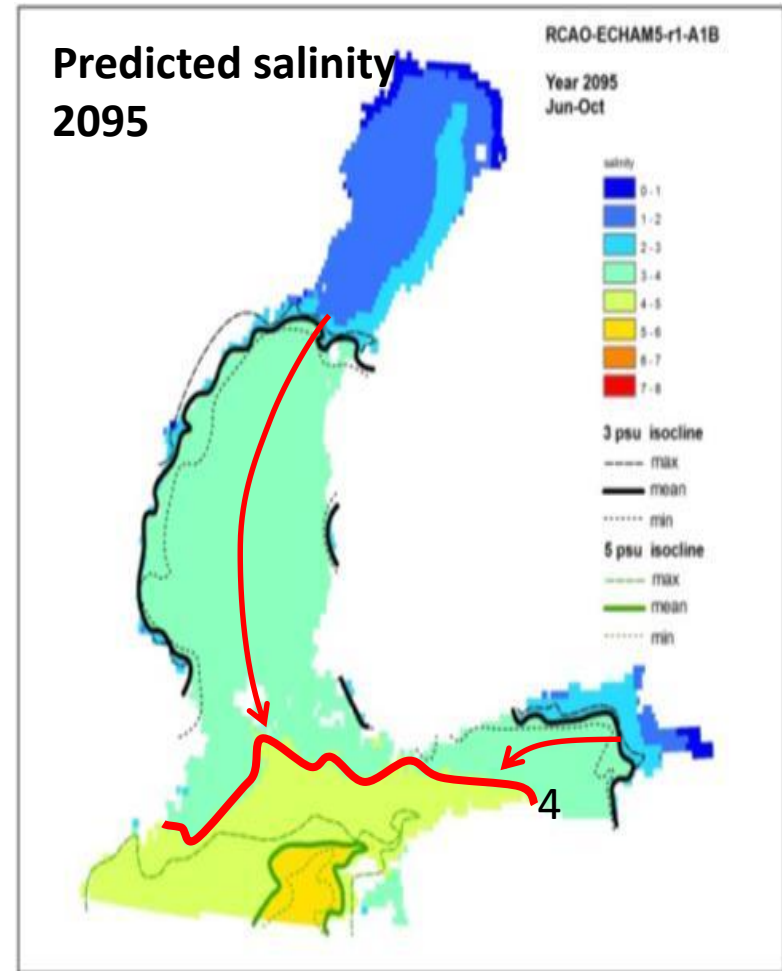
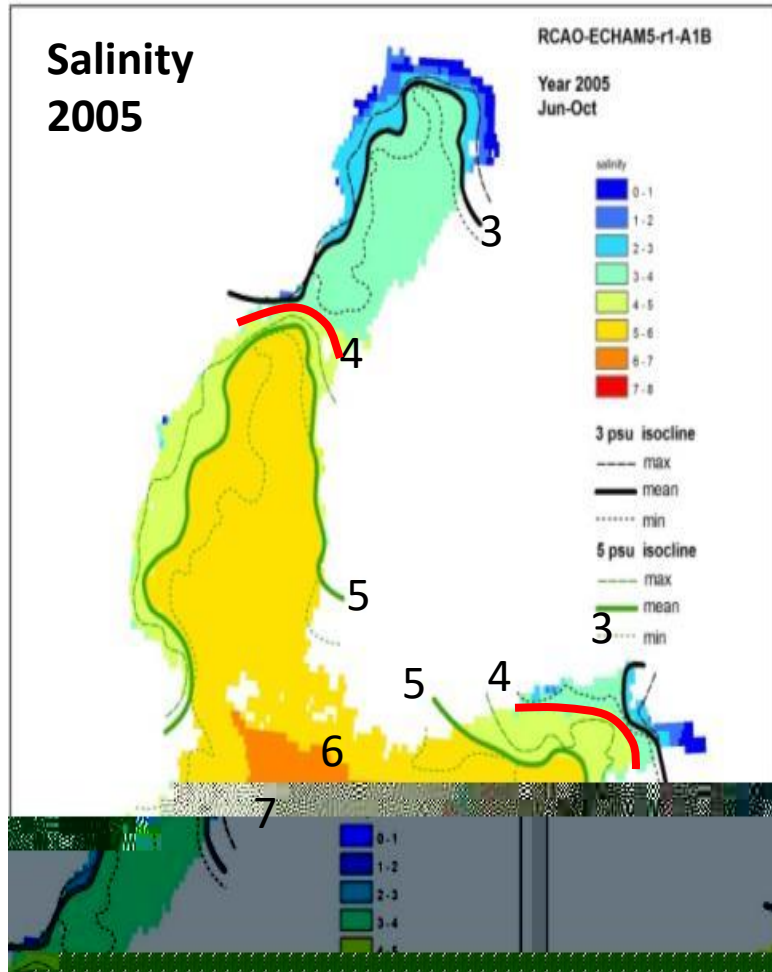
# Effects of climate change on the distribution of key species in the Gulf of Bothnia

# Present northern and southern distribution limits of some species in the Baltic Sea





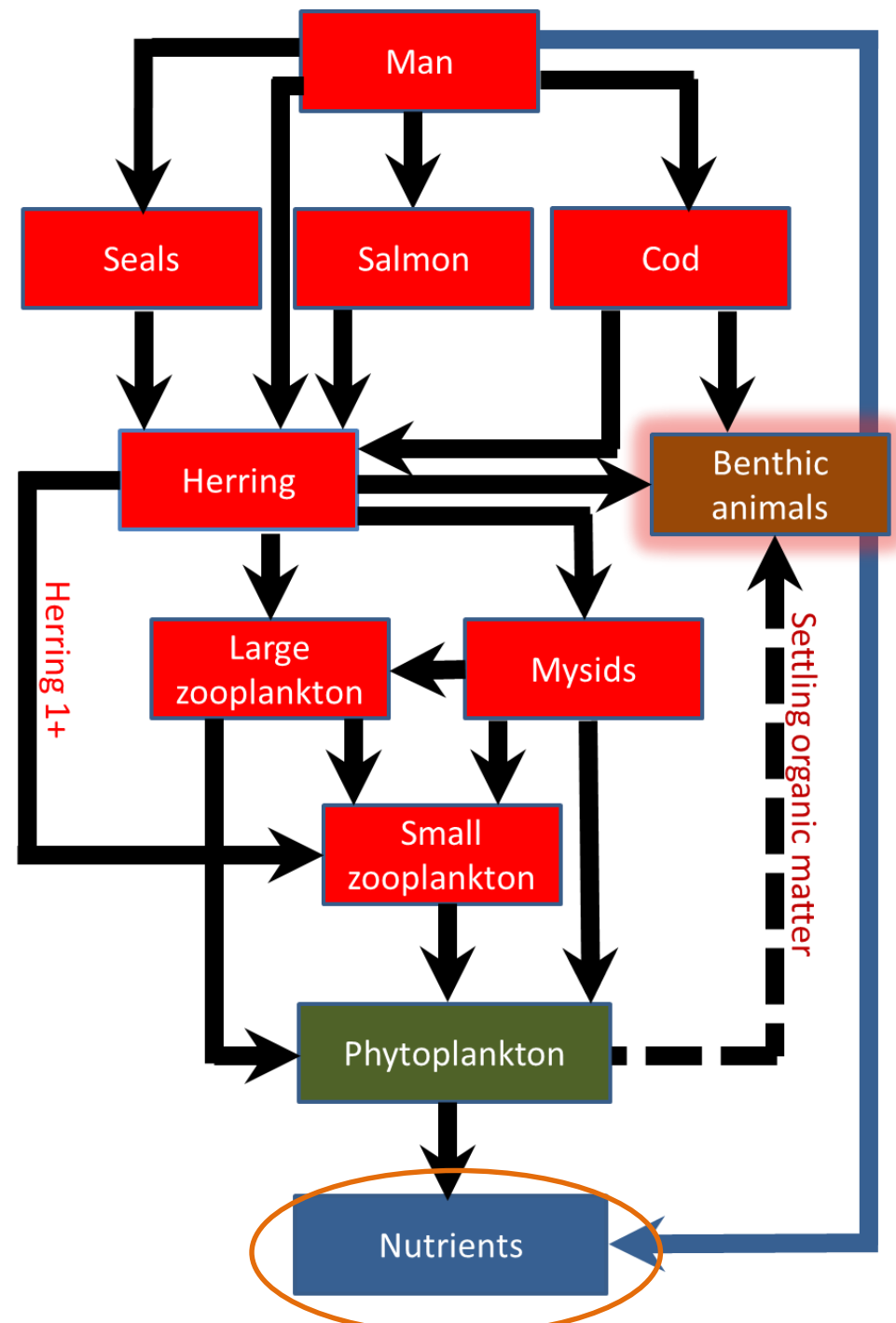
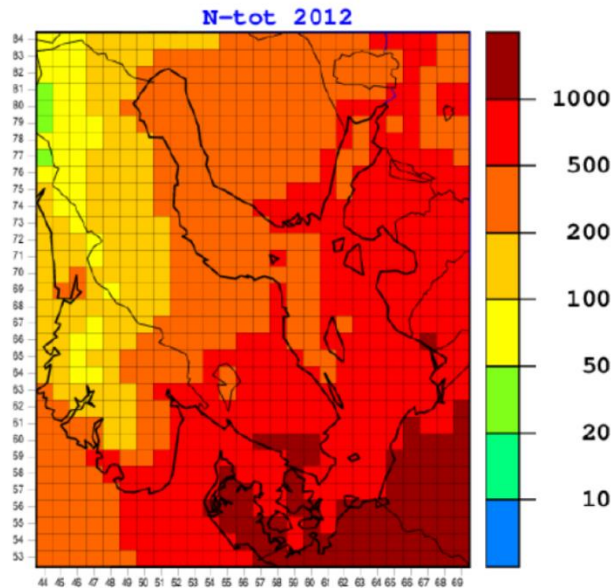
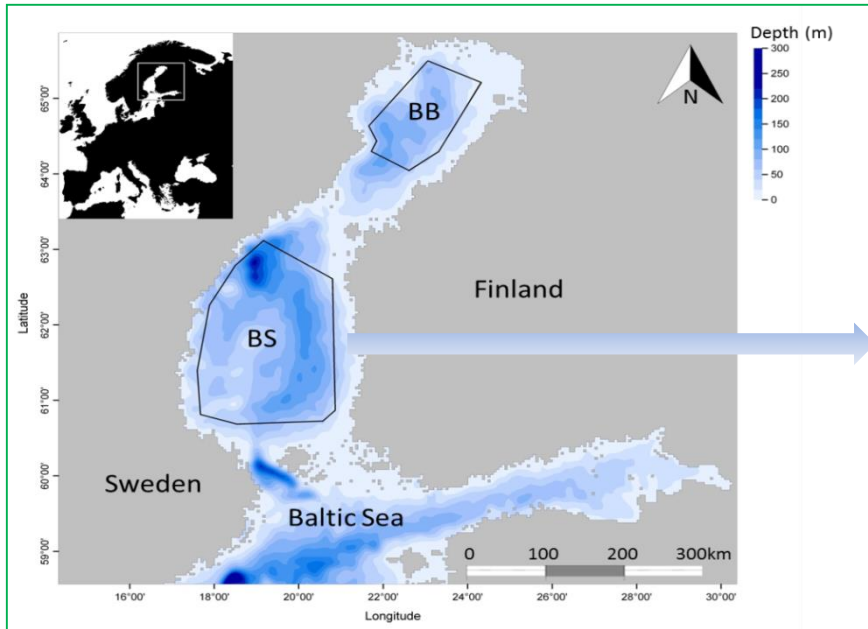
# In the most drastic predictions, salinity will decline significantly



Original data source: **ECOSUPPORT-project**, Markus Meier, SMHI, Ruotsi

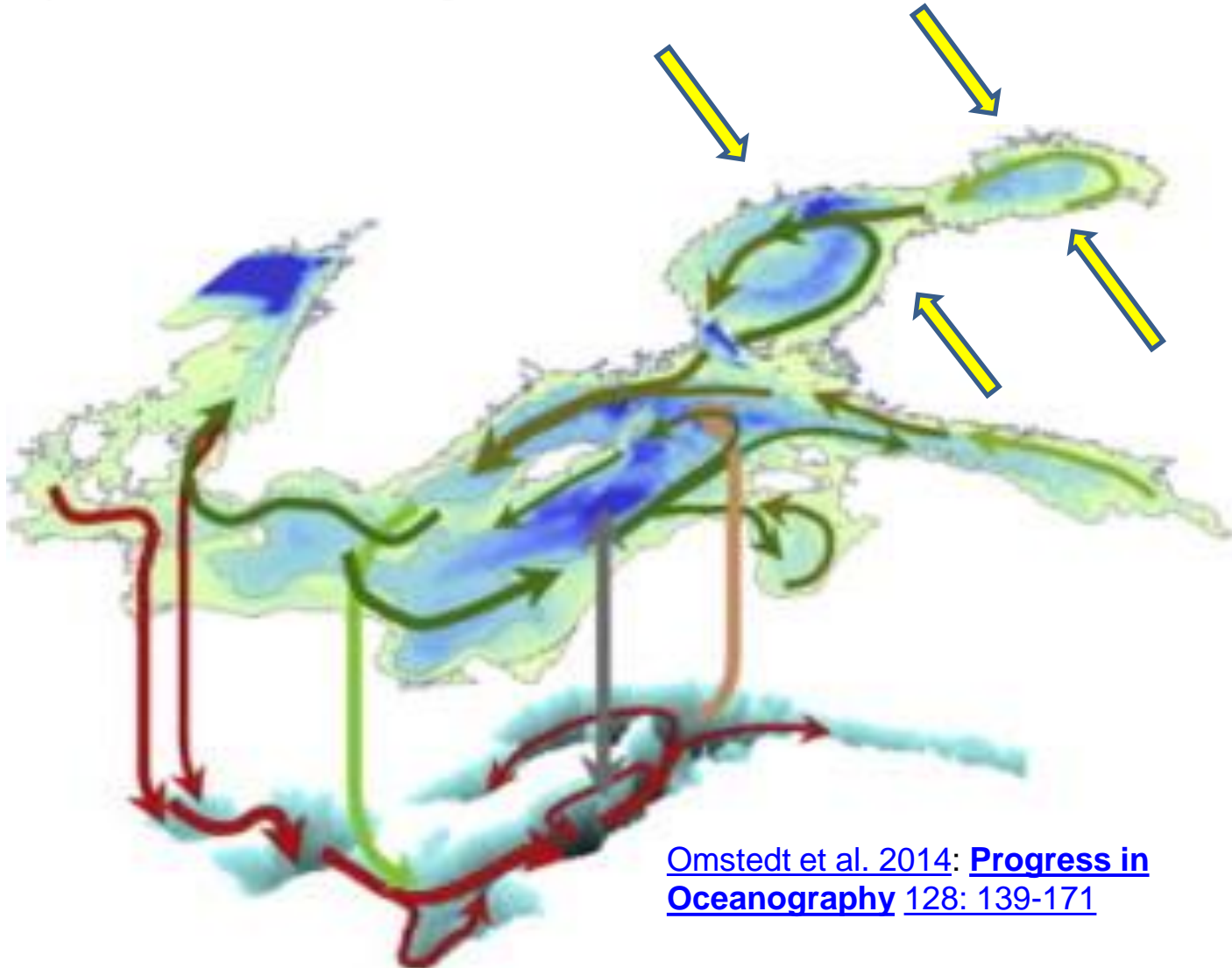


# Open sea areas

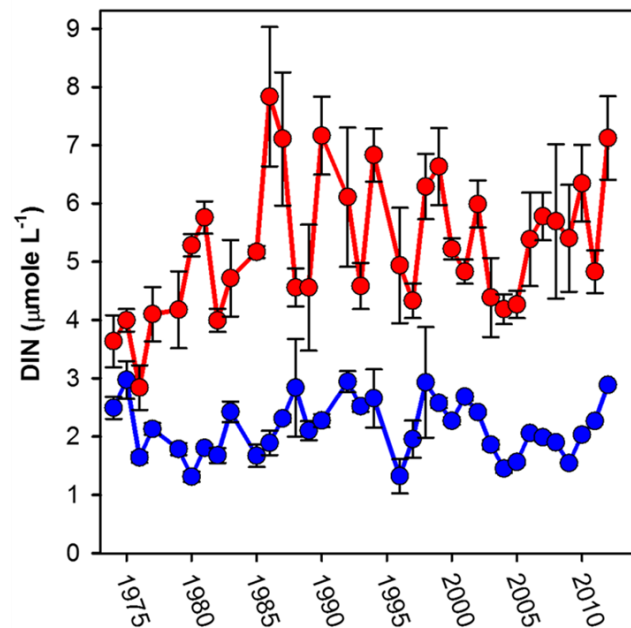
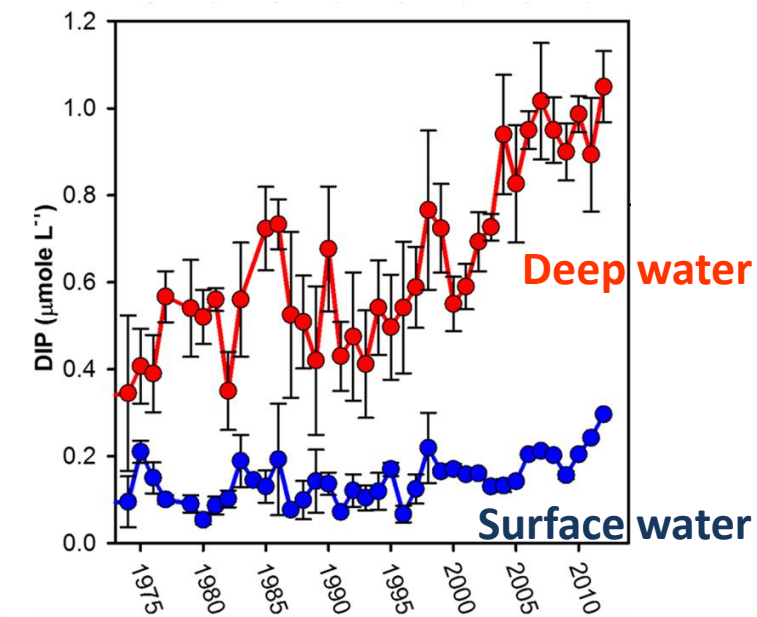
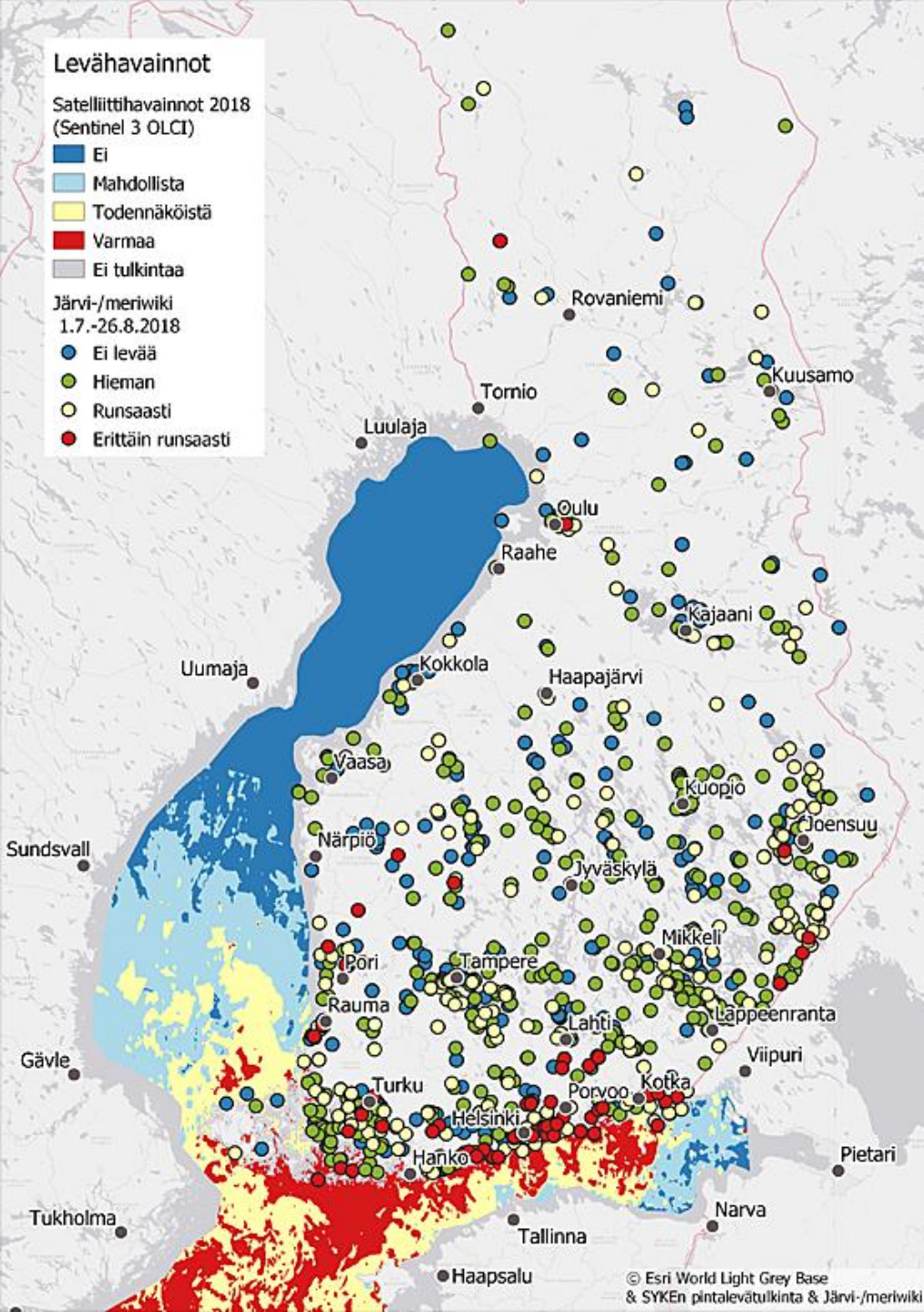


## Nutrient load from catchment:

- phosphorus > nitrogen



Omstedt et al. 2014: [Progress in Oceanography](#) 128: 139-171

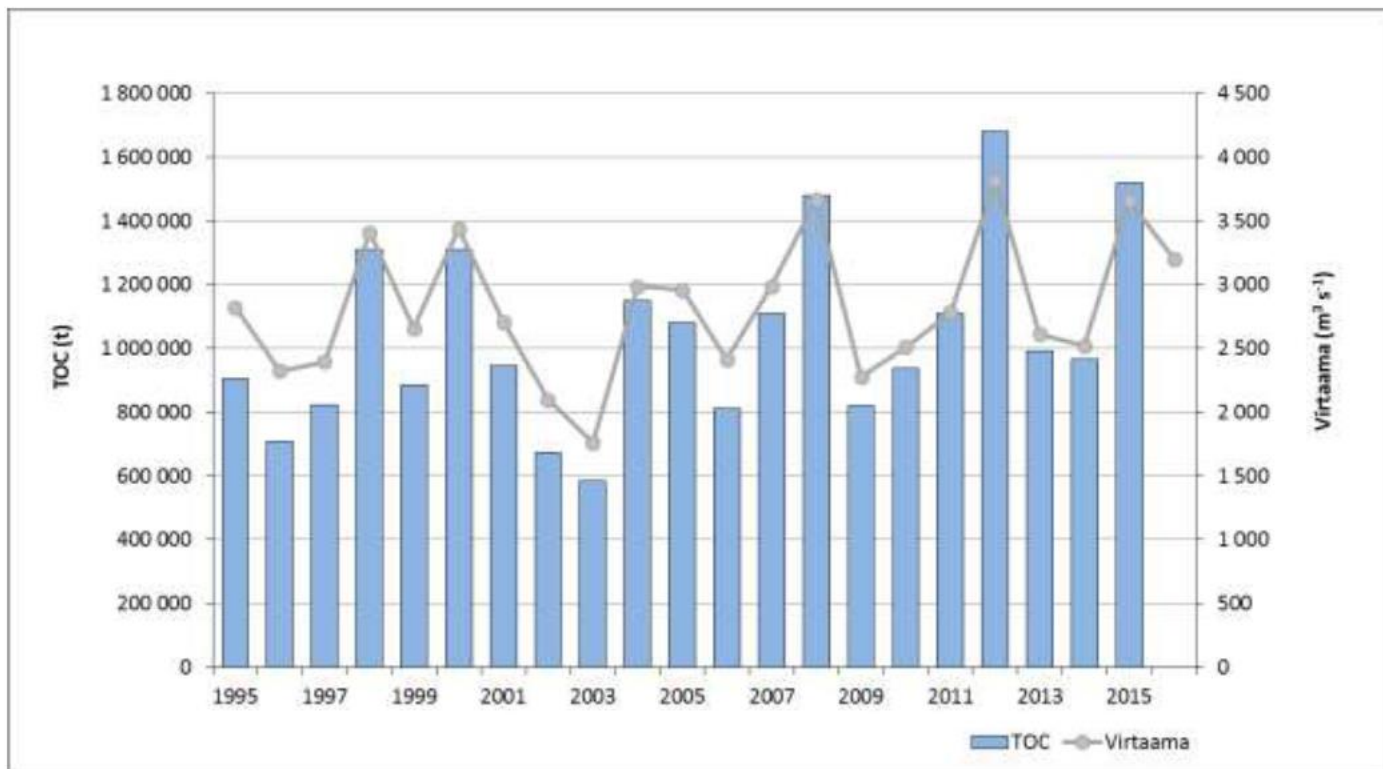


(Rolff ja Elfving 2015, Ambio 44: 601–611)



# Dissolved organic matter based food web

- depends heavily on precipitation
  - microbial loop based



□ total organic carbon, -○- river flow