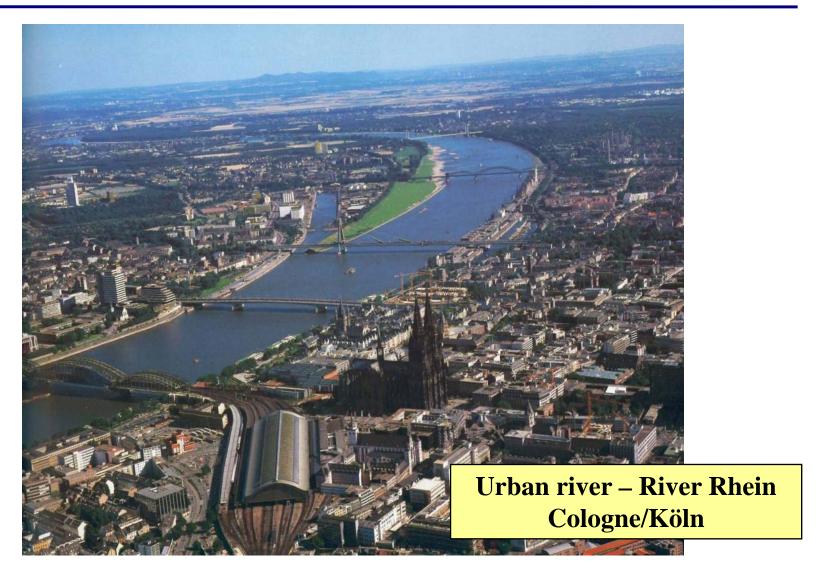
Review of the Development of Urban Rivers in Germany

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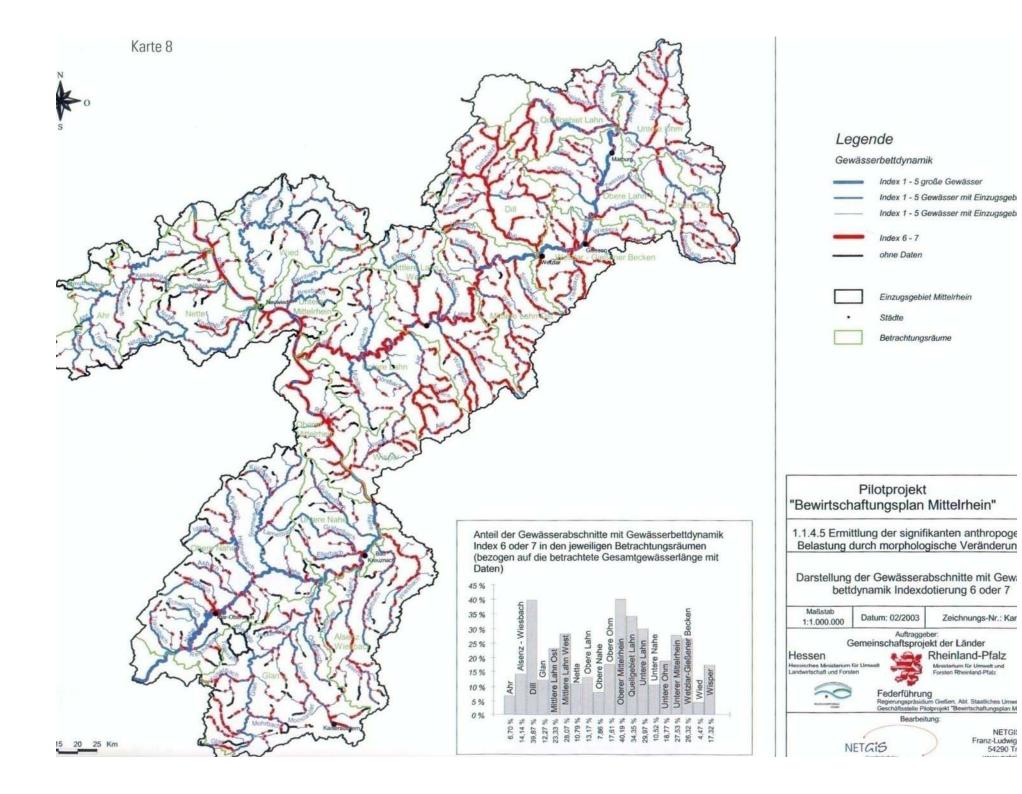
What are we doing right now in Germany?

European Water Directive Framework

(Since October 23rd, 2000)

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Timetable (in few words):
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- In 2003: Adaption of the German Water Law (federal and state laws)
- In 2004: Survey (f.e. Identification of Heavily Modified Water Bodies)
- In 2006: Monitoring + Public participation + Concept of River management plan
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- Until 2008: River management plans
- Until 2009: Implimentation of measurements



History of river restoration

- Single Projects initiated by ethusiatic people
- Growing awareness of the public (pressure on politic)
- Some small but important changes of environmental laws (federal and state laws)
- Promotion by governments
- European water directive framework

Changes of environmental laws

(water + nature protection + environmental compatibility + planning law)

 ,,Reconstruction" of the waters after flood to avoid flood damage

Performance index: Mainly water quality ...

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- Sustainable development as a part of the decision process
 Performance index: quality of river morphology; river structure

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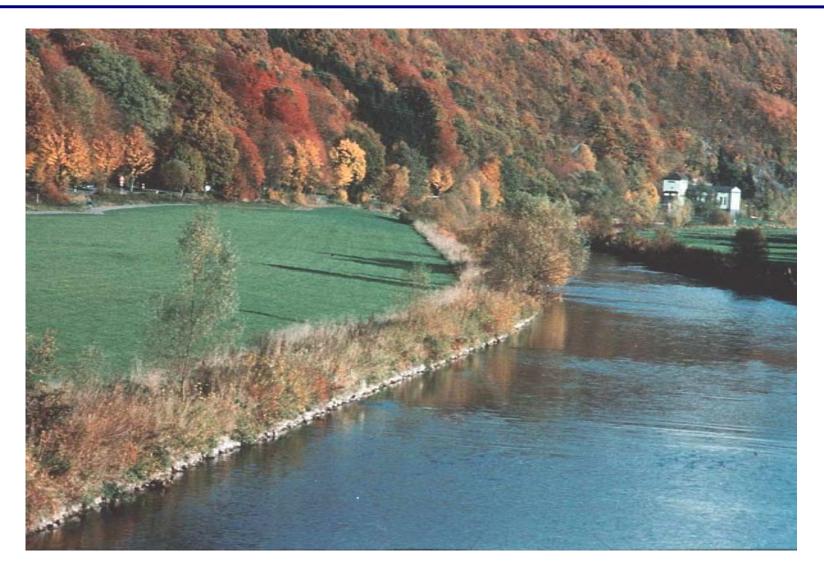
- Biotic parameters (abiotic parameters for assistance)

Example for the river development due to changes of laws

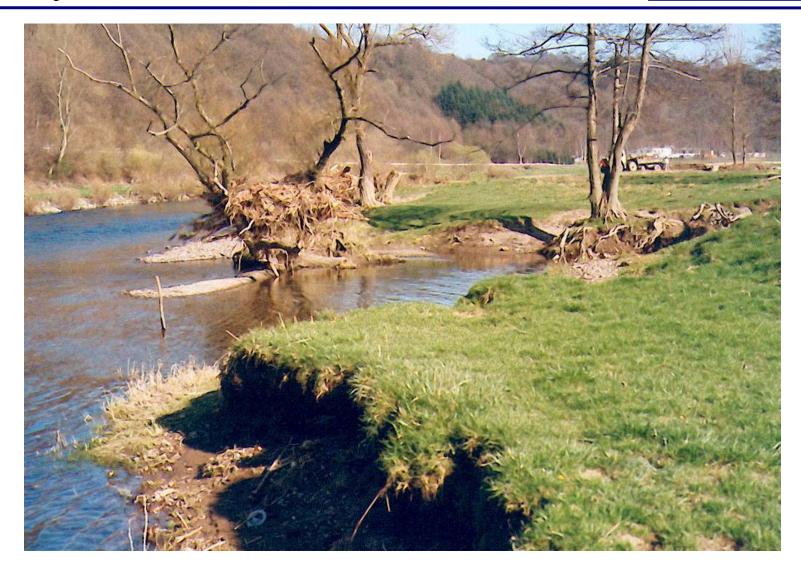
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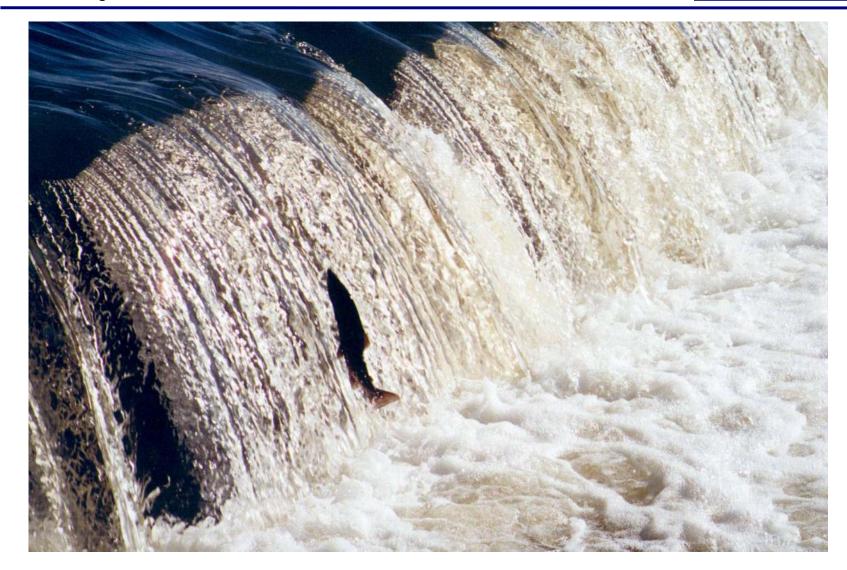
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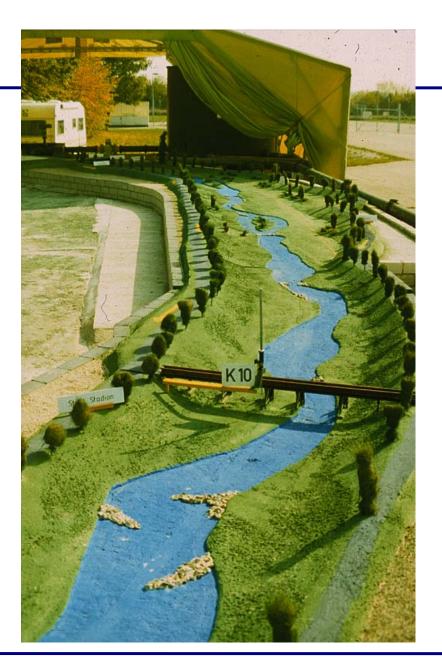


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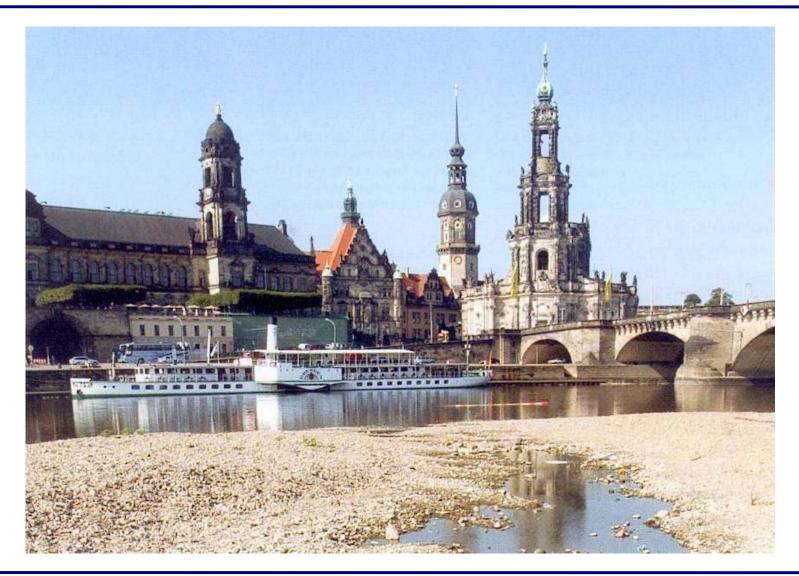
Significant impacts on waters in urban areas are ...

- Utilizations of areas close to the rivers; riparian areas, but also in river meadows
- Designing of rivers (Straighting, Lining, Paving etc.) to enable the uses (<u>also</u> flood protection)
- Constructions in the river that cut off migration of species as well as sediment transport
- Sealings in the catchment area
- Sewage disposal

Flood protection

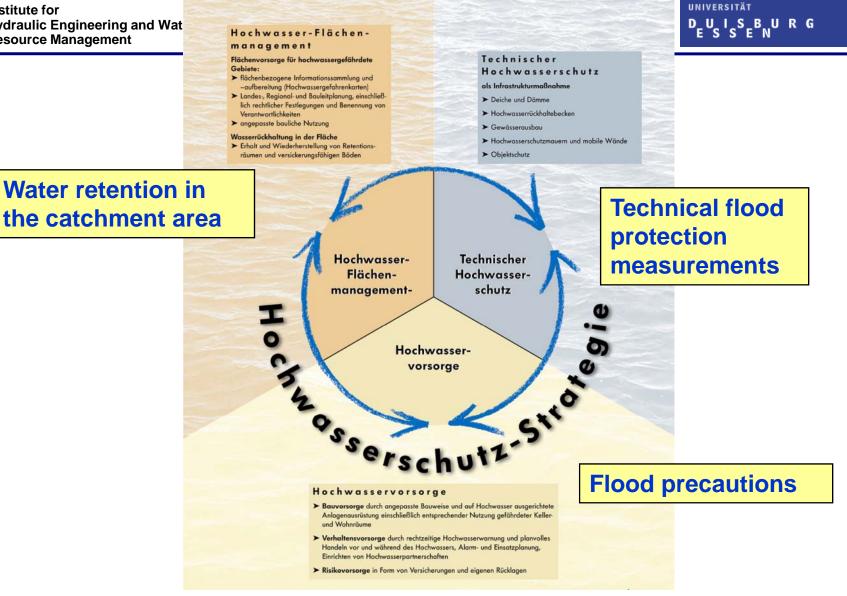
"It rained to much and we are to close to the rivers"

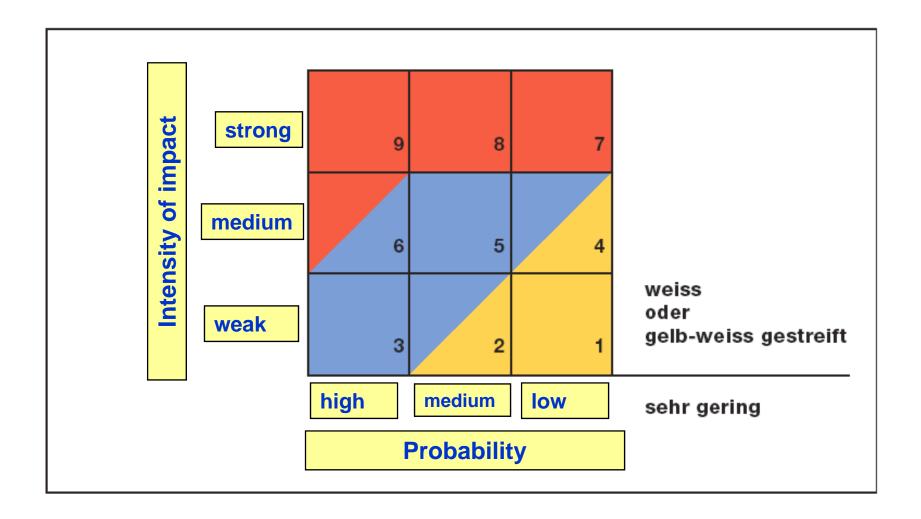




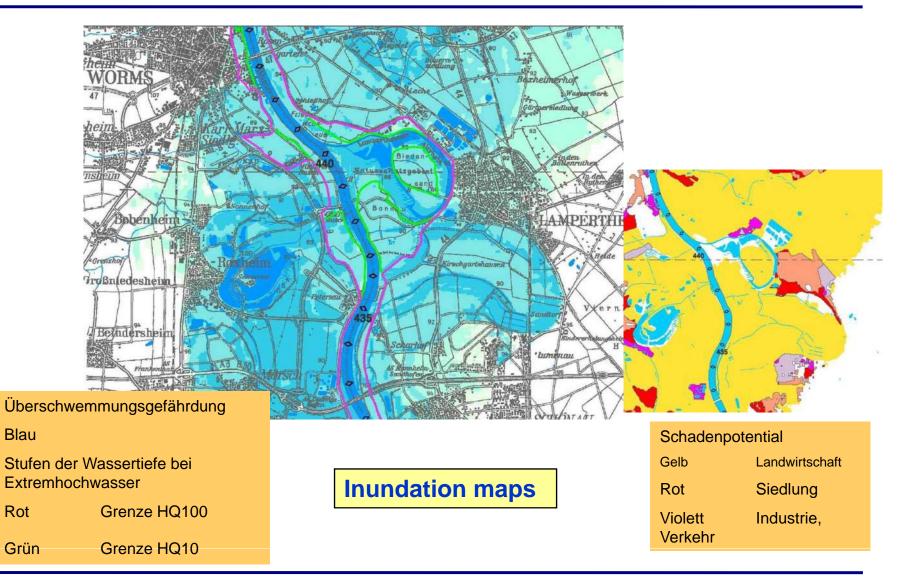




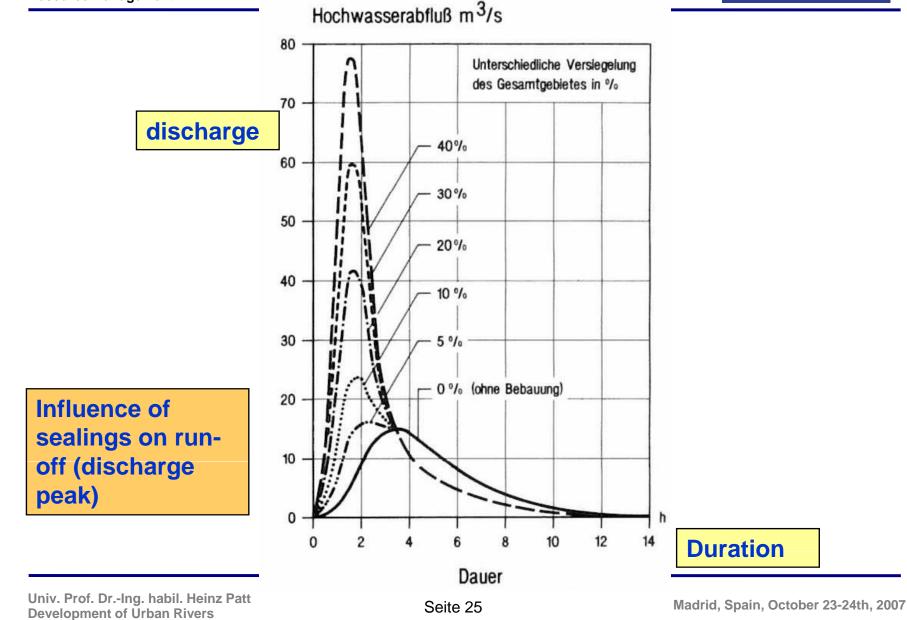








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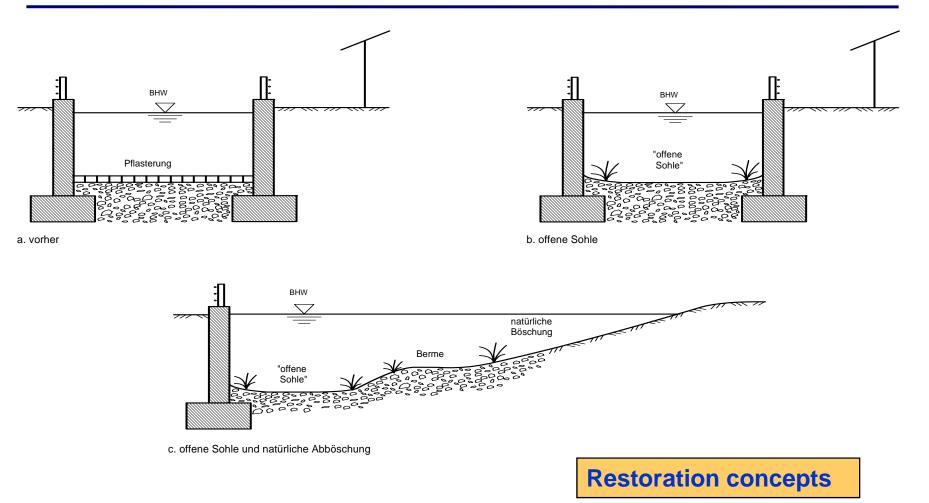
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Engineering measurements











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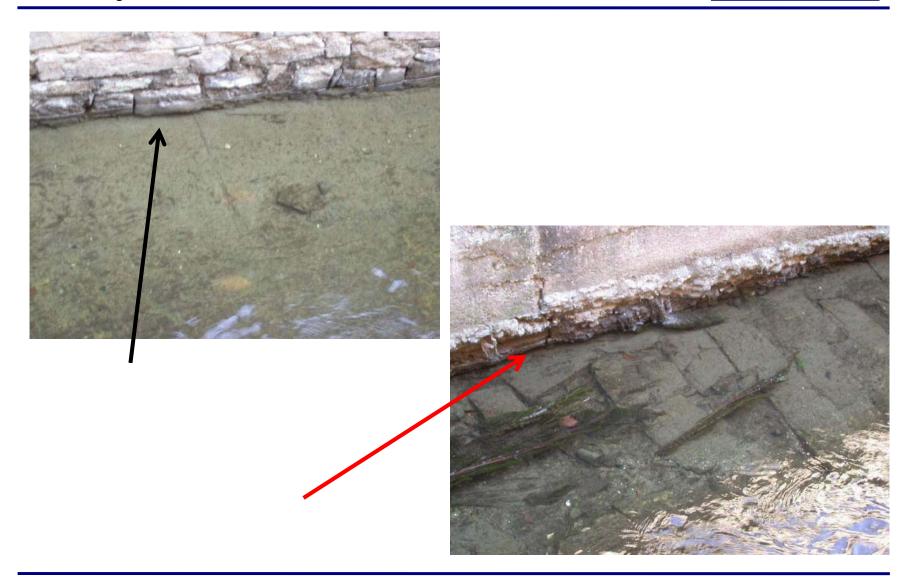
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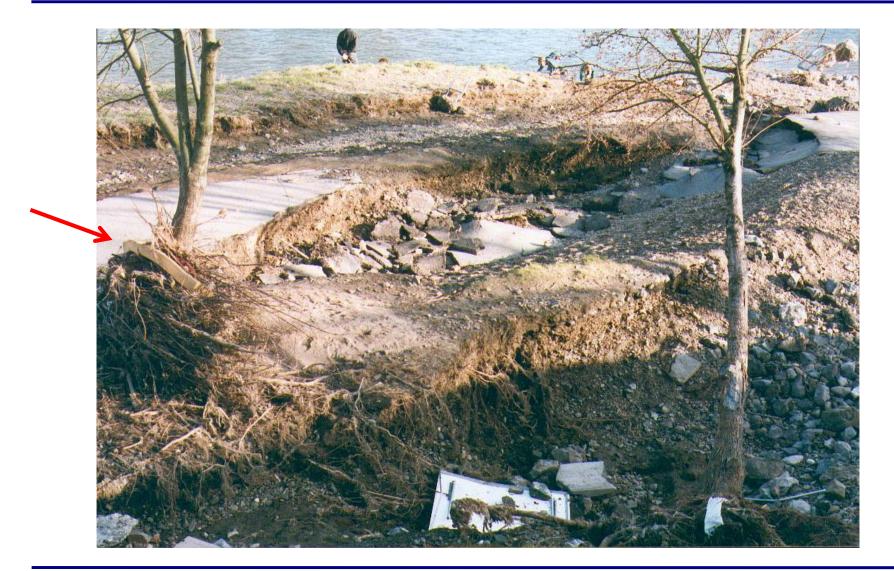
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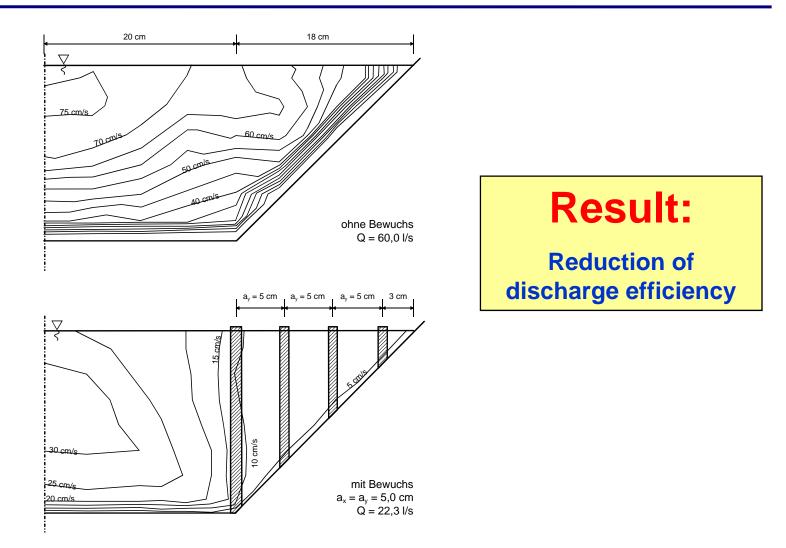














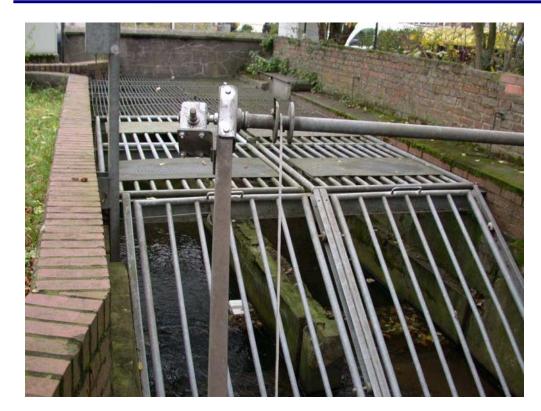
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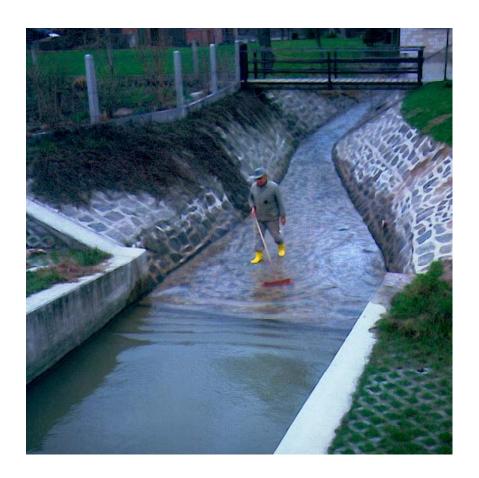
River Maintenance

"Unterhaltungsparadies"

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"Natural" River maintenance

- natural materials
- gentle; hand made
- natural riparian areas



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Leisure and Recreation on Rivers

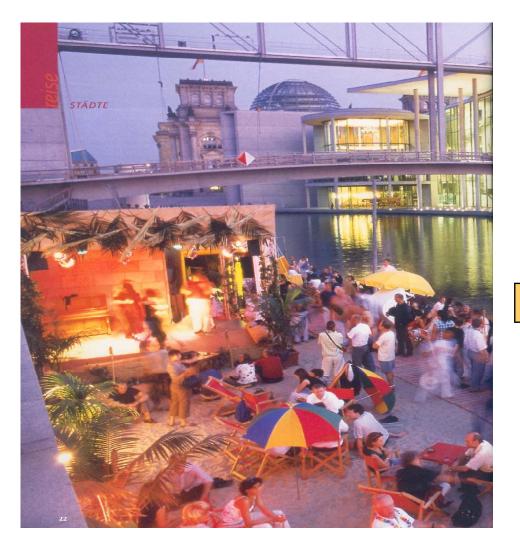




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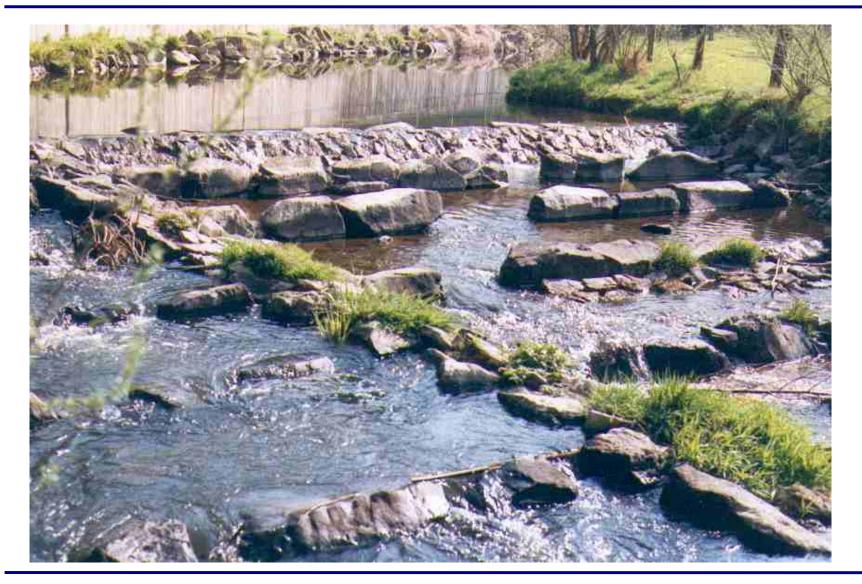




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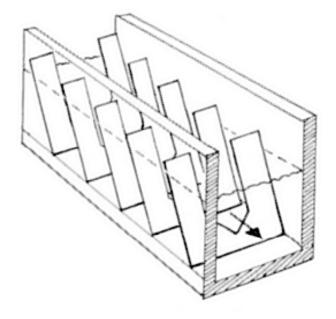
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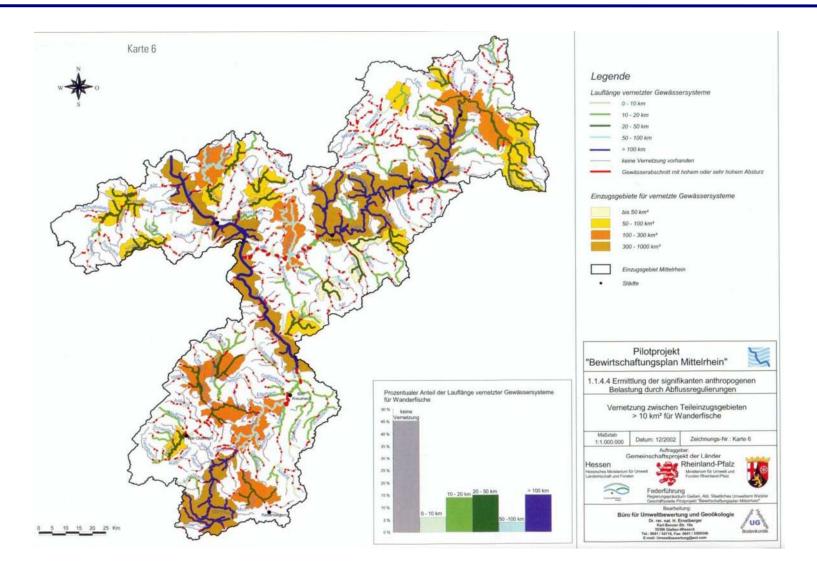




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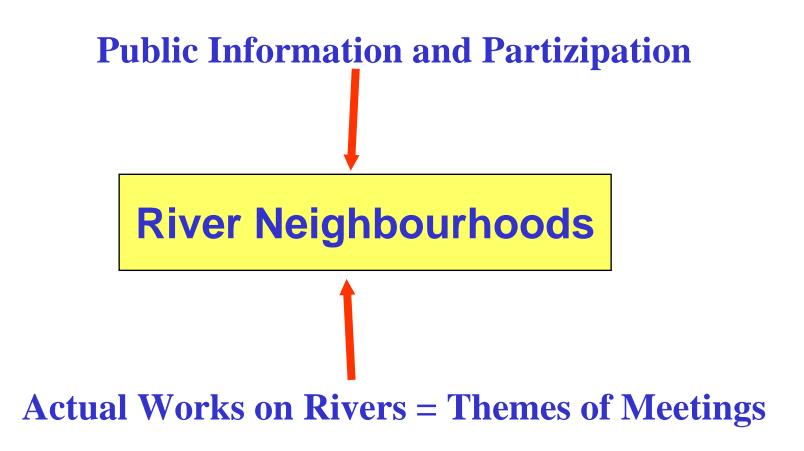




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Public Participation





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Quo vadis?

- The Water Framework directive will not solve all problems; especially small rivers and the river meadows are not visible in the framework.
- Natural river development or river protection still needs the enthusiasm of some people and the public awareness, that we need nature for human beeing.

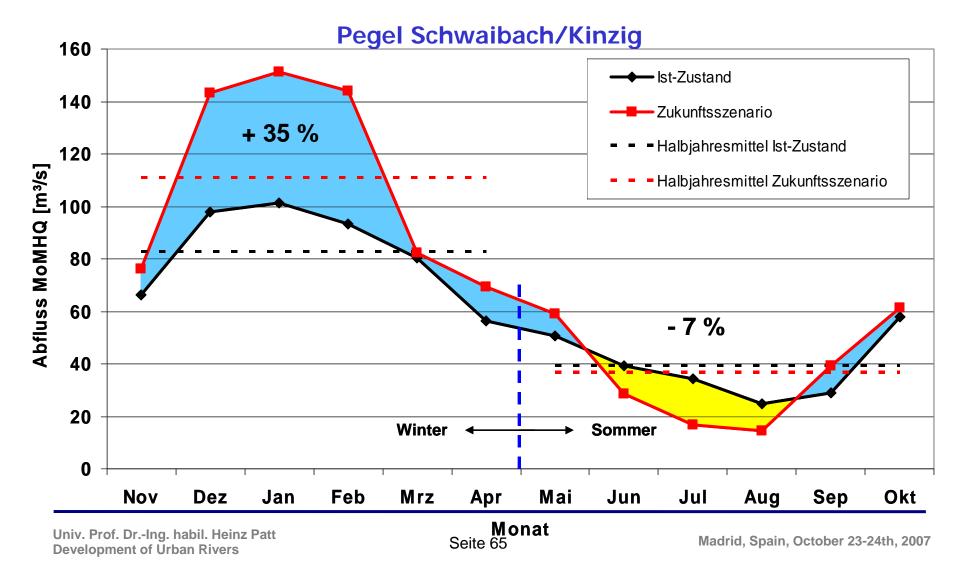




Taking into account

climate changes

Mittlere monatliche Hochwasserabflüsse



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