

## Hydrobiological Monitoring

Public Participation as a tool to optimize the system of Environmental monitoring on the example of the lake Son-Kul, 14-17.08.2017

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#### Introduction

- Water quality assessment by the flora and fauna of water bodies.
- An essential part of integrated water monitoring.
- Allows to detect impact preceding the time of water sampling.
- Allows to assess the level and origin of disorders in aquatic ecosystems, the consequences of pollution.
- Aquatic communities indicate the average longterm composition of water.
- In European Union, USA, Australia the biological evaluation is a government obligation.



### Bioindication

- Bioindicators:
- ▶phyto-, zooplankton;
- ▶ benthos;
- ≻fishes;

≻macrophytes.

- Stressed aquatic system often shows:
- ≻a reduction on taxon richness,
- predominance of pollution-tolerant taxa
- change in number of individuals within a taxon



## Phytoplankton

- Bacteria, algae, fungi
- Primary production of water bodies
- Depths of sampling: 0-2, 0-4 m(if water is clean)
- Preservation with 4% formalin or Lugol liquid, if needed
- Species, biomass, chlorophyll-a measurements
- Rapid reproduction of blue-green algae induces harmful "bloom"



Plankton net



### Zooplankton

- Protozoa, Rotifers, Cladocera, Copepoda, Ostracoda
- Eat plankton and each other
- Feed for fishes and other invertebrates
- Sampling from water column with plankton net or Limnos sampler Plan
- Sampling place and time depend of the aims of research
- Some rotifers indicate eutrophication





Zooplankton



Brachionus calyciflorus



Rotatoria



Daphnia magna

#### Benthos





- Insects larvae, worms, mollusks, rotifers, etc
- Ubiquitous and abundant
- Life span is more than 1 year
- Accumulate pollution and transfer it through the food chain
- Reflect long-term changes in water environment
- Easy to identify









#### **Benthos**

✓ Sampling 2 times a year: spring, autumn

✓ Sampler – scrapers, bottom-grab

✓ Easy to collect

- ✓ Insect larvae are mainly collected, amount and biomass depend on the season
- ✓ Quality and quantity

measurements

✓ Passivirta method



#### Bottom animal scoring by the wet weight of animals

Lauri Paasivirta

Oligotrofic	0 - 1.6 g / m²
Mesotrofic	1.6 - 6 g / m²
Eutrofic	< 6 g / m²

#### **Mayer Index**

Clean water	Organisms of moderate	Polluted water
dwellers, X	tolerance, Y	dwellers, Z
<ul> <li>Stoneflies larvae</li> <li>Mayfly larvae</li> <li>Caddis fly larvae</li> <li>Alderfly larvae</li> <li>Bivalve mollusks</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Freshwater shrimp</li> <li>Crawfish</li> <li>Dragon fly larvae</li> <li><i>Tipulidae</i> larvae</li> <li>Mollusks <i>Planorbidae</i></li> <li>Mollusks <i>Viviparidae</i></li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Chironomid larvae</li> <li>Leech</li> <li>Asellus aquaticus</li> <li>Pond snails</li> <li>Blackfly larvae</li> <li>Oligochaeta</li> </ul>

#### $S=X\bullet 3+Y\bullet 2+Z\bullet 1$

>22 – clean water; 17-21 – oligotrophic; 11-16 – mezotrophic, <11 – eutrophic

### Issyk-Kul lake

#### Phytoplankton:

- 400 species, among them:
- ✓ 68 species of green algae;
- ✓ 64 blue-green species;

blue-green algae causing harmful
 blooms are not present;

- ✓ Maximum growth- spring (May), autumn (Okt-Nov);
- ✓ depth 15-50 m
- ✓ biomass не более 0,2 г/m<sup>3</sup>

60 species: 34 green algae species; 1 blue-green algae; 56 diatoms species

### Issyk-Kul lake

#### Zooplankton:

- 119 species, among them:
- ✓ 98 rotifers, 13 copepods,

8 cladocerans

- ✓ Copepod Arctodiaptomus
- Salinus composes 97% of zooplankton
- ✓ Inhabit the depth from surface till 100 m
- ✓ Maximum growth Aug-Sept, minimum – Feb-Mar.

### Son-Kul lake

- 28 species:
- ✓ 17 rotifers, 5 copepods,
- 6 cladocerans
- ✓ Endemic *Daphnia Sonculensis*
- ✓ Arctodiaptomus bacillifer
- 35- 40 000 species/ м<sup>3</sup>
- ✓ After acclimatization of whitefish zooplankton reduced up to 2/3





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#### Issyk-Kul lake

#### **Benthos:**

- 224 taxa:
- ✓ Charophyte zone(from shoreline up to 40 m depth);
- Chironomids, mollusks, mysids;
- ✓ Abundance reduces with depth

### Son-Kul lake

- Dominance of chironomid larvae and mollusks
- Number of freshwater shrimp has decreased after whitefish acclimatization

### Lake Issyk-Kul

**Fishes:** 

• 28 species:

✓11 indigenous (chebak, chebachok, marinka, osman, carp, etc.)

 ✓ 17 species have been acclimatized (rainbow trout, pike-perch, whitefish, etc)

#### Lake Son-Kul

Until 1950 had been fishless
White fish, peled, osman have been stocked in to the lake

#### Conclusion

- Physic-chemical analysis determines concentrations of pollutants at the moment of water sampling
- Biological assessment shows long-term effects of physicchemical factors on aquatic organisms
- Physical, chemical and biological methods are needed for integrated water quality assessment .

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