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# Restoring the continuity of the Jasieńka River: the hydraulics of water flow through a fish ladder. Case study - Szczepańcowa, Poland



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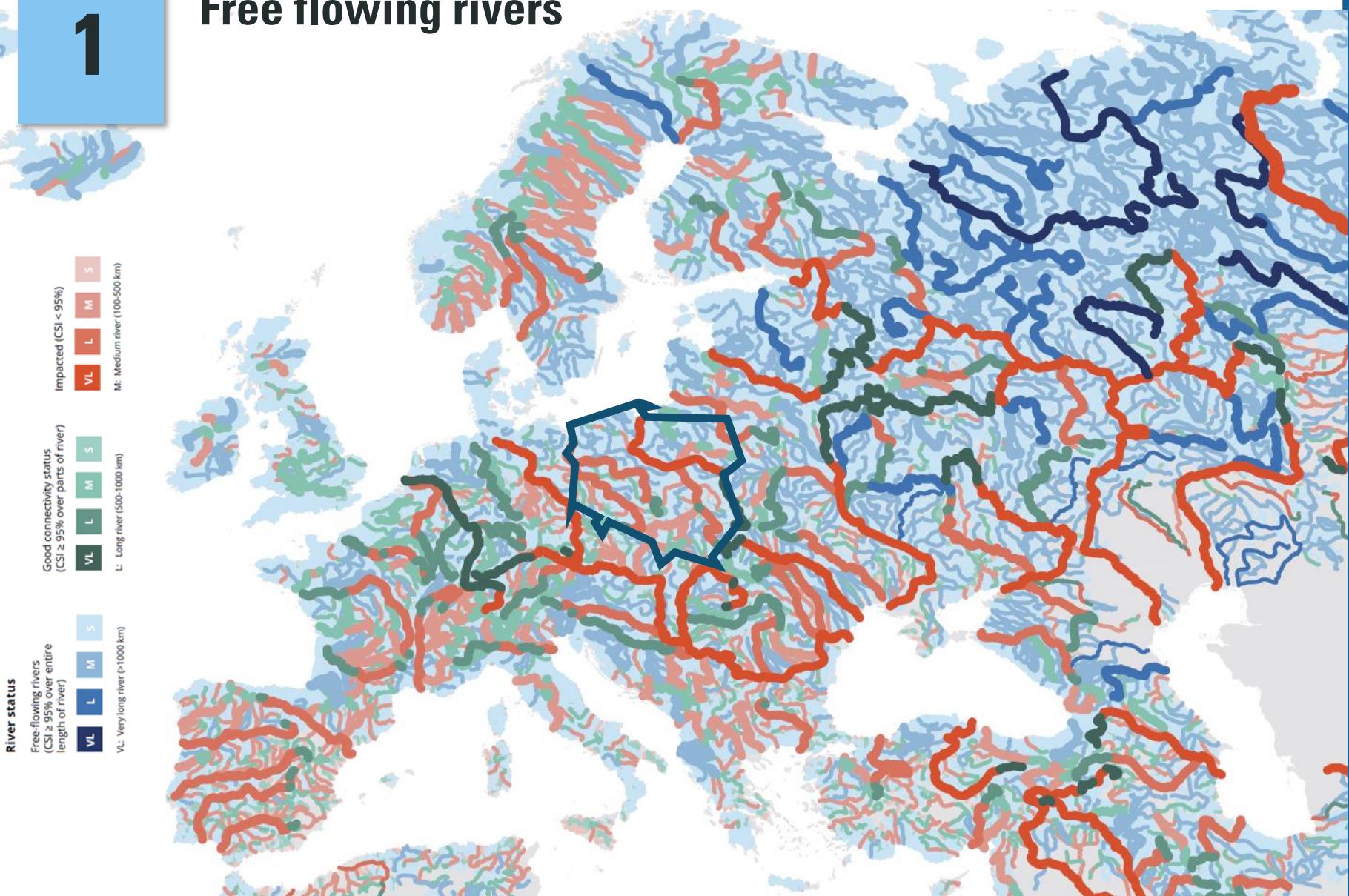
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# Free flowing rivers



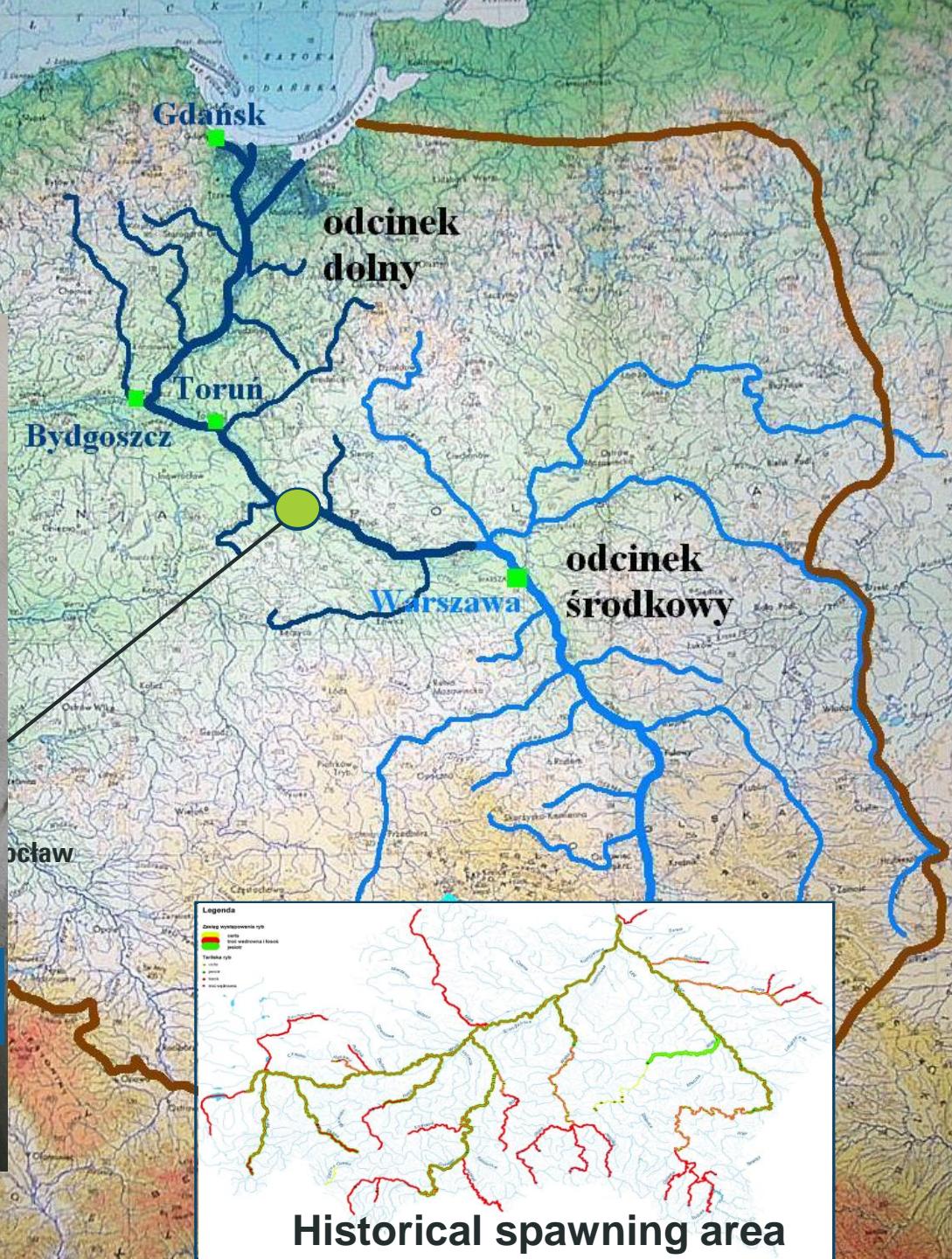
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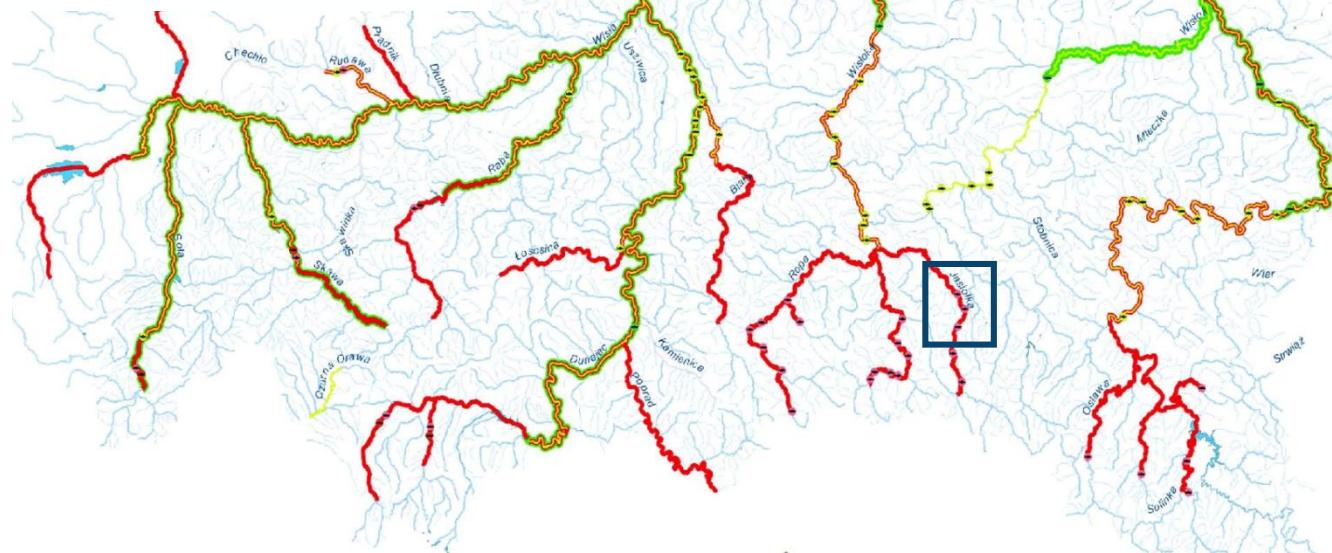
## Reconstruction of the fish ladder at the Włocławek 2014. Monitoring 2014-2017.



- Ryby idą - trocie, certy, leszczce - mówi prof. Piotr Dębowski z Instytutu Rybactwa Śródziemnego w Olsztynie kierujący grupą ichtiologów, która przyjechała na tamę - Teraz przeszło około 200 troci. Mamy też silny ciąg certy. Wczoraj zanotowaliśmy sto kilkadesiąt tych ryb na przeplawie.



# POLAND



**Reophile fish** – needs fast moving, well-oxygenated water and gravel surfaces



**Diadromous fish** travels from the Baltic Sea into river's spring sections to spawn

## The Upper Vistula River Basin – historical spawning area

Channel incision;  
during the 20<sup>th</sup>  
century riverbed  
elevation lowering  
from 2 to 4 meters

↓  
**RIFFLE – POOL**  
sequence  
transformation

↓  
Abundance of fish  
species:  
the turn of the century  
XIX and XX – 35 fish  
species,  
70's XX – 25;  
2002 – 22;  
2011 – 33 (fish  
stocking)

rivers, streams



100000 km

hydraulic structures



32792

embankments



8638 km

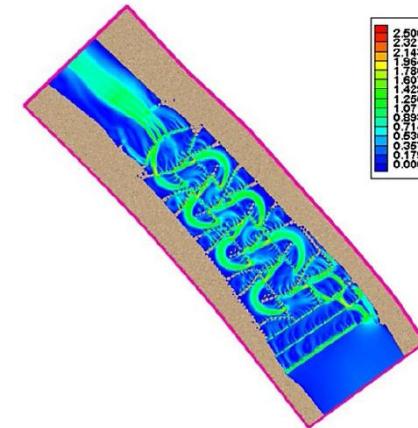


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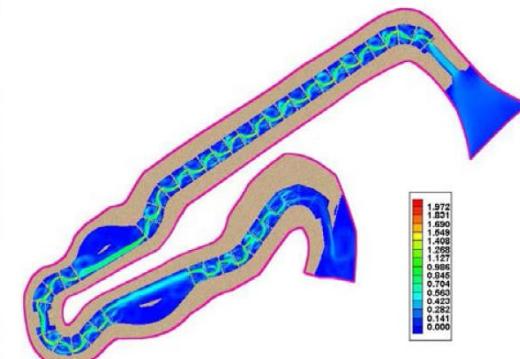
## Mielec

full channel width fish ladder  
in the form of a 96-metre-long  
rapid



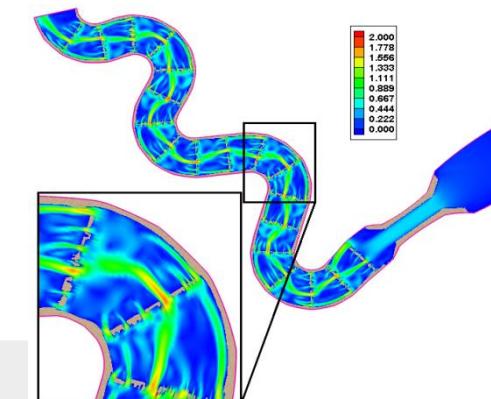
## Mokrzec

fish ladder in the form of a  
bypass, next to the small  
hydroelectric power station,  
approximately 460 m long

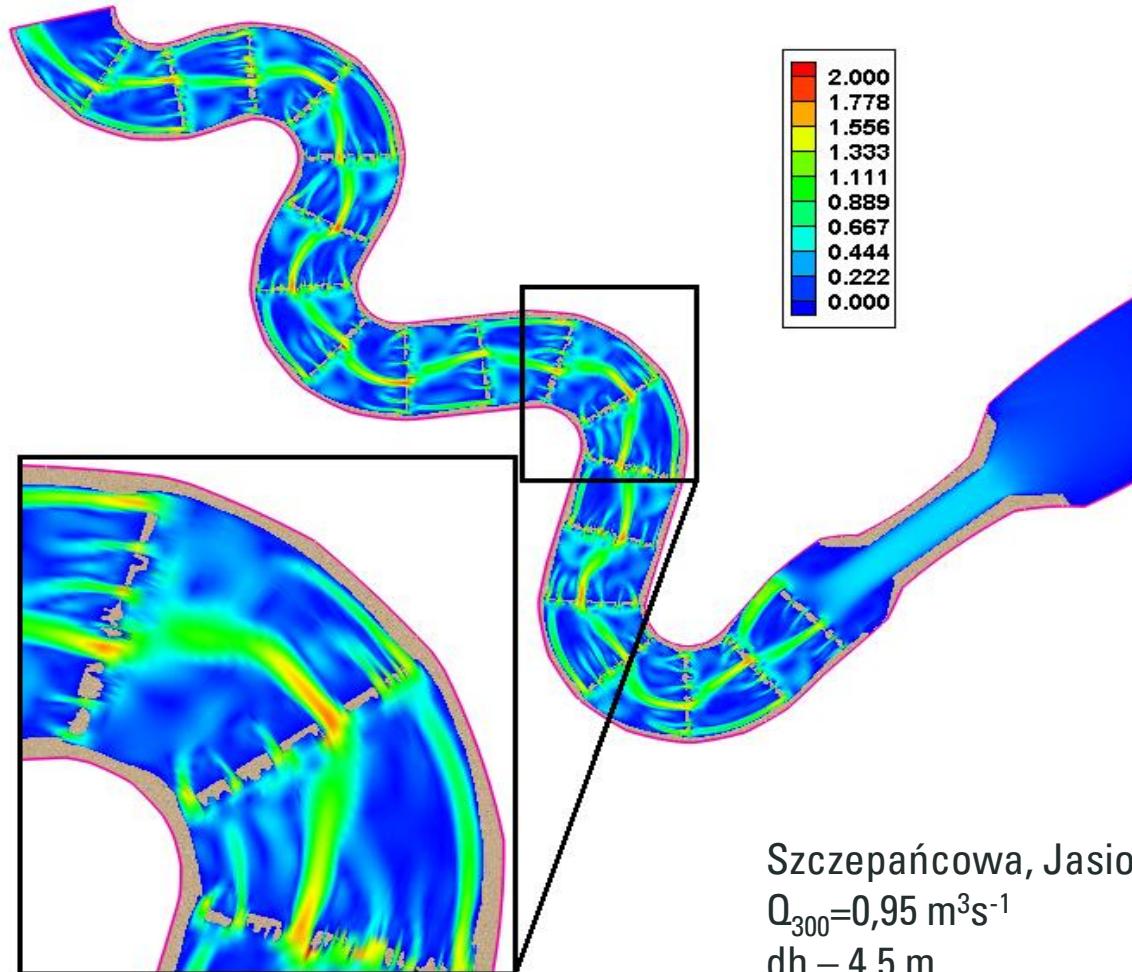


## Szczepańcowa

fish ladder, bypass: 165 m  
long winding route



# Fish ladder - Szczepańcowa



Spatial distribution of average velocities [ $\text{ms}^{-1}$ ]



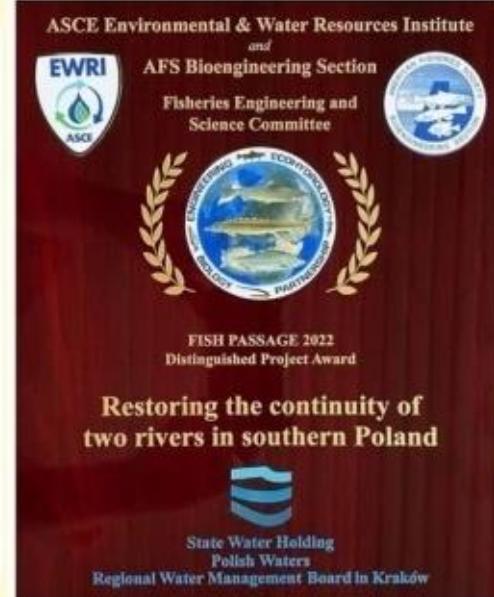
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# Fish ladder close to nature

**Szczepańcowa** – fish ladder in the form of a bypass, 165 m long winding route (circulation channel)



## State Water Holding - Polish Waters received the international Fish Passage 2022 award for the restoration of the Biała Tarnowska and Wisłoka!



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**RESTORING THE CONTINUITY OF TWO RIVERS IN SOUTHERN POLAND**



Biała Tarnowska River – Grybow after modernization  
Wisłoka River – Szczepancowice after construction