



Dam Removal Europe

Inspiring a movement

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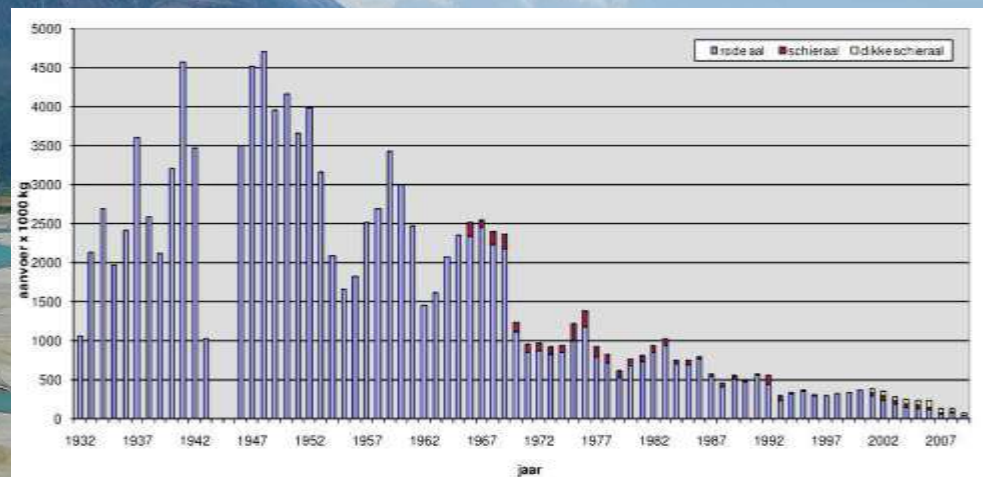
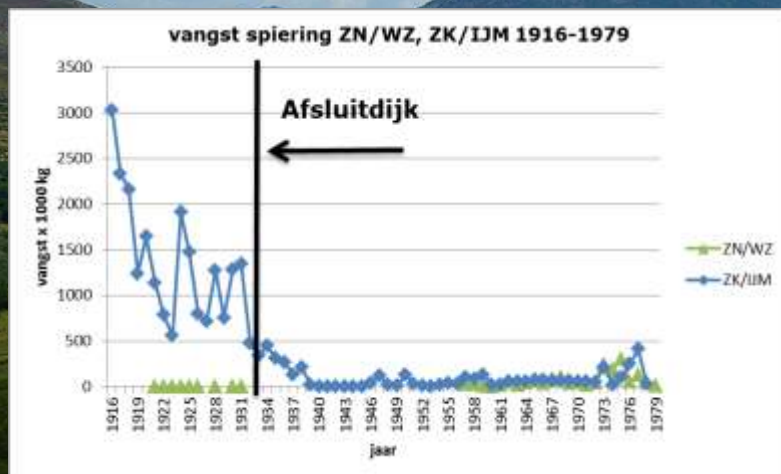
Why?

Planet
Fresh water: 1%
70 - 80% biodiversity



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Heart
of Europe

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Why?

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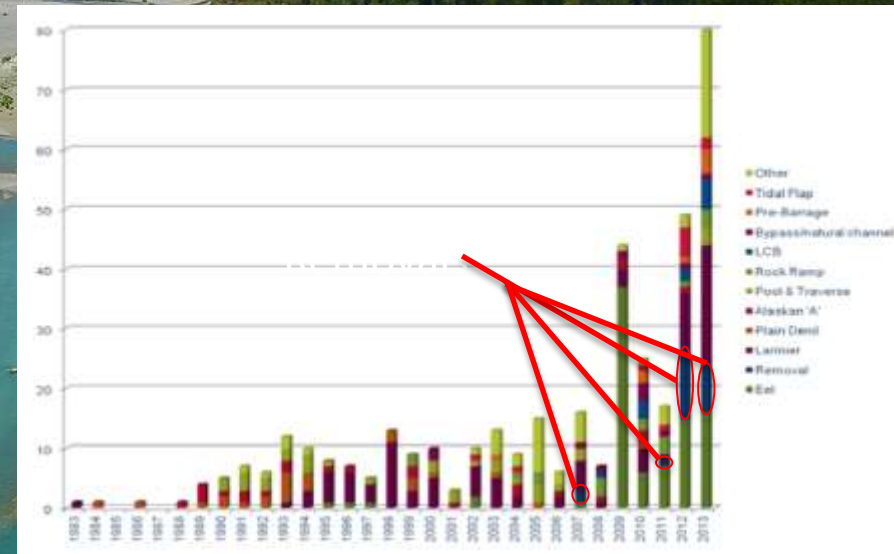


Our ambition

We want to preserve and restore wild and free flowing rivers in Europe for future generations by considering dam removal

Current situation

- **FRANCE:** 1,842
- **SWEDEN:** > 150
- **SPAIN:** >150
- **UK:** ≈100
- **FINLAND:** 5
- **NETHERLANDS** >50
- **BELGIUM:** tbd
- **GERMANY:** tbd
- **SWITZERLAND:** 0



Fish passage improvement schemes across England & Wales 1983-2013, Environmental Agency, England



Dam Removal drivers

- **Safety and liability**
- **Legislation: WFD**
- **Economically: it is getting to expensive...**
- **Environmental:**
 - Restore aquatic connectivity
 - Improve water quality
 - Restore natural water and sediment processes
 - Restore self-sustaining and ecologically river



Dam Removal: Duero basin





Dam Removal: Wales





Dam Removal: France, Vezin Dam





Dam Removal success factors

- It already exists
- Local ownership & motivated stakeholders
- External funding (EU funding, etc)
- Communication: ability to highlight positive results
- Making people proud





Dam Removal Movement

1. Network & knowledge exchange

- Inspire each other
- Generate and share knowledge & experience; incl USA

2. On agenda in Brussels

- Dam Removal as WFD policy option
- European funding for projects

3. Create awareness general public

- Wild and free flowing rivers
- Dam Removal



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Partners



patagonia

UNIVERSITY OF
Southampton





Activities/results

2016

1. Brochure
2. Inventory dams to be removed
3. Dam Removal Workshops (France, Spain)
14 – 15 of November, Spain
4. Setting up dam removal network
 - Website: www.damremoval.eu
 - Social networks
 - News, maps, storytelling





Activities/results

2017

1. Dam Removal Europe film
2. Best practice Europe - interactive map
3. Dam Removal workshops (different countries)
4. Develop and Launch *Dam Removal Guide*
5. Commitment of more partners and finance for + 5 years

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Questions

1. Do you want to be part of this?
2. What would you need from us?
2. Are you interested to participate in Spain workshop?
14 – 15 of November, Spain
3. Dam Removal event spring 2017 in Sweden?

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