# Restoration of Lake Durowskie Macroinvertebrate analysis 2019

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## **Ecosystem Services**

### Environmental services

- Habitat
- Biodiversity
- Carbon sequestration
- Regulate water flow and quality
  - $\circ$  Sediments
  - Nutrients

### Human-value services

- Safe drinking water
- Tourism
- Recreation fishing, kayaking, swimming, etc.





### Pressures

- Land use intensification
  - o Agriculture
  - o Urban development
- Run-off
  - o Eutrophication
  - Significant algae blooms in 2008
- Increased temperatures (heat wave this year)
  - o Reduces the mixing of water
  - o Reduces oxygen
  - o Anoxic conditions







## Aim:

To determine current ecological status of Lake Durowskie, using macroinvertebrates as indicators

Contribute to the greater monitoring program that encompasses other environmental indicators and will assess the overall success of the restoration project so far.



### **Macroinvertebrates**



Ephemeroptera - very sensitive





Acarina - sensitive



Bivalvia - moderately tolerant

Nematoda - moderately tolerant



Oligochaeta - very tolerant

Hirudinea - very tolerant



• Diverse - species and function

- Different sensitivities to pollution
- Relatively easy & inexpensive to sample

Trichoptera - very sensitive



Gastropoda - very tolerant



### **Restoration plan**

- Restoration techniques currently implemented
  - o Wind Aerators
  - o Biomanipulation of predatory fish
  - o Phosphorus inactivation
- Biomonitoring plan (in accordance with the European Water Framework Directive)
  - Yearly monitoring of the lake by students of the International Summer School
  - o Monitoring of
    - Physical and chemical parameters
    - Algae
    - Macrophytes
    - Macroinvertebrates



### **Materials and methods**

Period: Samples were collected from 24 to 29 June 2019 in 14 different sites.

- > Two core samplers were used to collect the sediment samples.
  - 1) 'Czapla' in shallow waters (littoral part of the lake) with maximum depth of 2 meters.
  - 2) 'Kajak' in deeper parts of the lake, with the maximum depth of 14,6 meters.
- Samples of zoobenthos from all places were washed directly in the field using a sieve

### **Equipment used for sampling**



Kajak Sampler diameter 6,0 cm



Czapla Sampler diameter 5,6 cm



Sieve mesh 0,4 cm

### **Equipment used in the laboratory**



Tweezers Pipette Crepe paper Scale Microscope/stereoscope





## **Activities in laboratory**

### Field laboratory:

- Searching for animals in samples
- Separating them by family groups
- Weighting



### Poznań laboratory:

- Classifying the species
- Summing the individuals and their
  - biomass
- Converting to m<sup>2</sup>



### **Indices used**

Diversity indices measure the diversity of the spieces in a community - focus on community composition, less on species richness (e.g. number of species present).

- Shannon-Wiener Index
- Simpson Index

#### Other Indices

- Jaccard Index
- Biological Monitoring Working Party (BMWP)



### **Biodiversity assessment**

- Shannon-Wiener Index

$$H = -\sum_{i=1}^{s} p_i \ln(p_i) \qquad \qquad H = \ln(S)$$

p<sub>i</sub> - the number of individuals in the species divided by the total number of individuals.

High Shannon entropy means high diversity and low Shannon entropy means low diversity.

- Simpson Index 
$$D = \Sigma (n / N)^2$$
 Index = 1-D

n<sub>i</sub> - the total number of organisms of a particular species.

N - the total number of organisms of all species.

Measures the probability that two individuals, randomly selected from a sample, will belong to the same species. Ranges from 0 to 1.

### **Other Indices used to measure water quality**

#### Jaccard Index

- Compare sites (populations) by determining what percent of organisms identified were present in both of them.
- Range 0 100%. The higher the percentage means higher similarity.

#### **Biological Monitoring Working Party (BMWP)**

- Measuring water quality using the presence of species of macroinvertebrates (Tolerances to pollutants)
- Score 1 10





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### **Biomass**



- Biomass ranges from 2138916
  mg/m<sup>2</sup>(station 7) to 70 mg/m<sup>2</sup> (station 5)
- All the pelagic sites showed very low value of biomass: absence of Bivalvia and Gastropoda

### **Overall percentage of abundance in all sites**



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**PROFUNDAL STATIONS** 



### **Overall percentage of abundance in all sites**

LITTORAL STATIONS









### **Temporal trend for abundance and biomass**



### **Shannon-Wiener index**

Site 1	0,48
Site 2	1,18
Site 3	0,00
Site 4	1,38
Site 5	0,69
Site 6	0,92
Site 7	1,32
Site 8	0,79
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### **Shannon-Wiener and Simpson indices comparison**



Station



### Summary

- General decrease in the biodiversity indices compared to previous years
- Poor-Bad quality (BMWP score)
- Dominance of tolerant taxa
- Not on target for European Water Framework Directive objectives
- General positive trend abundance and biomass; fluctuations
- Possible causes
  - o Heat wave (April and June, 2019)



### Recommendations

- Macrophyte revegetation
- Improve the quality of lakes upstream
- Reduce sources of pollution
  - o Agriculture
  - o Urban
- Install more aerators
- Biomanipulation of filter feeders



### **Future research**

- Integrate parameters
  - Physical and chemical, algae and macrophytes
- Samples from inflow and outflow rivers
- Analyse pelagic and littoral zones separately



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### Questions?