

HISTORY OF WATER MANAGEMENT

After the disintegration of the Soviet Union, numerous natural objects of the formerly internal status were cut by the border, and their management became a subject of the international law. Until 1991, before the establishment of the border dividing the Daugava basin, questions of nature protection and use were controlled by the USSR State Committee for Ecology.

Since 1991, the co-ordination of managing activities has been performed on the intergovernmental level.

The international legal base for cross-border co-operation is the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes approved by the UN European Economic Commission and signed in Helsinki on March 17, 1992. The convention was signed and ratified by the Russian Federation and Latvia. Like many other international agreements, the convention is an act of the international law that is not binding to the signatories. However, the document provides a mechanism to actualise its goals: by concluding bilateral and multilateral agreements to develop co-ordinated policies, programmes and strategies in individual catchment basins or their parts, in order to prevent, restrain or reduce the border effects on the protection of water resources and their adjoining areas (Paragraph 6, Article 2).

Thus, even having signed and ratified the framework convention, the parties have to develop and sign bilateral or multilateral agreements with legal provisions for concrete basins. By the beginning of 1999, no multilateral agreements on the use of transboundary waters had been signed by Belarus, Latvia and Russia. Concerning the Daugava basin Latvia and Belarus have an agreement on co-operation in nature protection, signed on February 21, 1994. Russia and Belarus have also signed a similar agreement on July 5, 1994. At present Russia, Belarus and Latvia have started to discuss a trilateral agreement for the Daugava.



The coordinated work in the Daugava basin is based on the activity of international working groups and joint projects. The main participants of the international ecological co-operation are the state bodies of nature protection and use. The structure of these bodies varies significantly in the three countries.

Together with the governmental agencies responsible for the provision of environmental information, various non-governmental organisations collect and disseminate information on the current ecological situation and organise the environmental education of the population. The forms of such organisations vary considerably: non-profits, public associations, educational institutions, funds and other public formations. Accelerated democratisation of the former Soviet republics and growing community involvement in all spheres of life resulted in the increased public participation in solving environmental problems. Their activities are not confined to general education and enlightenment. Not infrequently, NGOs play a decisive role in resolving the problems of water management or international co-operation. At present, when the institutions and administrative agencies for international co-operation have not been established yet, NGOs can serve as communication channel between countries and can help establish initial contacts.

The present Directory contains information on both state agencies and non-governmental and educational organisations operating in the Daugava/Zapadnaya Dvina basin. The authors aimed to present comprehensive information for contacts. However, due to continuous changes in the structure and addresses, some information is likely to be incomplete or dated.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The riverbasin of the Daugava/Zapadnaya Dvina is 100-150 km wide. It borders on the catchments of the Gauya River in the north-west, Lake Peipsi/Chudskoye and Lake Ilmen in the north, the Volga and the Dnieper in the east, the Neman River in the south and south-east, and the Lielupe River in the west. The drainage boundary is limited by the Sventyan ridges, the eastern declivity of the Belarus ridge and the Valday, Gorodok and Latgale highlands. The river mouth discharges into the Baltic Sea through the Gulf of Riga.

The territory of the basin is 87,900 km² and the main part is divided between three countries: Belarus (38%), Russia (32%) and Latvia (28%). The remaining part (2%) is split between Lithuania and Estonia. The basin includes 12,000 rivers of different length and hydrology. The total length of the main river is approximately 1,020 km, with 328 km situated in Belarus. The width of the main riverbed varies from 12 to 300 m, and the banks are 10 to 40 m high.

The Russian part of the Daugava catchment area is comparatively small, and Russia exerts little influence on the ecological situation in the area. Since the issues of nature protection and nature use, as well as the relevant information sources in Russia are within the competence of several state agencies undergoing the process of continuous reform, the present brochure will give a very general overview of the governmental nature protection structures of the Russian Federation.

Ministry of Natural Resources of the Russian Federation

The Russian Federation Ministry of Natural Resources is a federal body of executive power that pursues the state policy in the study, reproduction, use and protection of natural resources, and that co-ordinates the activity of other federal executive bodies in this sphere.

The Ministry was formed by the merger of the State Geology and Mineral Wealth Committee (Roskomnedra) and the State Committee of Water Economy (Roskomvod). Regionally, it is represented by regional committees on natural resources and basin water administration.

The main tasks of the Ministry comprise:

- the development and implementation of the state policy in the study, reproduction, use and protection of natural resources,
- the management of the state mineral resources and the use and protection of water reserves,
- together with other specially authorised state environmental bodies, the monitoring of the earth depths and water facilities.

The Ministry has exclusive authority in the use and protection of water resources. On the interregional level, this function is performed by the Water Basin Administrations.

The regional committees conduct the following activities:

- managing and protecting state water reserves,
- licensing water use activities,
- participating in the implementation of the state policy in the study, reproduction, use and protection of water resources,
- on behalf of the state, commissioning and contracting construction and planning activities in water use,
- monitoring water facilities.

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GOSKOMEKOLOGY

The Russian Federation State Committee for Environmental Protection (Goskomecology) is a governmental body implementing the state policy in environmental protection, ensuring ecological safety and preserving biological diversity. The agency is responsible for securing a healthy and ameliorating environment. It also conducts regular ecological inspections and provides for the state ecological control.

The main tasks:

- to provide for the enforcement of the state policy, state management and control;
- to co-ordinate activities of state executive bodies and other organisations;
- to perform state environmental inspections;
- to exert the state environmental control;
- to develop the legislative basis, instructional materials and informational sources, and to pursue a unified research policy;
- to regulate questions of uses of natural resources in order to provide for their sustainable use.

One of the priority activities of the agency is the monitoring of the sources of anthropogenic influence on the environment and the monitoring of the flora and fauna (with the exception of forests).

Goskomecology obtains information about environmentally harmful emissions and discharges, and about the storage of waste materials from its local offices and their on-site analytical inspections. It also resorts to the data received from other agencies that provide materials for the annual governmental Report on the Environmental Situation in the Russian Federation.

The functions of Goskomecology comprise the state regulation and rationing in environmental protection. It establishes rules and quotas for the use of various natural resources, as well as restrains or completely abolishes economic activities that violate environmental legislation. In addition, the agency grants or revokes licenses and permits for environmentally hazardous activities.

One of the priority tasks of Goskomecology is to create a system of zones and preserves under special protection, and the major part of such territories is controlled by the agency itself.

Goscomecology also registers environmentally-harmful enterprises and establishments.

In co-operation with other authorised governmental bodies, Goskomecology participates in keeping cadastres of natural resources, creates and updates information databases, as well as collects, processes, analyses and disseminates information on environmental issues. It is also bound to supply government agencies, local self-governments and communities with the necessary ecological information.

RF STATE COMMITTEE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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Environmental Protection

Regional Committees: Tver, Smolensk, Pskov

Every region (oblast) of the Russian Federation has its own regional committee for environmental protection under Goskomecology. The functions of such committees embrace:

- co-ordination of local nature protection organisations,
- state ecological control,
- state ecological inspections,
- environmental education and training.



On the local level, regional committees implement the policy pursued by Goskomecology and participate in international projects that are underway in their regions. The committees possess sufficient authority and competence to participate in international projects, therefore, the implementation of such projects is often actualised locally.

The catchment-area of the Daugava/Zapadnaya Dvina River is located in three administrative regions of the Russian Federation: the Smolensk Region, the Tver Region and the Pskov Region. The part of the catchment within the Pskov Region boundaries is insignificant, therefore, representatives of the regional environmental committee did not participate in the project. Nevertheless, the brochure contains some information about the Pskov Region as well.

Locally, the committees are represented by municipal and district committees.

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Federal Service for Hydro-meteorology and Environmental Monitoring of the Russian Federation

ROSGYDROMET

Rosgydromet is a federal executive body concerned with the state management in compiling data on hydro-meteorological and helio-physical activities in economy and defence, with the environmental monitoring and pollution control, and with the influence upon hydro-meteorological and geophysical processes.

The main tasks of the agency comprise the monitoring, analysis and prognosis of the condition of the atmosphere, soil, open inland water, sea, agricultural land and pasture, and outer space, as well as the transboundary transfer of pollutants. The agency is also concerned with the collection, analysis and summarisation of hydro-meteorological information.

Rosgydromet organises and co-ordinates the monitoring of environmental pollution, including the radioactive situation on the territories affected by the Chernobyl disaster and other radioactive accidents, and it prepares materials about the environmental situation for the annual governmental report.

The agency provides for the development and efficient work of the state monitoring system, including the system for collecting, storing, processing, analysing and disseminating hydro-meteorological, helio-physical and environmental information. It is responsible for the state hydro-meteorological databank and the state environmental databank, and it provides for the centralised data processing and dissemination. Rosgydromet possesses information about hydro-meteorological disasters and emergencies, and about the extreme cases of environmental pollution.

The Rosgydromet system includes regional offices, hydro-meteorological stations and posts, stations of environmental monitoring, and other federal enterprises and institutions. A number of research organisations are also part of this system.

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NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS

In general, Russian NGOs do not participate in projects concerning the Daugava/Zapadnaya Dvina basin. However, below are some contact addresses of organisations that may be interested in joint projects.

NGO Ecoline

Established in 1995, priority activities include:

- to simplify access of public organisations to environmental information with the help of both traditional and advanced technologies;
- to support public initiatives aimed at participation in environmental decision-making;
- to collect, analyse and disseminate environmental information and other data necessary for environmental NGOs.

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Socio-Ecological Union SOCECO

Soceco is an international non-profit structure uniting independent organisations and groups working in Azerbaijan, Armenia, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kirghizstan, Moldova, Russia, the United States, Tadzhikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, and the Ukraine. The union is the biggest environmental organisation on the territory of the former USSR.

The goal of the union, as it is stated in its charter, is "to unite the intellectual capacity, material and financial resources, and the organisational opportunities of its members in order to protect the nature and inhabitants of Earth, to preserve and restore the natural and cultural heritage of the humanity, to provide for the physical and spiritual development of people, and to secure environmental safety and sustainability."

The union initially appeared as a voluntary association of local and regional environmental groups and organisations of various legal statuses. The sphere of its interests embraces both environmental questions and the protection of human beings from the consequences of their actions. The union uses different means, including political ones, in order to accomplish its goals.

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Center for Transboundary Cooperation CTC

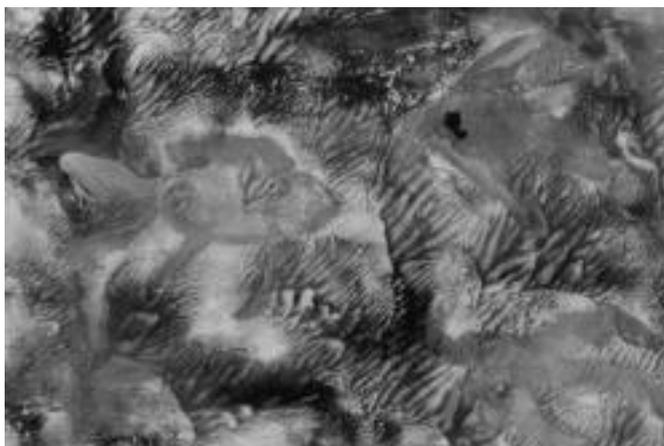
The Center for Transboundary Cooperation CTC was established in July 1998 and officially registered on 19 July 1999 as an international non-political non-governmental umbrella organization expanding the international work of two local NGOs: Lake Peipsi Project Tartu (registered in Estonia in 1994) and Lake Peipsi Project Pskov (registered in Russia in 1997). The Center works to promote sustainable human development in border areas of New Independent States (NIS) and Baltic States through promoting following activities: training projects and local sustainable development projects for local governments, community groups; integration projects to assist Russian-speaking people living in northeastern Estonia to integrate into the wider Estonian society; environmental and sociological research projects; promoting information exchange and communication across the border and between different levels of government from both sides of the border and all sectors of the society through development of e-mail communication and Internet homepage, publications, and organization of international events and conferences.

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THE REPUBLIC OF BELARUS

The biggest part of the Daugava/Zapadnaya Dvina basin is located in Belarus. The entire northern Belarus belongs to this catchment. The Belarus part accommodates large industrial centres, Vitebsk, Polotsk and Novopolotsk, with oil refineries and chemical enterprises that are a permanent source of environmental risk and toxic pollution.



The Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection, authorised by the Belarus legislature to perform functions related to nature protection, is the main governmental body in the sphere of nature use in the Republic of Belarus.

Priority tasks of the Ministry include:

- developing and implementing a common state policy in environmental protection and the rational use of natural resources;
- implementing complex administration of environmental protection activities in the republic, as well as co-ordinating the activities of other administrative bodies and organisations;
- exerting the state control in the sphere of environmental protection and nature use;
- providing communities with the information concerning the state of the environment and measures taken in order to improve it, participating in the development of ecological education and training, and co-operating with public organisations for environmental protection;
- developing international co-operation within its competence.

MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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Department of Information
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Agency for State Ecological Inspection of Projects, Technical Operations, Machines, and Equipment
Department of Ecological Inspection of Projects related to the Construction of Melioration and Water Systems and Technical Operations
Department of Ecological Inspection of Projects related to Water Delivery and Sewer Systems, and Protection of Air Quality
Department of Monitoring and Analytical Control
Agency for State Inspection of Water Management and Protection
Department of Water Management
Department for Water Protection
Agency for State Control and Inspection of Use and Protection of Land, Forests, Peat and Mineral Resources
Department for Control and Disposal of Industrial and Public Waste
Agency for State Control and Inspection of the Management and Protection of Fauna, Wild Game, and Nature Reserves
Department for Management and Protection of Fauna
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Natural Resources and Environmental Protection

The main principle of the administrative management in the sphere of nature use and environmental protection can be defined as “permit-&-prohibit.” In essence, it means that the Ministry (Minprirody) and its departments (or other authorised bodies) set limits on the use of certain kinds of natural resources, amount of pollutants released into the environment, disposal of the refuse, etc.



In accordance with the legislation of the Republic of Belarus, employees of the Ministry and its departments have a right to suspend activities of enterprises and plants if they do not comply with the norms of ecological security. They also write reports and impose administrative penalties for citizens and officials violating environmental legislation.

The same principle is applied to the process of the state ecological inspection. Projects that failed the ecological inspection are restricted from being implemented and receive no financial support.

The network of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection includes 6 regional committees, the Minsk municipal committee, and 123 local offices dealing with environmental inspections. The catchment-area of the Daugava/Zapadnaya Dvina River is located mainly on the territory of the Vitebsk Region and is managed by the Vitebsk Regional Committee of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection, as well as 20 municipal and district inspection offices.

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Laboratory for Environmental Monitoring		tel. +375 212 37 34 50
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The Ministry network also includes several specialised research institutes concerned with the study of water resources and their management.

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The Ministry network also includes the Committee of Fish Protection concerned with the protection, use and reproduction of fish and invertebrate species.

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The issues of communal water use and waste water treatments lie within the competence of the Ministry of Public Utilities.

Braslav Lakes National Park

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The park is one of the recently established national parks of Belarus. It was created to preserve the ecosystem of the Braslav lakes and to develop the tourist facilities of the area. The entire territory of the park is located within the Daugava/Zapadnaya Dvina basin, and is therefore directly dependent on the environmental condition of the river. The monitoring research and the tourist infrastructure development are permanently underway on the park area.

BELARUSSIAN NGOS

There are several non-governmental organisations based in Minsk. They play the role of resource centres for other environmental organisations, including local NGOs. However, in personal talks with NGO leaders, it became obvious that the interests of Minsk-based organisations were primarily directed to the problems of the Neman River. Its catchment-basin is shared by Belarus, Lithuania, Russia and Poland. Thus, in the northern part and in the Vitebsk Region, in particular, there are very few functioning non-profit organisations, especially, of environmental orientation.

According to the 1996 data, there were 70 public organisations in Belarus that were somehow engaged in environmental protection. 46 of them were located in Minsk, the rest in other large cities: Brest, Grodno, Gomel and Mogiliov. Four of the registered organisations were based in Vitebsk. During our visit to Vitebsk in the spring 1998, we managed to come in touch with one of them; the fate of the other three was unknown.

The Minsk organisation School-2 is creating its own database of the Belarussian environmental organisations. In the 1998 directory, there were 35 organisations of this kind. Such significant discrepancy between the School-2 and the ISAR data can be attributed to the fact that the latter includes many organisations for which environmental activity is not a priority area. 26 of the organisations included in the School-2 directory are located in Minsk, and only two in Vitebsk.

Among the Minsk-based NGOs, there are several organisations collaborating with other associations and serving as resource and information centres for environmental institutions, e.g. the BURENCO (Bureau of Environmental Consulting), the Baltic University Programme, ECOLINE, the Next Stop New Life NGO and others. Some of these NGOs have regional offices in other cities of Belarus.

Here we give a brief description of major non-governmental organisations in Minsk that co-operate with local NGOs.

BURENCO Bureau of Environmental Consulting

The bureau was founded in 1996 within the twin-city partnership programme between Minsk and the Dutch city of Eindhoven. It is an independent non-profit non-governmental organisation concerned with the environmental consulting. It was established at the Ecology Department of the Technical Academy, and its priority goals embrace the transfer of Dutch experience and technologies in the field of environmental management and energy saving to Minsk and the implementation of new principles of environmental awareness and behaviour among the population of Minsk. The work is done in close co-operation with the municipalities and businesses of the two cities. The Minsk municipality, PHILIPS Company, Eindhoven municipality and MATRA Dutch Embassy programme sponsor the Bureau.

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NGO Ecoline

Ecoline was established in 1995 as an independent, non-governmental non-profit organisation. It works to facilitate the access of general public to domestic and international sources of environmental information. It also supports the development and implementation of effective democratic mechanisms of formulating environmental policy aimed to increase the role of citizens and their associations in environmental protection, and to promote international co-operation in resolving environmental problems of the countries in transition.

Ecoline, with the support of the Belarus Soros Foundation, John and Catherine MacArthur Foundation and the NGO ECOLOGIA, operated the Minsk Open Environmental Library, created the web-site Belarussian Environmental Pages, and organised training seminars for Belarussian NGOs.

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Baltic University

The Baltic University programme is aimed at environmental education. The university director, Mr. Dorozhko, is also the Head of the Ecology Department of the Polytechnical Academy and the Director of the Belarussian Association of Environmental Professionals.

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NGO Belaya Rus

Sergei Dorozhko, Head of the Ecology Department of the Polytechnical Academy, is also an initiator and organiser of the youth environmental organisation Belaya Rus, which deals with environmental education organising expeditions to study environmental issues in different regions of the country with a special interest towards the study of the Neman River watershed. Belaya Rus develops projects of environmental monitoring and consulting.

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School-2

The information group School-2 provides technical and informational support to regional NGOs. School-2 distributes the ECOINFORM e-mail bulletin and its printed version to environmental NGOs of Belarus, Russia and the Ukraine and to the Belarussian mass media. One of priority activities of the group is the compilation of the electronic directory of Belarussian NGOs and the respective website. The Belarussian co-ordinator of the programme is Mr. Chirkov, Alexander.

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Next Stop – New Life

The organisation is not directly involved with the protection of the Daugava/Zapadnaya Dvina basin. However, it may prove to be useful as partner in questions of environmental education, alternative energy, and permaculture.

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Belarussian Department of the International Academy of Ecology

By the words of its Director, Mr. Shirokov, the organisation is a network of sixty-nine researchers from all over Belarus, who deal with different environmental issues. The organisation was created in 1992. Main directions of its activities are technological measures to decrease emissions causing acid rains and other new technologies for industries; the development of the Alternative Energy Programme for Belarus and Local Sustainable Development Programmes, including environmental information distribution, independent environmental expertise, and the design of energy-efficient houses.

The Academy representatives were co-organisers of a seminar, ECOFORUM, in 1996, where participants practised in constructing energy-efficient straw-bale houses. Following the initiative of the seminar, the republic organised a national programme of building economical dwellings from renewable natural materials.

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Among the local NGOs operating in the Daugava/Zapadnaya Dvina basin, the following organisations can be mentioned:

Newspaper Narodnoye Slovo of the Vitebsk Green Party

The newspaper features environmental materials and covers the activity of the regional committee and local environmental inspections. The journalist Svetlana Dedinkina confirms the existence of the Green Party, which has been recently registered in the town. The Green Party consists of about twenty members and is currently experiencing a period of education for the party members: they are learning about how to organise their activities. However, members of the Vitebsk Green Party has already participated in an educational seminar organised by ECOLINE and the Swedish Green Party.

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Belarussian Environmental Union

The organisation was established in 1990 and at present has local offices in numerous cities of Belarus. Main activities include environmental education, inspection, theoretical development of environmental concepts and perspective programmes, etc. The union co-operates with state agencies. The address below belongs to the Gorodok office, which is involved in the Daugava/Zapadnaya Dvina programme.

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Daugava SOCECO Branch for the Zapadnaya Dvina Basin

The organisation was established in 1991 and has a variety of interests: environmentally friendly agriculture, environmental inspection, radioactive monitoring, environmentally friendly land use, urban development after 2000, etc.

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THE LATVIAN REPUBLIC

The low reaches and the rivermouth of the Daugava/Zapadnaya Dvina are situated on the Latvian territory. This part of the river has the highest water level and the widest riverbed. Consequently, all the processes impairing the water quality in the upper countries, Belarus and Russia, directly affect the Latvian environment. In Latvia, the river also plays a significant economic role. The Latvian territory of the catchment-area is the location of Latvia's two largest cities: Riga and Daugavpils, and at several points the river is dammed up by power stations.

The main state nature protection and co-ordinating body in Latvia is the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development of the Latvian Republic.



Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development

The Latvian Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development is the youngest of the twelve ministries of Latvia. It was formed in the summer of 1993, when the structure of the government was reformed after the fifth parliamentary election. The ministry took over the ecological functions of the disbanded Committee for Environmental Protection. As for the regional development aspect of the Ministry's work, before its appearance it had not been co-ordinated on the governmental level.

The activity of the Ministry is very diverse and is not confined to the two areas mentioned in its name. The Ministry is subsidised by the state budget, the Latvian Environmental Protection Fund and the Environmental Investment Fund, the latter two sponsoring some projects implemented by the Ministry.

The Ministry is made up of three sections and six departments and is headed by the Minister of Environmental Protection and Regional Development. On the highest level, the issues of nature protection and use are within the competence of the State Secretary for Environment.

Within the Ministry, nature protection activities are co-ordinated by the Department of Environmental Protection. Its main task is to develop and implement the state policy in nature protection, as well as to plan and control its actualisation. The most important aspects in this sphere are the development of the legal framework and of the relevant structures.

The Department's main activities include the formulation and implementation of the national environmental protection programmes, such as the Environmental Protection Policy Plan (EPPP), Environmental Protection Action Programme (EPAP), the elaboration of environmental protection policy instruments, and the integration of requirements into strategic plans and programmes for other sectors.

Since international environmental agreements also lie within the competence of the Department of Environmental Protection, it functions as the main Latvian participant in the Daugava River projects. Some aspects of the projects are also developed by the Department's subdivisions and other nature protection organisations co-operating with the Ministry.

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State Environmental Inspection

The Inspection is one of the Ministry's substructures. It was set up to control and supervise the implementation of the state environmental policy. The Inspection, together with the Centre of Environmental Data (see below), maintains and updates the databank of environmentally-risky activities. The Inspection has several subdivisions:

- Section of small vessels
- Section of the biological resources of inland waters
- Section of chemical substances and dangerous wastes
- Section of radiation control and radioactive safety
- Section of soil control
- Section of air quality control
- Section of water control
- Section of mineral resources
- Section of biological control

The Inspection co-operates with the Swedish Institute of Radioactive Protection, and it has signed an agreement on co-operation and technical assistance in radioactive warnings with the Danish Ministry of Internal Affairs.

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State Environmental Expert Board

The Board is also part of the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development, and it provides for the expertise of various programmes and projects in respect to their influence on the environment.

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Environmental Consulting and Monitoring Centre

The Centre was established in 1995 on the basis of the Environmental Consulting and Technology Project and the Centre of the Environmental Analysis. At present, the Centre is concerned with the preparation and publication of annual reports on the condition of the environment in Latvia and with the co-ordination of the state system of environmental monitoring.

The Centre is made up of the following departments:

Department of Environmental Surveys engages in the analysis of information about the quality of the environment and about the anthropogenic load. Its surveys include the essential information on the ecological situation, environmental tendencies, forecasts and proposals for necessary activities.

Monitoring Department co-ordinates the system of environmental monitoring and develops complex programmes for the environmental monitoring of individual components, such as surface water, underground and marine waters, air, forests, state preserves, soil, geological processes, etc. The Department is in charge of the co-operation with the neighbouring Lithuania, Belarus and Russia in the joint monitoring of surface water.

Convention Department co-ordinates the observance of the Helsinki Convention and functions as the national HELCOM Focal Point.

Secretariat, functioning since 1998, develops the state strategy for environmental education and communications.

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Centre of Environmental Data

The Centre's main goal is to study the quality of the environment, to develop the methodology for the qualitative analysis and to create and update a uniform information database for the available statistics.

Department of Data Processing is directly involved with the creation of the database. Its tasks embrace the accumulation and processing of the monitoring data, the implementation of the Geographic Information System and the development of software applications for using the database in decision-making.

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Regional Departments of the Ministry: Madona, Daugavpils, Lielvarde

Locally, nature protection activities are co-ordinated by the Ministry's regional departments. There are eight regional departments in Latvia, each of them covering several administrative units. Three of these departments are located in the Daugava basin. The main goal of all the departments is to actualise the state nature protection and regional development policy locally.

The basic structures of their activity are alike. Their functions comprise:

- organising environmental examination,
- participating in the development of the legal framework for nature protection and use, and of various programmes and projects in this sphere,
- licensing the use of water resources and the disposal of waste materials, setting quotas and maximum permissible pollution levels,
- creating and updating the environmental information database,
- co-operating with local mass media,
- controlling and licensing fishing.

Ecological laboratories of the regional departments conduct the regular analysis of the activated silt, the pollution of water, air and soil, the radiation background and the hydro-biological condition of water in rivers and lakes.

The ecological supervision in every region is carried out by regional inspections, which represent structural subdivisions of the departments. They are concerned with:

- control of the water pollution level, air protection requirements and condition of the purification facilities,
- control of the prescribed norms and quotas in water use and permissible pollution levels,
- control of the organisation and maintenance of dumping-sites,
- control of the requirements in the protection of flora, fauna and land use,
- control of the storage, transportation and use of dangerous residues, toxic materials, pesticides and other chemicals,
- control of national nature preservation zones,
- control of the use and registration of underground waters and mineral resources,
- imposing of penalties and sanctions for environmentally-harmful activities,
- environmental education

Regional departments and their inspections represent an important part of the decentralised system of nature protection.

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State Hydro-meteorology Agency

The main goal of the State Hydro-Meteorology Agency is to actualise the state policy in the sphere of hydro-meteorology. The Agency collects data about the environmental situation, prepares weather forecasts and conducts hydro-meteorological monitoring.

One of the Agency's departments, the Environmental Pollution Observation Committee (EPOC), is directly responsible for the control of the precipitation, surface water, snow and air quality. Its main activities embrace:

- the development and implementation of environmental monitoring activities for international, national, and local programmes, plans, and projects;
- the analysis and processing of the collected data, and the provision of the respective information;
- participation in creating an environmental databank;
- co-operation with state agencies and international organisations in environmental monitoring programmes;
- control of the fulfilment by Latvia of international agreements and conventions.

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Teichi State Preserve

Teichi is the biggest wetland area (19,047 hectares) of the Baltic region, and it has a world-wide significance not only as a unique natural marshland but also as a feeding and nesting place for many species of marsh birds. By the international classification of nature preserves, Teichi rates as the first category preserve, and it has been included on the list of bird habitats of international significance.

Main activities include the development of vegetation maps, registration of big mammals and the analysis of their influence upon the forest ecosystem, registration of birds, monitoring of rare marsh bird species and their biological studies, monitoring of migration processes of geese and cranes, development of management and decision-making GIS systems, hydrological monitoring and monitoring of the lake water quality.

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LATVIAN NGOS

According to the information of the Latvian office of the Central European Regional Environmental Centre, in Latvia at present there are 109 registered environmental organisations. In addition, there exist numerous children's and educational organisations. At the same time, the Riga Centre of Non-Profit Organisations has only two environmental NGOs registered in their database. And the information from the Forum of Latgalian Non-Profit Organisations, held in August, 1998 in Rezekne, states that environmental associations amount up to 3% of all Latgalian non-profit organisations (Latgale is one of the four historic provinces of Latvia, located in the south-east, along the border with Lithuania and Belarus).

The complete list of Latvian environmental NGOs can be found in the database of the REC website at www.rec.org. Here we give information about NGOs involved in the project and interested in further participation in the Daugava/Zapadnaya Dvina programmes.



Children Environmental School

The priority goal is environmental education and the development of educational programmes, teachers' training courses and children's environmental camps.

Within the school's framework, several secondary schools in the Daugava basin participate in monitoring activities under the Coastwatch Project. In 1995/96, the students examined the quality of the Daugava water under the project The Daugava Tells Me Her Tales.

The school collaborates with other NGOs: DIVIC, the North Vidzeme Nature Preserve, the Daugava Museum, the Biological Institute of the Latvian University, the WWF Latvian office and others.

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NGO Daugava Foundation

The Foundation's main goal is environmental protection with the special attention to preserved areas and to the reduction of the Daugava water pollution.

The Foundation's activities directly affect the quality of the Daugava water in a number of ways: the Foundation performs water quality monitoring, it initiated the ban on discharges of the aluminium sulphate pulp on the banks of the Olektes River and the left bank of the Daugava, and it conducts cleansing activities to collect the discharged pulp.

The Foundation co-operates with museums, national parks, the Children Environmental School and local self-governments through sponsoring various environmental projects. The Foundation participated in such international projects as Coastwatch-Europe, GLOBE, BSP, etc.

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Latvian Environmental Club, Leilvarde Office

The Club's activities are aimed at environmental education and the collection of information connected with environmental protection and the reproduction of natural resources in the region.

The Club co-operates with the Biological Association, Sweden, in the section Nature and Environment, with the Regional Environmental Department of Lielvarde, the Inspection for Historical and Natural Monuments, Environmental Foundation, RIB Foundation, REC Centre, and with the local self-governments in the Keguma basin.

The projects that have been successfully implemented or are still underway include:

- 1.the reinforcement of the Daugava banks in the Lielvarde park, at the foot of the 13th century castle,
- 2.a two-day seminar for school teachers and other interested representatives,
- 3.the construction of fish nurseries in the Keguma basin in order to increase fish resources.

These projects help restore the Daugava landscape and resources. They have received a very positive evaluation of many specialists and are well financed. The Club also runs several previous local projects designed and implemented in co-operation with local schools, e.g. the arrangement of environmental paths for tourists and campers, the protection of local objects of nature, etc.

The Lielvarde Office of the Club has initiated and sponsored numerous environmental projects.

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DIVIC Nature Studies and Environmental Education Centre

The mission of the Centre is a harmonious person in a harmonious environment.

The activities include environmental monitoring, education, protection and the formation of environmental public consciousness. The Centre also functions as a regional representative of the Riga NGO Centre, and is therefore one of the most influential NGOs in the region, significantly affecting local environmental public policies. The Centre is an active participant of the Daugava programmes.

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Latvian Nature Fund

The Fund's mission is to preserve biodiversity in Latvia.

The Fund is engaged in the Daugava programme through the project of environmental protection for the national park Daugavas Loki (in co-operation with the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development).

The Fund participated in the projects CORINE Biotopes, and ICZM Programme for Integrated Management in the Baltic Sea Area. It prepared information about the nature of Latvia for the survey of Nordic countries Biodiversity 2000. The Fund participated in EUROSITE Annual Meetings, and the IUCN Conference and in the Commission of National Parks, Germany, 1997.

The Fund co-operates with the Latvian Society of Bird-Watchers, Latvian Entomological Society, Latvian Botanical Society and Latvian Society of Terricolous Species. It consults specialists in various branches.

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Latvian Pollution Prevention Centre (LPPC)

Established in 1994, the Latvian Pollution Prevention Centre, as an independent, non-profit organisation, educates, promotes and introduces advanced waste minimisation, cleaner production programmes and environmental management systems in manufacturing plants, designed to generate measurable environmental and economic benefits, thus providing for the sustainable development of the Latvian industry. The LPPC helps Latvian enterprises to be competitive in the western market adopting environmental management and the ISO 14000 certification.

The Centre also translates, publishes and disseminates environmental and technical information, and, in co-operation with the respective Estonian and Lithuanian centres, holds seminars for industrial enterprises.

Among the in-country partners of the Centre are industrial enterprises, the Latvian Association of Mechanical Engineering and Metalworking Industries, Latvian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and other regional organisations. Internationally, the Centre co-operates with the International Network for Environmental Management (INEM) and respective Estonian, Lithuanian and Polish centres.

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The Centre is not directly involved with the Daugava programmes, though it possesses abundant information on local NGOs and is able to provide funding for projects.

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Latvian Society for Protection of Nature and Historical Monuments

Established as early as 1959, the Society engages in the protection of the cultural heritage, environmental education in Latvian schools, and rural tourism. The Society implements the project Live River in the Abava River valley. It also sponsors meetings, seminars and conferences, and publishes annual periodicals: The Calendar of History and Nature, and Latvian Monuments of Architecture and Fine Arts. The Society operates nationally, though it supports several local projects.

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VAK Ecoprojekt

The project was launched in 1997 under the sponsorship of the Latvian Environmental Club. Its main goals are water management and protection of water resources. Main activities include water monitoring, public meetings and conferences. The project operates locally, nationally, and internationally.

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