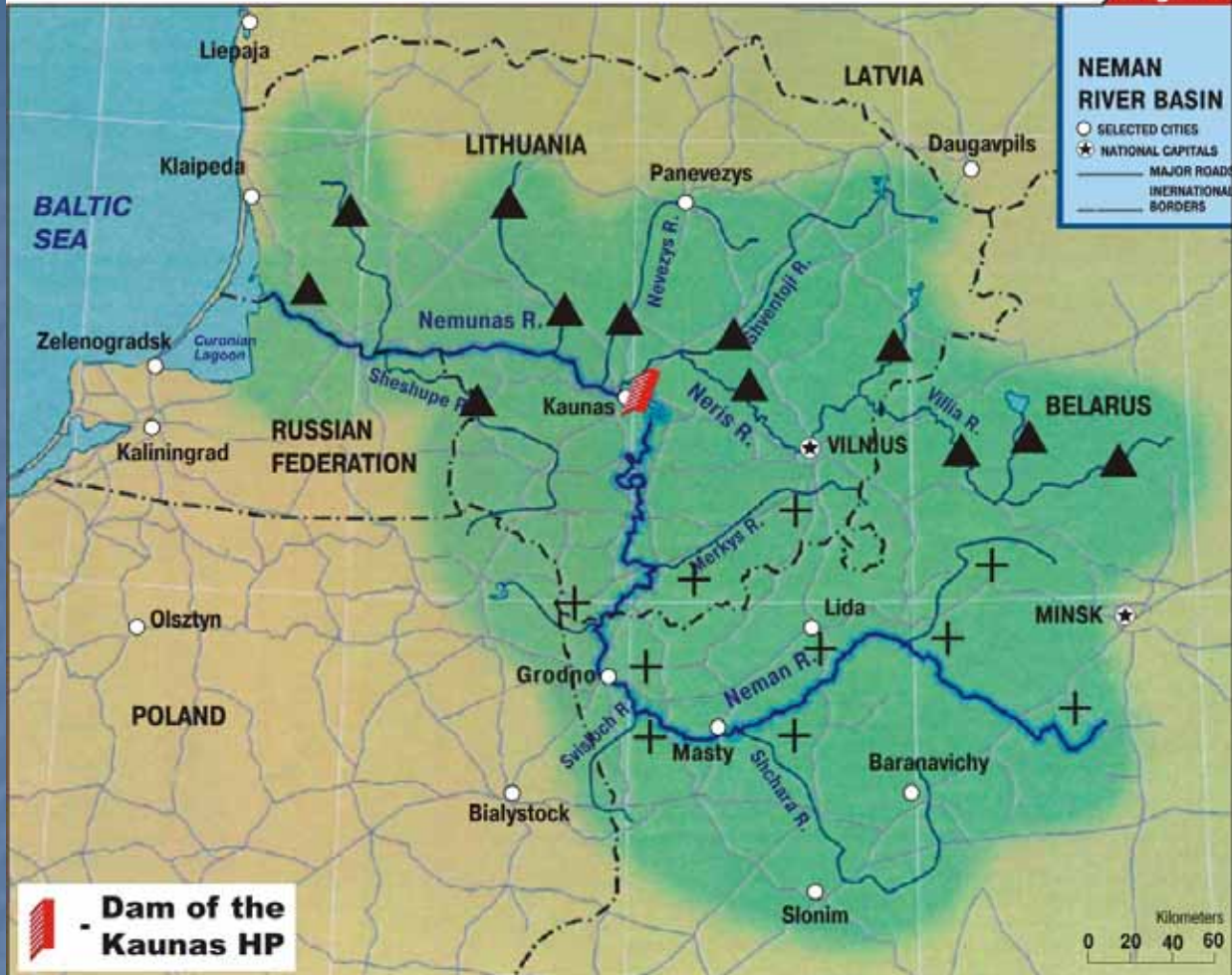


# Atlantic salmon in the rivers of Belarus

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Figure 1



### Salmon Spawning waterways in the Neman River basin




- ▲ – spawning rivers existing
- ✚ – spawning rivers lost after the Kaunas dam has been built

Figure 2

- ① River Vilia
- ② Petropolsky Brook
- ③ Tartak River
- ④ Senkanka River
- ⑤ Gozovka River
- ⑥ Dudka River
- ⑦ Unnamed Brook
- ⑧ Stracha River
- ⑨ Beloje Zake



## Atlantic Salmon spawning places in Belarus rivers

-  Dams
-  No fish passage
-  Spawning rivers

# Number of Nests

River	2004	2006	2007
<i>Tartak</i>	20	24	24
<i>Senkanka</i>	9	12	No data
<i>Unnamed brook</i>	8	4	No data
Total	37	40	

# Who are responsible?

- The Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental protection
- The Department of Drainage and Water Management of the Ministry of Agriculture
- The State Wildlife Protection Inspectorate







# The current problems of the Atlantic salmon conservation in Belarus

- Poaching
- Dams built without fish ways
- Beaver dams

# What needs to be done to improve the situation for Atlantic Salmon in Belarus?

- To restore the Atlantic salmon habitats
- To identify and investigate as much as possible other potential salmon spawning sites
- To improve salmon access to spawning sites by building fish ways.

# What it is necessary to achieve this aims?

- The Ministry of Nature Resources should design and put into action "The plan of the Atlantic salmon protection measures in the Ostrovets region of Belarus" .
- Systematic salmon monitoring using electro-fishing should start in the Vilia River basin.
- It is necessary to involve local residents and staff of the local Administration, it will help to find the best solutions.

Thank you for your attention

