



**FISHERIES SERVICE
UNDER THE MINISTRY
OF AGRICULTURE OF THE
REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA**

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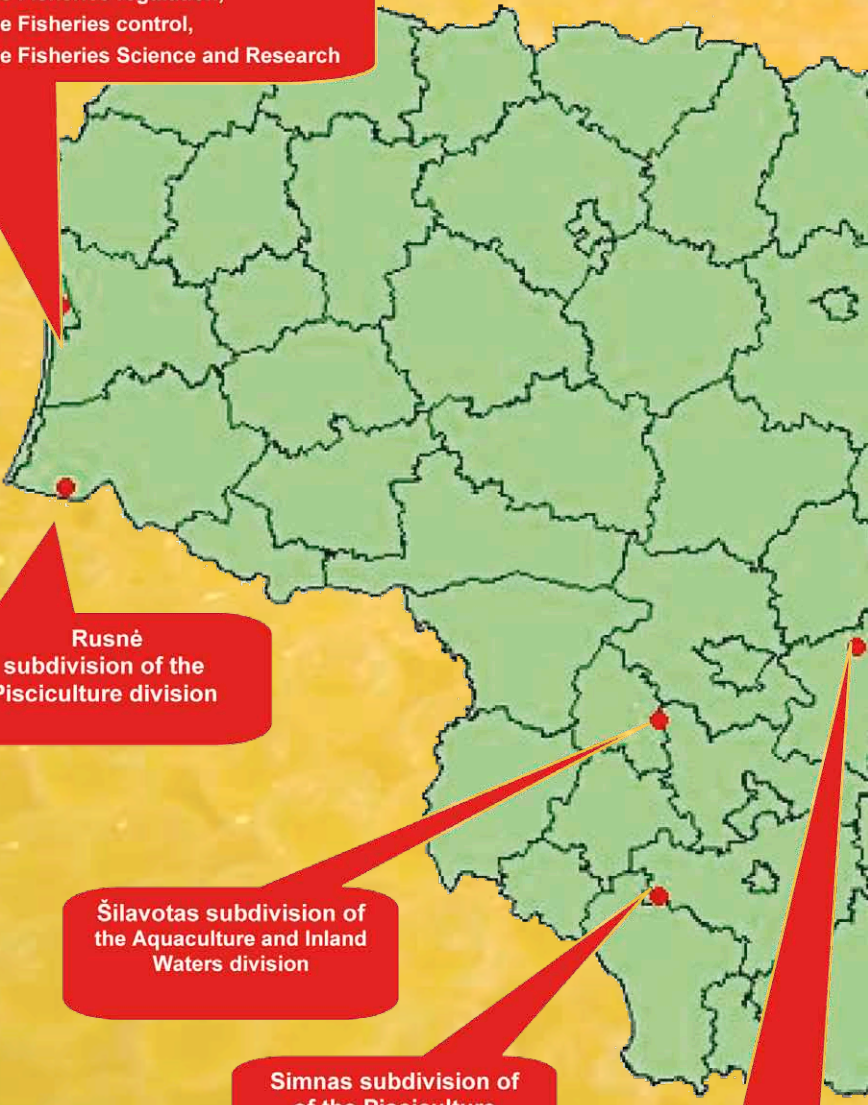
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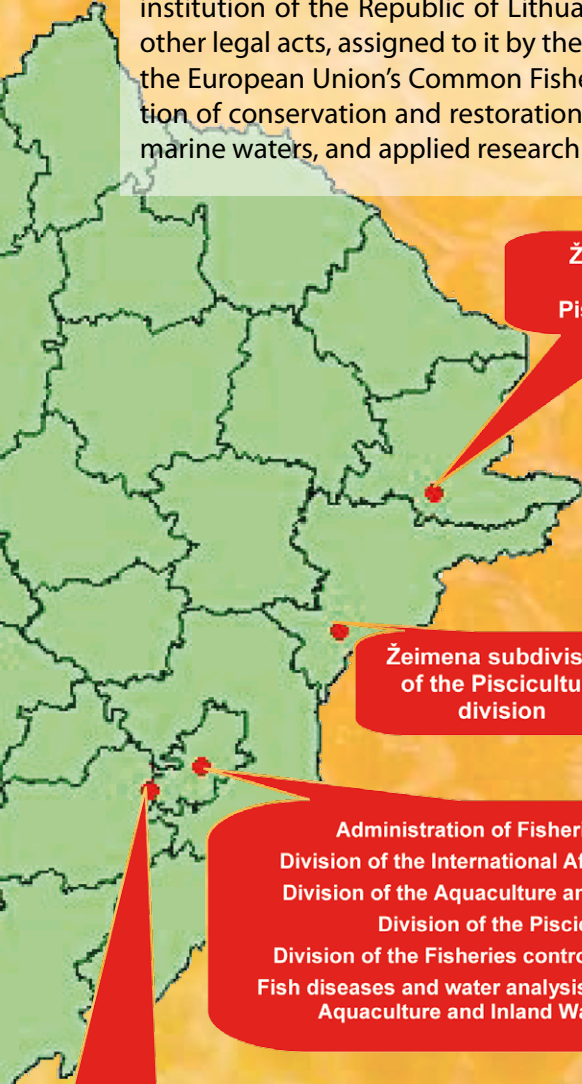
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FISHERIES SERVICE DIVISIONS AND SUBDIVISIONS

The Fisheries Service under the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Lithuania (hereinafter referred to as the “Fisheries Service”) is a state institution of the Republic of Lithuania which implements the laws and other legal acts, assigned to it by the Lithuanian fisheries policy, based on the European Union’s Common Fisheries Policy, arrangement and execution of conservation and restoration of fish stocks, control of its usage in marine waters, and applied research in the field of fisheries.



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subdivision of the
Pisciculture division**

TASKS OF THE FISHERIES SERVICE

1. To implement a rational fisheries policy of Lithuania and the Common Fisheries Policy of the European Union (hereinafter – EU).
2. To investigate, protect, restore, and increase fish stocks in the fisheries waters.
3. To protect a gene pool of valuable fish species and cultivated fish species, to develop and coordinate selective breeding fisheries.
4. To maintain liaison with EU institutions, national and international organisations and scientific institutions in developing fisheries.
5. To implement education and training policies in the fisheries sector.
6. To participate in formation and implementation of the Lithuanian fisheries development strategy.
7. To control fisheries in the marine waters.



FISHING CONTROL AND MONITORING

- The implementation of laws governing the use of fish stocks in the areas of fisheries control and monitoring is being carried out;
- the control and monitoring of the use of fish stocks is carried out in the territorial waters of the Republic of Lithuania in the Baltic Sea, the exclusive economic zone, the established places for unloading of fisheries products, industrial-commercial fishing companies, fishing vessels and vehicles;
- unloading and reloading operations of fishing vessels of the European Community, Republic of Lithuania and third countries are inspected in Klaipėda State seaport;
- the work of fishing vessels of the Republic of Lithuania in the water areas regulated by regional fisheries organisations and in the water areas

of economic zones of foreign countries is organised and controlled, international inspections (NAFO, NEAFC Regulatory Areas) are attended;

- information about the catches, unloading and first sale of fisheries products by fishing companies is collected;



- permits to engage in commercial fishing in high seas, in the open Baltic Sea and in the littoral zone, special permits to engage in commercial cod fishing in the Baltic Sea and special fishing permits (for scientific investigative fishing in the Baltic Sea) are issued;
- cases of administrative offences are handled;
- the activities of the Fishery Monitoring using the satellite-based fishing vessel monitoring system is carried out;
- the satellite-based fishing vessel monitoring system (VMS), the integrated fisheries data information system (IFDIS) and the Electronic Fishing Logbook System (vCatch) of the Republic of Lithuania as well as other systems are administered, the procedures for the management, use and disposal thereof are established, it is ensured that these systems comply with the requirements of the most recent legal acts regulating the implementation of controls in Lithuania;
- prior notices about the planned arrival of fishing vessels of the European Community, the Republic of Lithuania and third countries in the Klaipėda State Seaport are accepted;
- fishing quotas are distributed to Lithuanian fishing companies, fishing quota exchanges between the Republic of Lithuania and other countries are carried out;
- data on the fishing of the vessels of the Republic of Lithuania in the water areas regulated by regional fisheries organisations, waters of foreign countries and remote fishing areas and on the fishing of vessels of third countries are collected, and they are submitted, under the established procedure, to interested Lithuanian institutions, foreign countries and international organisations;
- the Internet site of the Fisheries Service, which is used to transfer information on IT system control and catches to the European Commission and other institutions responsible for fisheries control, is administered and coordinated.

RESEARCH AND SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES



- Performing collection of information catches and landings from commercial fishery and sampling of biological data;
- biological fishery data are aggregated at different level and submitted to the European Commission, International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES) and other institutions related to fish stock assessment and fishery management;
- conducting surveys on research vessel Darius in the Baltic Sea;
- prepares methodology for biological sampling and coordinates activity of observers working in the fishing vessels of the Republic of Lithuania related to the data collection in waters regulated by regional fisheries management organisations as well as areas of economic zones of foreign countries (NAFO, NEAFC, CECAF, SPRFMO Convention Areas);
- technically and scientifically based advice on issues related to marine and freshwater fisheries are provided.

PISCICULTURE

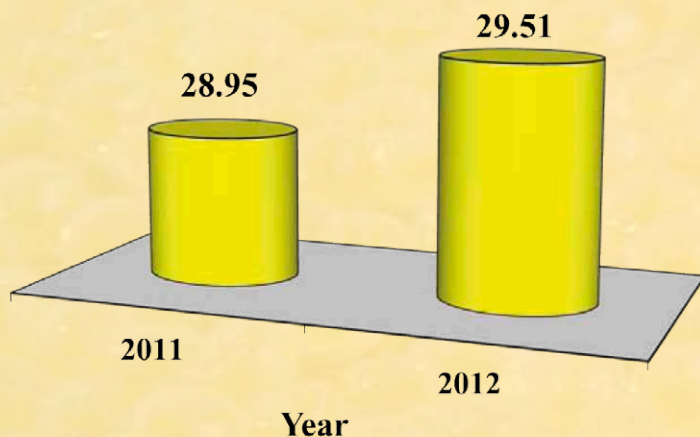


- Works to restore and augment the stocks of protected and other fish species and crayfish are carried out;
- the annual plans for the breeding of fish and crayfish in water bodies of state significance, to which no permits to use the fishing area are issued, and the National Plans for Catching of Fish and Crayfish for Breeding are drafted and implemented;

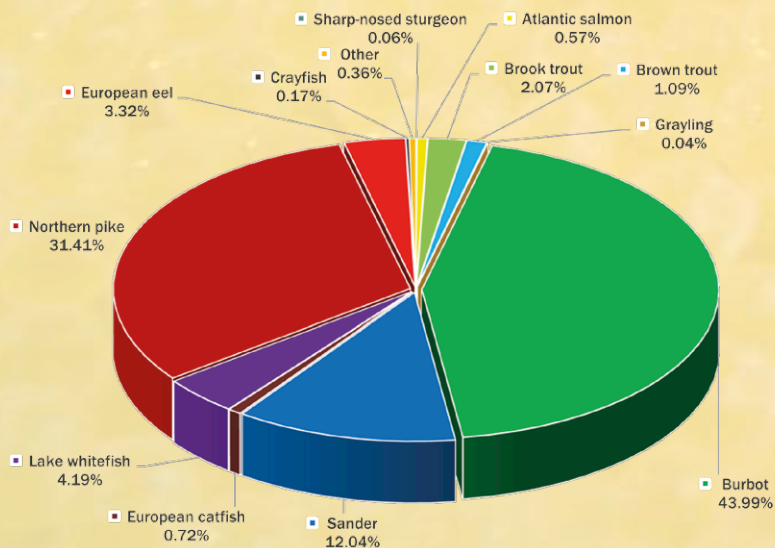


- the works related to investigative monitoring of Lithuanian lakes and ponds, intensive river monitoring, investigative river monitoring and monitoring of communicable fish diseases are carried out;
- the “Programme and Action Plan for the Restoration of Atlantic Sturgeon Stocks by 2020” is being implemented;
- European eels are bred in the Lithuanian lakes under the Implementation of the European Eel *Anguilla anguilla* L. Stock Management Plan in Lithuania.

BRED AND RELEASED FISH IN LITHUANIAN WATERS IN 2011-2012 YEARS (MILLION OF UNITS)



FISH AND CRAYFISH SPECIES RELEASED IN TO THE WATERS OF LITHUANIA IN 2012 (%)



FISH AND THE CRAYFISH SPECIES REARED IN THE SUBDIVISIONS OF THE FISHERIES SERVICE

Subdivisions of the Pisciculture and the Inland Waters and Aquaculture Divisions of the Fisheries Service	Predatory species				White species	Rare, threatened and endangered species					Cyprinids					Other species			
	Pike perch	European catfish	Northern pike	Burbot	European whitefish, Vendace, Peled	Atlantic salmon	Sea trout	River trout	Grayling	Sharp-nosed sturgeon	European eel	Tench	Carp	Silver carp	Crucian carp	Grass carp	Noble crayfish	Rainbow trout	
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WORKS IN THE INLAND WATERS AND AQUACULTURE FIELD



Works in Subdivision of Fish diseases and water analysis

- The carp breeding and selection work is controlled and coordinated;
- parasitological, biochemical, hydrobiological and hydrochemical tests of fish and other hydrobionts are carried out;
- the distribution of fishing quotas in inland waters to economic entities is organised;
- the works to improve fish migration and spawning conditions on fish migration routes are organised, coordinated and carried out;
- the fish pass installations owned by the Fisheries Service are maintained;

- methodological assistance on any issues related to the designing, construction and operation of aquaculture hydro-technical equipment is provided;
- the monitoring of migrating fish is carried out, the efficiency of fish passes is determined, and proposals to increase their efficiency are submitted.



Lithuanian carp line "Šilavoto karpis"

PROJECTS WHICH WERE PREPARED AND ARE IMPLEMENTED BY FISHERY SERVICE



1. "Implementation of the European Eel Stock Management Plan in Lithuania".

The aim of the Project is to contribute to the restoration of eel stocks in Lithuania and in the habitat of European eels by implementing the European Eel *Anguilla Anguilla* L. Stock Management Plan in Lithuania approved under Decision No. K (2009)10244 of 22 December 2009 of the European Commission.

2. "Reconstruction and Adaptation of (the Division of Fisheries Research and Science) the Fisheries Service under the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Lithuania for the Establishment of the Marine Fisheries and Aquaculture Laboratory".

The aim of the Project is to reconstruct the building of the Fisheries Service by adapting it to the needs of the new open-access Marine Aquaculture Laboratory, the Experimental Fisheries Laboratory and to the study needs.

3. Investments in the Subdivisions of the Pisciculture and the Aquaculture and Inland Waters Divisions of the Fisheries Service under the Ministry of Aquaculture of the Republic of Lithuania by promoting better preservation of fisheries stocks.

The aim of the Project is to create a competitive fisheries sector by promoting better management and preservation of fisheries stocks by ensuring the improvement of work conditions and safety and promoting the partnership between scientists and entities of the fisheries sector.

4. "Installation of Fish Passes Next to the Existing Dams of the Kražantė and Sausdravas Rivers and the Reconstruction of the Pass in the Vilnia River".

The aim of the Project is to protect and develop the fauna and flora in inland waters by contributing to the improvement of the water environment. The existing dams where fish passes are planned to be installed or reconstructed prevent migratory fish species to reach the places in the upper reaches that are most suitable for breeding at the time of migration and spawning. The installation or reconstruction of fish passes will open the road for migratory fish species to migrate to their spawning places.

5. LIFE+ project "Inventory of Marine Habitats and Species for the Development of the NATURA 2000 Network in the Lithuanian Exclusive Economic Zone of the Baltic Sea" (the main partner – Klaipėda University, which is the beneficiary).

The aim is to evaluate the diversity and distribution of bottom habitats, fish and marine birds in the areas of the Lithuanian Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of the Baltic Sea, and, upon the selection of areas, to establish the areas of the Natura 2000 ecological network in the locations meeting the established criteria.



6. "Establishment of the Fisheries Practical Training Centre of the Šilutė Agricultural School" (implemented by the Šilutė Agricultural School, the Fisheries Service is the social partner). The aim of the Project is the establishment of the Fisheries Practical Training Centre of the Šilutė Agricultural School in order to increase the accessibility of the vocational training services infrastructure and improve the quality of training services.

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