WFD and Finland: Objectives and exemptions

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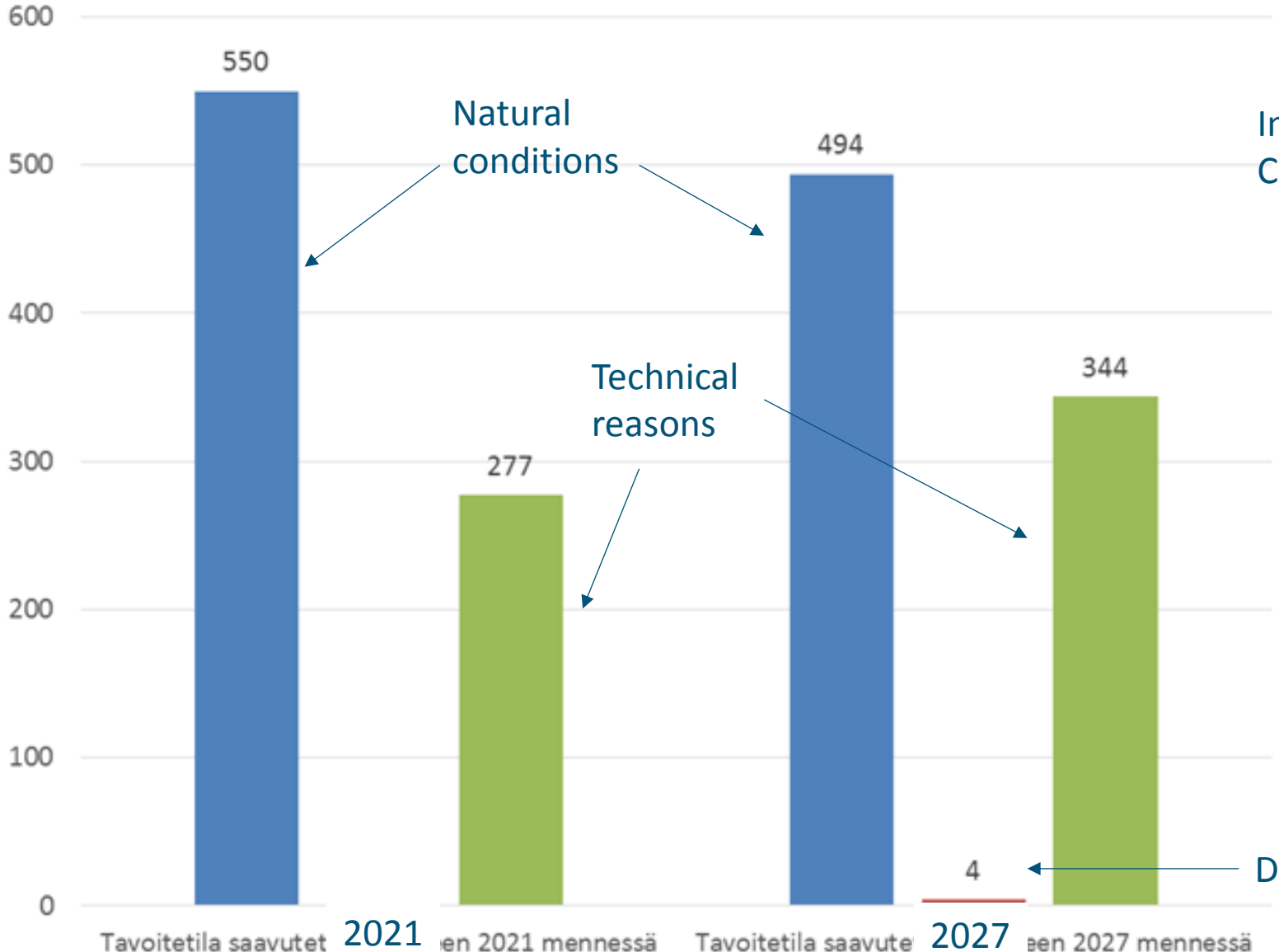
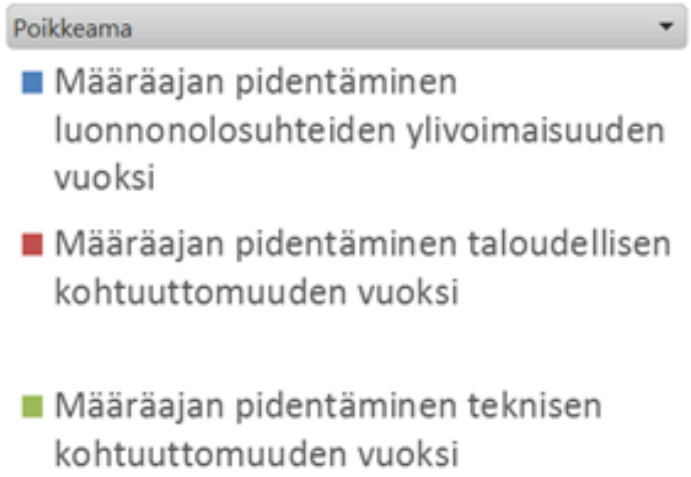
Environmental objectives and use of exemptions in Finland

- Finland has used Article 4.4 (time extensions)
- Finland has not used exemptions according to Articles 4.5 or 4.7
- No exemptions because of protected areas
- Water bodies at risk evaluated for 2nd RBMP’s for surface and ground waters
- Feedback from Commission

Time extensions in 2nd RMBPs



In total ca.1200 water bodies
Ca. 400 with more than one justification

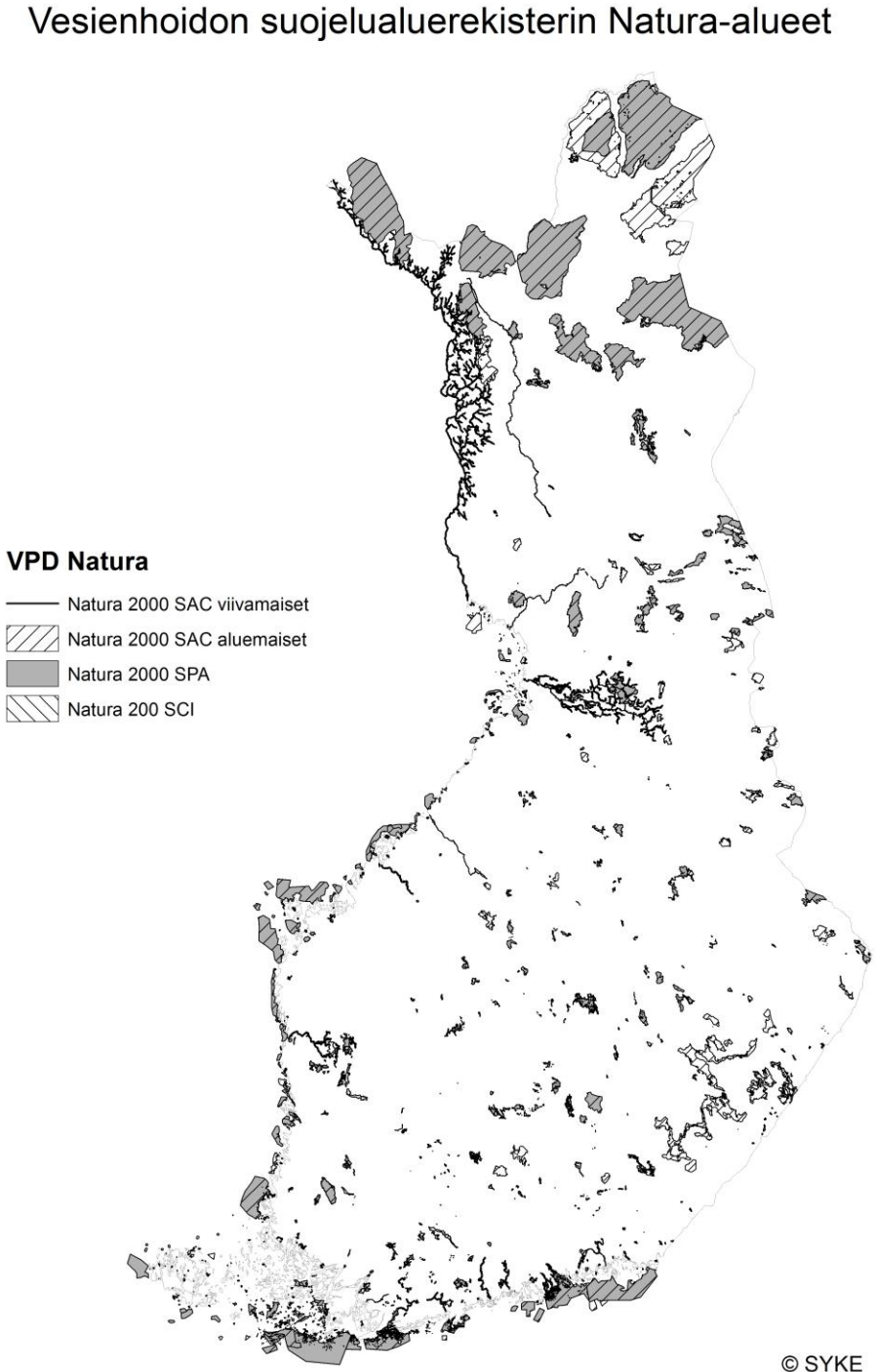


Interpretation of less stringent objectives (Article 4.5)

- Finland has not used Article 4.5 during the first 2 cycles
- We have decided to implement art. 4.5 in 3rd cycle
- Discussion going:
  - In what kind of procedure:
    - in RBMP and/or in permitting system
    - Every 6y term
  - Water body or quality element level?
  - Diffuse pollution
  - Systematic approach or case by case
  - Justification: assessment of disproportional costs

Possibilities to develop approaches for 3rd cycle

- Existing guidance for setting environmental objectives for Art. 4.6 and Art. 4.7 → update
- New guidance needed for Art. 4.5
- Supporting projects:
  - How to evaluate disproportional costs (Art.4.5)
  - Exemptions in River Basin Management Plans
  - Assessment procedures of new modifications to the physical characteristics (Art. 4.7)

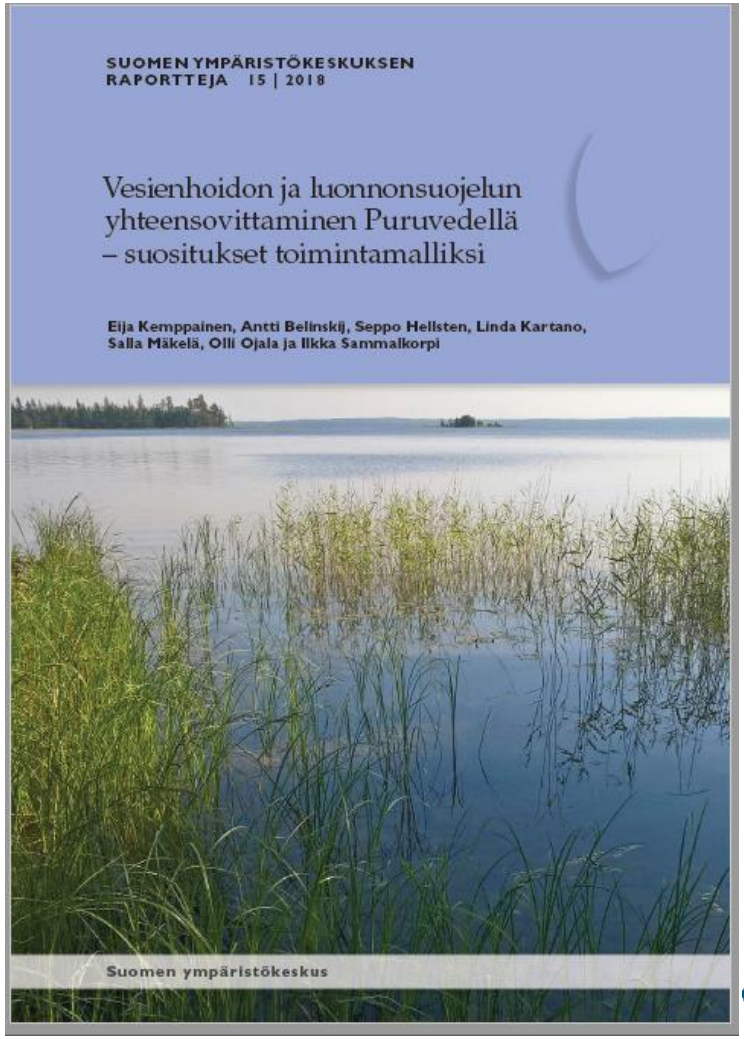


Protected areas

The signicantly water quality dependent Natura areas in RBMP (469 on 2nd)

Experiences on implementing the necessary measures to prevent deterioration protected areas according to art 4.1.a.i,

- Procedure developed how to integrate objectives of WFD and BHD especially studied moor frog and three dragonfly species.



Protected areas

- Drinking waters:
    - In water Act there is procedure for establishing SGZ
        - Heavy adm. Burden, 280 (total abs. points over 1500)
    - No systematic delinination or mapping safeguard zones for appstraction points or wells
    - Ground water protection plans, in some plans safeguard zones has been determinated