



RIVER UNIVERSITY



HYDROLOGICAL MONITORING
IN ESTONIA AND SOOMAA

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Halliste river, credit, Ilmar Roosmaa,
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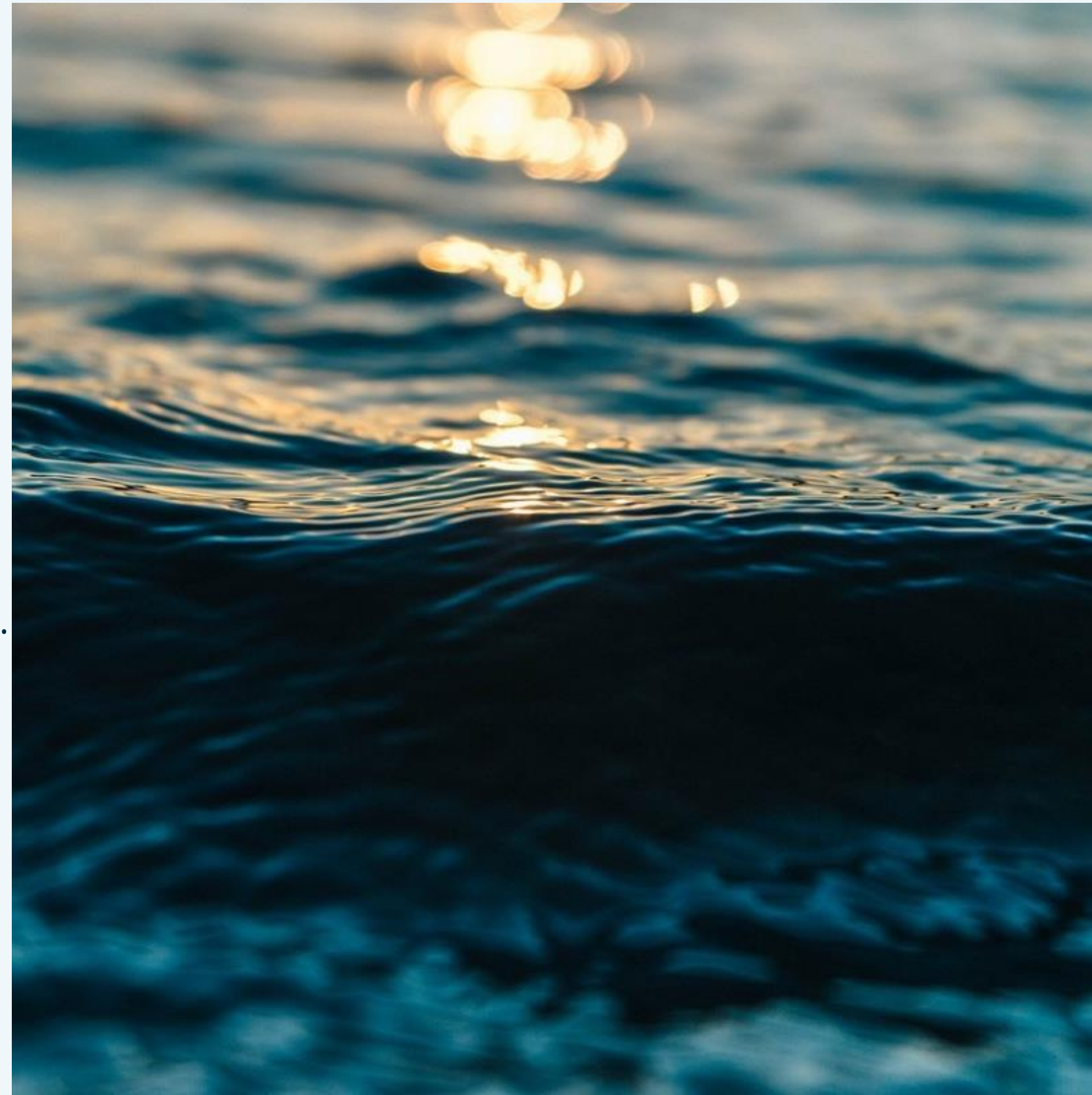
Hydrological monitoring

Hydrological monitoring involves

- observing and recording water levels on coastal sea and inland water bodies,
- rivers' discharge gauging and
- registering background information such as water and air temperature, river weed and ice conditions.

The aim of the hydrological monitoring is

- to provide the overview of the quantitative water resource and
- reliable long term data for prognoses, warnings and
- probability calculations.



Hydrological monitoring network

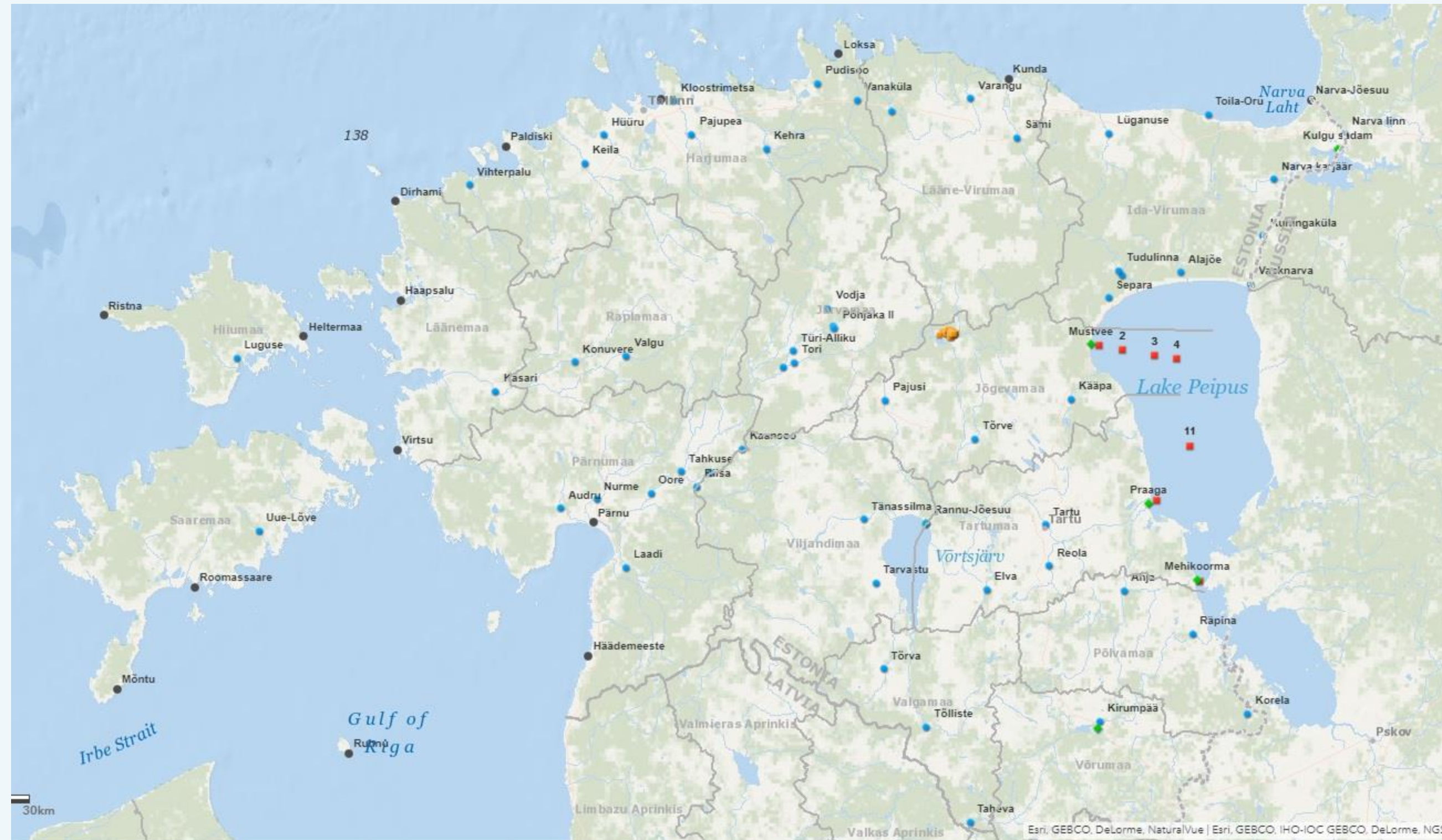
55 discharge stations
on rivers

7 water level stations
on lakes and water
reservoirs

15 coastal sea water
level stations

1 wetland station

Lake Peipus monitoring
marks and
multifunctional buoy
stations



Hydrological measurements

Water level, water and air temperature from automatic stations once in an hour, from most of the stations also precipitation

Control measurements of water level and temperature 20+ times a year

Discharge gaugings 20+ times a year, in 5 stations stationary automatic flow meters

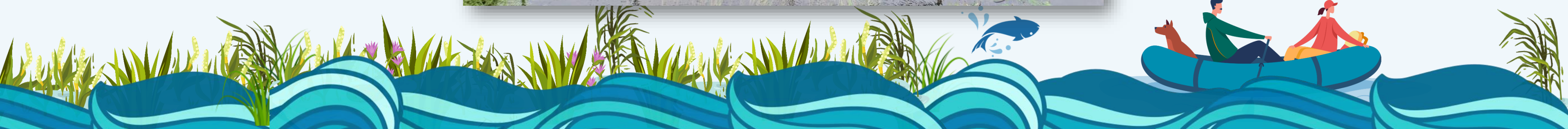
Ice conditions and thickness registration in winter

Weed registration in summer

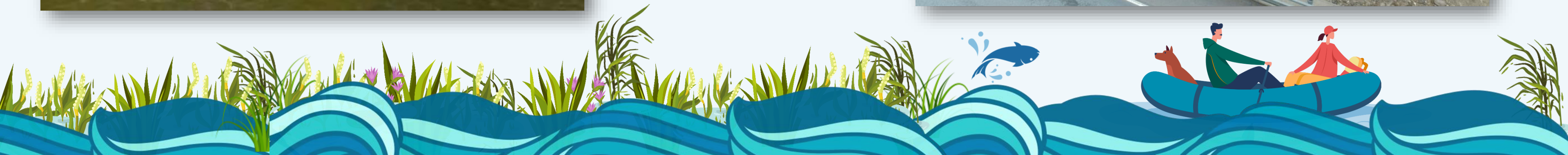
Remote monitoring cameras in 17 stations



Hydrological measurements



Hydrological measurements



Remote monitoring cameras, drones

Weed growing in summer

Ice conditions in winter

State of the river

Flow blockages up and downstream

Flood areas



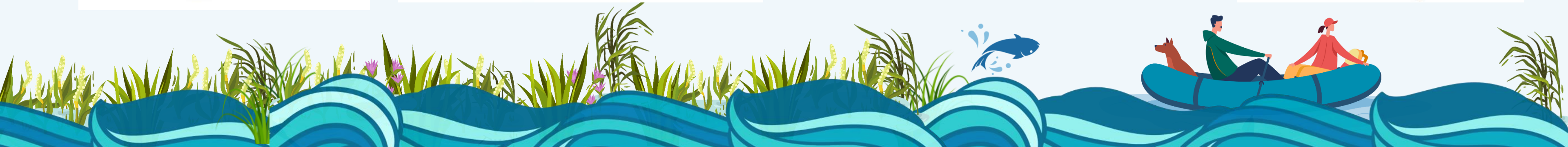


Measurement methods

Mean section – propeller and acoustic

Area velocity – acoustic profiler

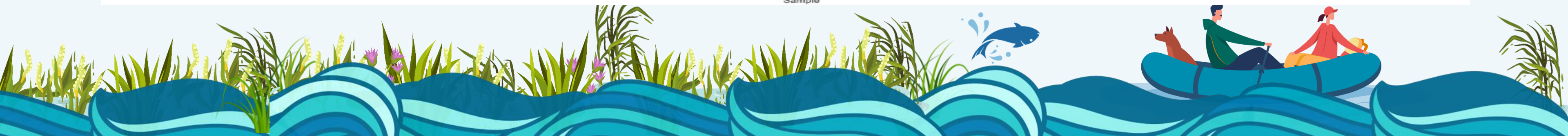
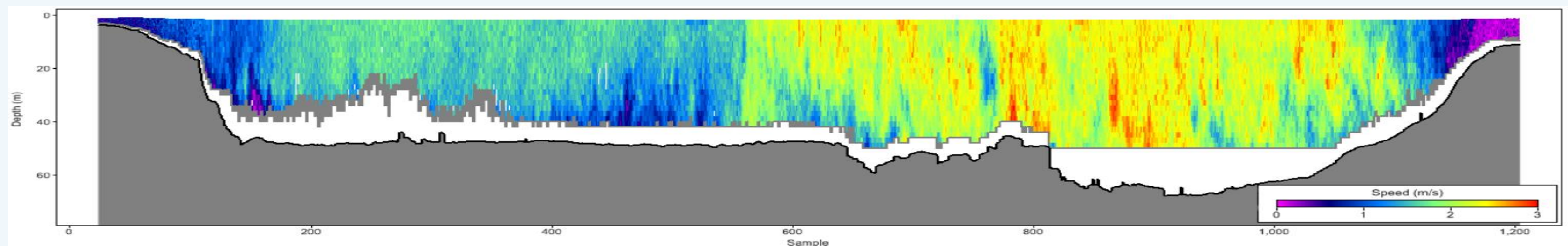
Stationary – acoustic

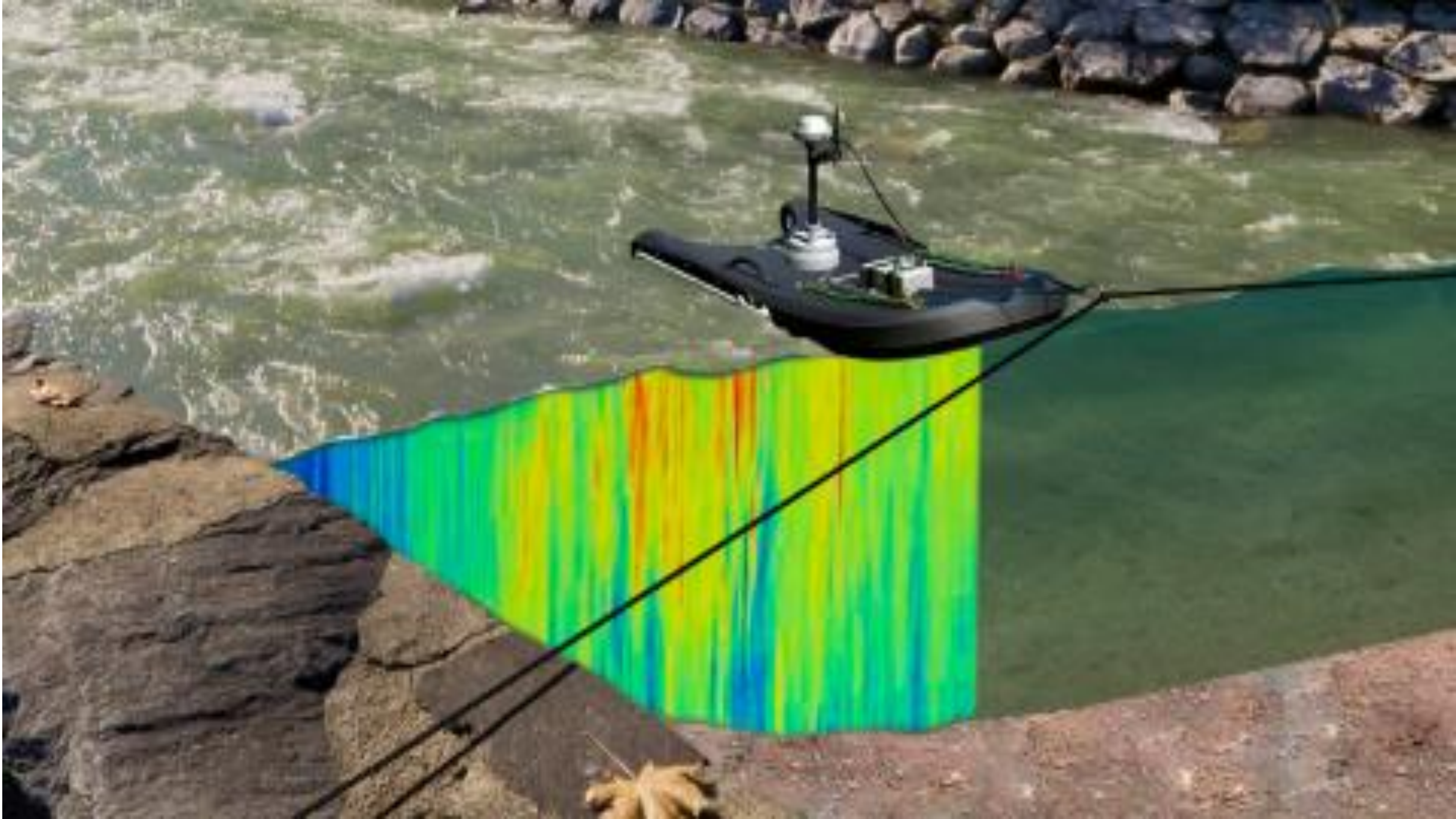


The Doppler effect

... or Doppler shift is the change in frequency of a wave in relation to an observer who is moving relative to the wave source. It is named after the Austrian physicist Christian Doppler, who described the phenomenon in 1842.

A common example of Doppler shift is the change of pitch heard when a vehicle sounding a horn approaches and recedes from an observer. Compared to the emitted frequency, the received frequency is higher during the approach, identical at the instant of passing by, and lower during the recession.





HYDROLOGICAL MONITORING IN SOOMAA

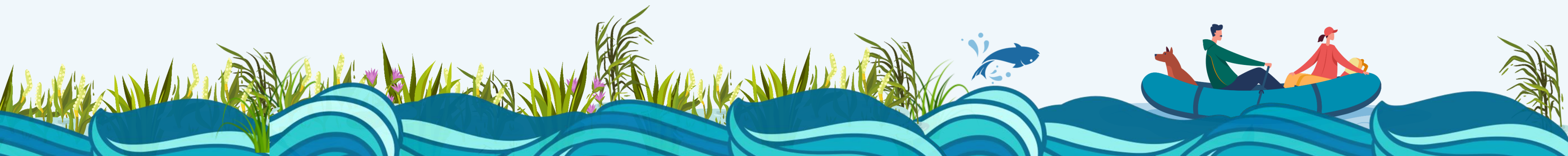
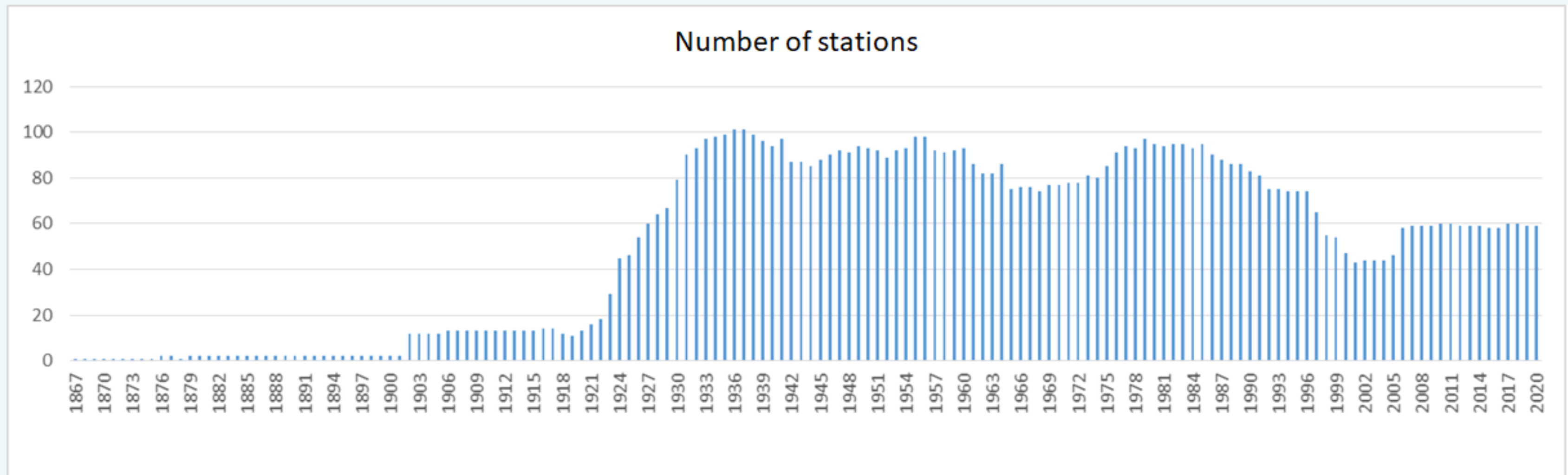
Those years the national hydrological monitoring is celebrating 100 years of action in many stations

Estonian hydrological monitoring has long history. The first station was opened in 1867 in Tartu, and same year the highest water level was registered at river Emajõgi – 373 cm above the zero line, a record still unbreakable.

In the beginning years of new Estonian Republic, the importance of water resource and an overview about it was well understood, thus the stationary network of hydrological monitoring stations was established step by step.

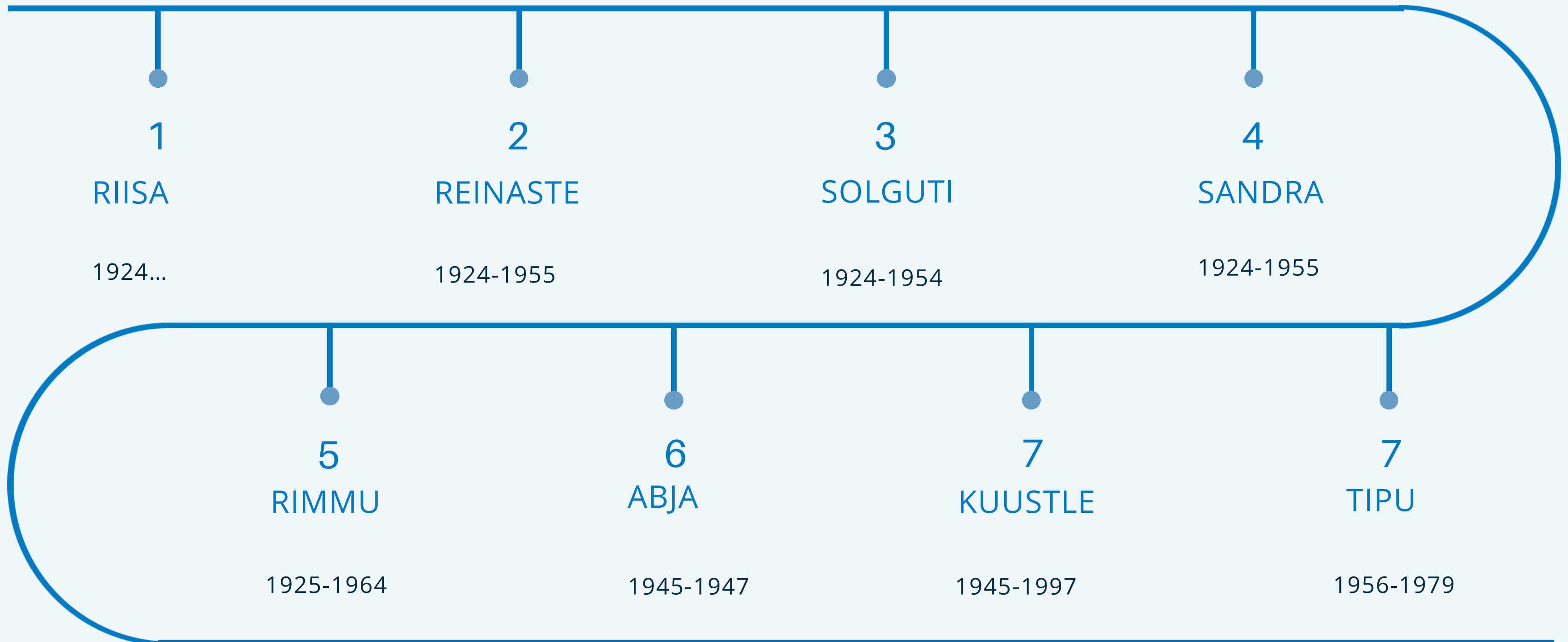
The first stations were opened along river Narva, but Soomaa, as a unique area with its forestry and „fifth season“ was also in focus.

Hydrological network today and in past



Riisa and stations upstream

Riisa is the last station on river Halliste from where the waters exit Soomaa



Riisa and stations upstream

Riisa – River Halliste

Sandra – River Lemmjõgi

Solguti – River Raudna

Rimmu – River Kõpu

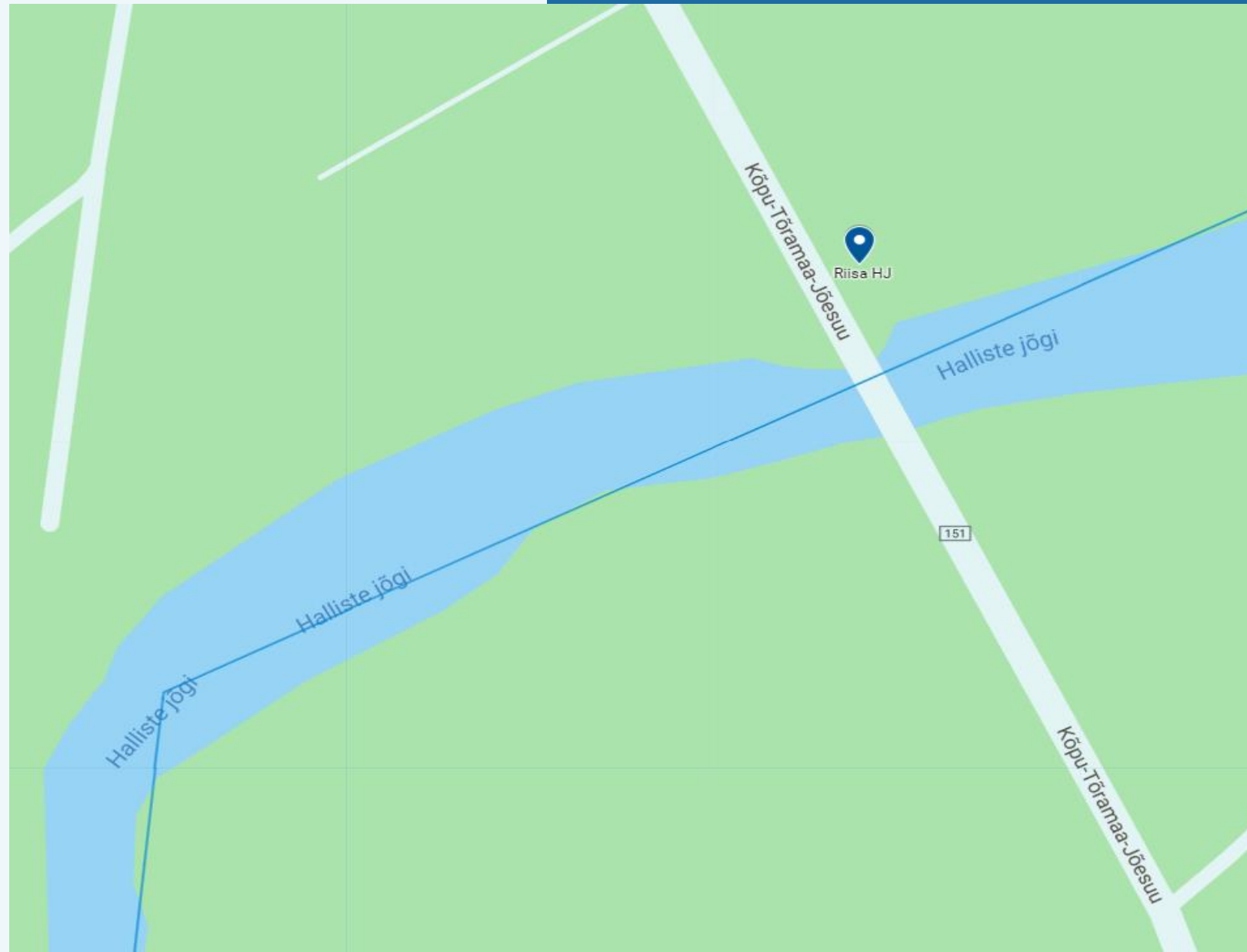
Tipu – River Halliste

Reinaste – River Halliste

Abja – River Halliste

Kuustle – Pööгна stream





RIISA STATION

River Halliste	Väinamere-Liivi gulf basin
Catchment area	1880 km ²
Distance from mouth	5,5 km
Coordinates	58°28'47" N 24°59'40" E 6482597.1X 558010.1Y
Location	Pärnu county, Tori parish, Riisa village

RIISA STATION

Opened 23.06.1924

Continuously working

Transition (200 m downstream)

01.01.1978

Automatisation 06.10.2006

Solar panel 07.05.2014

Remote camera 18.06.2019



RIISA STATION

Abs MAX WL 25.04.1931 – 553 cm

Abs MAX Q 25.04.1931 – 250 m³/s

Abs MIN WL 16.03.1942 – 7 cm

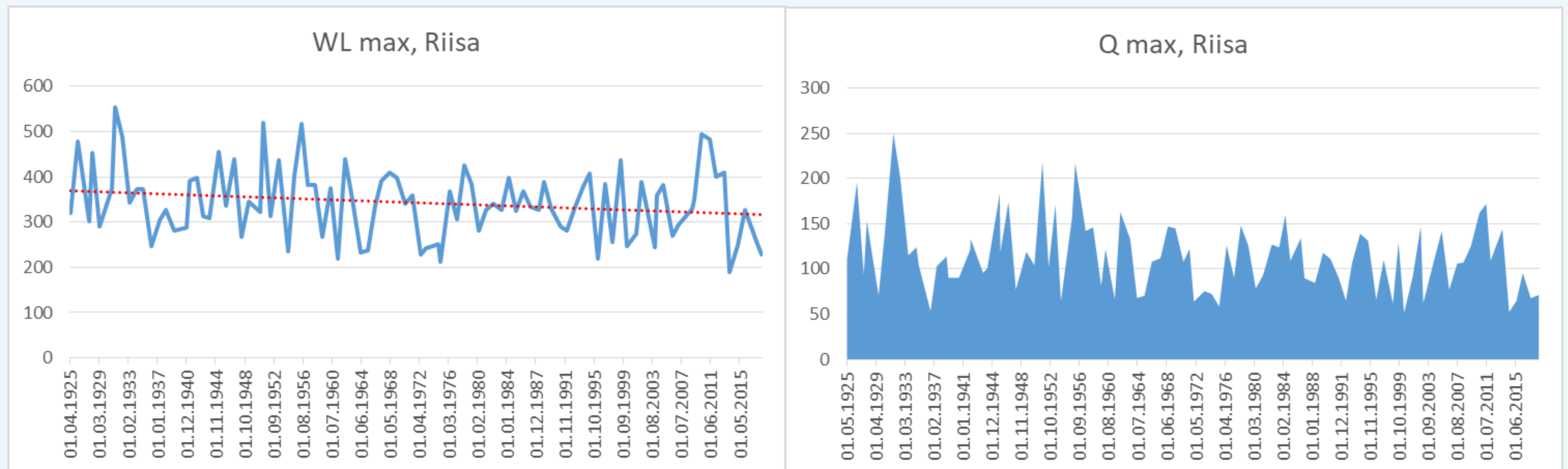
Abs MIN Q 01.06.1930 – 0,24 m³/s

Extremes from last century

More water in winter months

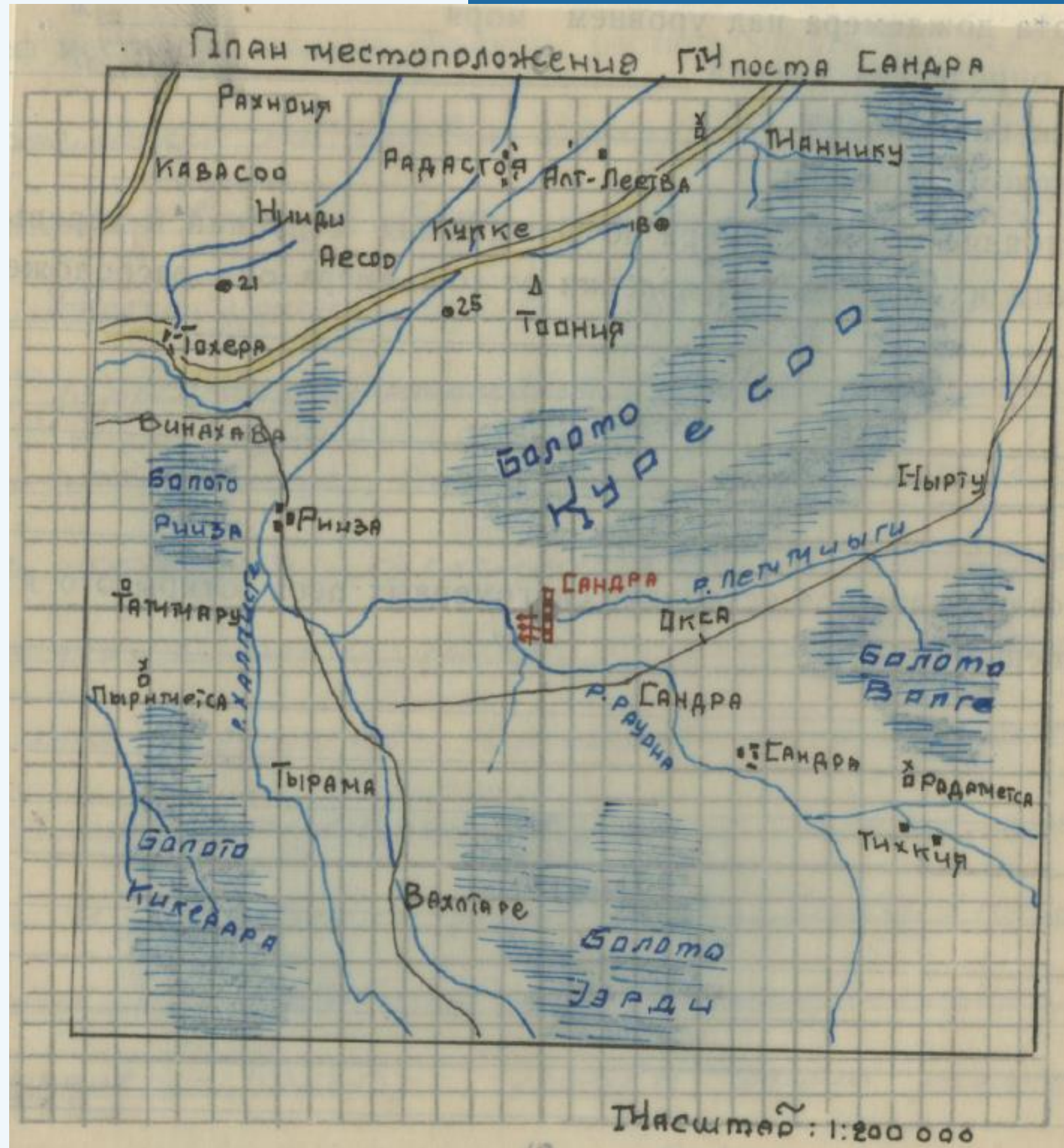
Less water in april and may

High water earlier than before



RIISA STATION





SANDRA STATION

River Lemmjõgi

Station was working 1924...1955

Break 1944...1945

SANDRA STATION



Suurvesi veemöötjal - kevad
1948.a.



Suurvesi veemöötjal - kevad
1945.a.



SOLGUTI STATION

River Raudna

Station was working 1924...1955

Break 1944

SOLGUTI STATION



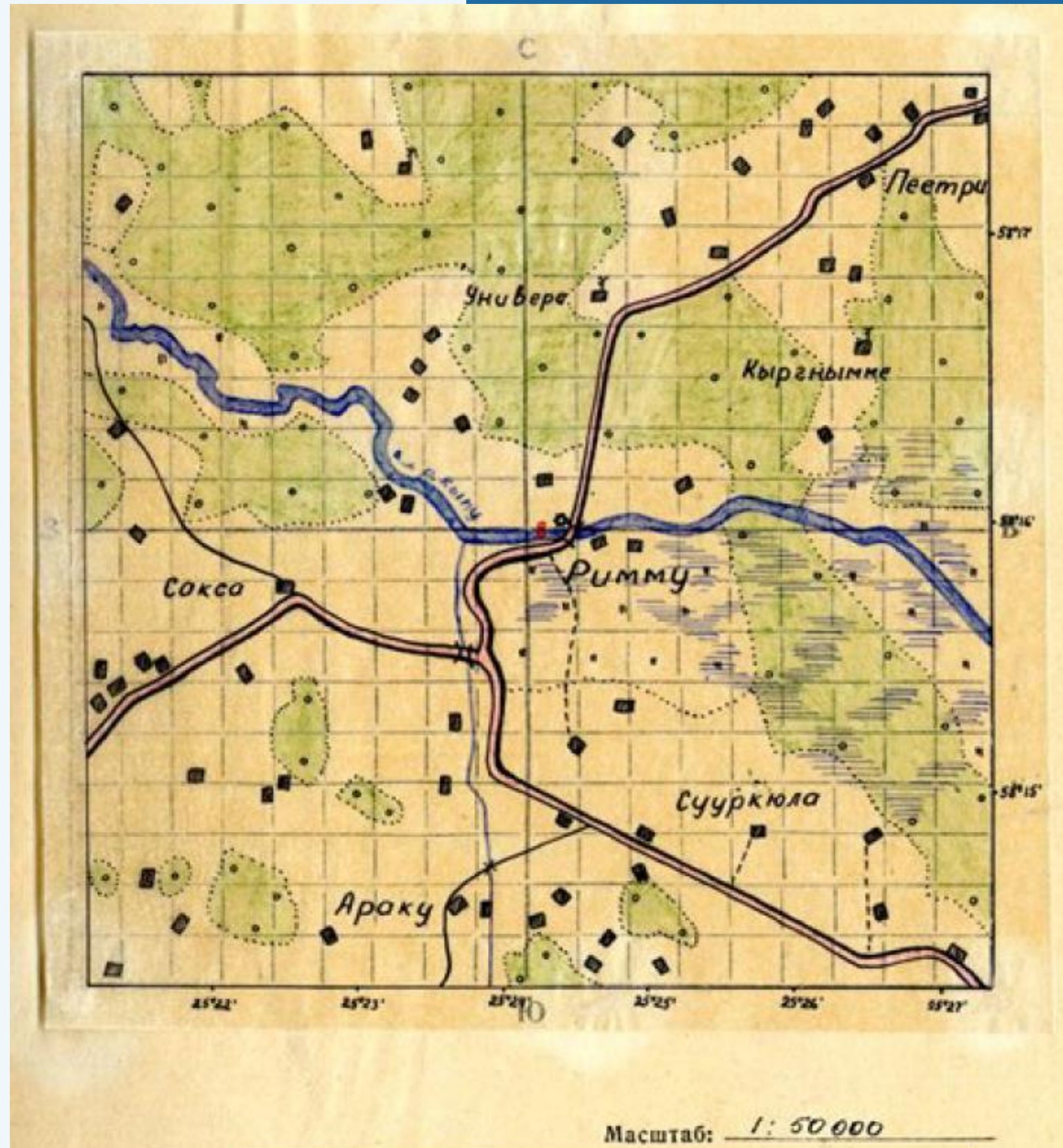
SOLGUTI STATION



Palgi parvetus hüdroprof. -kevad 1950.a.



Vooluhulga mõõtmine
- suvi 1948.a.



RIMMU STATION

River Kõpu

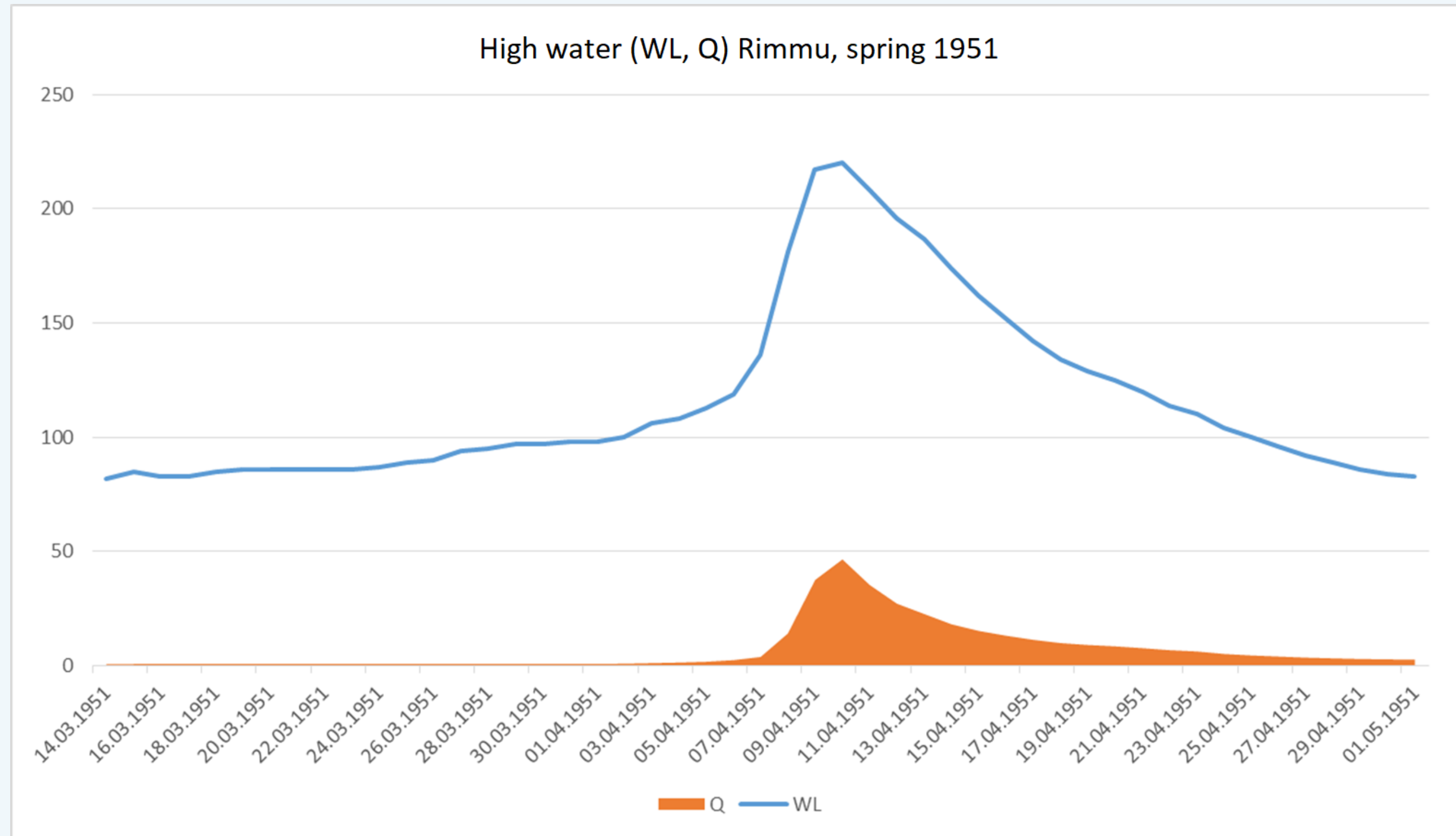
Station was working 1924...1964

Break 1933, 1944

RIMMU STATION

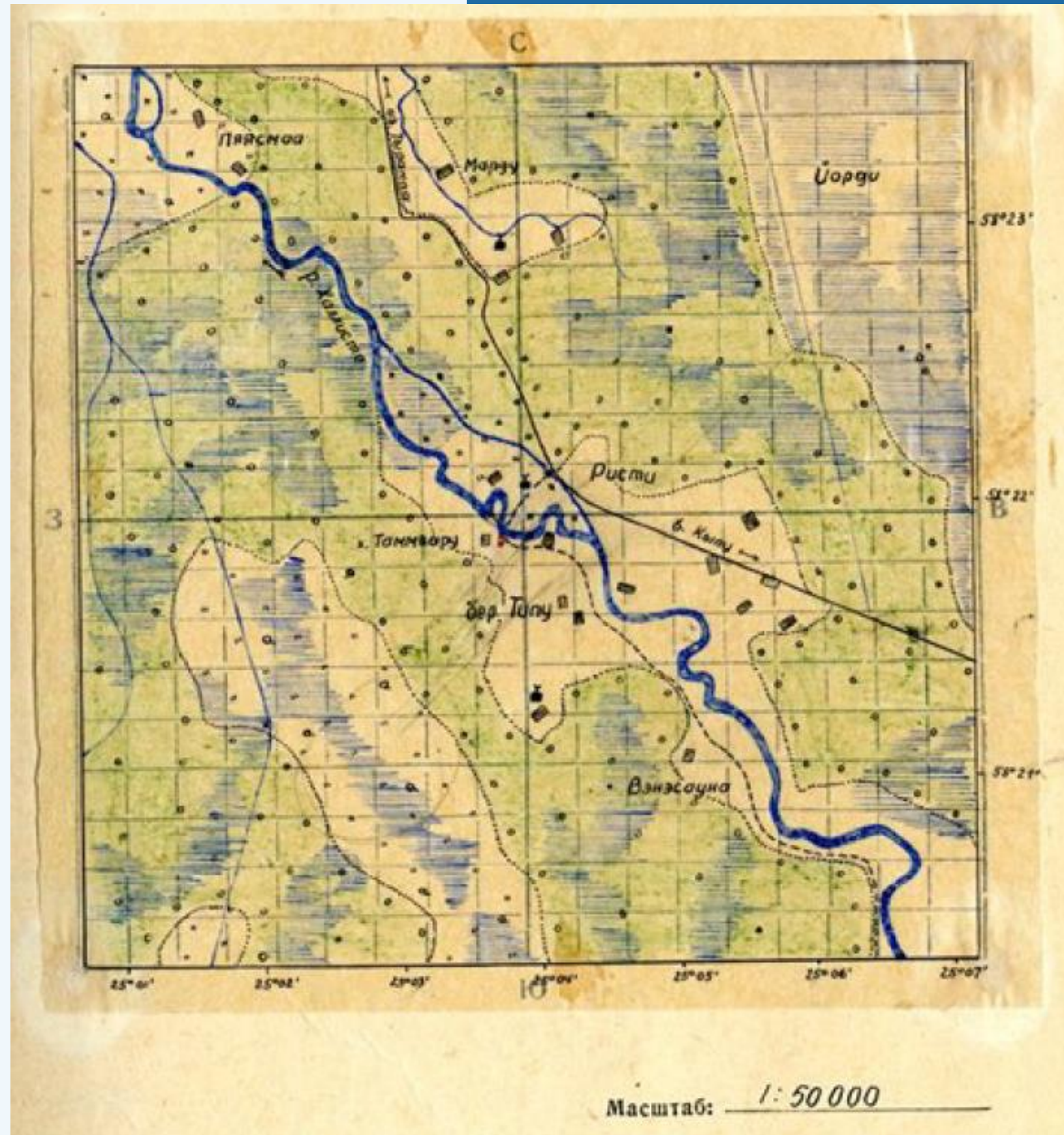
Abs MAX WL: 220 cm
11.04.1932, 10.04.1951

Abs MAX Q: 46,6 m³/s
10.04.1951



RIMMU STATION





TIPU STATION

River Halliste

Station was working 1956...1979

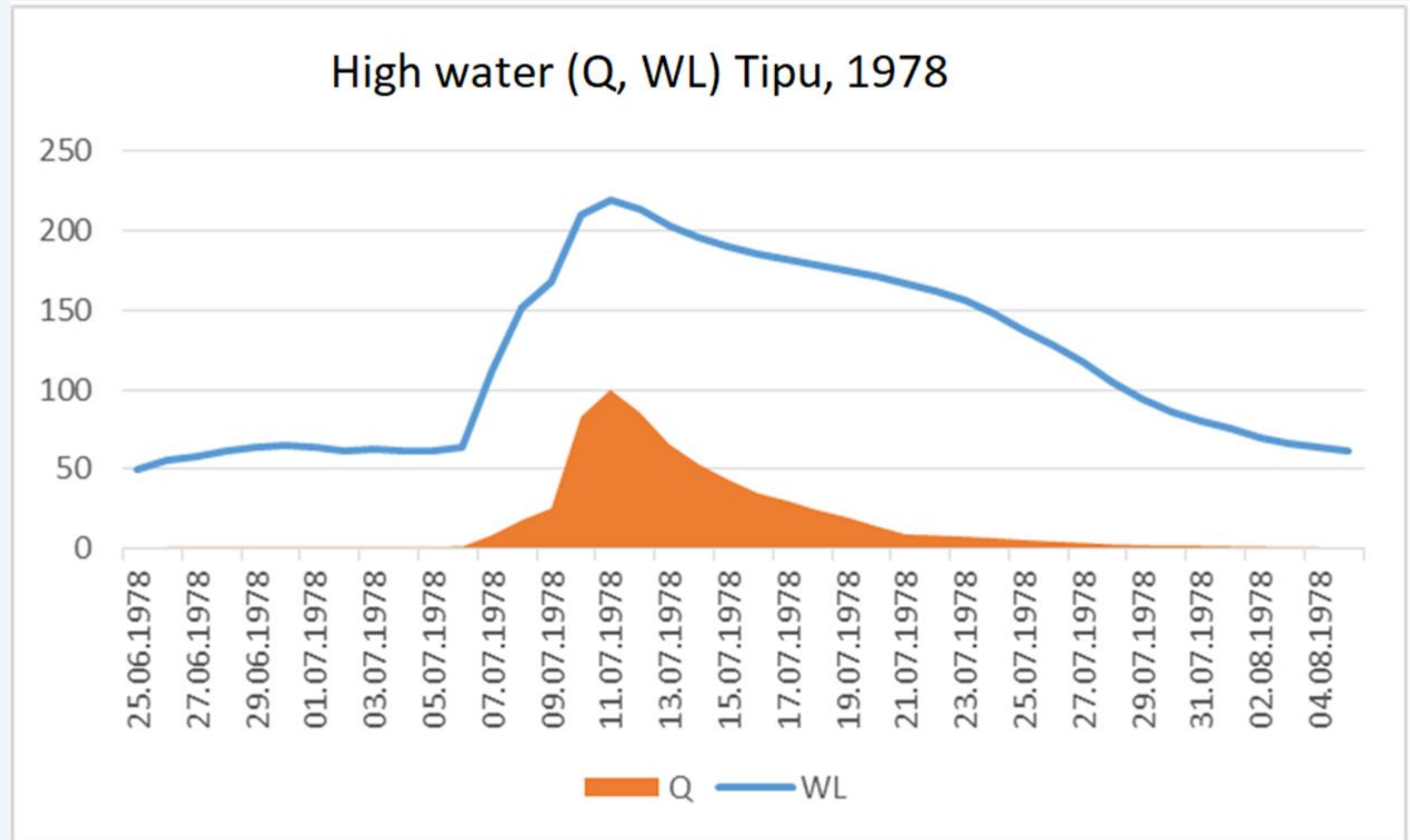
TIPU STATION

Abs MAX WL: 219 cm

11.07.1978

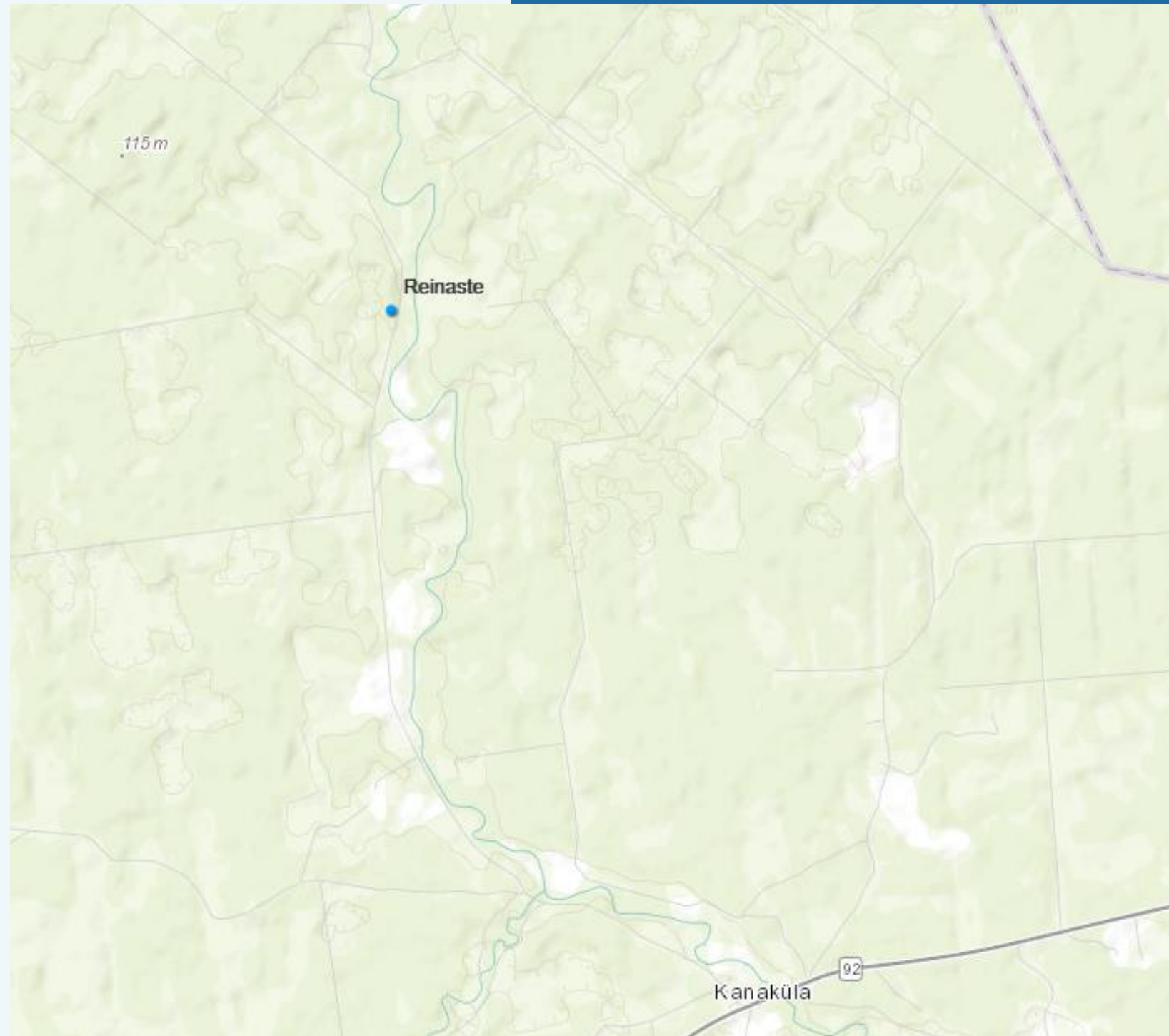
Abs MAX Q: 100 m³/s

11.07.1978



TIPU STATION





REINASTE STATION

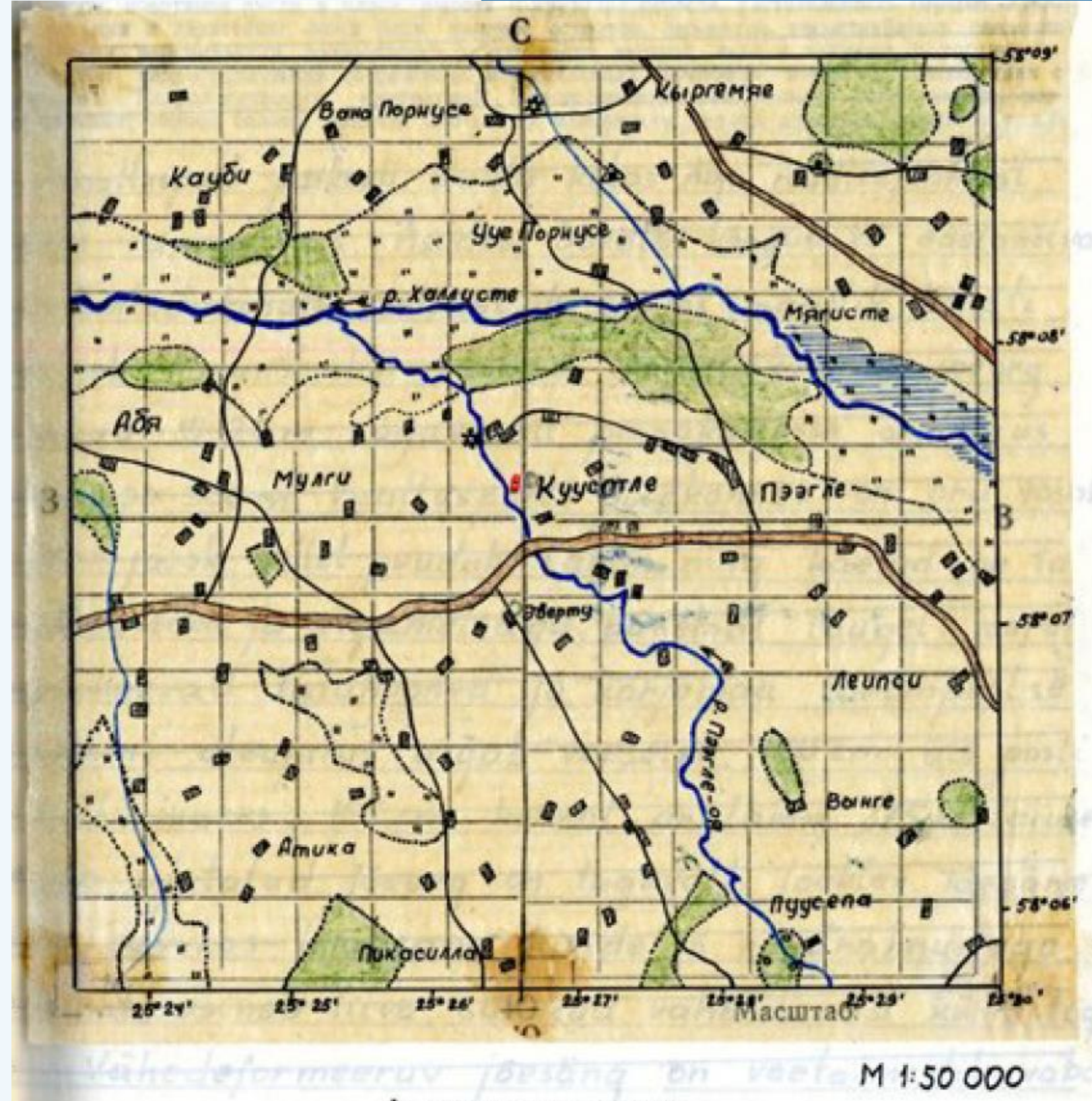
River Halliste

Station was working 1924...1944

Break 1936-1941

Technical passport not found

Photos not found



KUUSTLE STATION

Pöögle stream

Station was working 1945...1997

KUUSTLE STATION

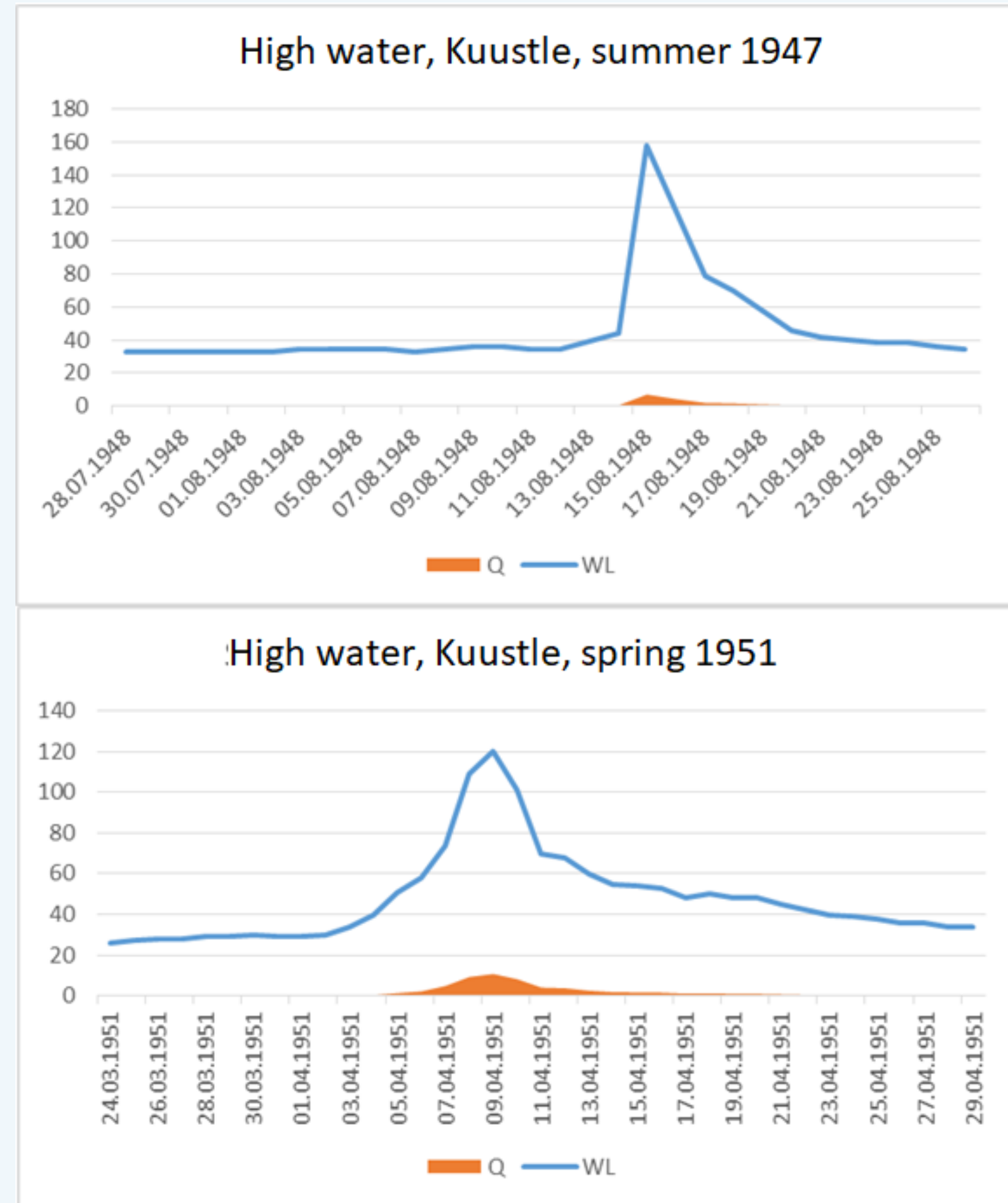
Abs MAX WL: 158 cm

15.08.1948

(summertime flash flood)

Abs MAX Q: 10,8 m³/s

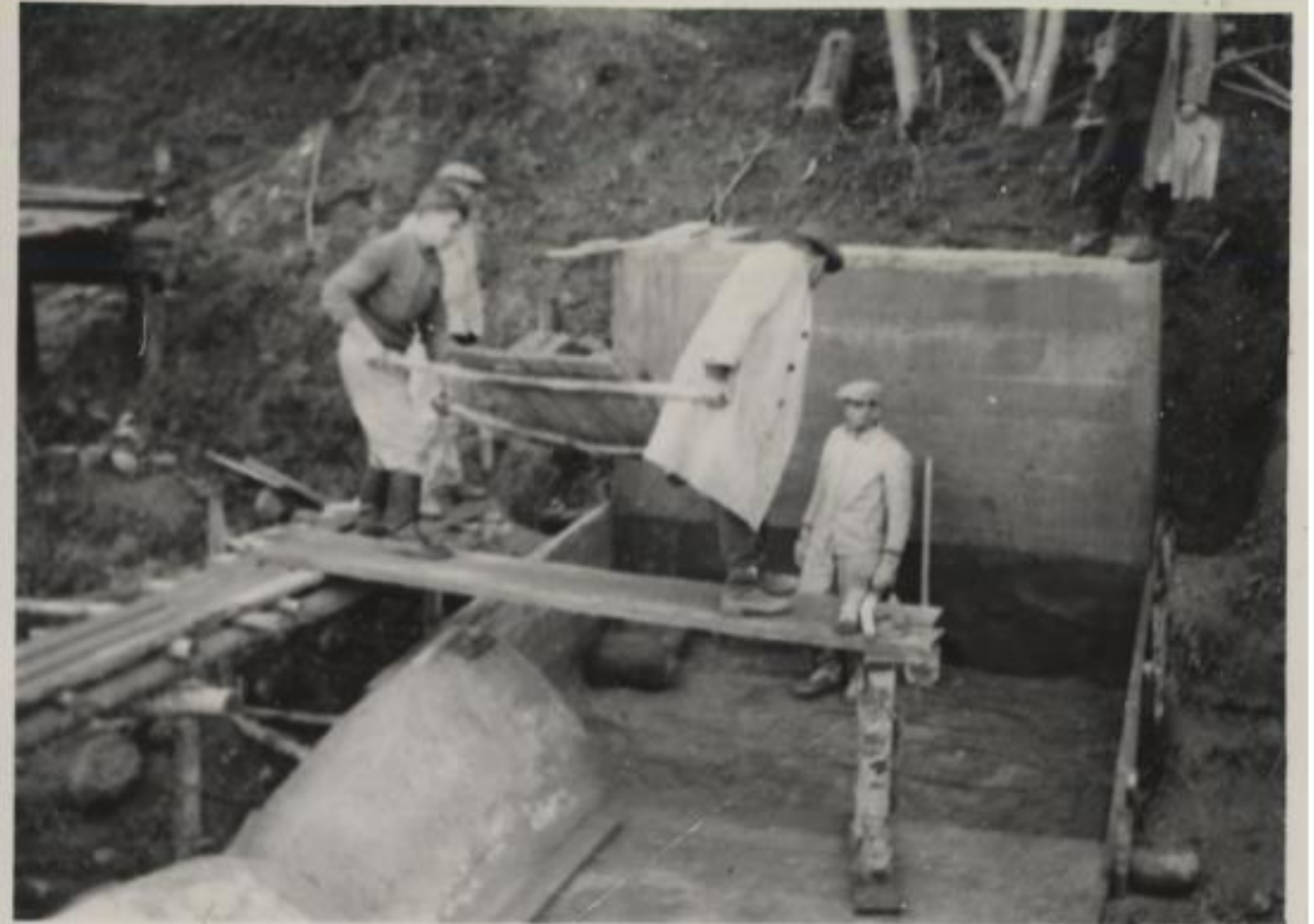
09.04.1951



KUUSTLE STATION



Läve ehitus - sügis 1948.a.



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KUUSTLE STATION



Summary



1924 was a good year to Estonian national hydrology, 5 new stations were opened

1931 was a year of absolute maximum waterlevels, both in Soomaa and elsewhere in Estonia

1951 was a year of absolute maximum discharges





WATER IS LIFE!

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