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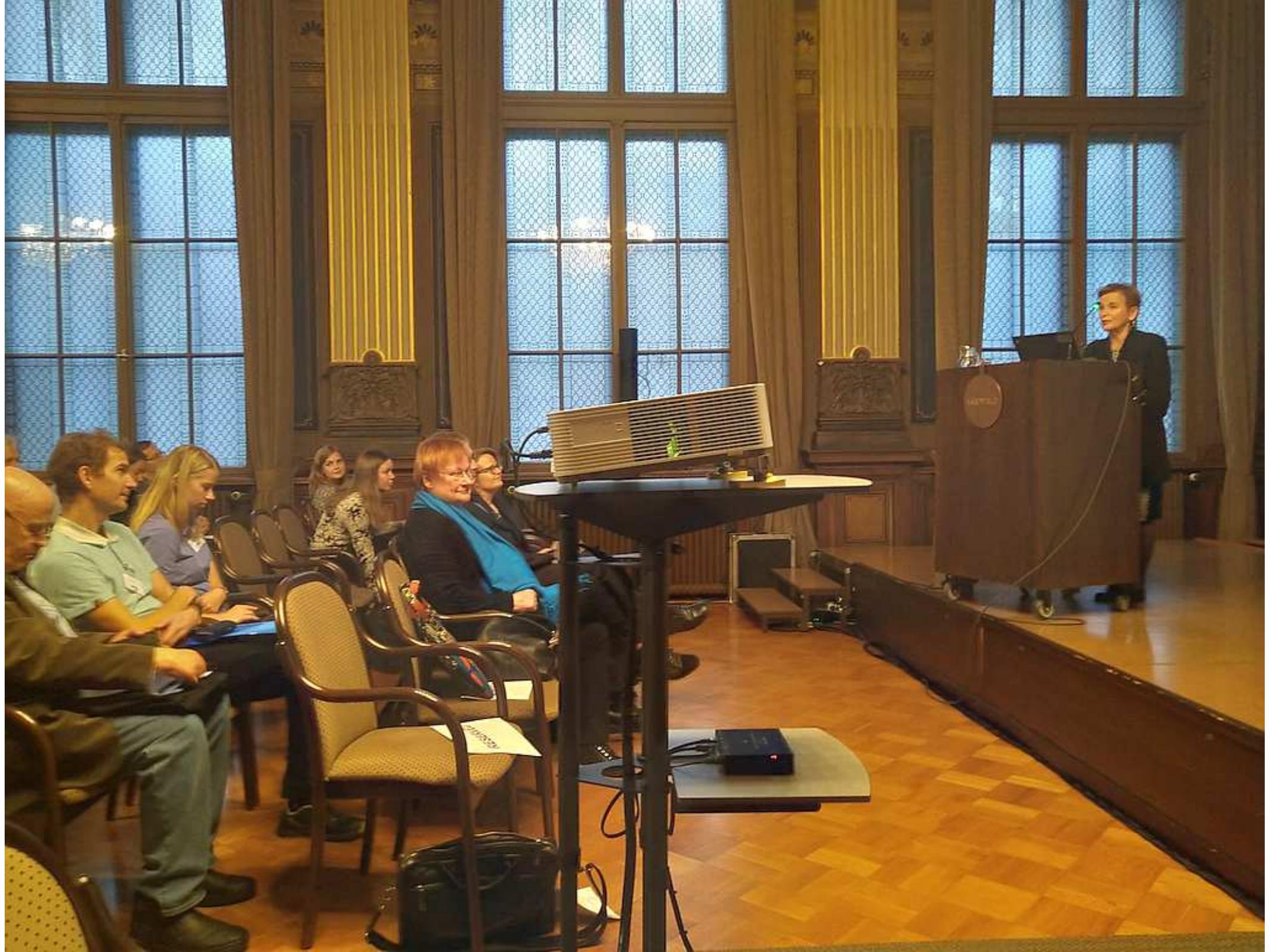










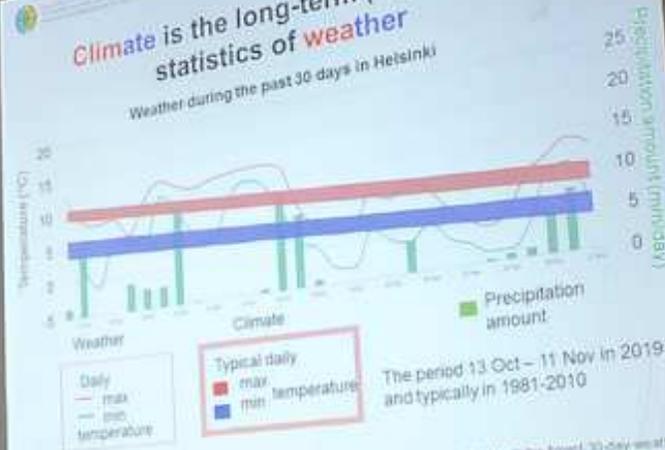






# Climate is the long-term (~ 30 year) statistics of weather

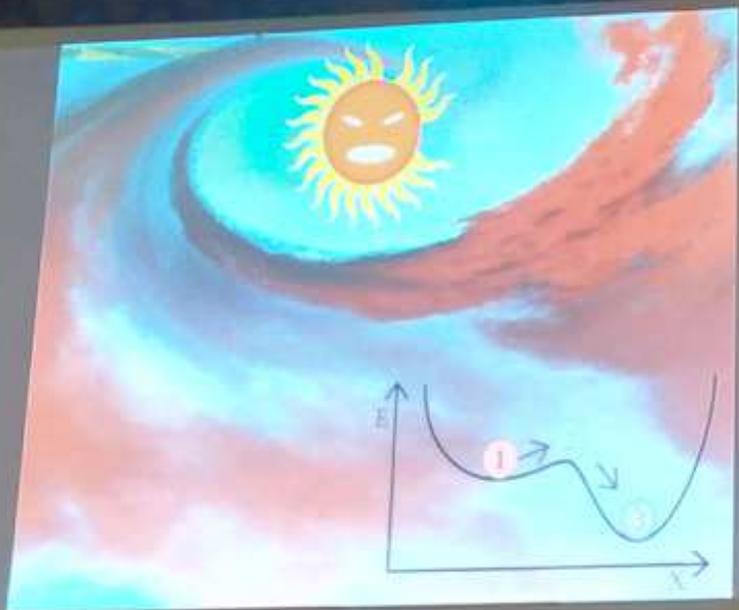
Weather during the past 30 days in Helsinki





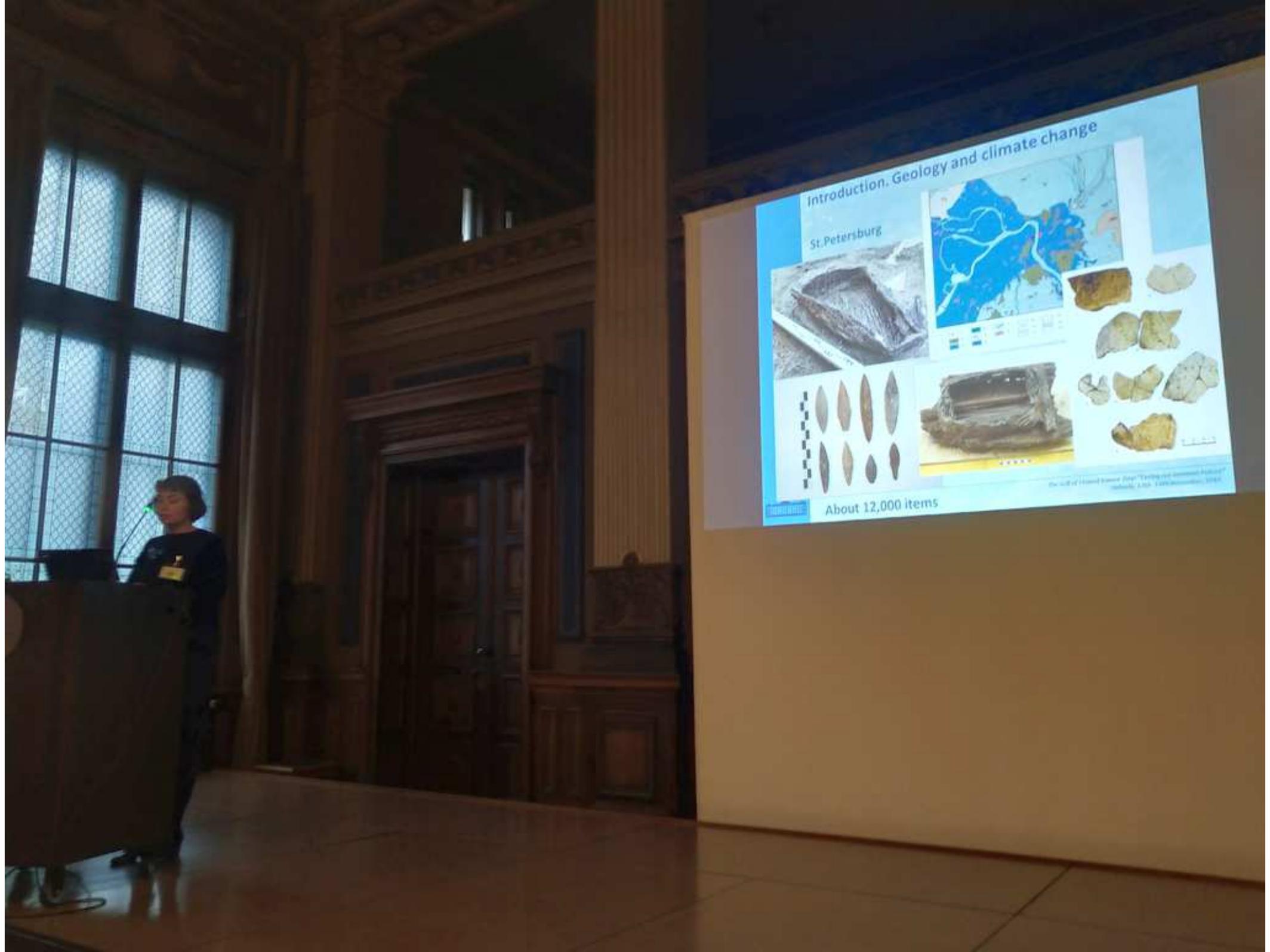
CLIMATE CHANGE, HUMAN IMPACTS  
AND MARINE ECOSYSTEMS

Jorne Kotta









# Introduction. Geology and climate change

St. Petersburg





















## Vision – what to achieve?

Extensive marine area has a good environmental status, diverse and balanced use and promotes the growth of blue economy

## Principles – how to achieve?

Extensive marine area is characterised by a synergistic combined use  
of the marine area has to be diverse, with regularly economic activities  
The area is used as a public good, including through ecosystem services  
Decisions concerning the marine area are evidence-based  
Decisions related to the marine area involve cooperation and communication between  
stakeholders and interest groups



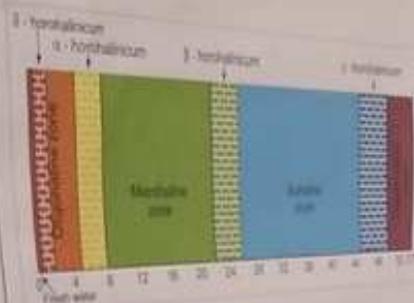




# Horohalnicum in the Baltic Sea

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Salinity is one of the major abiotic environmental factors influencing aquatic animals and plants. According to the concept of the relativity and plurality of barrier salinity or horohalnicums: they are relative to the degree of the osmoregulatory capacities of hydrobionts and to the water chemical composition; there are several zones of barrier salinities which vary in terms of their importance.



One of barrier salinities – 0,5–2‰ or **δ-horohalnicum** is the upper limit of stenohaline freshwater species distribution. It divides freshwater and brackish-water ecosystems. Absence of pronounced high and low tides in the Baltic Sea contributes to a stable **δ-horohalnicum**. Freshwater ecosystems in the Baltic Sea occupy mouths of inflowing rivers and also waste adjoining areas of shallow gulfs. This barrier salinity is well distinguished in the eastern part of the Gulf of Finland and the Northern part of the Gulf of Bothnia. Water areas of the Vistula and Curonian lagoons are divided by this salinity barrier into fresh and brackish water zones. In the South-Eastern area of the Gulf of Riga, being constantly influenced by riverine water inflow, the **δ-horohalnicum** zone is also well distinguished.

- In the Baltic Sea the freshwater zone area is not large, – only 6% of its total area. Only in small areas does fresh riverine waters mix with brackish waters.
- Salinity here varies from fresh water up to 2‰.
- These areas are shallow, maximal depth does not exceed several tens of meters.
- Many freshwater plants and animals are living only here and are not found in the Baltic Sea proper.
- In Baltic freshwater ecosystems there are about 1200 species of fishes, free-living invertebrates and plants (without bacteria, protozoans and tiny metazoans).
- Restricting zone for freshwater organisms invading Baltic Sea is the **δ-horohalnicum**.

Barrier salinity 5–8‰ or **α-horohalnicum** is the upper limit of freshwater fauna distribution and lower limit of marine fauna distribution. It is also known as critical salinity. This barrier salinity divides oligohaline and mesohaline waters. It is a kernel of brackish waters. **α-horohalnicum** occupies the Baltic Sea proper, Bothnian Sea, Archipelago Sea and the Gulf of Riga. Zone of the **α-horohalnicum** of the Baltic Sea – 60% of the total area. It is considered the largest in the Baltic Sea – 60% of the total area. **α-horohalnicum** is occupied by brackish-water ecosystems and is the most diverse in species number. There are about 700 species of fishes, free-living plants (without bacteria, protozoans and tiny metazoans). Several tens of inhabitants of glacial lakes that existed in the ice Age.



Lev Zhuravsky (1878–1952), Ivan Eschsch was the first scientist who in the 1930s clearly described the kernel salinity 0,5–2‰.



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CBC Programme: Geographical area where inland waterways of the Finland and Russia meets (from Map of the European Inland Waterway Network)





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## Car tires – a major source of microplastics

In Finland, the estimated release of tire wear particles is

**5 348–10 528 tonnes per year**

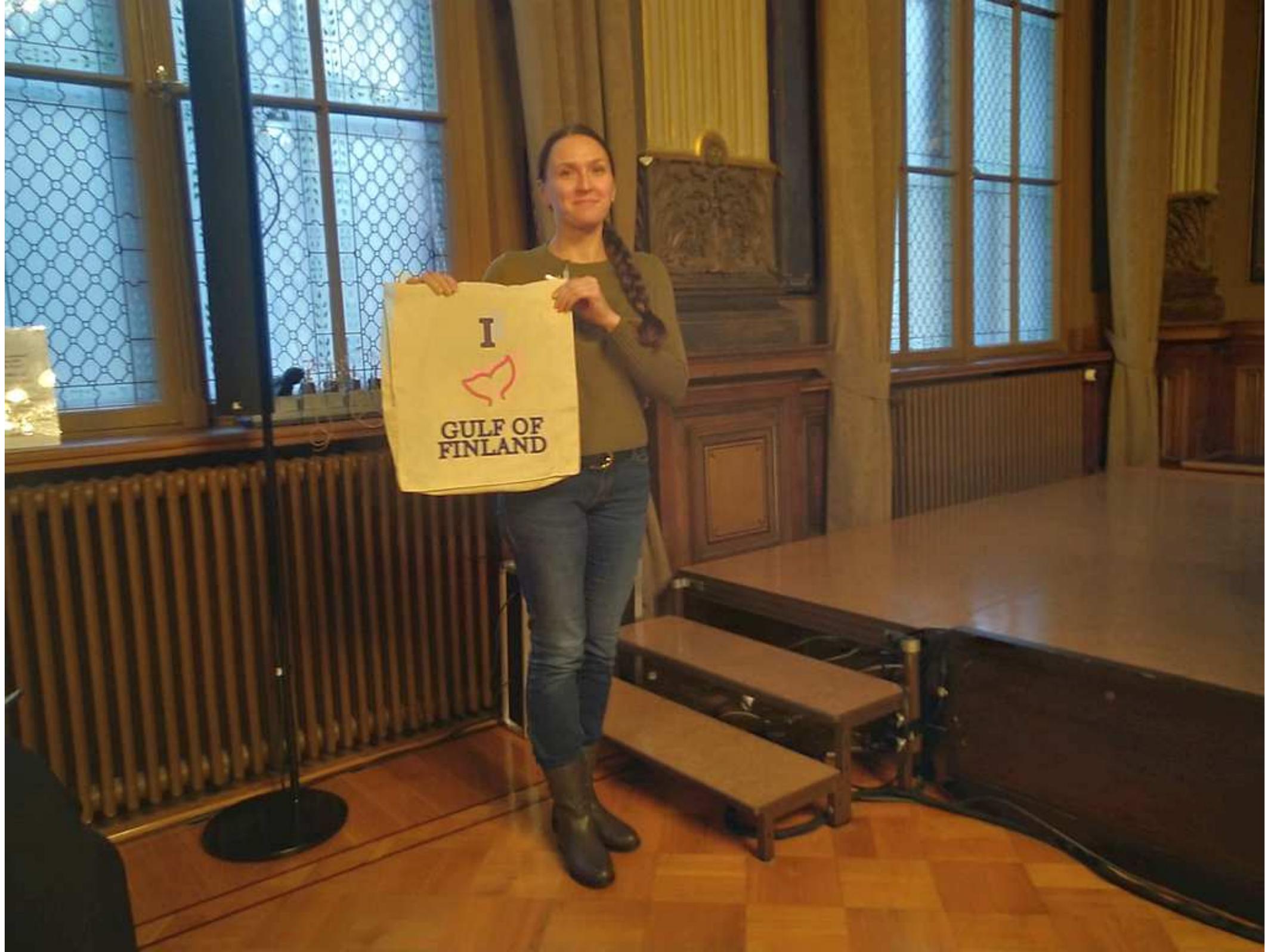
(Sulkkänen & Setälä, unpublished report)



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