

ICP Waters status

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Effects of Air Pollution on Rivers and Lakes

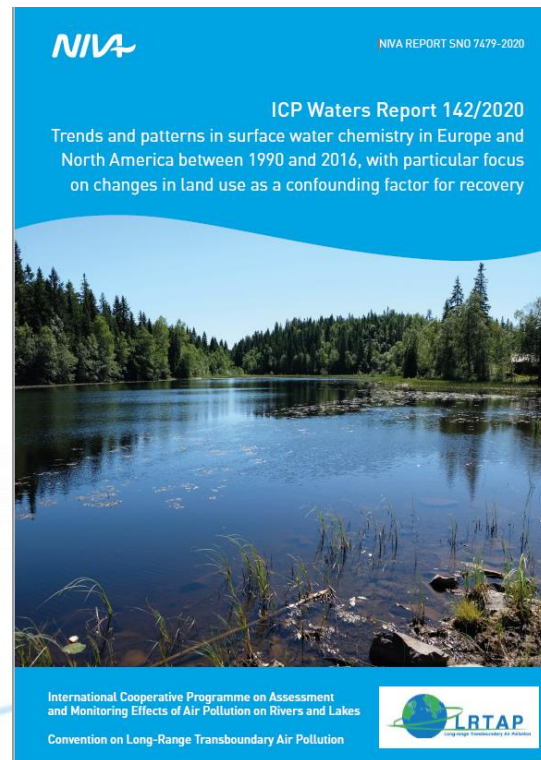
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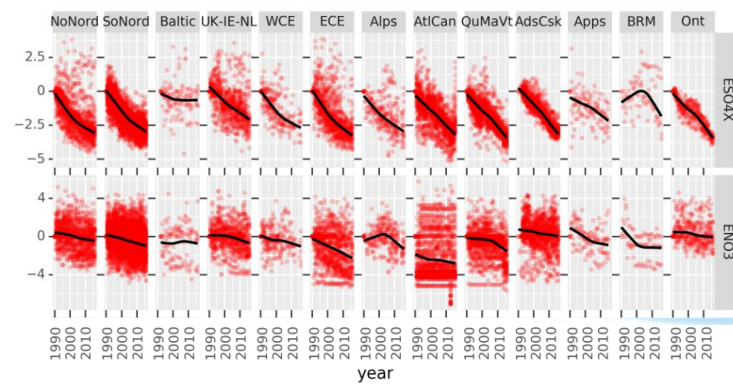
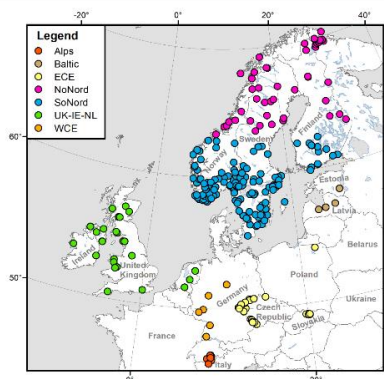
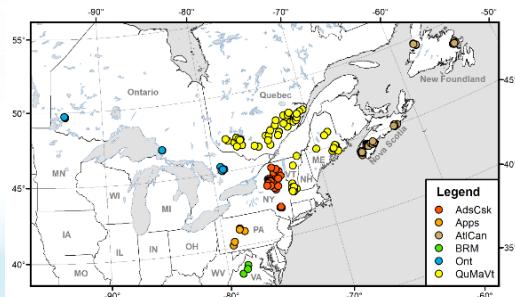
New reports

- Report on trends in water chemistry
- Regular annual reports
 - Task Force Meeting proceedings
 - Chemical intercomparison
 - Biological intercalibration
- All can be downloaded at www.icp-waters.no



Trend report

- 500 sites in Europe and North America with water chemical records from 1990 to 2016
 - Decline in sulphate at most sites (by 40-60%)
 - Nitrate mainly declining, but by less, and fewer significant trends
 - Chloride also declining many places
 - Declining base cations, but still increasing ANC
 - Increasing TOC, partially replacing mineral acidity, so limiting the pH increase



Trend report

- Contrasts between Europe and North America
 - Improvements are levelling off in Europe and accelerating in North America when comparing the 2000s with the 1990s
 - Can be linked to different timing of abatement policies/economic recession
- Acidic episodes have become less severe in line with the recovery of average chemistry
- Land use/land cover change can affect recovery

Variable	Europe	N. America
sulfate	-	-
chloride	-	-
acid-neutralizing capacity	+	+
acidity (H)	-	-

Blue: Less negative or more positive trends (Sen slope) 2002-2016 than 1990-2004

Red: Opposite

2020 report on nitrogen

- Basic questions
 - Nitrate is declining to a lesser extent - why? Are there regional differences or differences related to catchment properties?
 - What happens to organic nitrogen as organic carbon is increasing?
 - Can we understand more about nitrogen saturation from studying the water chemistry trends?
- Approach
 - Trend analysis and spatial analysis
 - Relate concentrations and concentration ratios to nitrogen deposition, land cover and climatic factors
 - Potentially a chapter on contribution of nitrogen deposition to marine eutrophication

Task Force meeting 2019

- Fourth joint meeting with ICP Integrated Monitoring in Helsinki, June 4-6
- 55 experts from 20 Parties to the Convention
- Topics covered
 - Acidification and recovery
 - Climate change and land use
 - Heavy metals and POPs
 - NEC Directive
 - Critical loads and modelling
 - Nitrogen and element budgets
 - CLRTAP and ICP specific topics



Task Force meeting 2020

- Replaced by online meeting 11-12 May
- Separate meetings for ICP W and ICP IM
- Topics
 - Trends (chemical and biological)
 - Nitrogen
 - Other (modelling, biodiversity, heavy metals, critical loads, NEC directive, other)
- Late comers are still welcome (but be quick)

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