



# Centre for Environmental Design of Renewable Energy (CEDREN)



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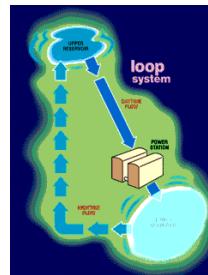


- ▶ 10 large research projects – two more from 2015
- ▶ 7 Norwegian research partners
- ▶ 16 Industry partners and 2 management partners
- ▶ Budget: ~35 MEuro (4,5 MEuro in 2015)
- ▶ 24 PhD and 7 Post-doc positions
- ▶ International student and professional exchange

## Renewable energy respecting nature



## Hydropower technology



## Environmental impacts of hydropower



## Environmental impacts of wind power and power transmission



## How to reconcile energy and environment policy?





NTNU – Trondheim  
Norwegian University of  
Science and Technology

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International  
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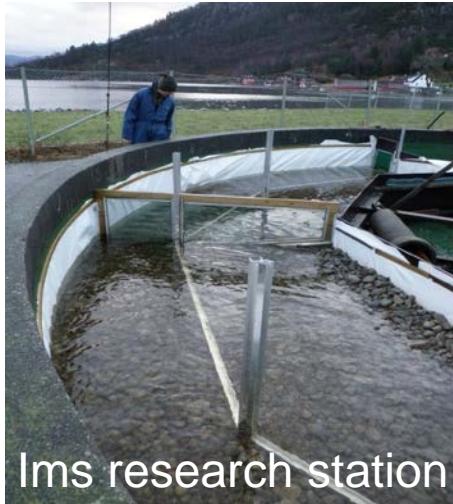
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# Research facilities



Paltamo research station



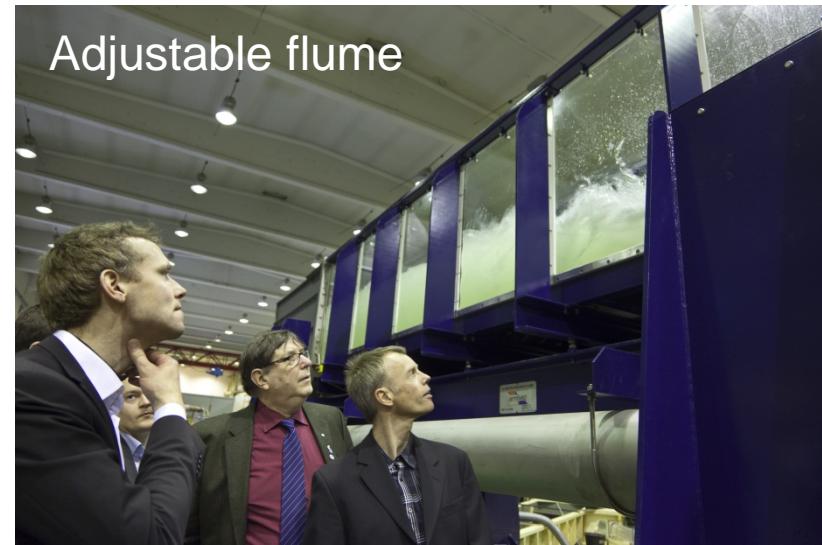
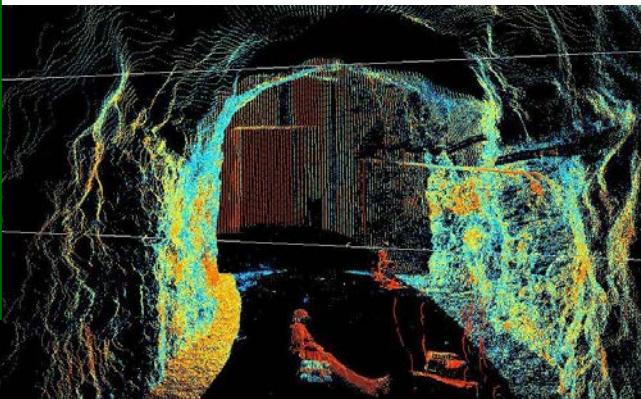
Ims research station



Bird radar



Field equipment:  
GPS and laser scanner



Adjustable flume





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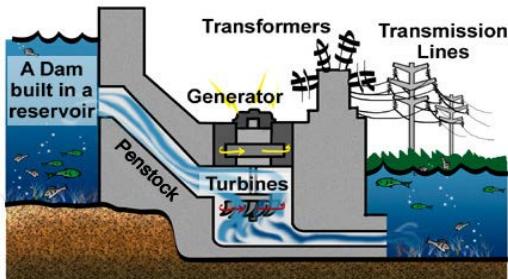




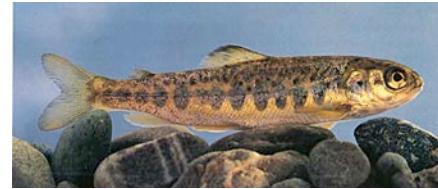
## Meetings, workshops, dialogue and collaboration



# Collaboration



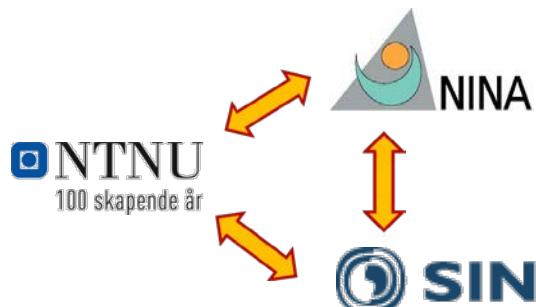
Technology



Nature



Society



# International collaboration

- Access to high-level research
- International user partners
- Seminars, workshops for R&D, authorities and industry
- Together with Norwegian industry
- Case-studies to test our methods

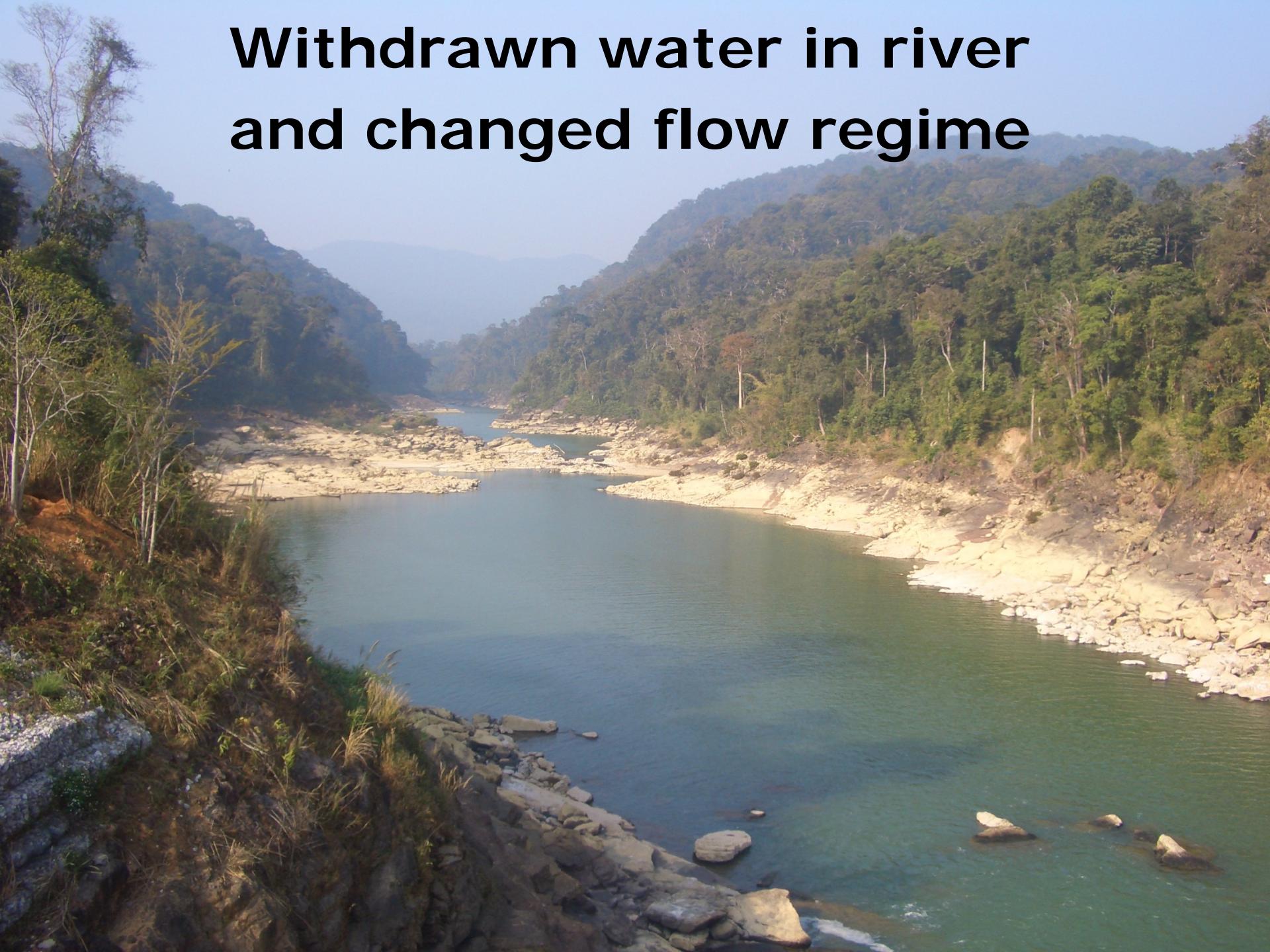


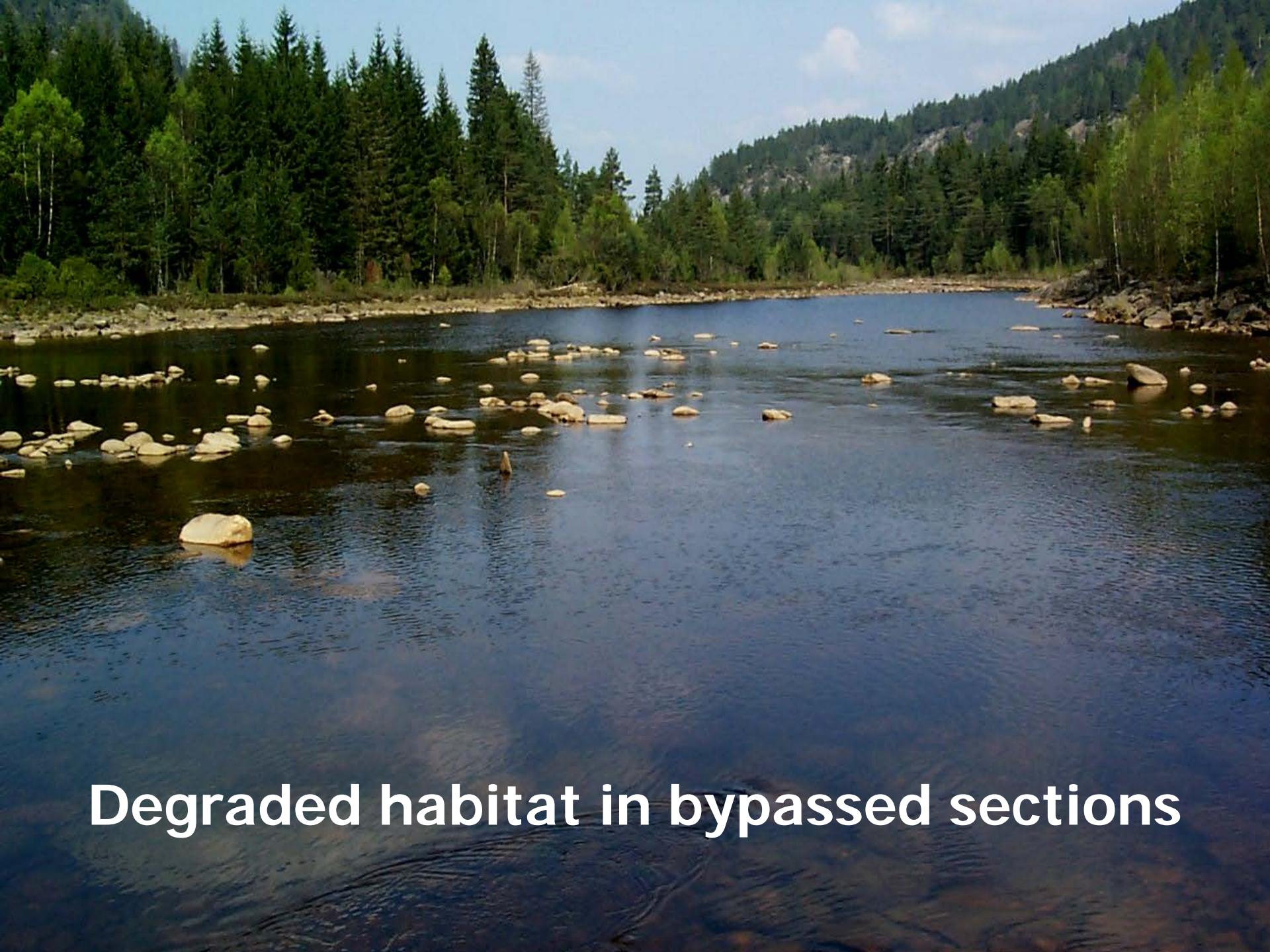
# Dams

- Migration barrier
- Loss of connectivity
- Less access
- Loss of biodiversity



# **Withdrawn water in river and changed flow regime**





**Degraded habitat in bypassed sections**

An aerial photograph showing a large, dark blue reservoir nestled in a valley. The surrounding land is covered in dense forests with autumn foliage, displaying shades of orange, yellow, and brown. A winding road or path is visible near the reservoir's edge. In the background, more forested hills extend towards the horizon under a clear sky.

# Landscape effect Impacts on wildlife

*Foto: NINA*





# How much water is needed?



for hydropower  
and ecology





# Eco Hydrology



# Hydropower

# Handbook for environmental design in regulated salmon rivers

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- Guidance developed for Atlantic salmon
- Methods suitable for other species and end users
- Download free copy:

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# Environmental design of hydropower

- Environmental flows in regulated rivers
  - New methods
  - Awareness for authorities, NGOs, stakeholders and developers
  - Training in application
  - Applied to Devolli project in Albania and Adjari project in Georgia
- Meetings, seminars and conferences organized in many countries
- Greenhouse gas control in reservoirs
  - Seminars, workshops
  - Training in methods
  - On-site investigations
- University collaboration
  - Teaching, student exchange





## Hydropower – supporting other renewables



New role for hydropower  
- still need for  
environmental design!

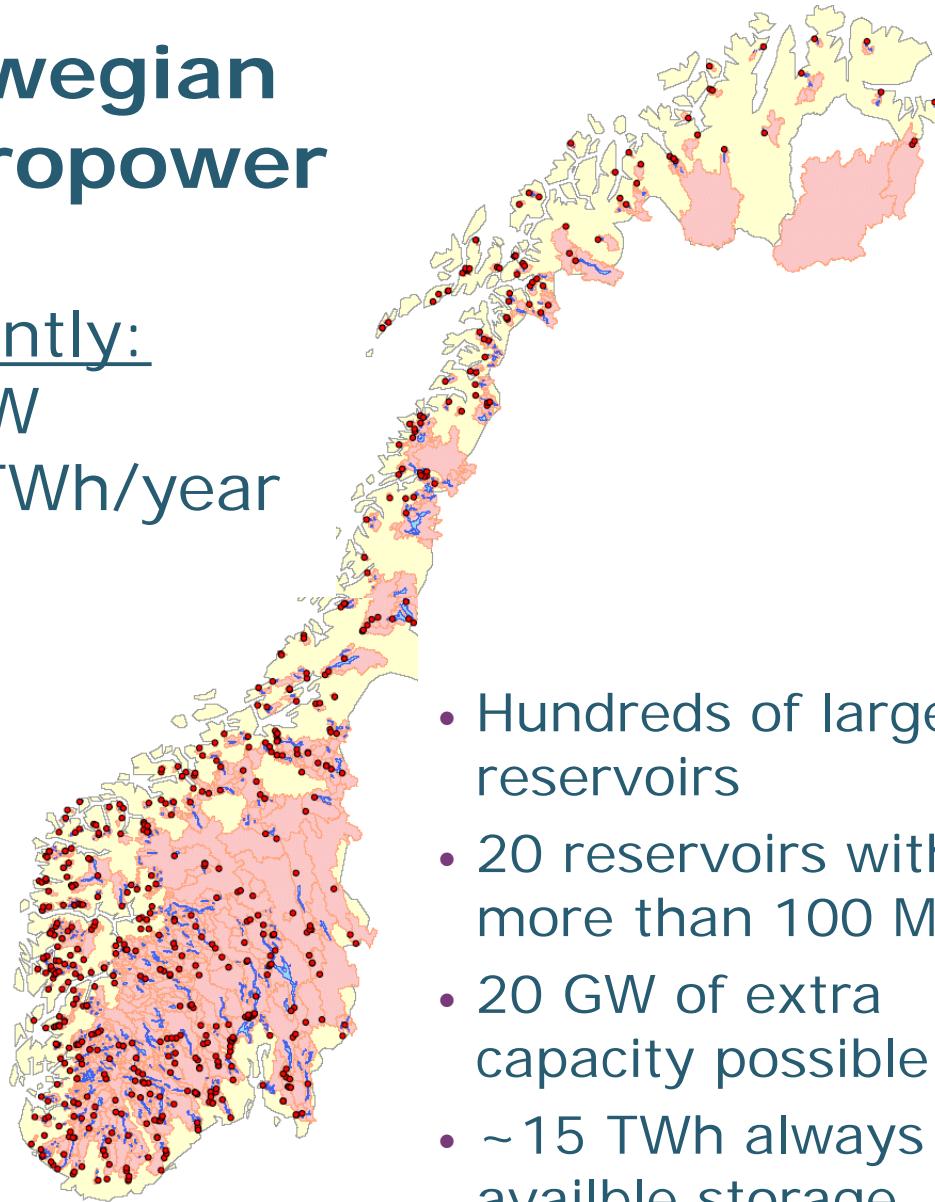


# Norwegian hydropower

Currently:

32 GW

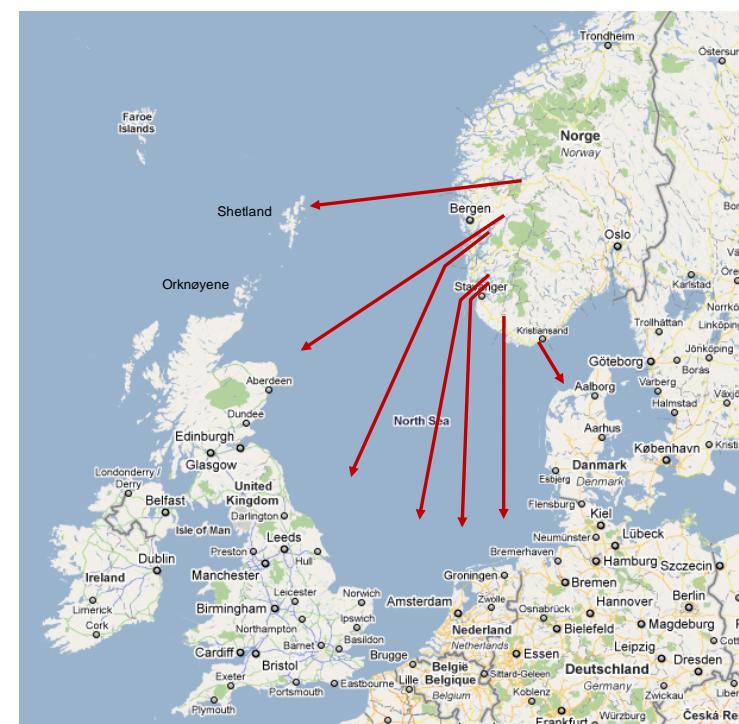
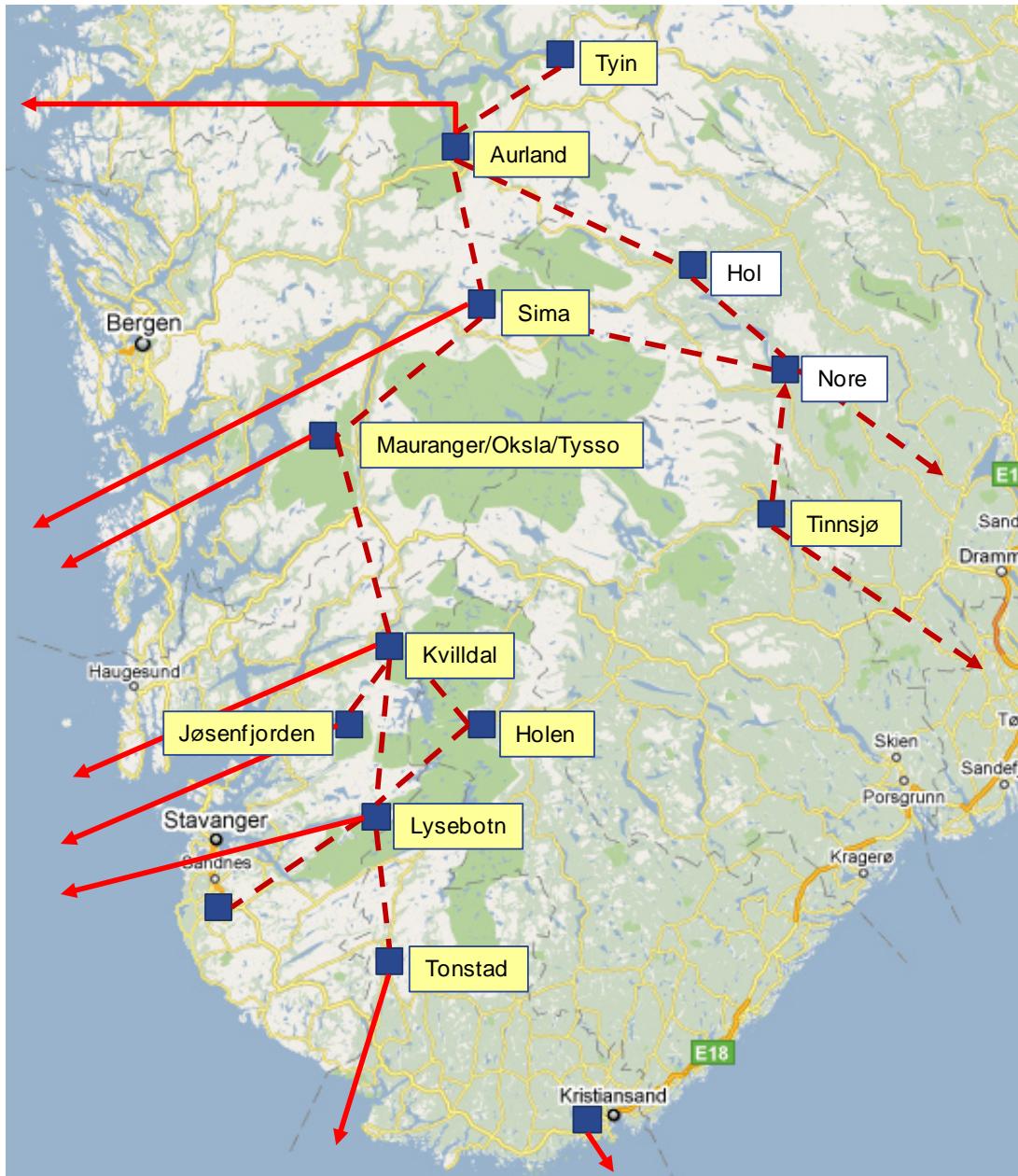
130 TWh/year



- Hundreds of large reservoirs
- 20 reservoirs with more than 100 Mm<sup>3</sup>
- 20 GW of extra capacity possible
- ~15 TWh always available storage

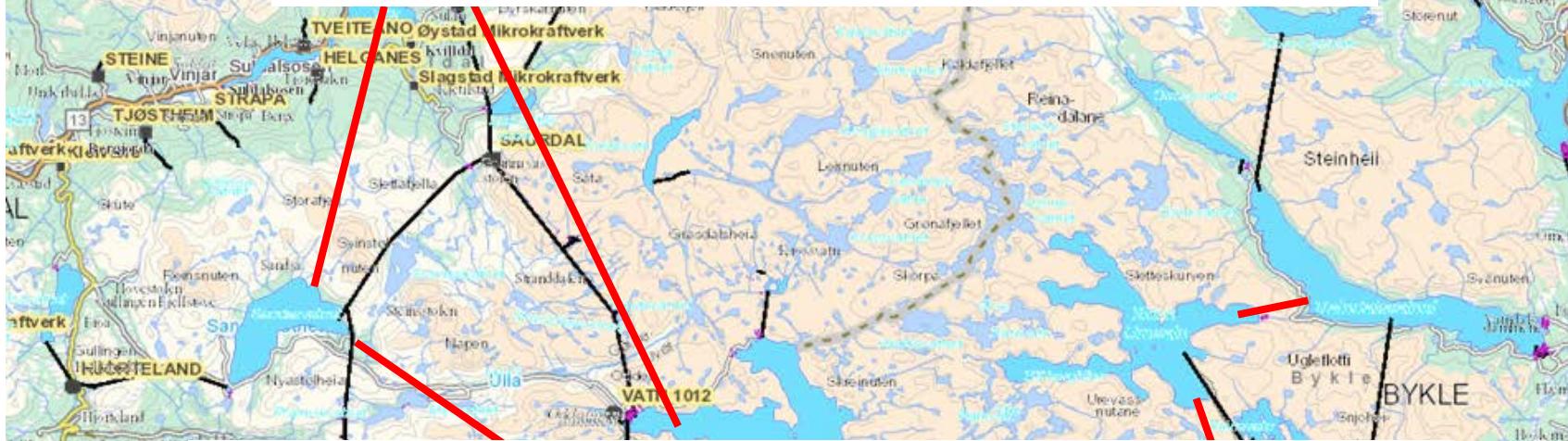


# CEDREN Case study 2030





# The technical potential



# Environmental and social impacts



# Remember: Fish only dies once!

A close-up photograph of a fish swimming in dark, textured water. The fish is oriented diagonally from the top left towards the bottom right. It has a silvery body with a distinct yellow stripe running along its side. Its mouth is slightly open, and it appears to be moving through the water.

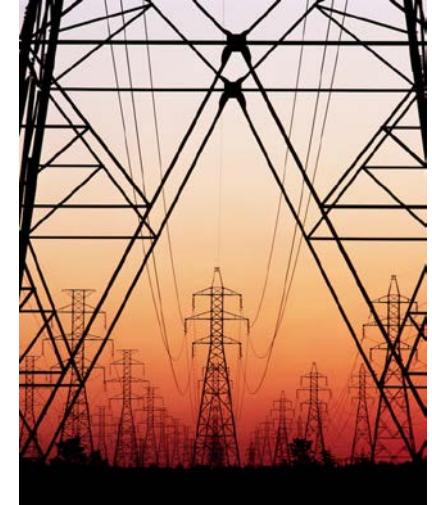
- Look for bottlenecks
- Combine technology – nature – society needs
- Hydropower and water reservoirs are needed

# Birds and wind turbines - always a conflict?



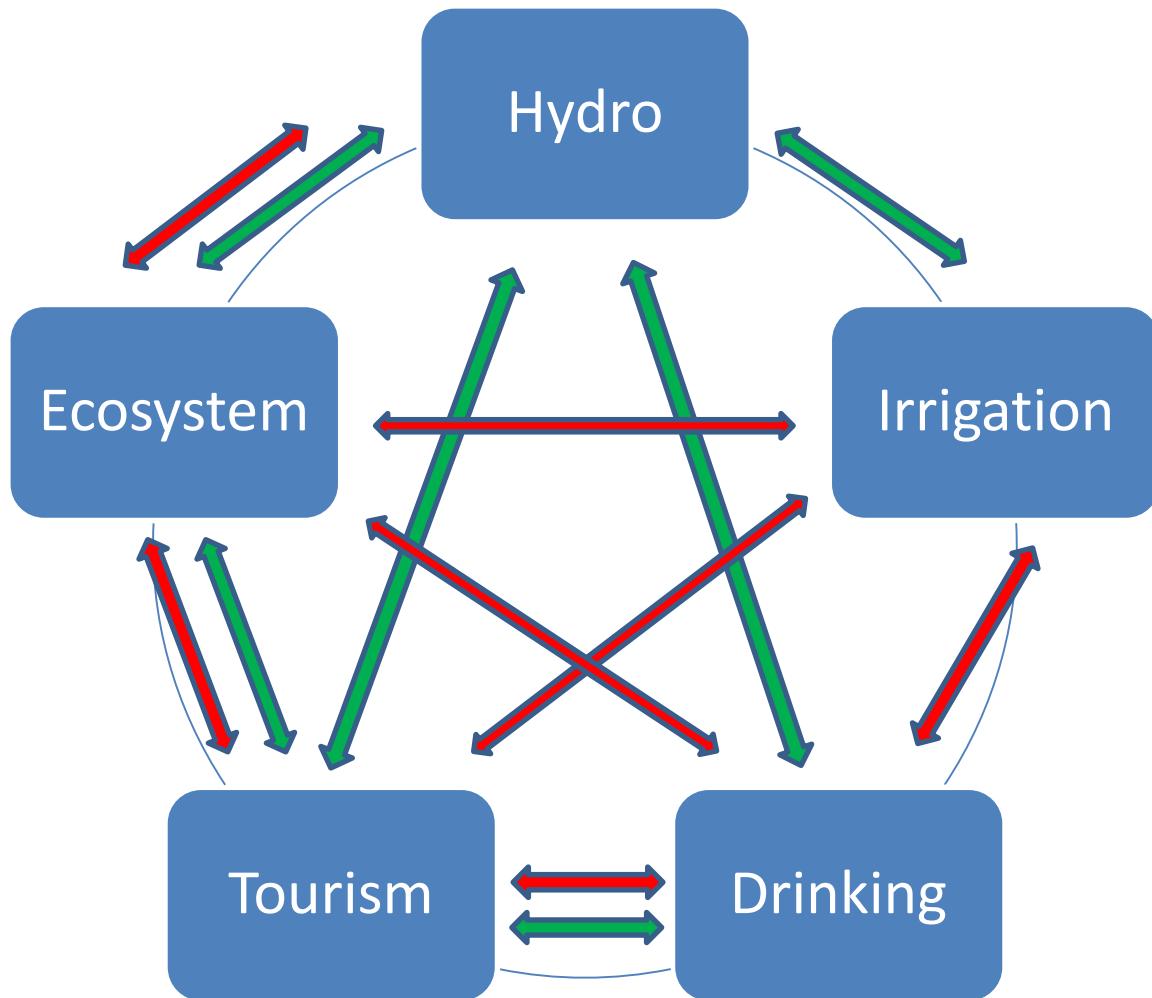
# Power transmission

- Environmental impacts
- Reducing conflicts
- Sustainable grid development
- Public acceptance





# Various water usess: competitive or synergetig?



Balancing needs  
requires:

- Integrated tools
- Data/monitoring  
programmes

# Social and societal impacts





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