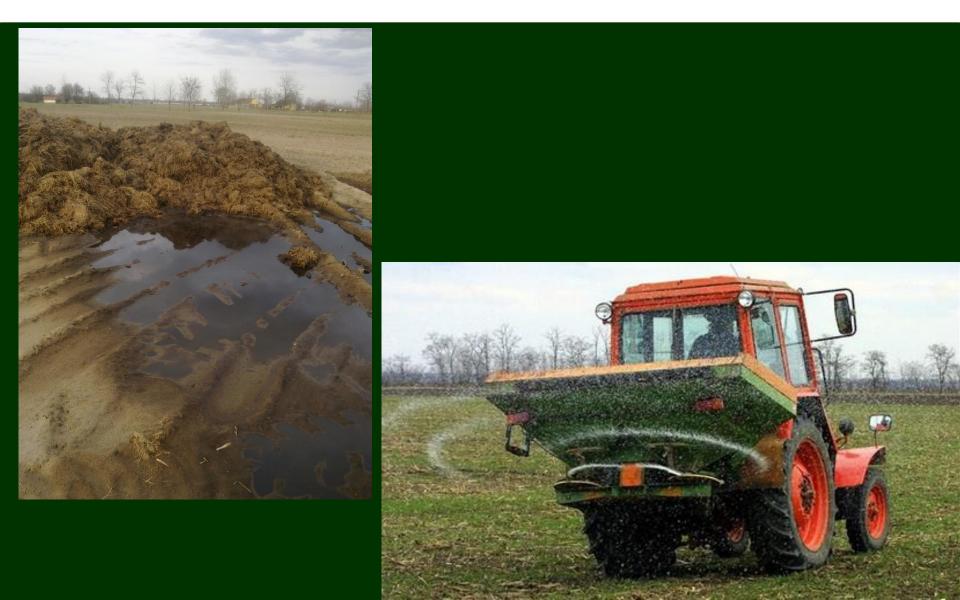
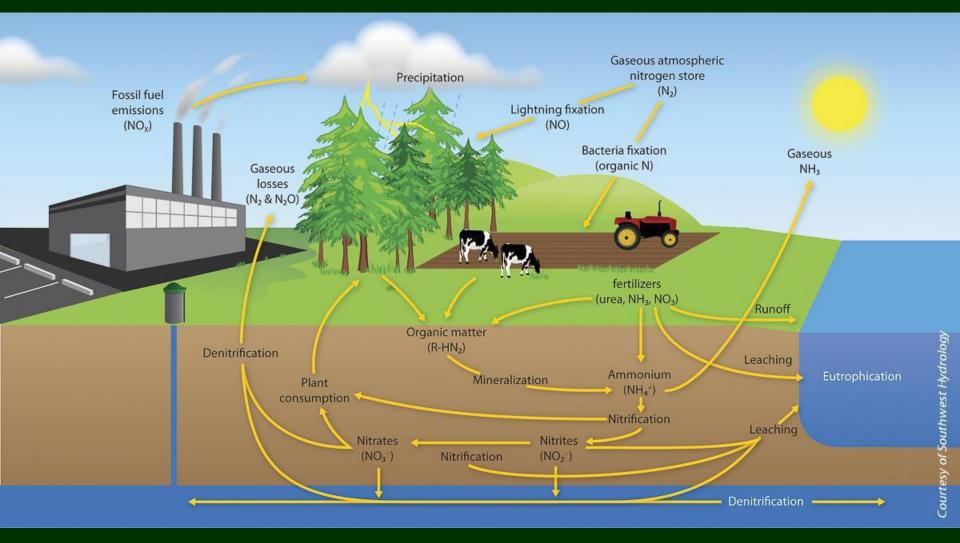
The designation of Nitrate Vulnerable Zones in Hungary

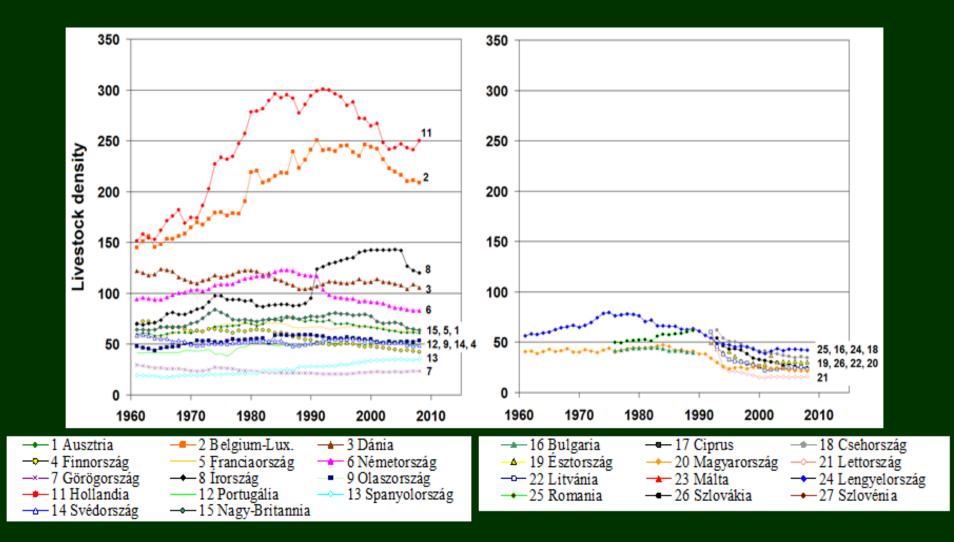
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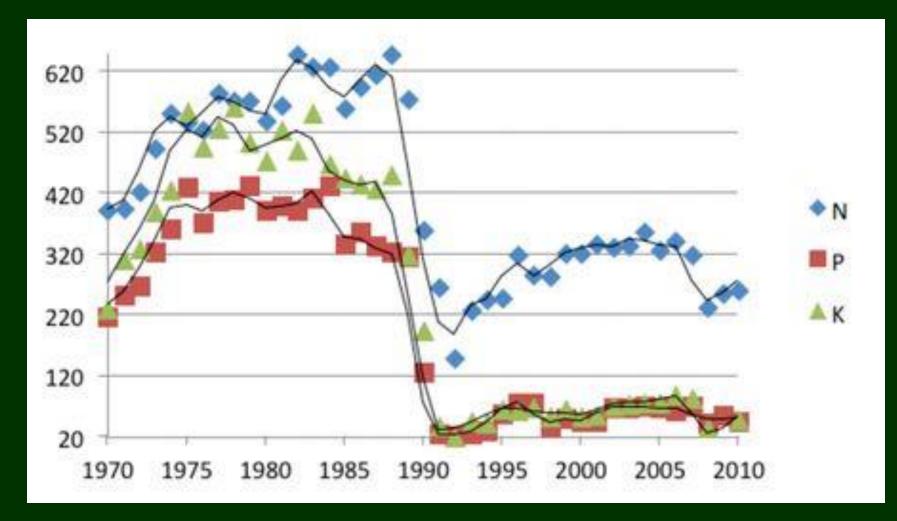
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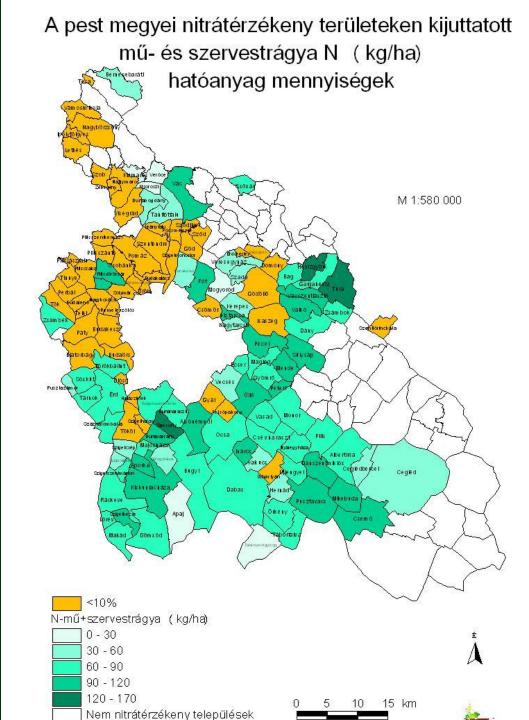
Changes of livestock density (A) in EU15 countries and (B) in NEU12 countries, 1961-2003, animal unit 100 ha⁻¹ agricultural area. (Péter Csathó)

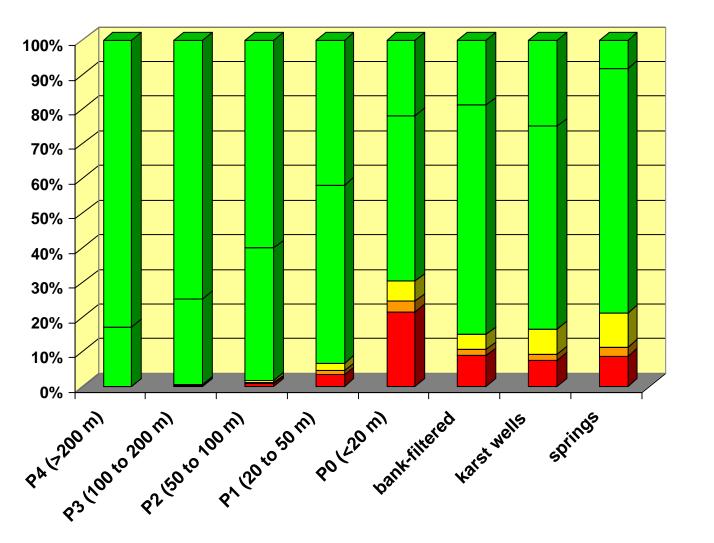


NPK hatóanyag felhasználás Magyarországon (tonna)

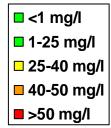


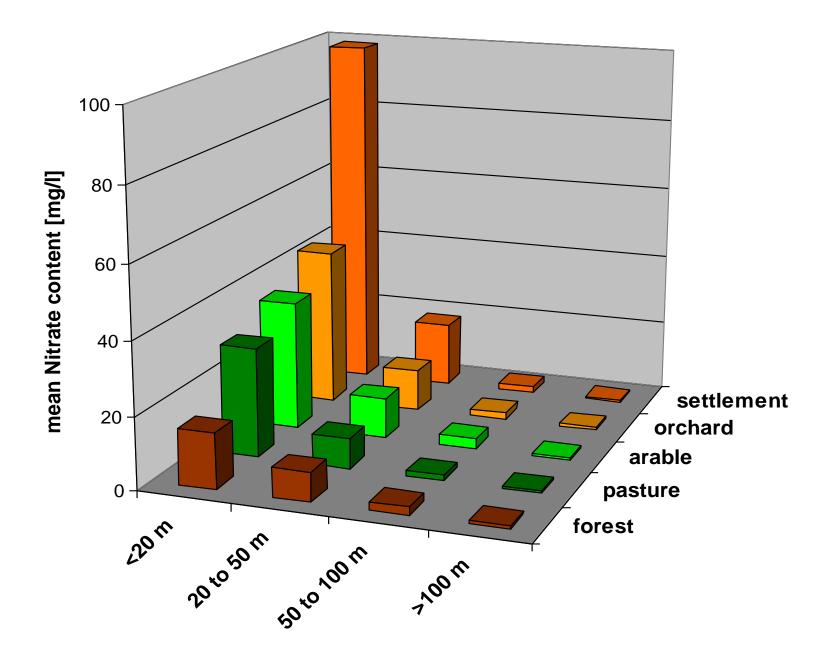
Forrás: Pálmai, 2010





Frequency of nitrate content of 18 740 wells and springs





Designation of water bodies vulnerable to nitrate pollution

a) That surface water, in which
aa) nitrate content exceeds the value of 50 mg/l, or in the event of use as drinking water 25 mg/l, or
ab) the presence of nitrogen compounds contributes to the development of eutrophication;

b) That groundwater, in which the nitrate content is higher than 50 mg/l, or in the event of use as drinking water 25 mg/l,

c) a water in which the nitrate content may exceed the limits according to Items a) and b) or eutrophication may develop if agricultural practice is not compiled with GAP

Designation of NVZ

Nitrate vulnerable area shall be:

(for surface waters)

a) the catchment areas of Lakes Balaton, Velencei and Fertő and all reservoirs serving for drinking water supply ;

(for groundwaters)

b) all

ba) karstic areas where limestone, dolomite, limestone and dolomite marl formations are located on the surface or within 10 m below the surface,

bb) protection zones of gw. sources used for public water supply or water extractions for the purpose of mineral and medicinal water uses,

Designation of NVZ

bc) karstic areas not included in Items *ba)* and *bb)* where limestone, dolomite, lime and dolomite marl formations are located within 100 m below the surface, except if it is proven by a local test that no nitrogen-containing compound can reach such formations from the surface within a period of 100 years,

bd) areas where the top of the main porous-aquifer complex is at a depth less than 50 m from the surface (pollution can reach the aquifer < 100 years)

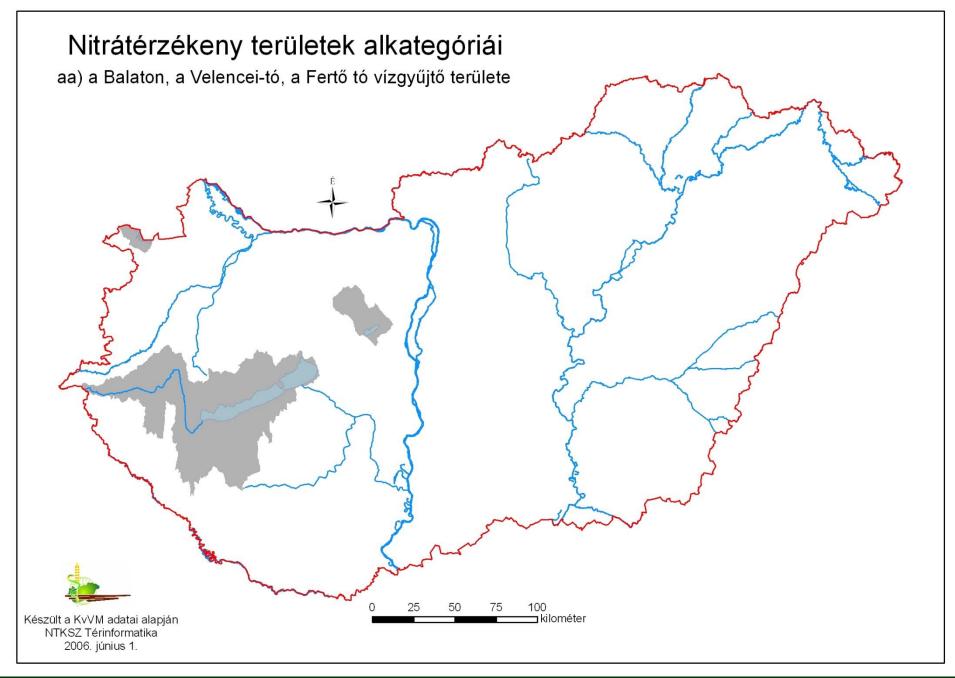
c) 300 meter zone around mining lakes.

Other provisions in the Nitrate Directive Influencing factors: a) characteristics and environmental properties of the waters and soil; b) behavior of nitrogen compounds in the environment; c) effects of the action program prepared according to the provisions of the present legistlation

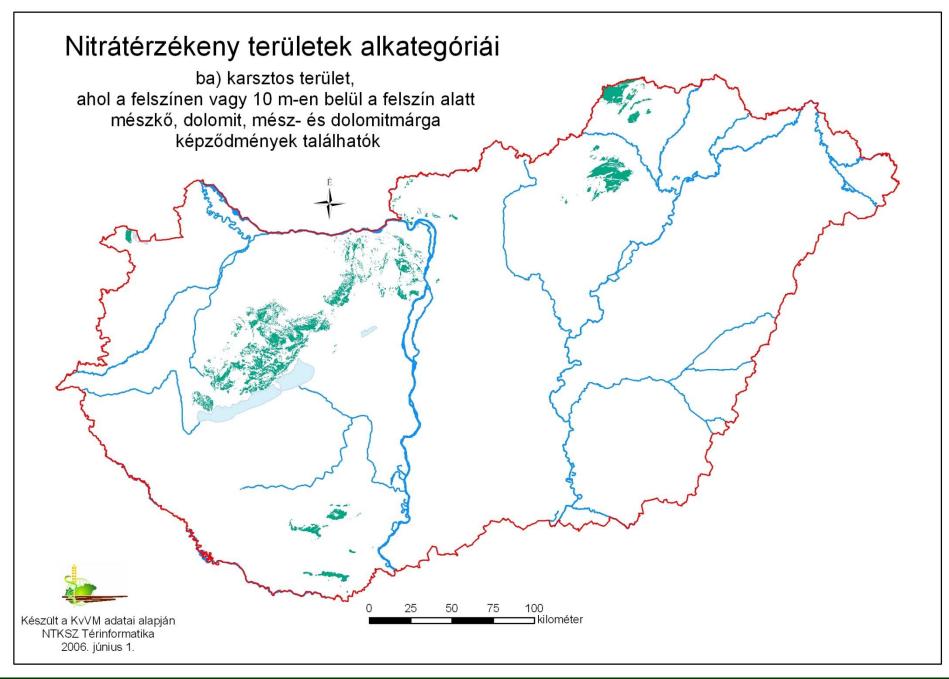
Time scale aspects

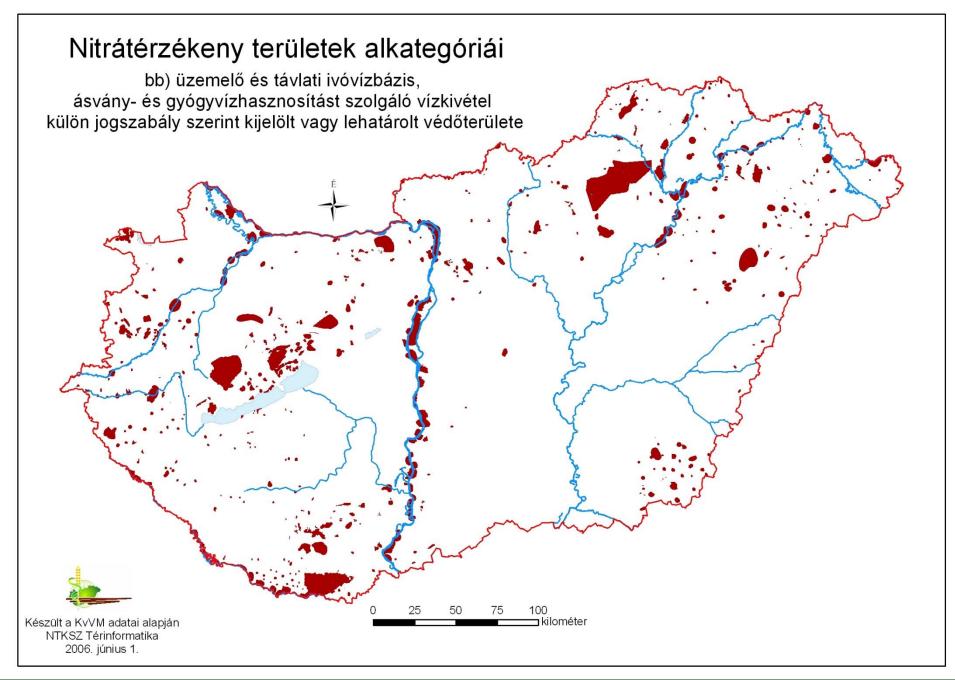
Recharge rate of groundwater in Hungary is in order of 20 to 100 mm/a so 1 meter of groundwater contains infiltration of 2 to 10 years. The effects of ,, of good agriculture practice " have to be detected in the upper 5 to 10 m of groundwater

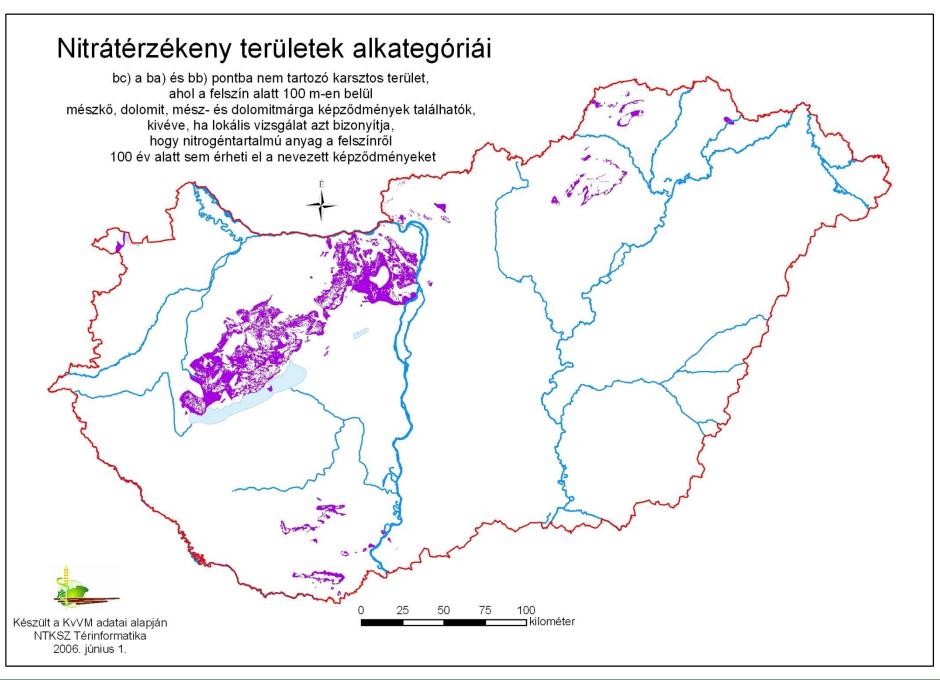
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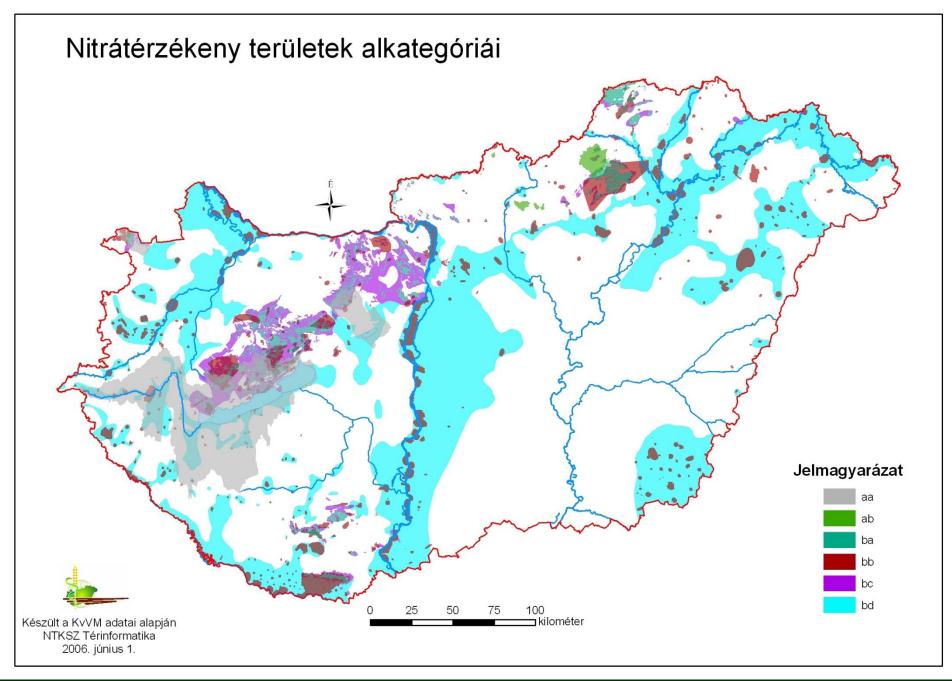




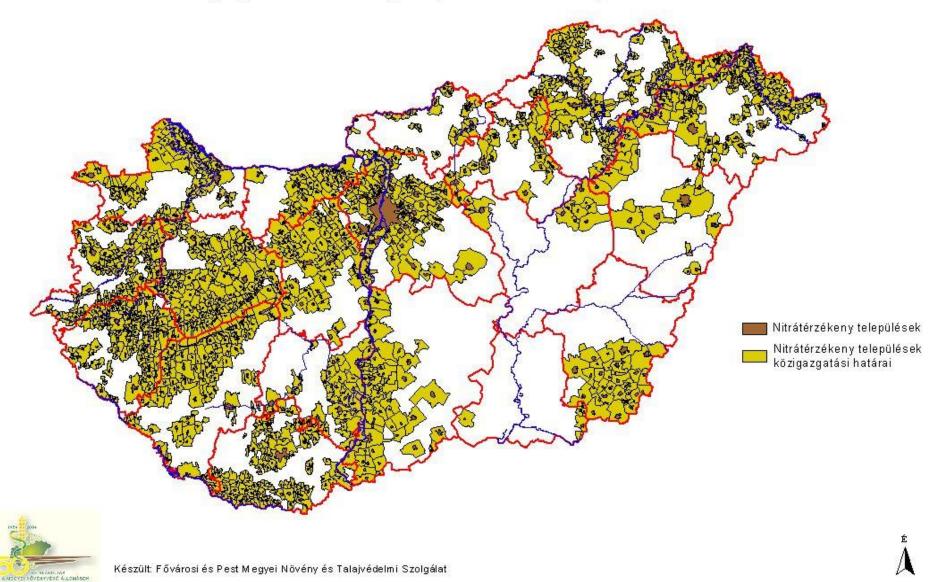








A 49/2001. (IV.3.) Korm. rendeletben felsorolt települések közigazgatási határai alapján kijelölt nitrátérzékeny területek



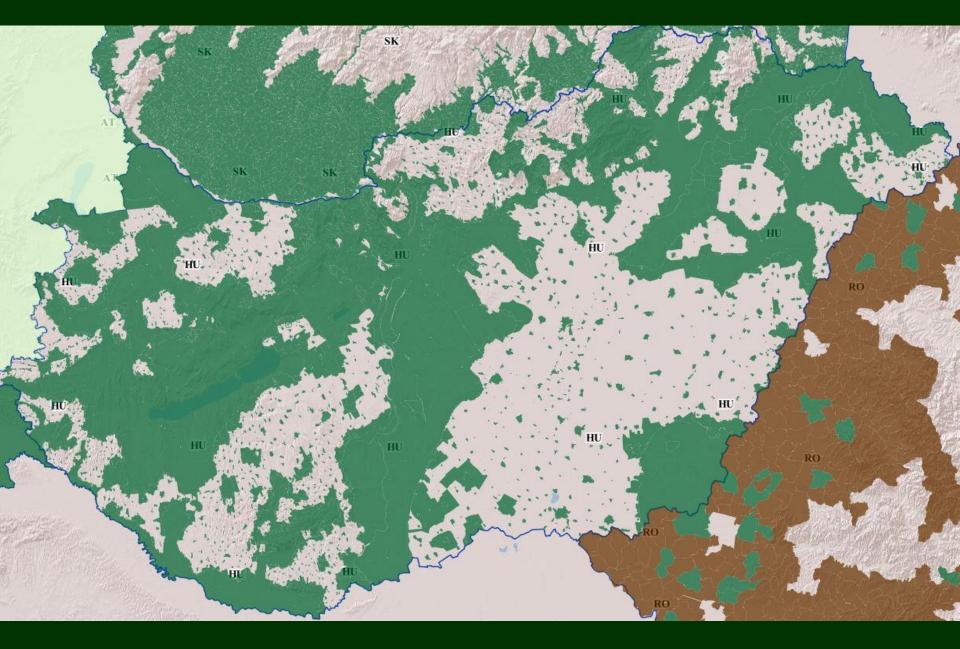
New aspects of designation - 2007

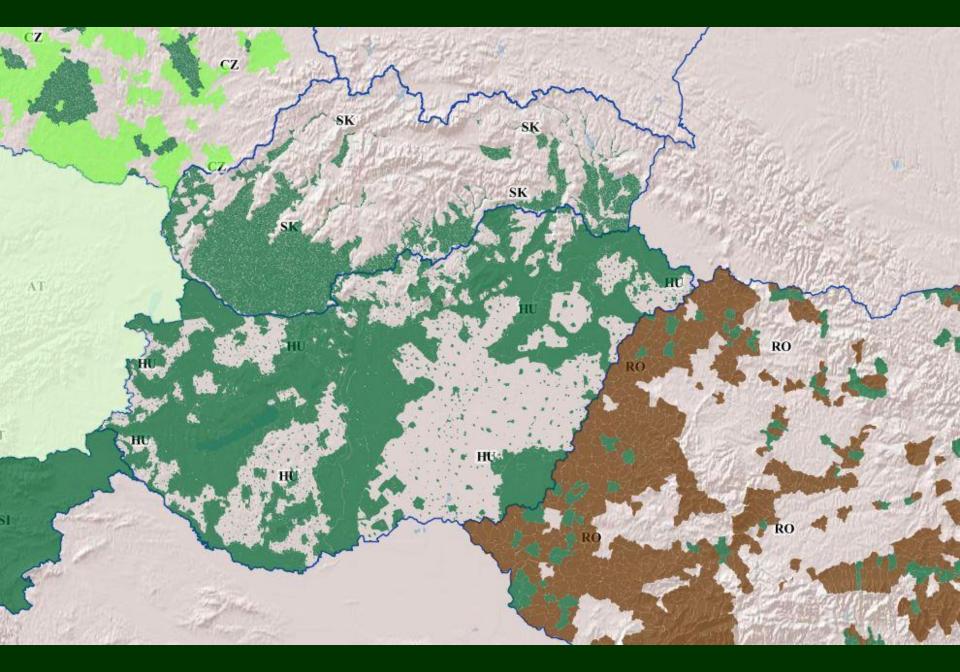
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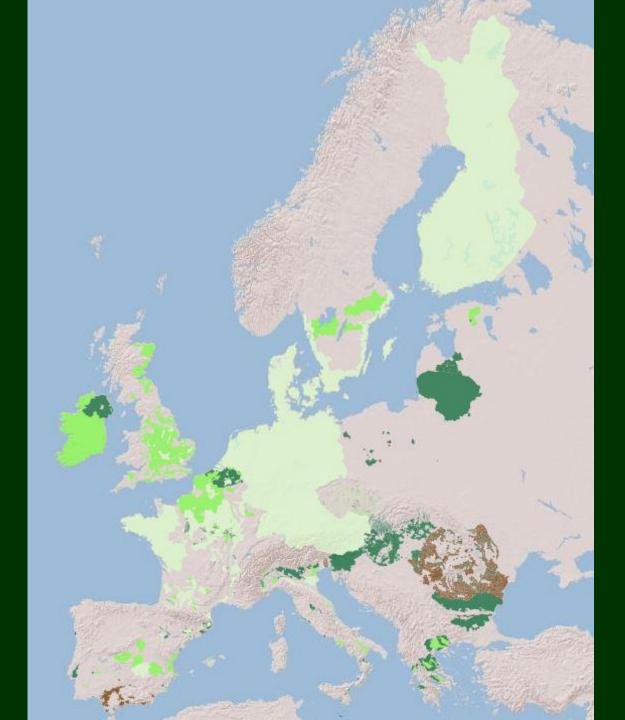
Residential (urban) areas, except if it is proven that the nitrate content of the groundwater does not exceed the value of 50 mg/l and where animal husbandry activities can be performed according to the community development plan.

Large livestock farms

The designation process changed from settlement level to block level



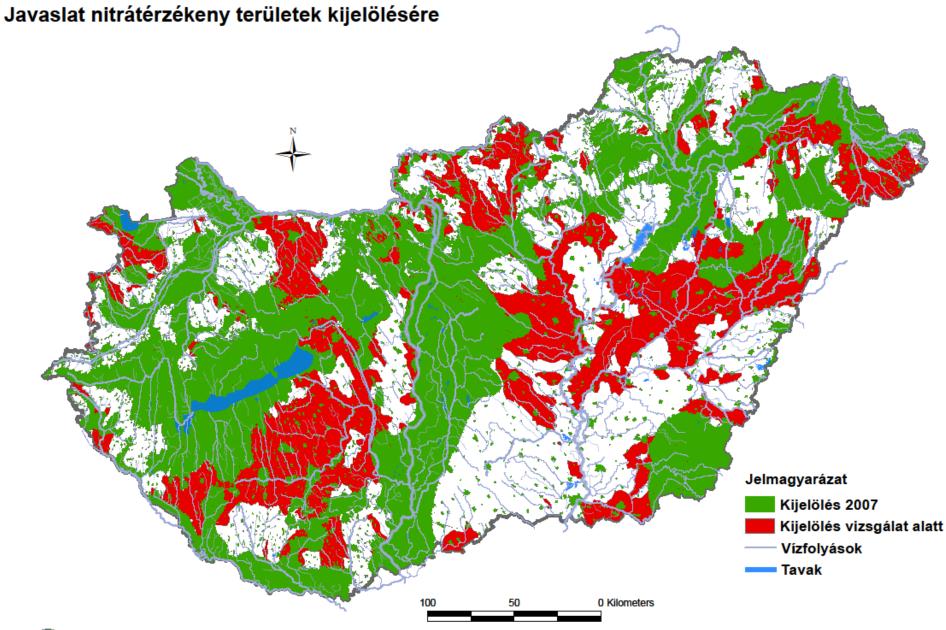




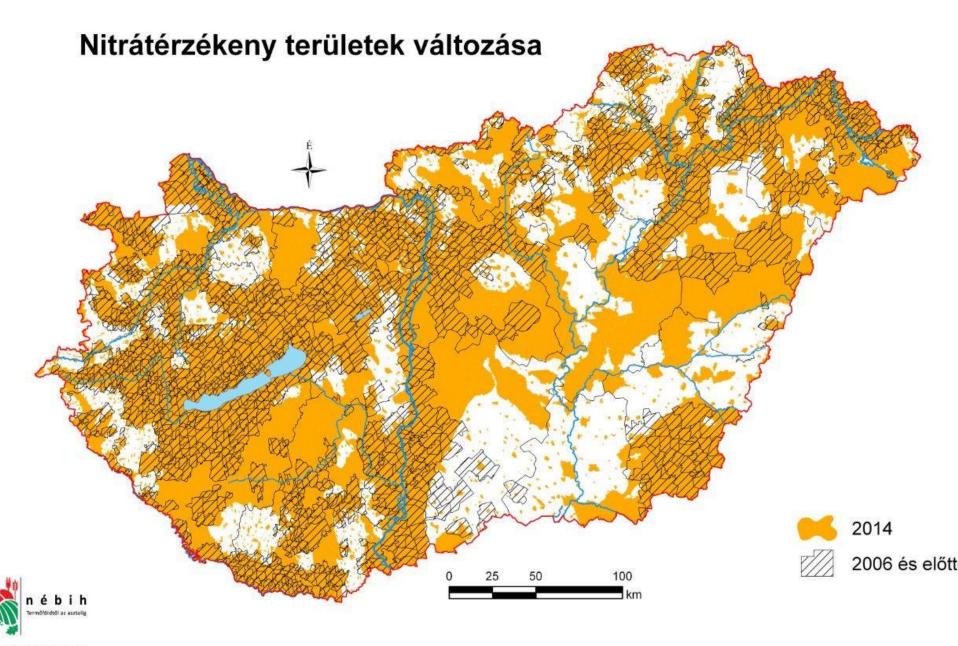
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Eutrophication status of surface waters:

 catchment areas of lakes and watercourses, which state is eutrophic, or could be eutrophic without use of good agricultural practices







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Conclusions

Changing designation aspectsSources of pollution are not investigatedTime scale of the pollution spreading is not taken into consideration

No consideration of:

characteristics and environmental properties of the waters and soil;

behavior of nitrogen compounds in the environment;

Conclusions

Consequences of the lack of the pollution source control

- Breaking the DPSIR methodology
- Unreasonably strict regulation
- Threatening the goals of WFD

Consequences of the lack of the time scale

• Judging the actual technologies based on the effects of the past decades techniques

Thank you for your attention!

