

# Lake Peipsi on the Estonian/Russian border

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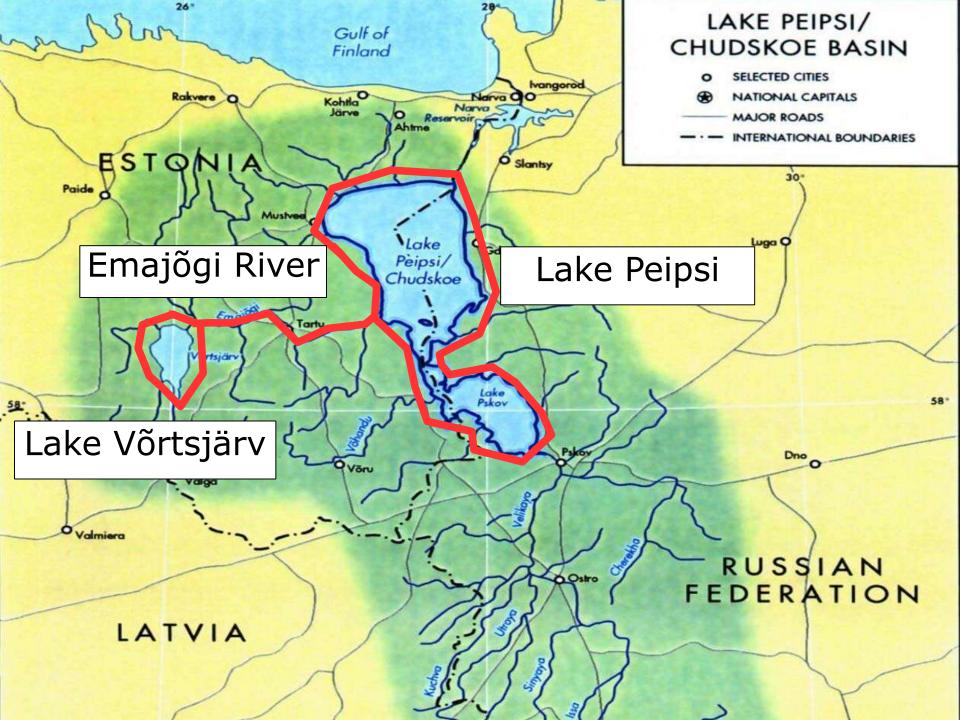


## Lake Peipsi/Chudskoe

Situates on the Estonian-Russian border, 2/3 of the border is covered by Lake Peipsi. Largest transboundary lake in Europe

44% of it belongs to Estonia, 56% to Russia
Surface area 3550 km²
Shallow - 7 m average
Unfavorable demogr. situation

Km 500 1000



## Landscapes and habitats of high importance



Natura areas, Wetlands, forests

## Lake Peipsi environmental issues

The main commercial fishes are lake smelt, perch, ruff, roach, bream..

1200 professional fishermen, plus recreational fishering. Problem has been illegal fishing

Major environmental problems:

water eutrophication reduced fish stocks.

Water eutrophication is regarded mainly dependent on the development in the agricultural sector.





#### Peipsi Center for Transboundary Cooperation activities

- CTC works to promote sustainable development and cross border cooperation in Lake Peipsi region already last 20 years. Our programs focus on environmental awareness, community development and cross border cooperation issues
- We work both sides of the lake, with different ethnic groups, schools, NGOs, museums and other community groups

CTC acts as adocate for region: try to bring government attention to uniqueness of region

## Peipsi CTC activities 2014

Renovation of Lake Peipsi exhibition, educational materials on Peipsi fish, envir. Games, puzzles

"Development of methods for assessment and mapping of ecosystem services of marine and inland waters", Norway grants

EU NPI, Estonia-Latvia-Russia Project:

"People with Nature. Promoting nature education .."

"Green Management for Urban Development & Planning"

"EUBORDERREGIONS. EU External Borders and the Immediate Neighbours. Analysing Regional Development Options …", EU FP7

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• Peipsi region film <a href="http://youtu.be/xtG6je177SA">http://youtu.be/xtG6je177SA</a>

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