

# **Improved Methods for Sustainable Hydropower Development**







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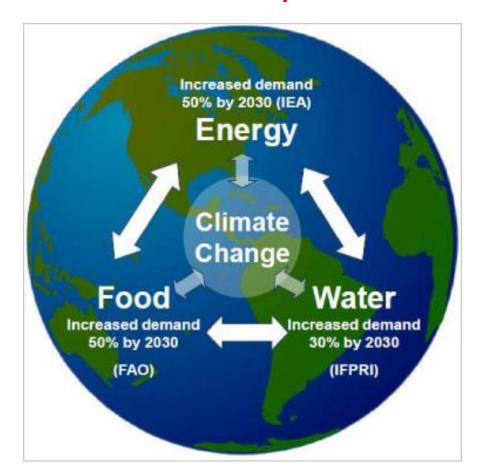






### **Energy-water-food nexus**

- development versus environment?



- Energy is vital for eradicating poverty, 2,5 billion without reliable access to electricity
- 2,8 billion live in areas with high water stress
- Use of resources, degradation of habitats, pollution and emissions
- Water for food production
- Climate change impacts on draughts, floods, water for energy and food



More reservoirs and potential impacts on rivers and lakes







Dams are barriers for fish and sediments



Degraded habitat in bypassed sections



Changed downstream flow regime



Greenhouse gas emissions and water consumption



Landscape effect and impact on wildlife



Resettlement and social impacts





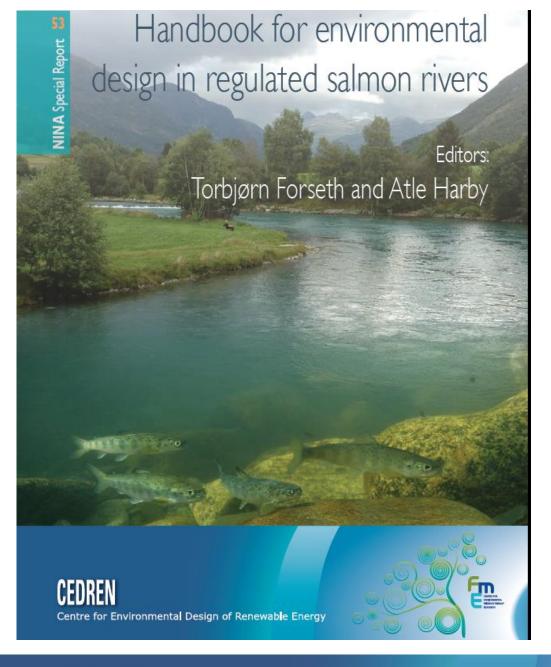


## How much water is needed?





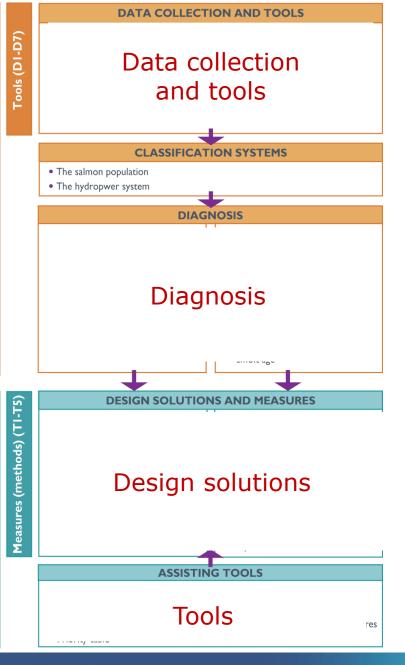




- Guidance developed for Atlantic salmon
- Methods suitable for other species and end users
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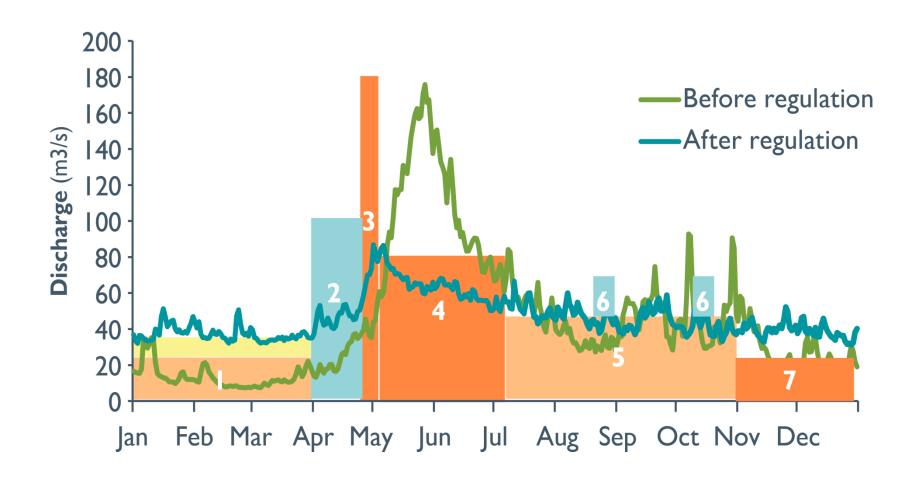
# ...take the river system to the doctor!







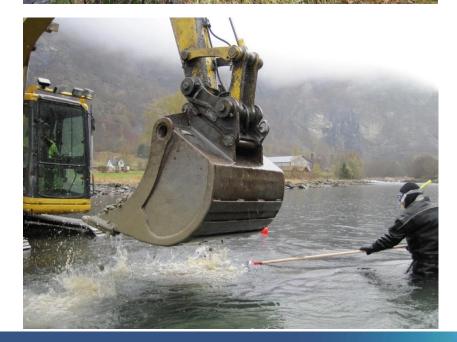
## Design solutions – use of water











## Design solutions







## The River Kvina case study

- 70 % of inflow transferred to neighbouring catchment
- Large reductions in flow
- Production capacity for salmon smolts reduced ~50 % (20 000 smolts)



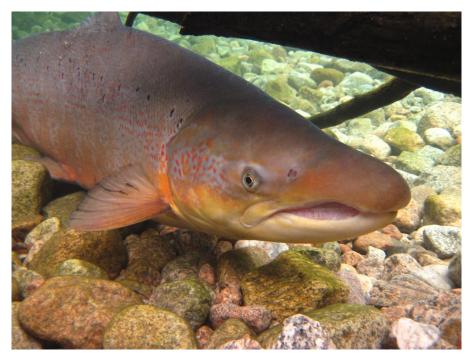




#### Win-Win

- 140 GWh renewable energy
- Salmon production and fisheries yield returning to pre-HP levels – doubling from present













#### Hydropower - supporting other renewables





New role for hydropower - still need for environmental design!













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