

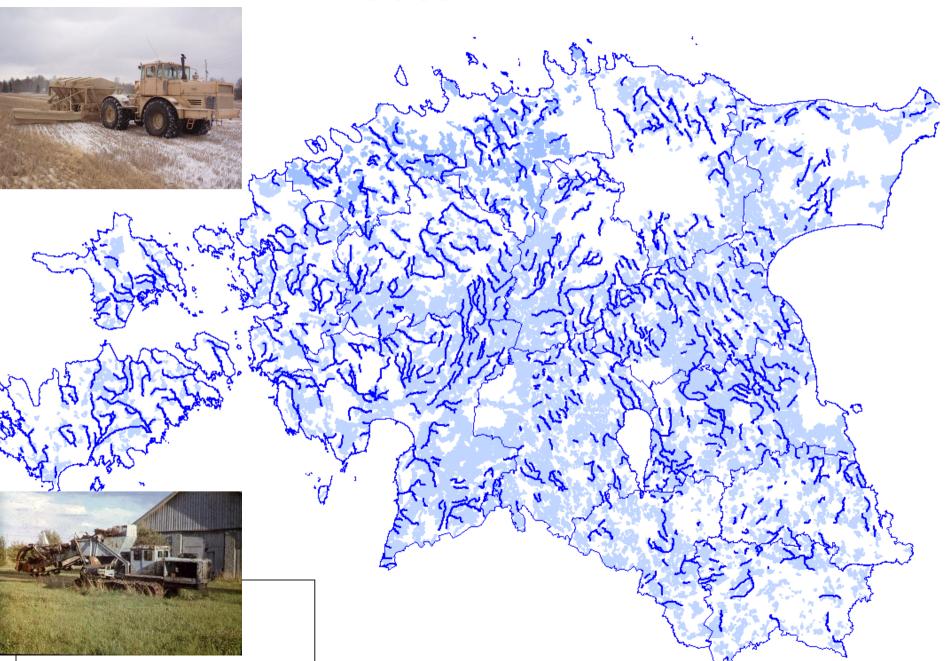
## Melioration related to Peatlands

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### In Estonia ca 30% of land is drained



### The activities of Agricultural Board in 2010 - 2015

Total area of drained lands:

1 358 890 ha

arable land 639 850 ha

forest land 719 040 ha

The length of drainage systems 24 652 km

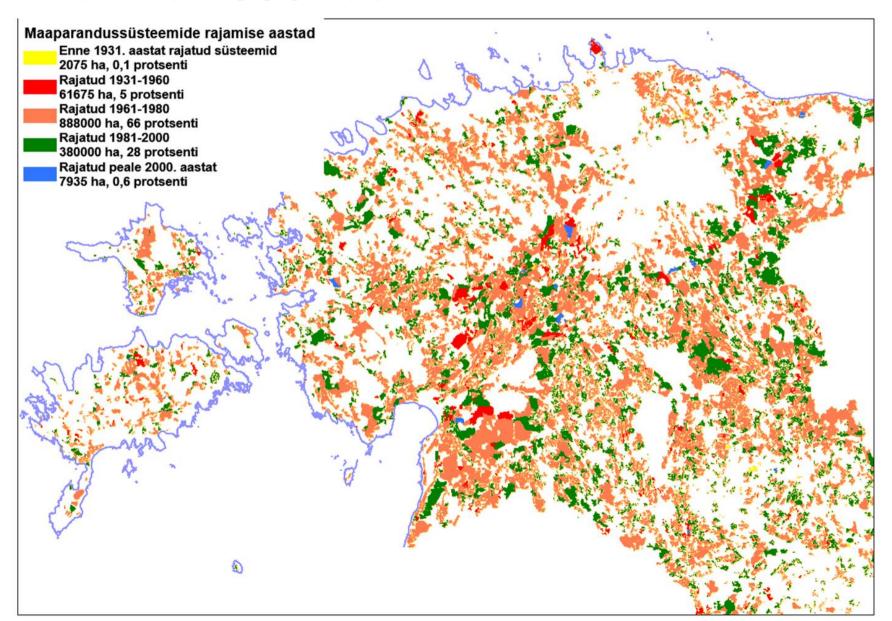
catchment area more than 10 km<sup>2</sup> 5634 km

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Melioration systems are considered only areas that:

- drain or irrigate forest lands or arable lands.
- don't include drainage systems, that conduct waters from mining areas (incl peat) and dwelling areas

## Most of the systems are established before 1990-ies



### The tasks of Agricultural Board:

- Issue the permits for reconstruction of old and establishment of new melioration systems
- Organise the maintenance of common recipient areas, maintained by State (5438 km)

## EU support for maintenance of melioration systems

- MAK/RDP 2004-2006 measure 3.4
- MAK/RDP 2007-2013 measure 1.8
- MAK/RDP 2014-2020 measure 4.3

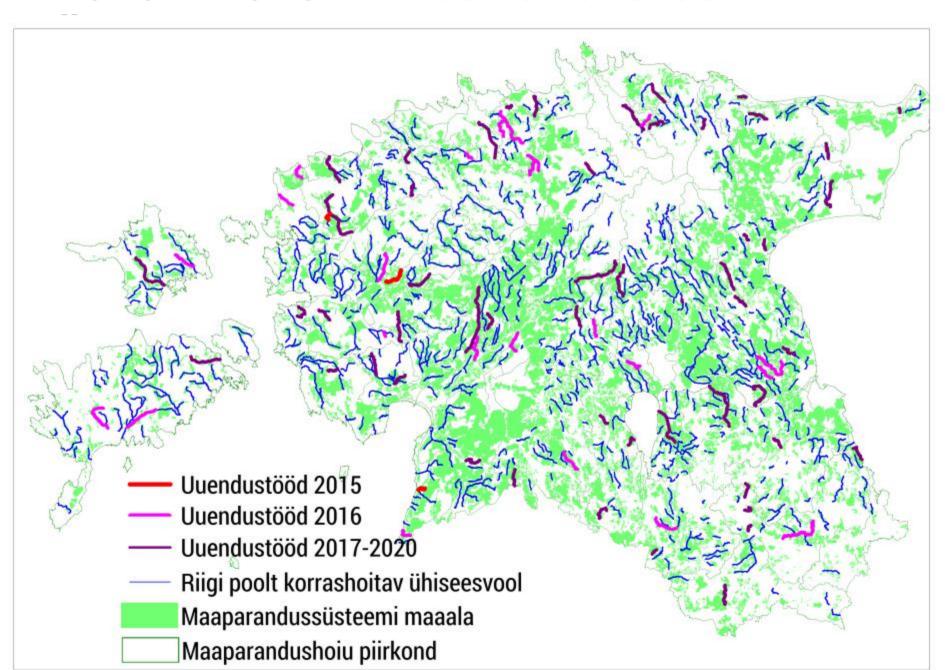
EU has financed the reconstruction of about 10% of Estonian melioration systems.

No subsidies were paid to the areas, where more that 30% of area was on peaty soils.

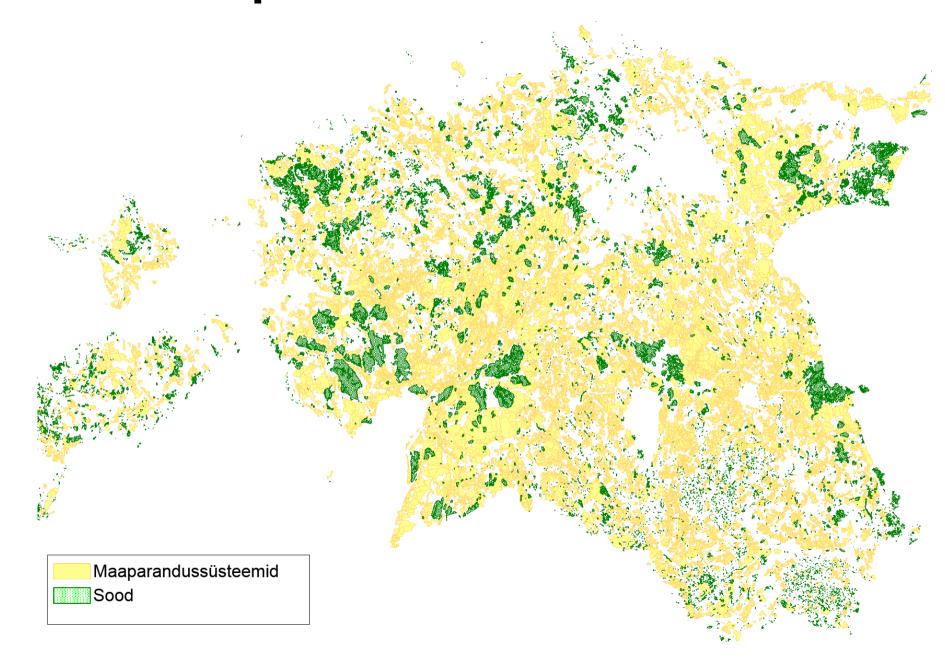
# RDP 2014-2020 measures for catchment care-take in areas, where Stae is responsible

- In autumn 2015 the first applications were taken to PRIA to renovate 17 recipients – altogether 117,7 km.
- Annually available ca 900 000 €, altogether 4,9 million €.
- Renovation Works have started by now.
- 2016. the plan is to apply for renovation of 12 recepients, altogether 126,9 km.

#### 2015 – 2020 will be renovated:



### The overlap of mires and melioration



### **Agricutural Board and Mires**

- Mire restoration projects, financed by EU- in case of overlap we do register entries in Melioration Systems Register (excluding the ditches)
- The melioration systems' exclusion can only be done by the will of the system owner i.e. the landowner (Melioration law)



### Aitäh! Thank You!

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