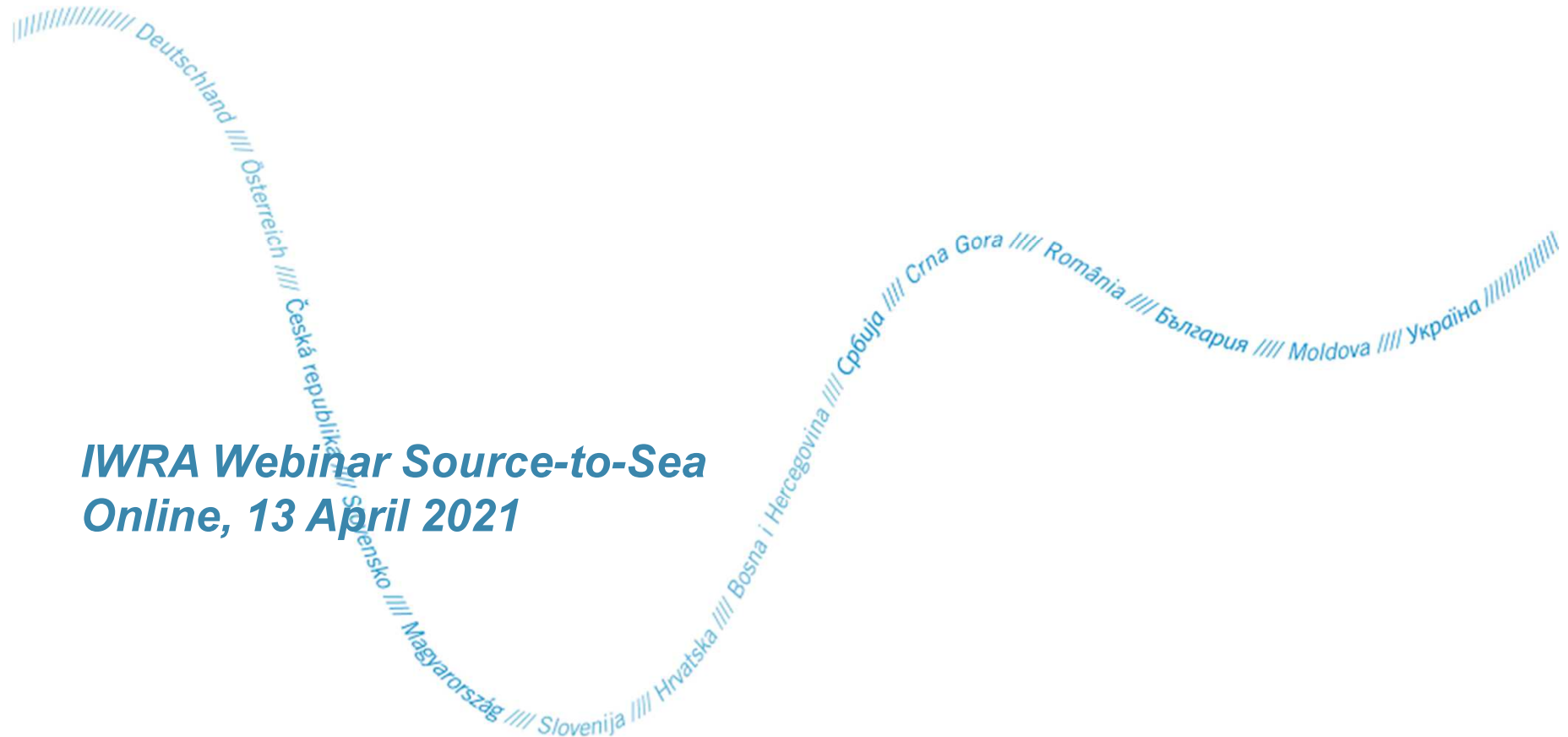

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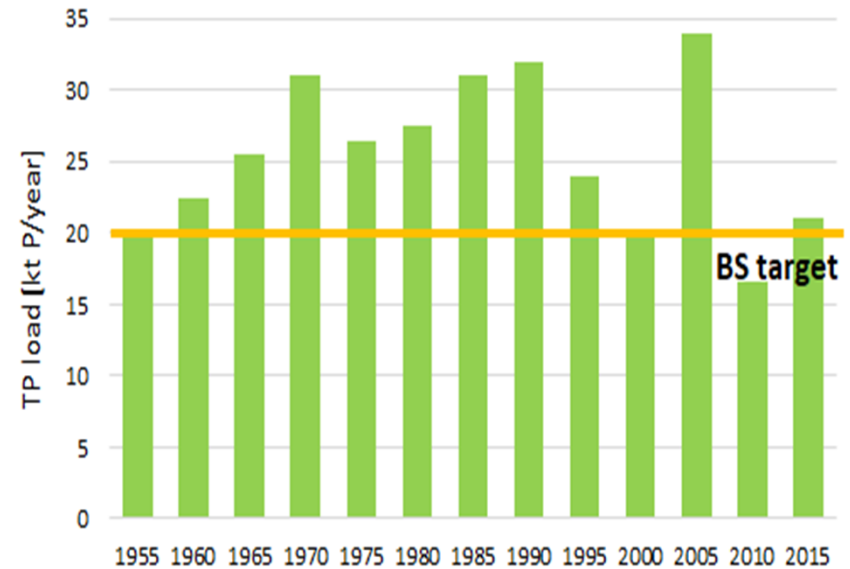
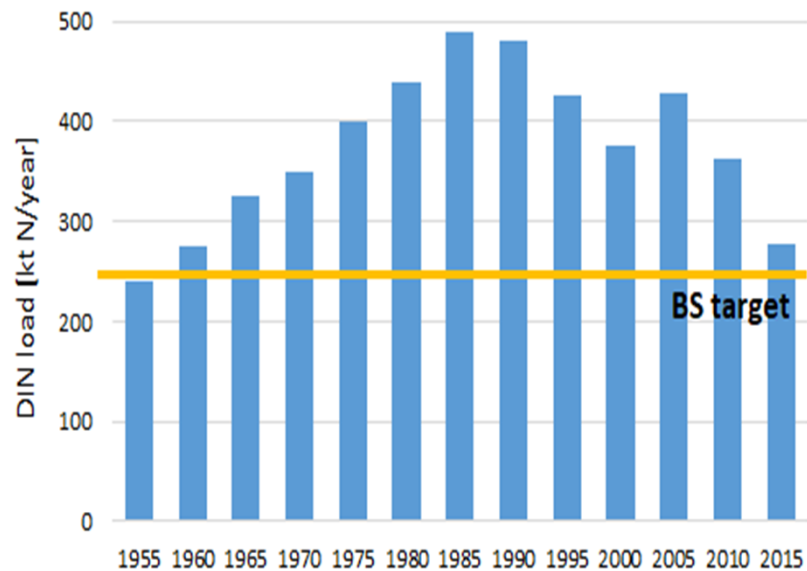
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Nutrient (DIN and TP) loads into the Black Sea 1955-2015



*bars represent 5-year averages around the indicated years,
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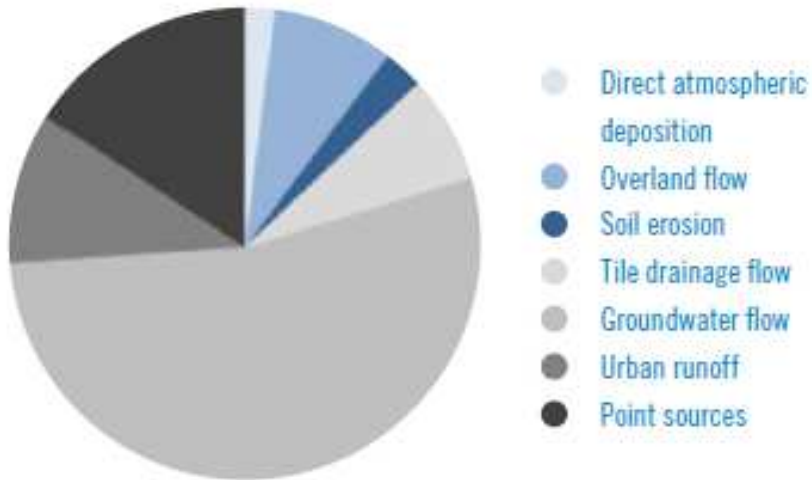


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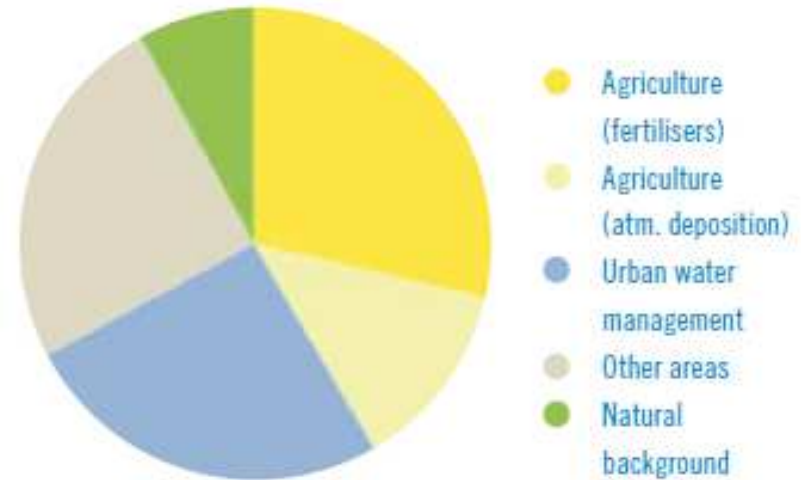


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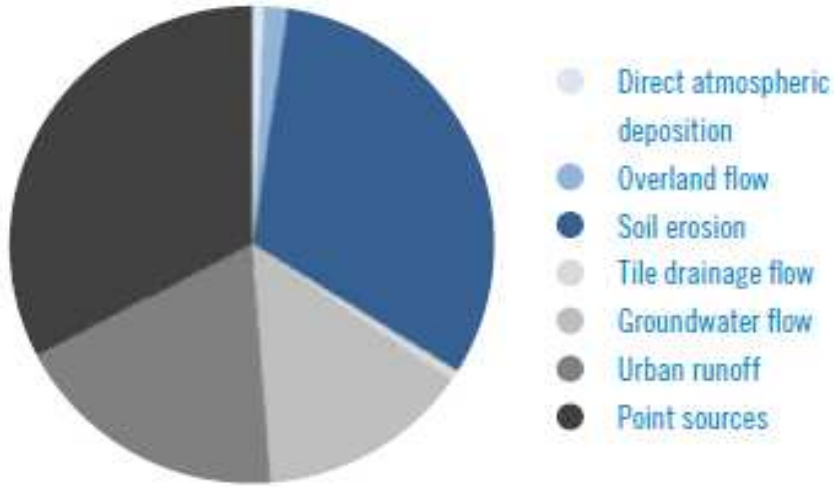


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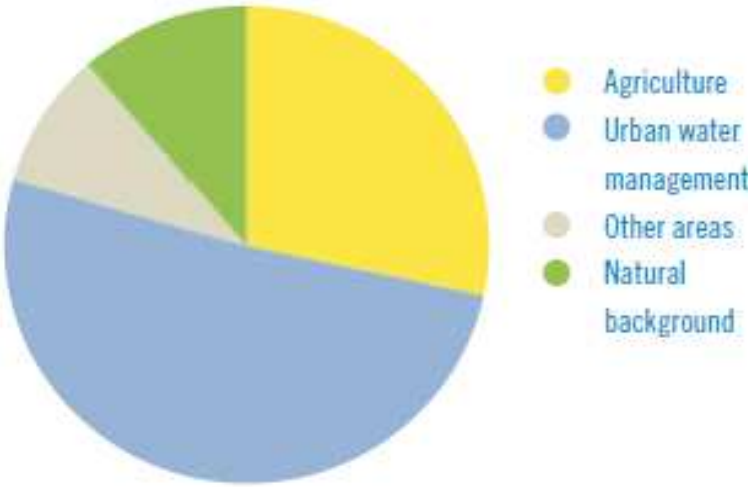


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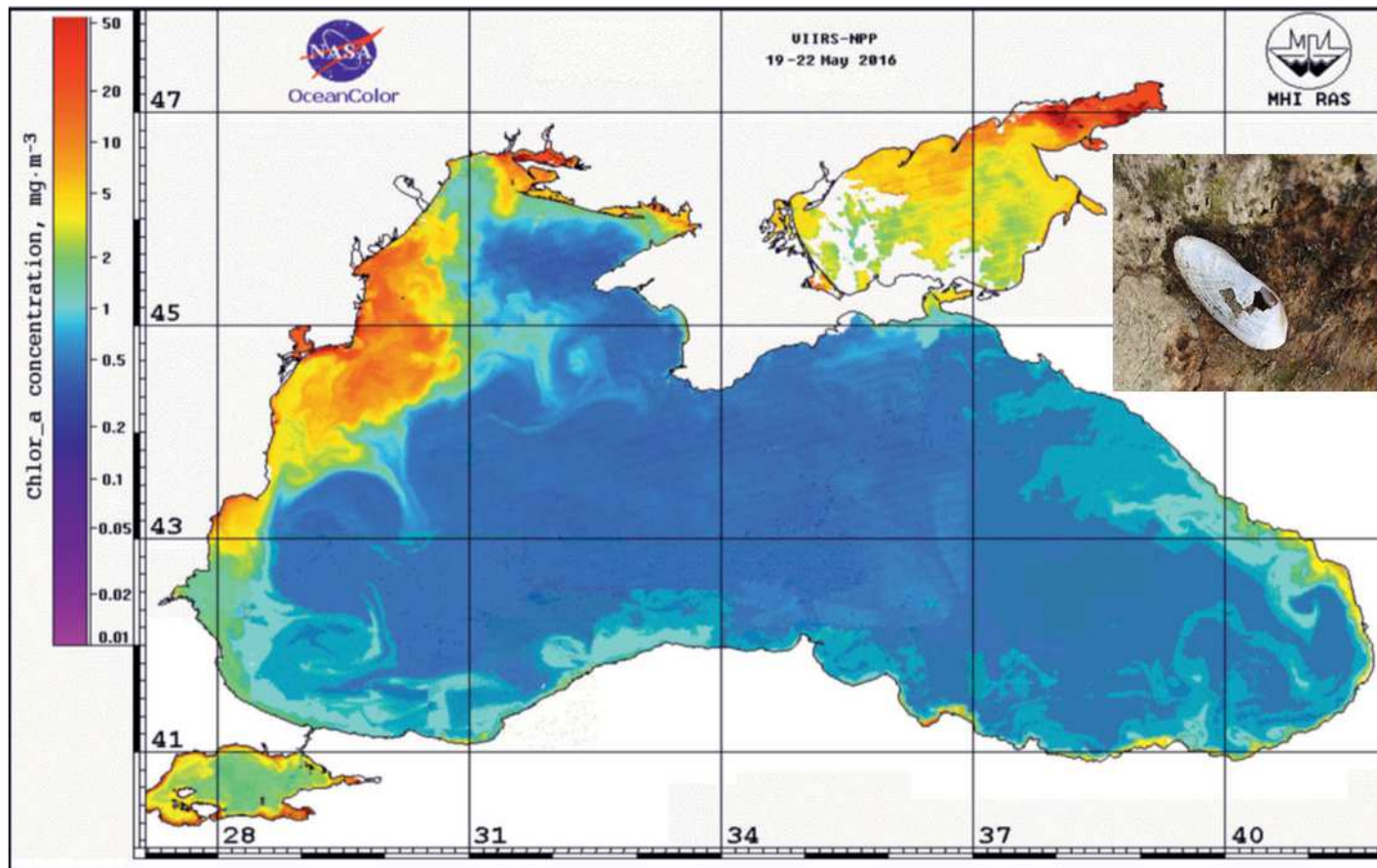
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Satellite image of the *chlorophyll-a* concentration in the Black Sea averaged over 19-22 of May 2016 in mg/m³ and photo of the Mollusc “Angel Wings”

Conclusions (1/2)

- Nutrient pollution is one of the significant water management issues identified for the Danube River Basin (DRB);
- In the past, over-enrichment of nutrients led to severe ecological problems in groundwaters, rivers and lakes, including on the Northwest (NW) shelf of the Black Sea;
- The NW Black Sea ecosystem was gradually able to recover in response to the decline of nutrient loads from the Danube;
- The nutrient pressure within the Basin and the Black Sea NW shelf still exists and remains higher than the environmental objectives. We must remain vigilant as the pressures may become stronger again.

Conclusions (2/2)



- Implementation of measures should therefore continue, mainly in the wastewater sector and agriculture;
- Capacity should be further ensured and strengthened to improve financing, operational and technological aspects of wastewater infrastructure;
- Significant efforts are needed to decouple nutrient pollution from agricultural development.