State of the Gulf of Finland improves – albeit slowly

Water protection measures carried out in the Gulf of Finland area have reduced the land-based nutrient load.

Phosphorus load into the Gulf has reduced markedly while management of nitrogen load has been challenging.

Rivers bring much nutrients into the Gulf. This scattered load is difficult to control.

Phosphorus concentration in the Gulf of Finland water is 40% higher than the target level but gradually declining.

Nitrogen and phosphorus load from St. Petersburg into the Gulf of Finland

Source: SYKE, SUE Vodokanal of St.Petersburg (2016)