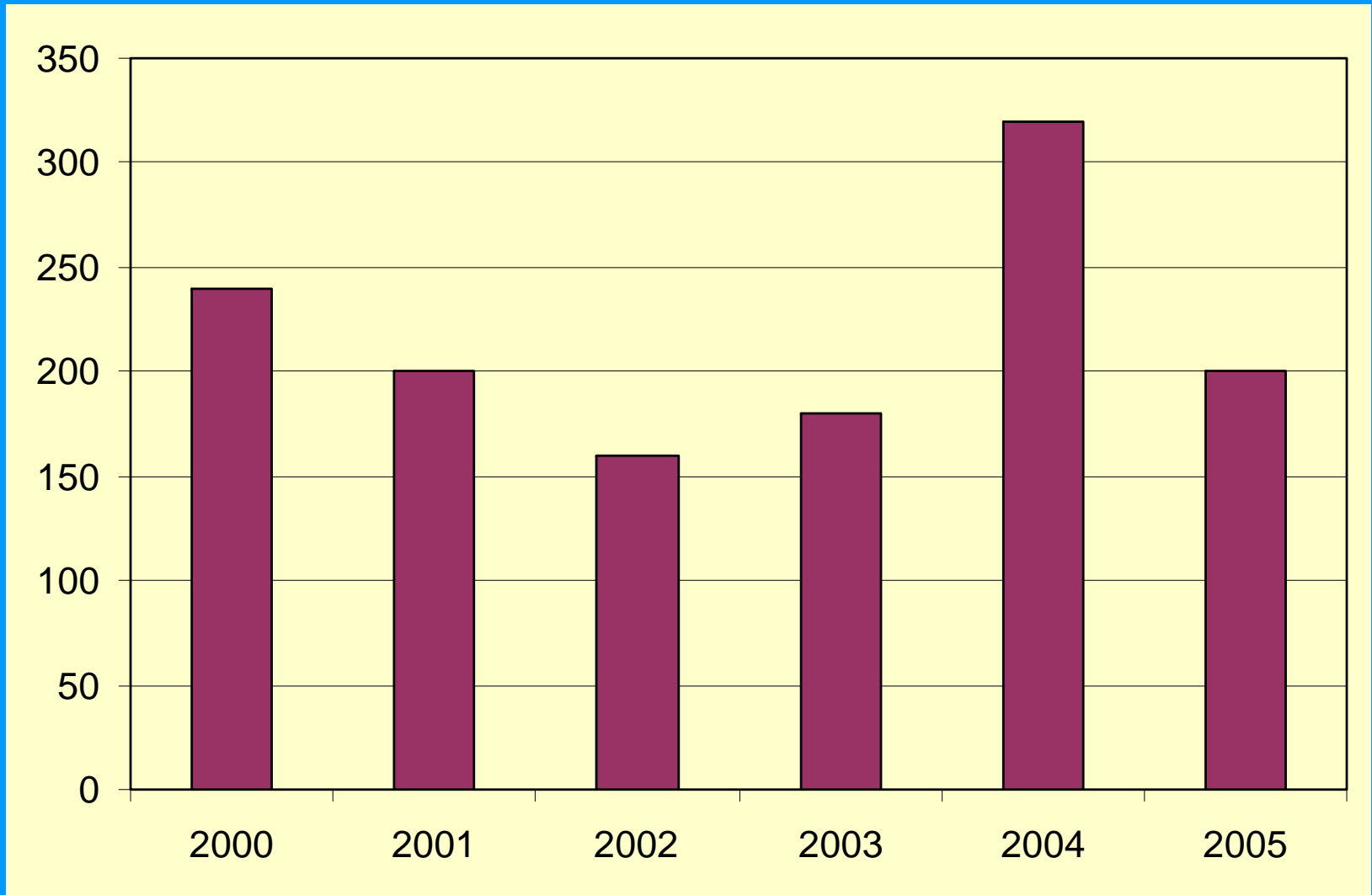




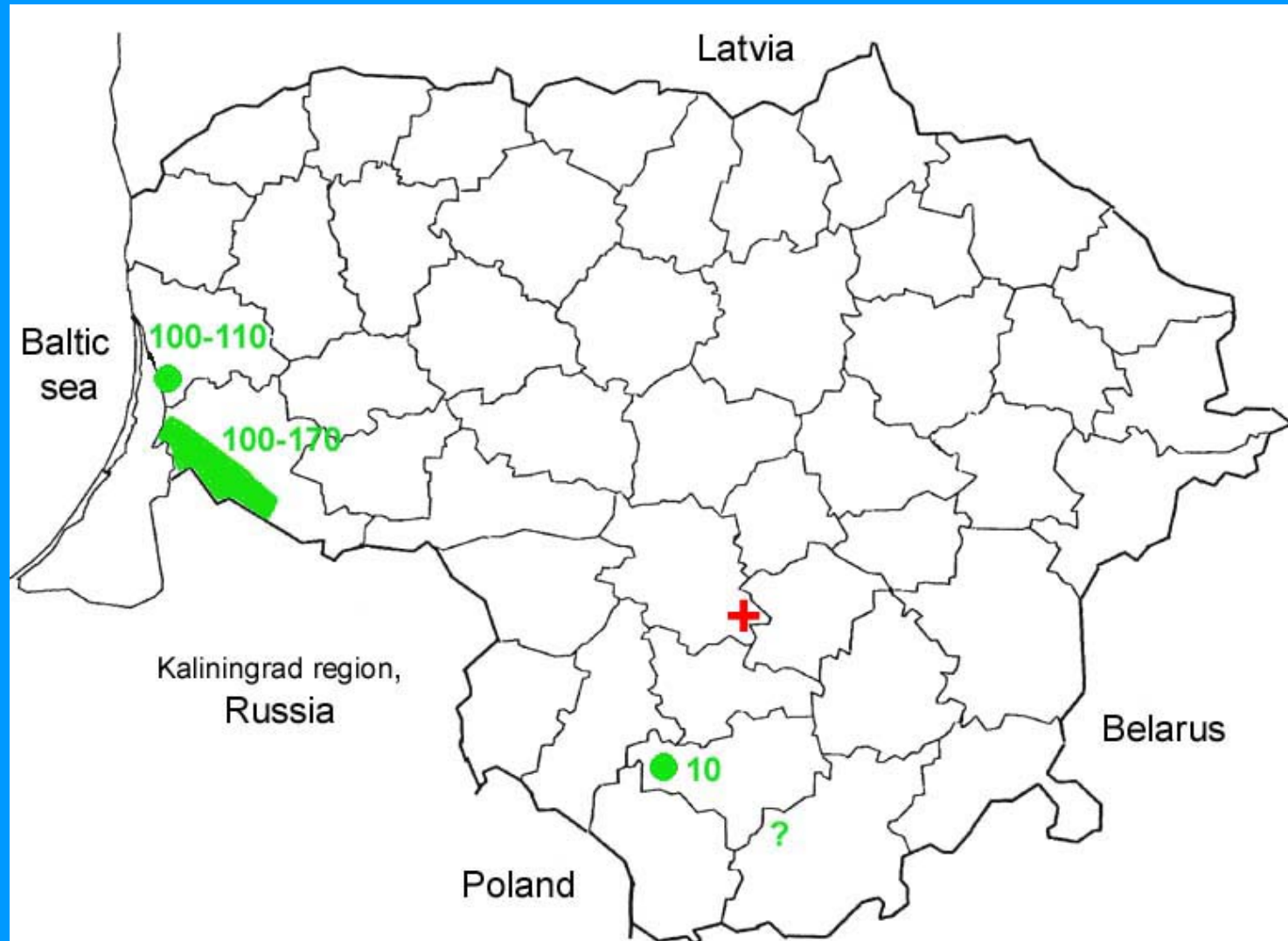
Aquatic Warbler
Acrocephalus
paludicola
conservation status
in Lithuania

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Aquatic Warbler population and distribution in Lithuania (1)



Aquatic Warbler population and distribution in Lithuania (2)



Species legislative protection

- Lithuanian Red Data Book, category II
- Bern convention (1994)
- Bonn convention (2001)
- EU Birds Directive (SPA) (2004)
- Memorandum of Understanding
- Species of special protection (2002)

Species sites protection

Small part of the breeding areas is not covered by Natura 2000 ecological network.

Most of the breeding sites are in “double” protection.

Site protection type:

- **Zuvintas** – Zuvintas biosphere reserve; Zuvintas SPA
- **Nemunas delta** – Nemunas delta regional park; Nemunas delta SPA; Sausgalviai SPA
- **Curonian lagoon** – Kliosiai landscape reserve; Kliosiai SPA; Svencele SPA

Breeding habitats

- Brakish marsh along the curonian lagoon with predominated *Carex disticha* and expanding *Phragmites australis*
- Nemunas river delta seasonally flooded annually mowed meadows with predominated *Phalaroides arundinacea* and *Carex* spp.



Zuvintas site



Zuvintas site



Nemunas delta. Sysa polder



Nemunas delta. Sysa polder



Nemunas delta. Sausgalviai



Curonian lagoon. Kliosiai



Curonian lagoon. Kliosiai

Main threats



- Overgrowing with reeds and shrubs (Kliosiai, Zuvintas)
- Too early mowing (Nemunas delta)

What was done for the species

- Since 2000 counts of singing males are performed in main breeding sites
- In 2000 habitat management work was started.
- In 2001 established Lithuanian aquatic warbler working group.
- In 2001 was made species conservation Action plan.
- In 2003 published leaflet about the species.

Habitat management

- Nemunas delta (small part)

Since 2001 in Rusne island. Activities: late mowing, grazing.

Since 2002 in Minija ox-bow. Activities: late mowing, grazing.

- Zuvintas biosphere reserve (full area)

Since 2004. Activities: removing of woody vegetation, late mowing, grazing.

- Curonian lagoon (90 % of the area)

Since 2005 in Kliosiai SPA. Activities: cutting of reeds, late mowing.

The final conclusion:

The conservation status of the Aquatic warbler in Lithuania is considered to be unfavourable, mainly due to habitat degradation and too early mowing, but within next 3 years should improve a lot.

Thank you for attention!

Questions, please!