

Increasing awareness of the impacts of invasive geese in the RINSE region

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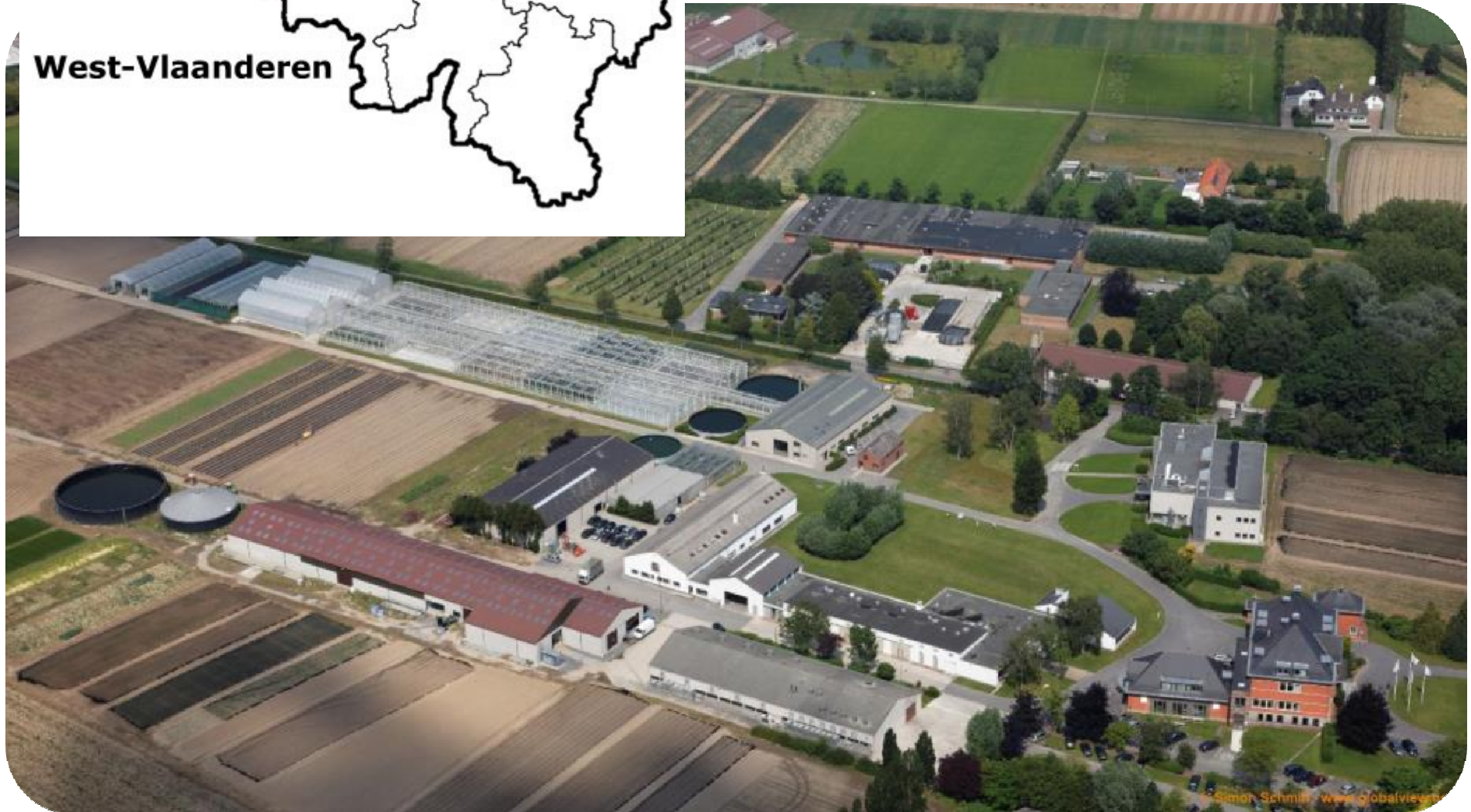
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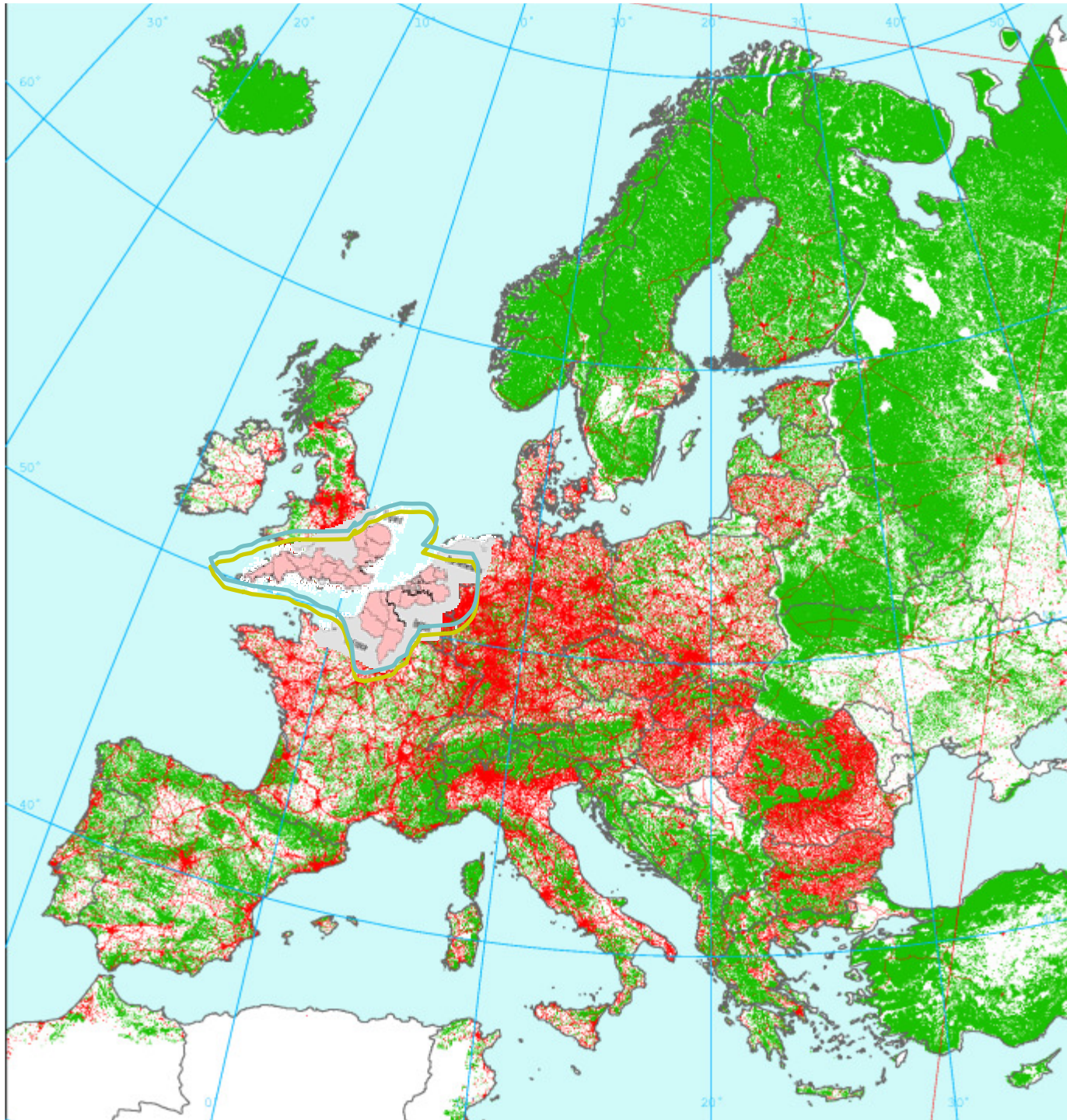
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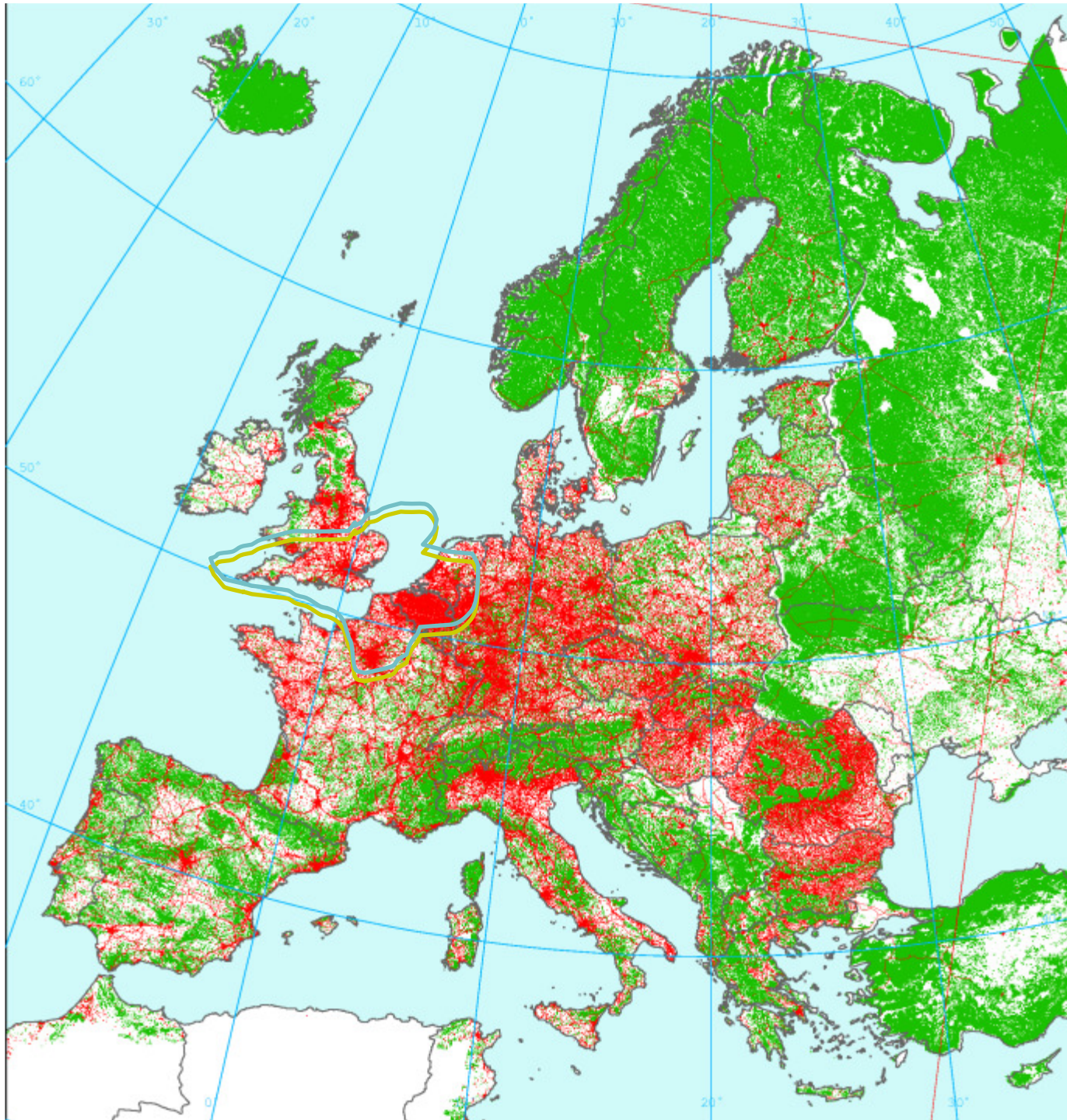
West-Vlaanderen

Inagro

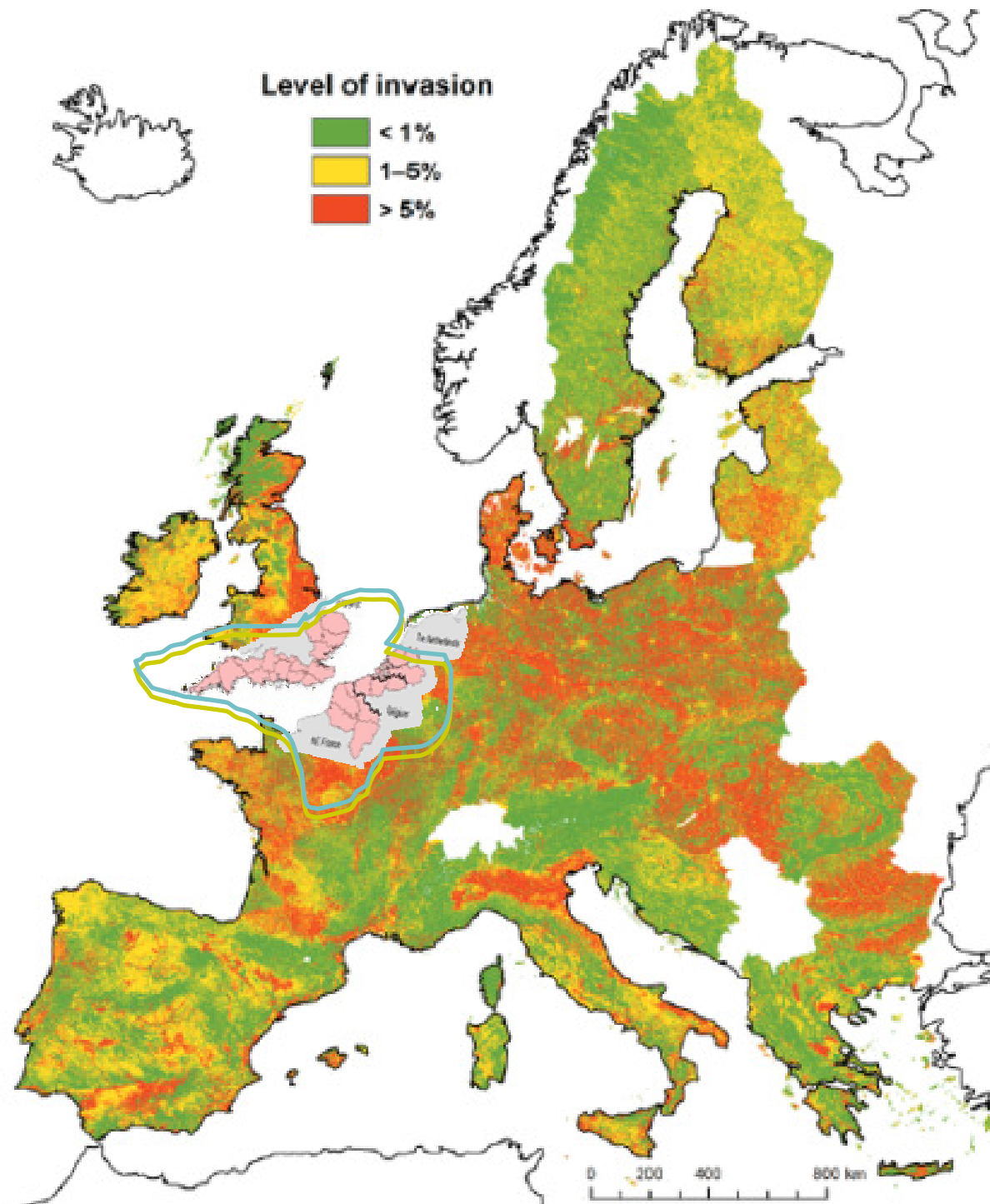




Rinse
region
in
Europe



Meest
versteende
regio van
Europa



Link met
verstening:
sterke
level of
invasion

Observations in Flanders

- Problems caused by invasive summergeese
- How to manage invasive summergeese
- Responsibilities (wie doet wat)
- Legislation
- Fragmentation > Different visions > Different actions
- But also: cross-border dispersal movements



Needs

- Coordinated (management) vision and - services
- Communication platforms (bringing together different stakeholders)
- Training programmes
- Communication materials



Why?

Problems caused by invasive geese

- Damage to agriculture (economical effects)
- Damage to nature (ecological effects)
- Damage to recreation (nuisance, ...)













Training & Awareness

- Identification INS
- Controlling INS
- Informing about controlling actions & legislation
- Contact information of local assistance organizations



Approach

- Local platform meetings
- Local ratcatcher committees
- Trainings for ratcatchers
- Trainings for hunters
- Several communication materials

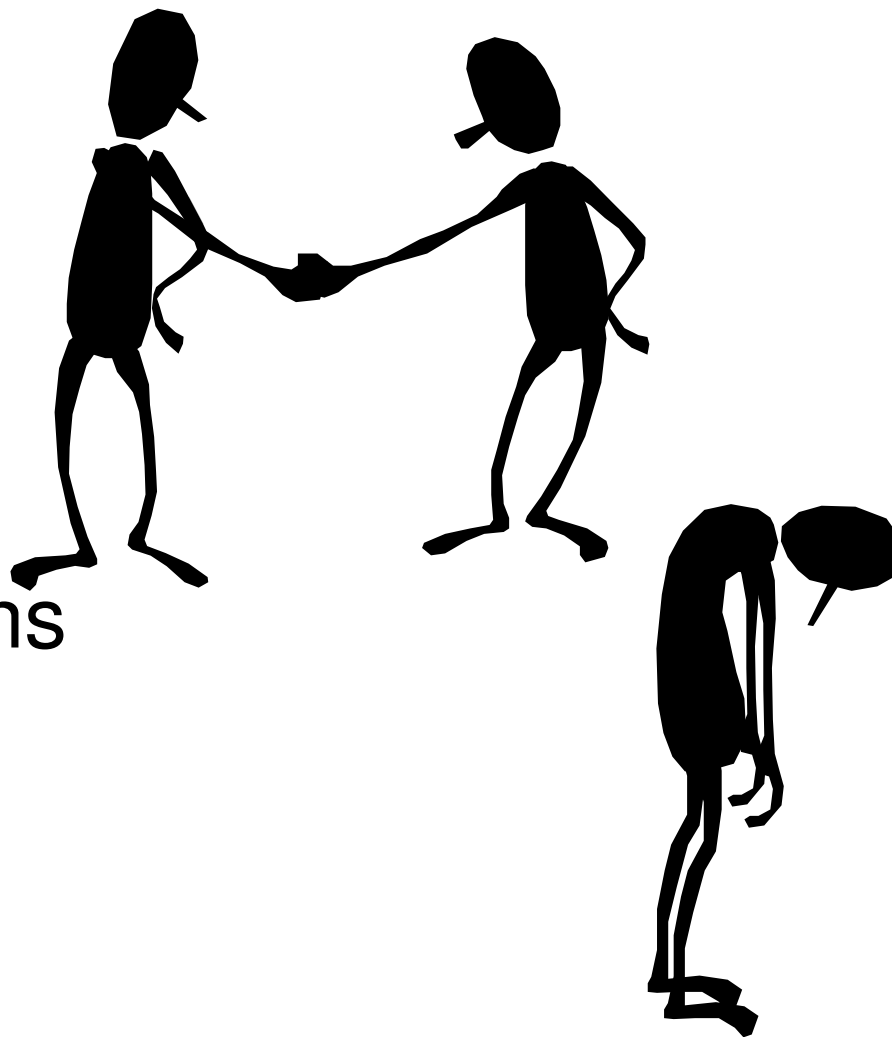


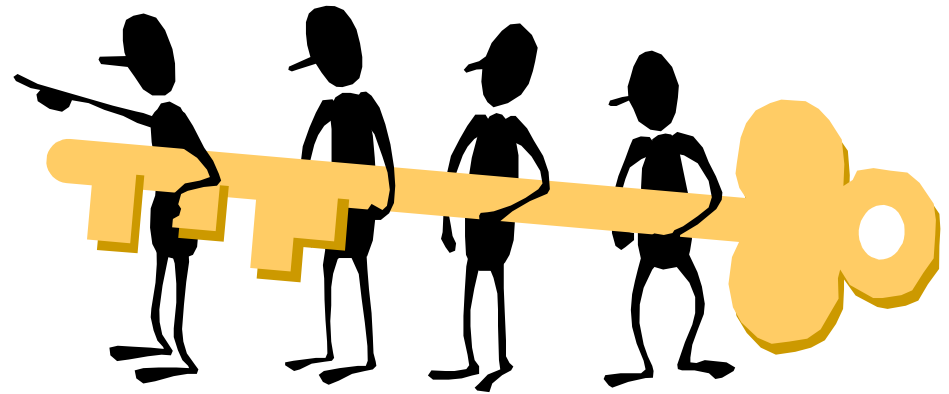
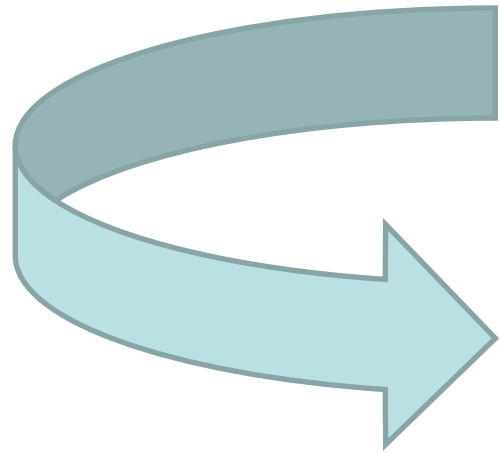
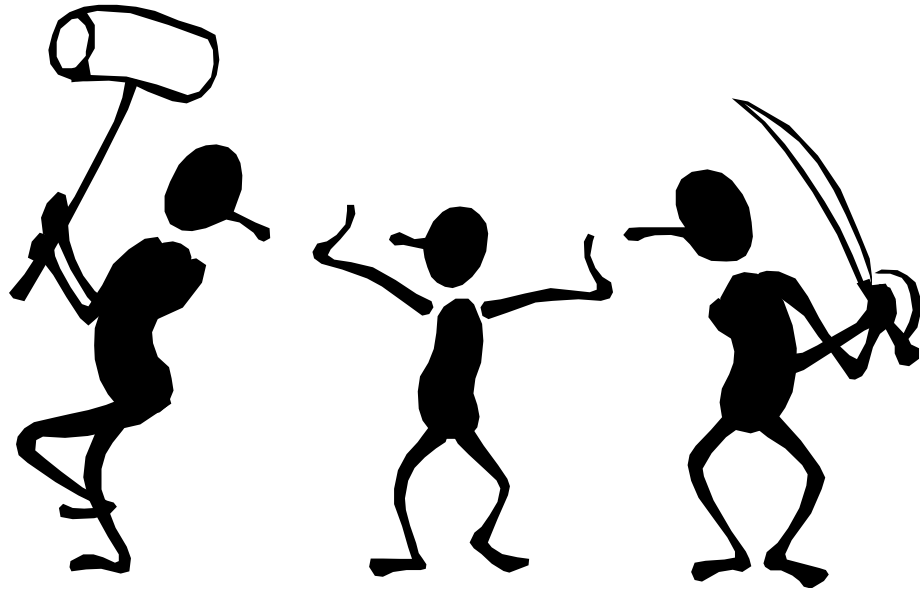
Local platform meetings

- 6 regional meetings (1x/jaar)
- Focus: invasive summergeese
 - ⇒ *Listing problems & bottlenecks*
 - ⇒ *Implement approaches*
 - ⇒ Evaluate approaches
 - ⇒ *Adjust approaches*
 - ⇒ *Report to policy makers*

Local platform meetings

- Local authorities
- Farmers
- Hunters
- Rat catchers
- Nature organizations





Communication materials for different audiences

- Local authorities
- Farmers
- Hunters
- Rat catchers
- Nature organizations



- Implementation of controlling species in West-Flanders
- All local authorities with summergeese problems

Draaiboek Ganzenbeheer (afvangsten)



HERKENNINGSFICHE



Bejaagbare ganzen

Bejaagbaar jachtwild, vergoeding via wildschadebesluit onder voorwaarden

GRAUWE GANS



CANADESE GANS



Niet beschermde ganzen

Niet inheemse of verwilderde gedomesticeerde soorten, geen wettelijk statuut, mogen te allen tijde gevangen en gedood worden

NIJLGANS



VERWILDERDE BOERENGANS



Niet bejaagbare ganzen

Niet bejaagbaar jachtwild of beschermde soorten, vergoeding via wildschadebesluit.



KOLGANS

Witte bles rond snavel

Zwarte dwarsbanden op buik



KLEINE RIETGANS

Donkere kop en hals

Snavel en poten roze



TOENDRARIETGANS

Snavel en poten oranje

Donkere kop en hals



Beschermde gans

BRANDGANS



Meer info over jacht en wildschade op: www.natuurenbos.be



Results in West-Flanders

- Provincial vision INS
- Provincial platform for exotic species
- Elaboration provincial Faune Plans
- Seminars, demonstrations, ... about INS

Communication for public support

- Articles for local papers, blogs on website, professional press, ...
- Focus wtv pricking eggs

The collage consists of several overlapping screenshots. On the left, there are three browser windows showing the inagro website. The top window shows the homepage with the inagro logo and navigation tabs like 'Maatschappij', 'Archiveren', and 'nieuws'. The middle window shows an article titled 'Project 'Red Soorten in E' door Inagro Blogger | Categorie: Faunafacts'. The bottom window shows an article titled 'Nijlgezanten voor nijlga!' door Inagro Blogger | Categorie: Faunafacts'. On the right, there is a newspaper article from 'Knokke-Heist' with the headline 'Laat uw ganzen niet op sieroer gaan!'. The article text discusses the impact of geese on agricultural land and the role of the 'inagro' organization in managing them. The newspaper article also includes a 'CONTACT' section with the name 'Elske A. Nieuwe' and a 'GERELATEERD NIEUWS' section with a link to 'Gezanten op de veld'. The inagro website screenshots also show a 'Veldproef' section and a 'Nijlgezanten voor nijlga!' section with a map of the region.

Photo's & graphs

- <http://www.eea.europa.eu/>
- RATO, INBO, Inagro

Questions 