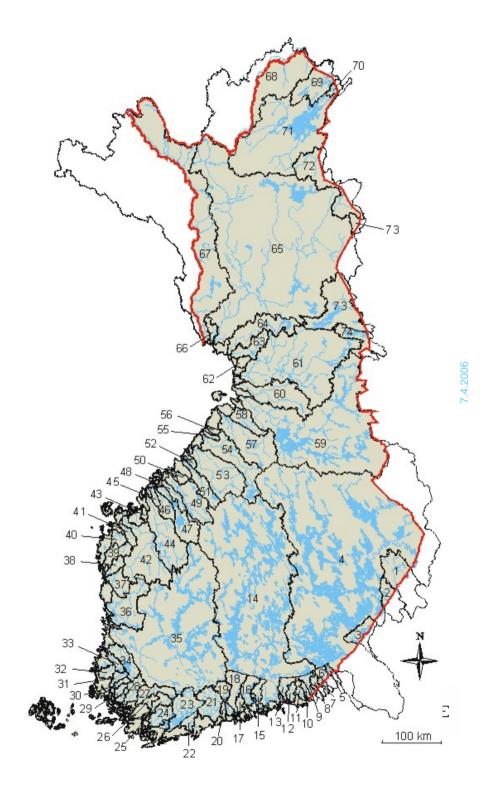


Finland - the land of waters:

- 187 888 lakes
- 314 000 km of shoreline
- 178 947 islands
- **22** 085 springs
- 647 rivers
- Water resources:
 - 21 000 m³/a capita



LONG TRADITION IN TRANSBOUNDARY WATER MANAGEMENT

- Active involvement in drawing up global rules for management of transboundary waters
- The Finnish-Russian agreement dates back to 1964, the joint commission has been working for more than forty years
- The Finnish-Norwegian commission has been pioneering in transboundary IWRM with the first plan drawn up already in 1990



According to our experience:

- A firm legal and institutional base is necessary
 - well-functioning agreements and joint bodies
- Long-term commitment of cooperating institutions
- Cooperation should be developed at all levels
 - National, regional, local









