



# Ecological Status of Durowskie Lake

## Macrophytes

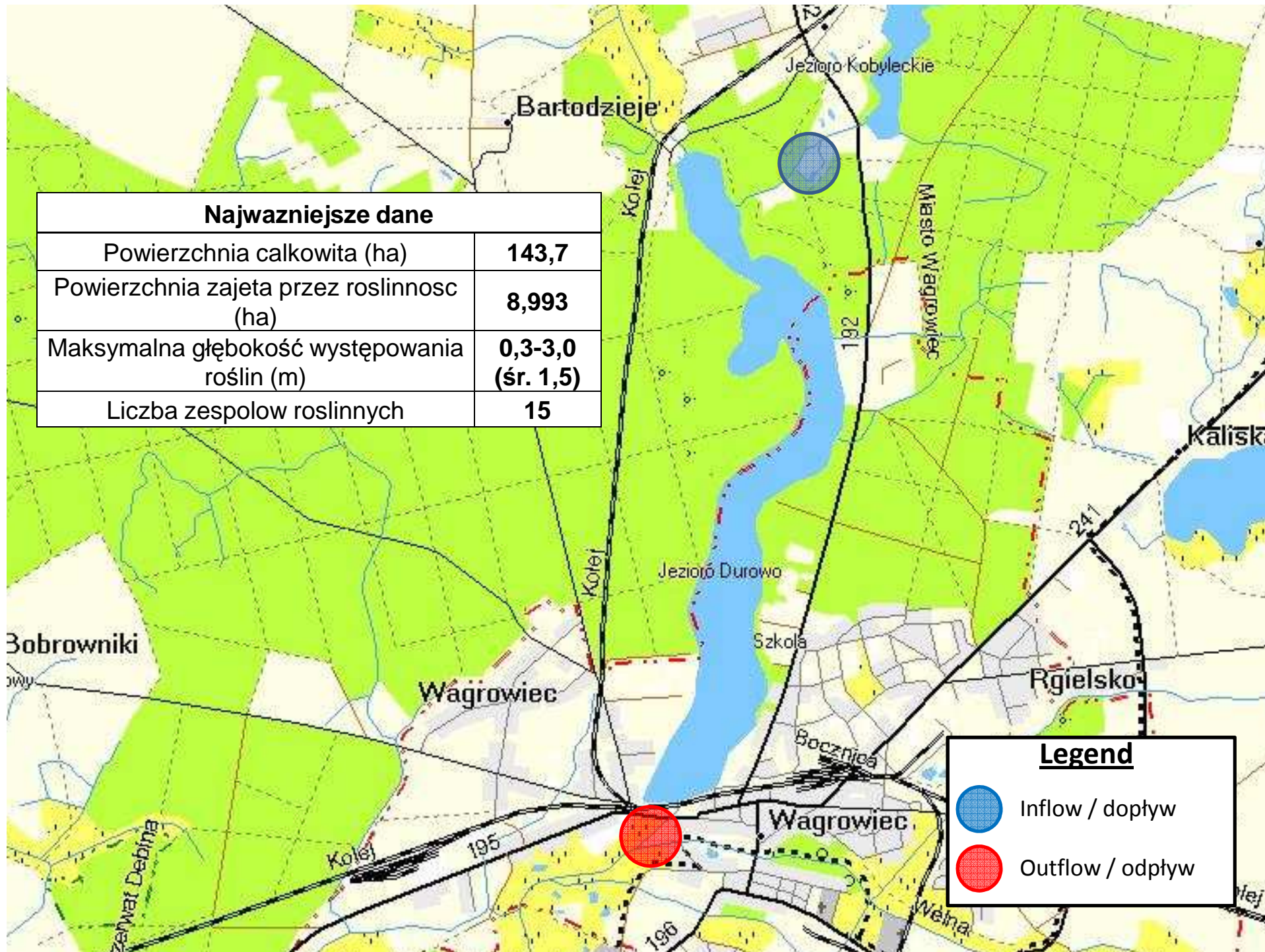
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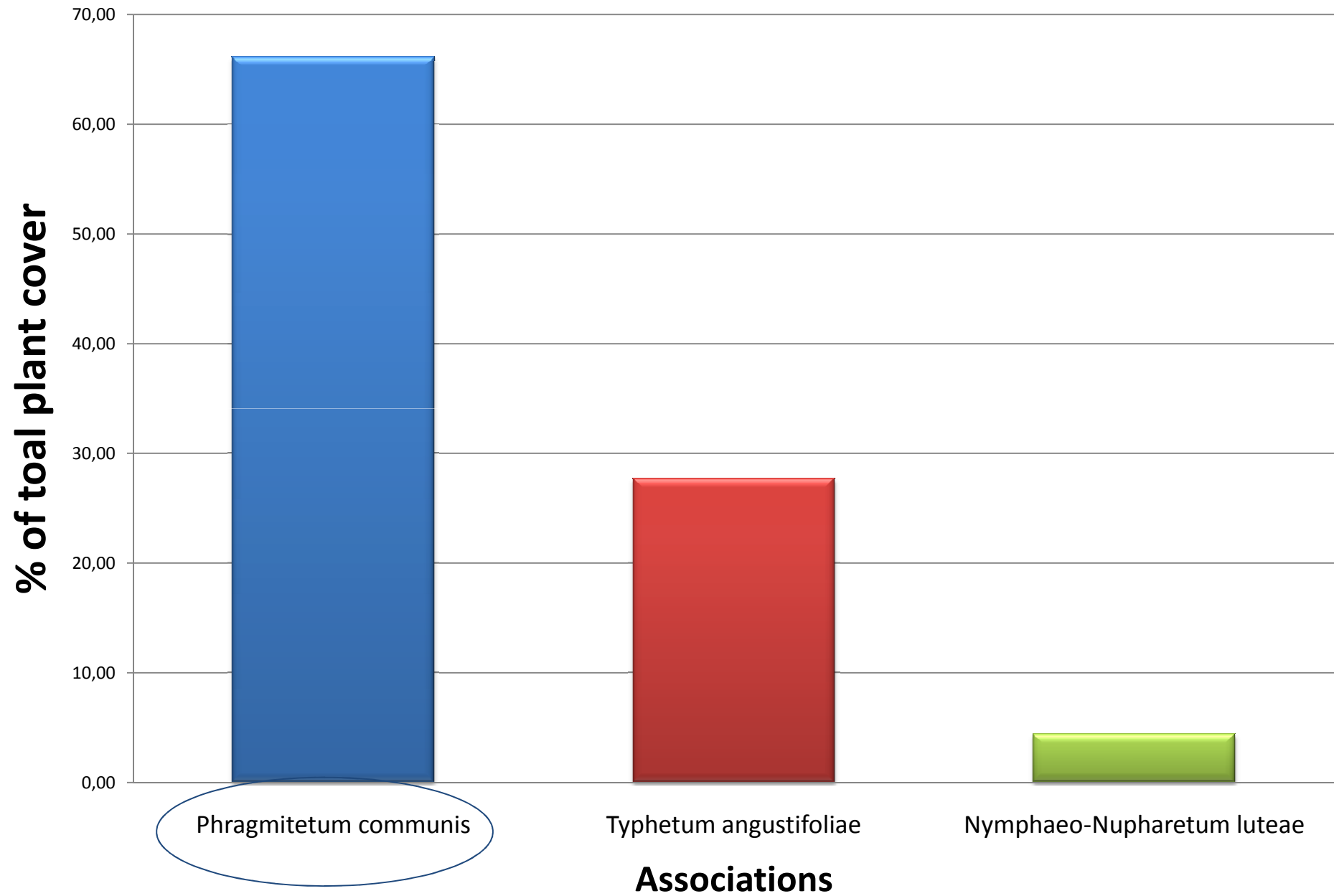
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# Main plant species associations



# *Phragmitetum communis*

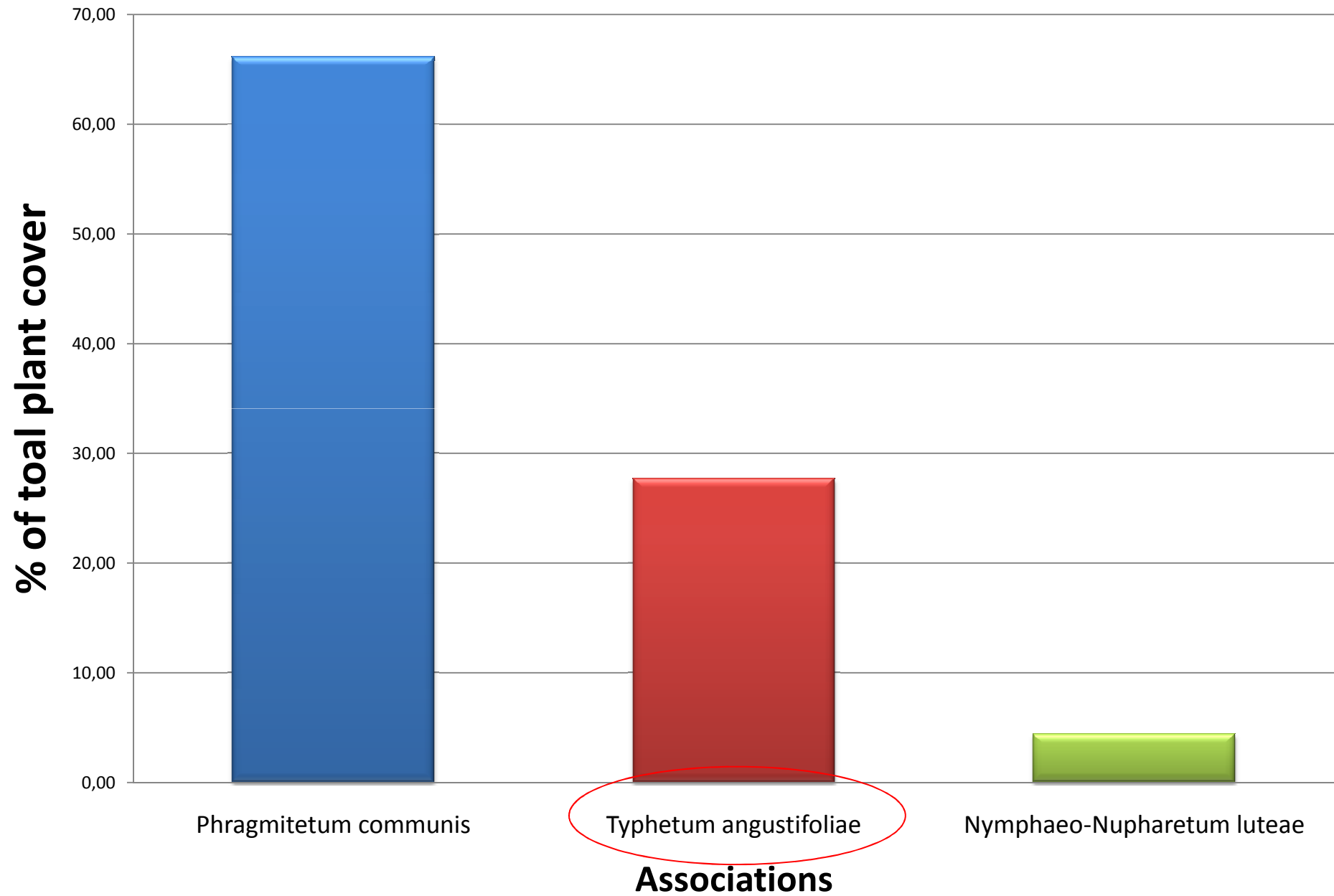
**Trzcina pospolita**

Cover: 5,945 ha.

% of total plant cover: 66,11 %



# Main plant species associations



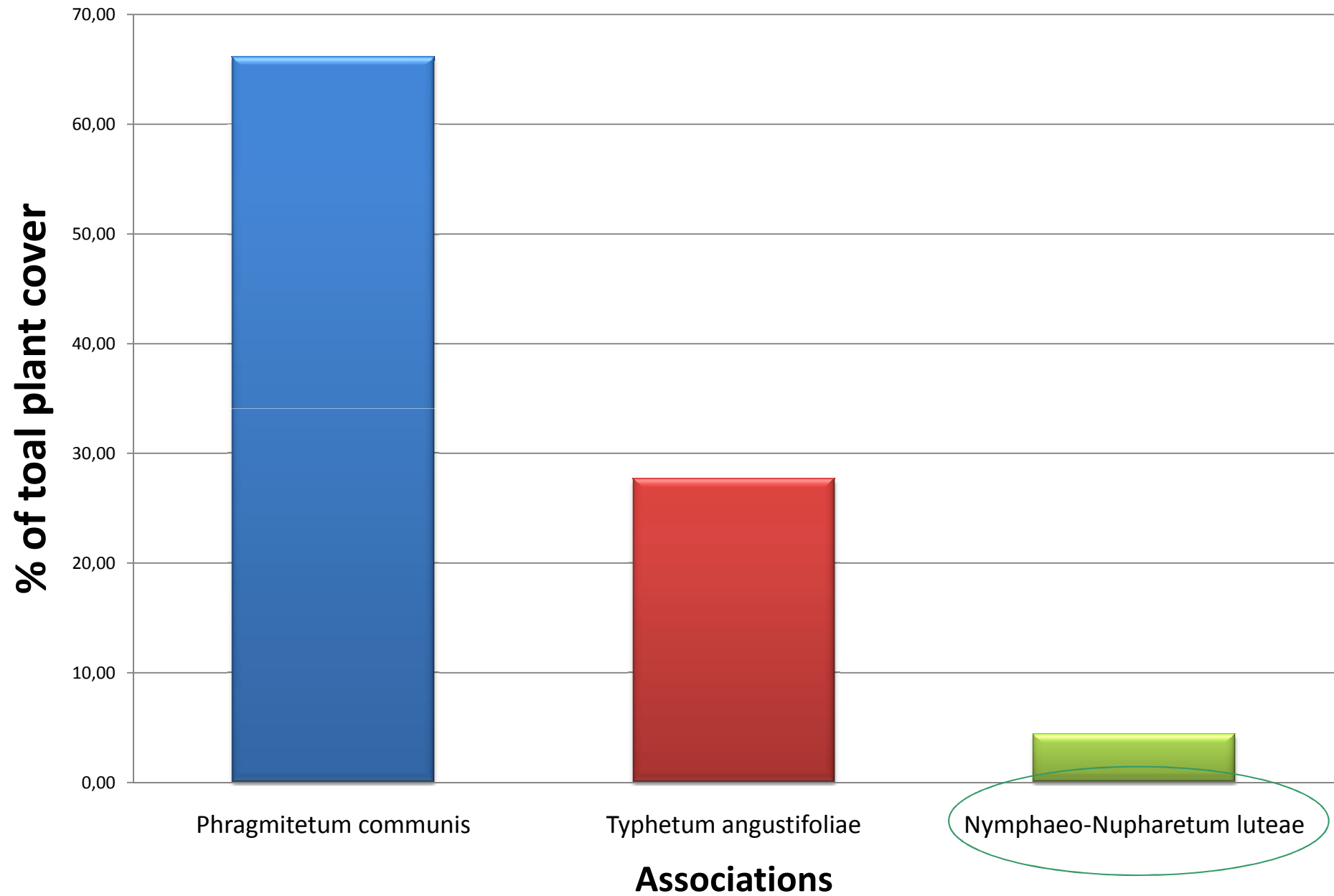
# *Typhetum angustifoliae*

**Pałka wąskolistna**

Cover: 2,491 ha.

% of total plant cover: 27,70

# Main plant species associations

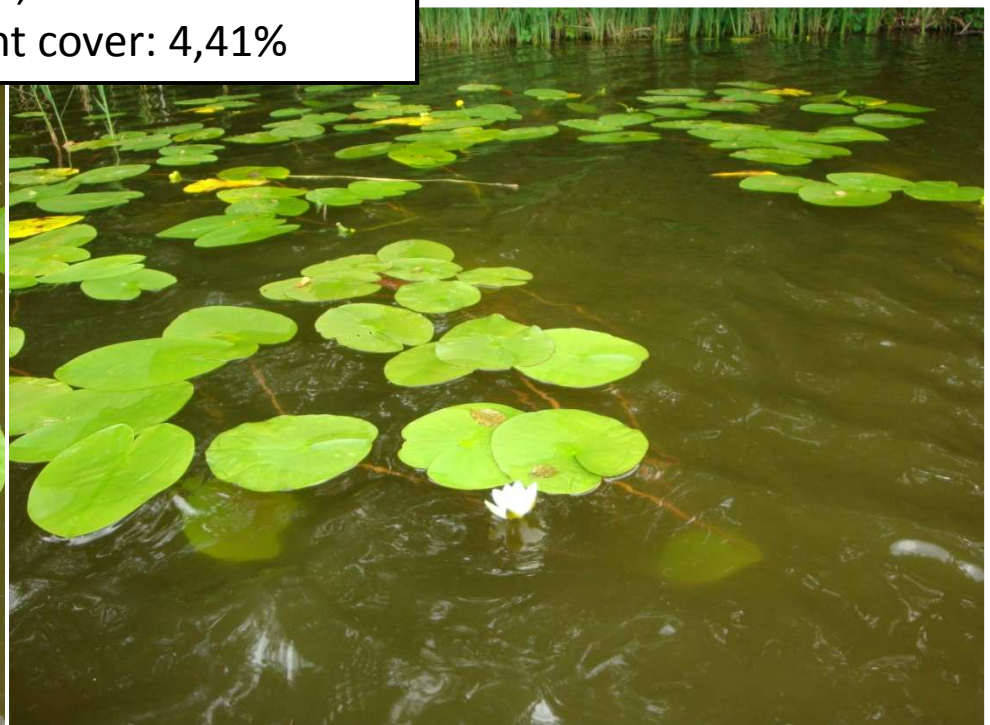
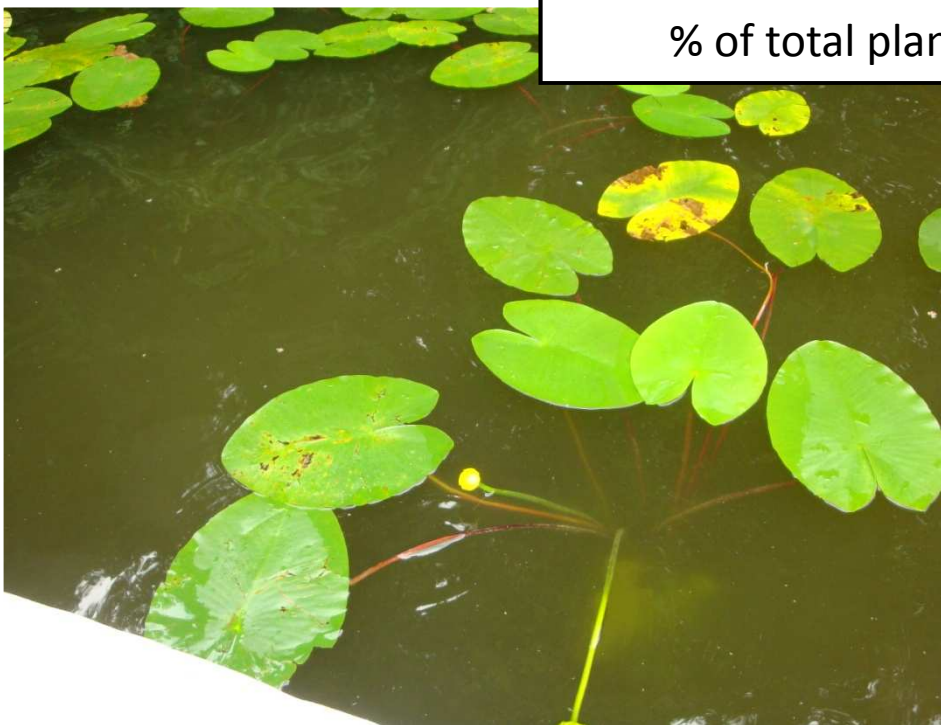


# *Nymphaeo - Nupharetum luteae*

**Zespół grzybieni i grążela żółtego**

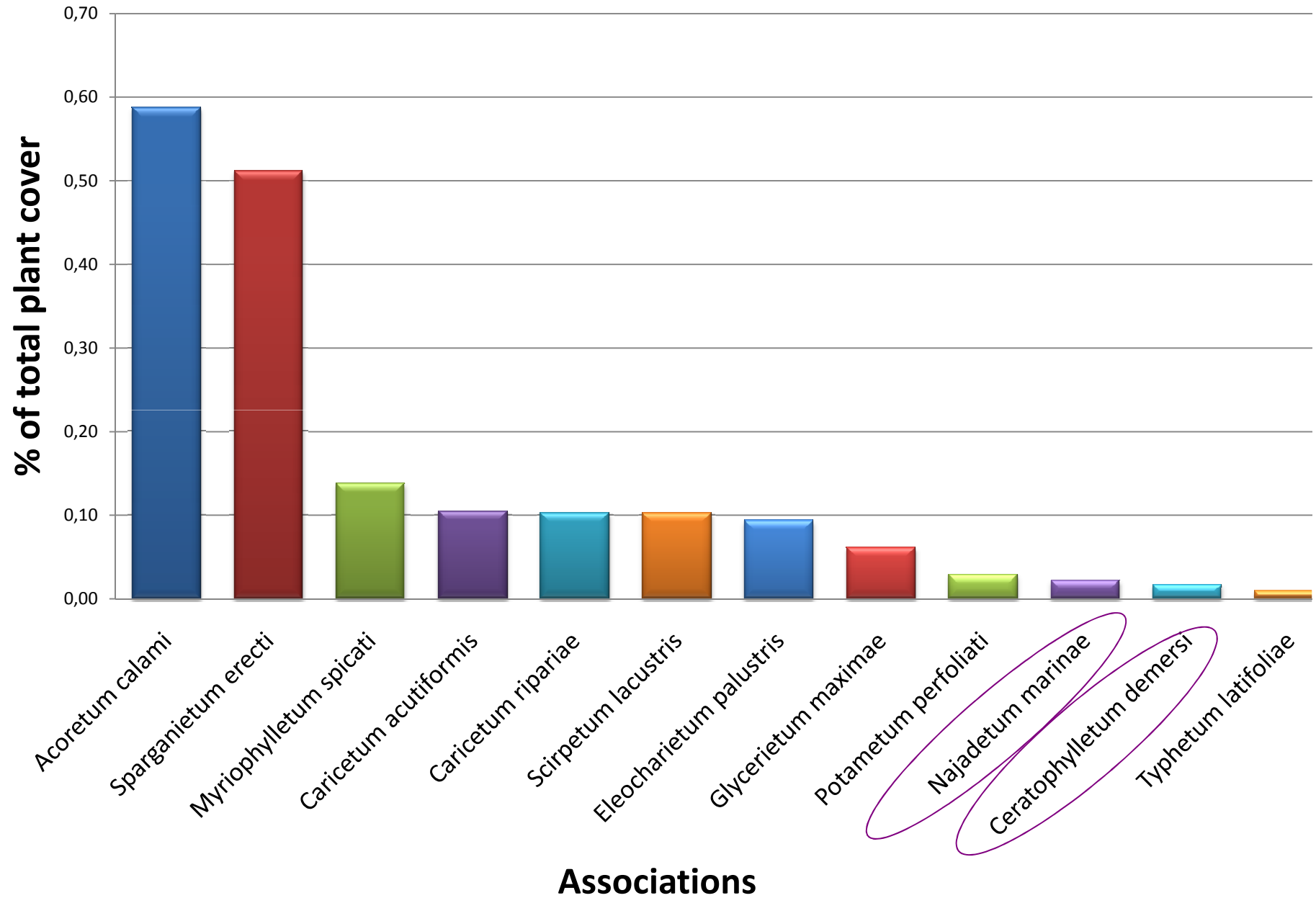
Cover: 0,397 ha

% of total plant cover: 4,41%

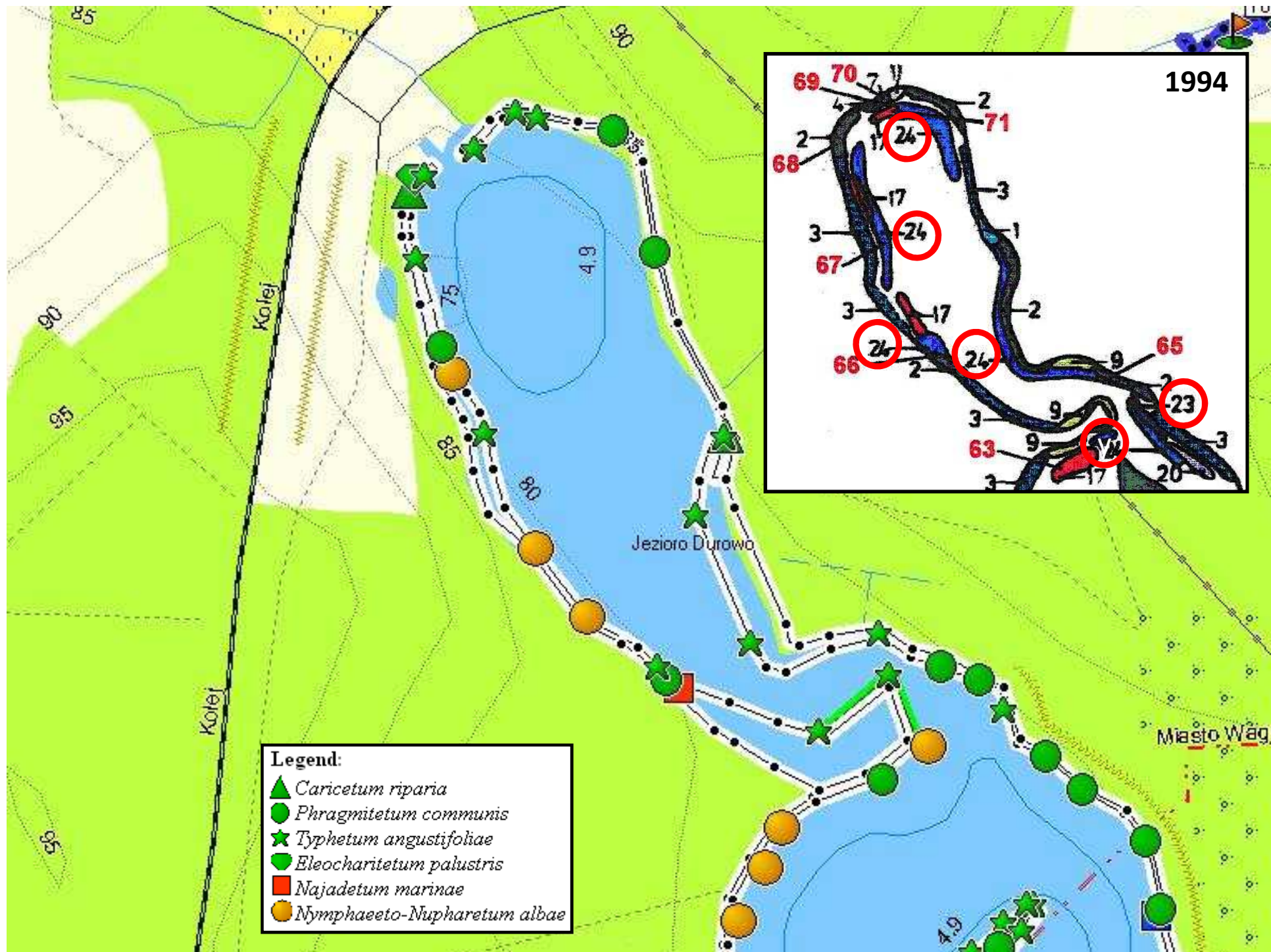


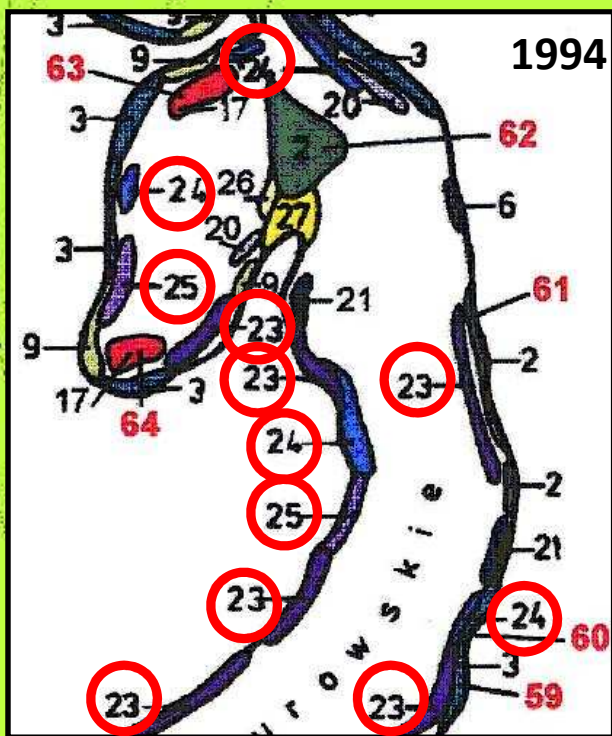


# Further plant species associations



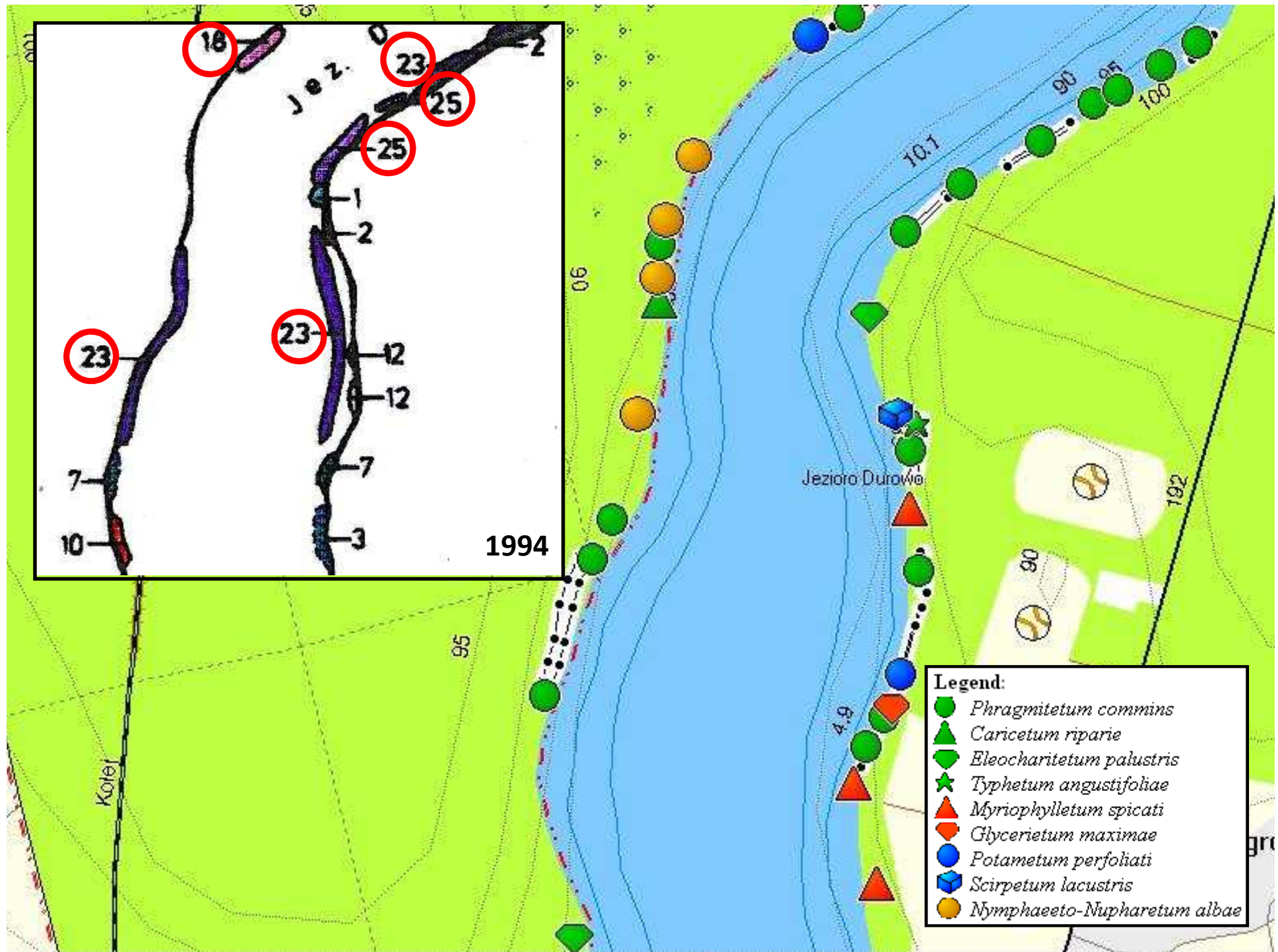






**Legend:**

- ▲ *Caricetum riparie*
- *Phragmitetum communis*
- ★ *Typhetum angustifoliae*
- ◐ *Caricetum acutiformis*
- ✱ *Sparganietum erecti*
- *Scirpetum lacustris*
- *Potametum perfoliati*
- *Nymphaeeto-Nupharetum albae*





# ESMI INDEX

ESMI is an index for macrophytes that has been developed in Poland to estimate the ecological status of lakes to comply with the European Water Framework Directive

ESMI jest indeksem opracowanym w Polsce dla określenia stanu ekologicznego jezior, zgodnie z wymaganiami Ramowej Dyrektywy Wodnej

Jeziora ramienicowe głębokie/ Deep stratified lakes

Stan ekologiczny	Ecological Status	ESMI Index
Bardzo dobry	Very Good	0,680-1,000
Dobry	Good	0,340-0,679
Uniarkowany	Moderate	0,170-0,339
Slaby	Poor	0,090-0,169
Zly	Bad	<0,090

ESMI INDEX Durowskie Lake:

0,109



Poor

# Differences within the lake

In the northern part of the lake:

- More submerged macrophytes
- Indicator species of good water quality: *Chara fragilis*, *Najas marina* and *Potamogeton lucens*
- Associations less fragmented and more extended (forming a belt)





# MIR INDEX

MIR is an index for macrophytes that has been developed in UK and implemented in Poland to estimate the ecological status of rivers to comply with the European Water Framework Directive

MIR jest indeksem makrofitowym opracowanym w Wielkiej Brytanii i zaadoptowanym do warunków polskich  
Zgodnie z wymaganiami Ramowej Dyrektywy Wodnej

Klasa stanu ekologicznego	Ecological status	Piaszczyste i organiczne
Bardzo dobry	Very good	$\geq 44,5$
Dobry	Good	$(44,5-35,0>$
Umiarkowany	Moderate	$(35,0-25,4>$
Słaby	Poor	$(25,4-15,8>$
Zły	Bad	$<15,8$

MIR INDEX Durowskie Lake:

Inflow/dopływ

Outflow/odpływ

37,78

30,64

Good

Moderate

# What does this mean?



- The water is better at the inflow of the lake than at the outflow
- The lake is negatively influenced by recreational activities in its surroundings and by nutrients that are released from the sediment
- Better regulation necessary

# Vision for the future:

- Macrophytes could spread to deeper lake areas (up to 2,5 m depth or even more)
- The diversity of submerged macrophytes could increase again
- Seeds of some species are still present in the sediment (seedbank)



# Importance of submerged macrophytes

- Competition with algal blooms
- Storage of nutrients
- Refuge for zooplankton (predator of phytoplankton)
- Limits resuspension of organic sediments
- Release of compounds that inhibit phytoplankton growth
- Spawning and breeding space for fish (e. g. pike)



# Conclusions

- **Water quality in the lake is influenced by activities in Wagrowiec and release of nutrients from the sediment**
- **Better water quality will help to increase macrophyte cover (submerged macrophytes)**
- **Better status of submerged macrophytes will increase water quality further (positive feedback)**
- **Macrophytes respond with a time lag to changes in water quality → effects of restoration measures were not yet visible**
- **Future monitoring will show changes**



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