

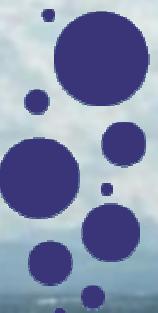
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Project Overview

Project Participants

BodenseeWeb is a project of the
Ministry for the Environment and Transport
of Baden-Württemberg, Germany



Design and Development:
Research Institute for Applied
Knowledge Processing (FAW) Ulm



Content providers:
State Institute for Environmental Protection (LfU)
Institute for Lake Research, Langenargen (ISF)
Lake Constance Nature Museum, Constance





The Mission of BodenseeWeb

- To serve the increasing public interest in environmental topics
- To face the reporting requirements of environmental authorities due to European law
- To integrate distributed environmental information from Germany, Austria and Switzerland related to Lake Constance in a single portal
- Implementation of modern multimedia technologies in the EIS of Baden-Württemberg
- Public Relations for the activities of international organisations such as ISF, IBK or IGKB





Significance of Lake Constance



- Fragile amphibian ecosystem including a number of endangered species
- The 2nd biggest Central European lake contains reasonable reserves of fresh water
- More than 4 million people in 3 countries depend on water supply from Lake Constance (daily output > 450.000 m³)
- Lake Constance has been subject to important limnological research programs during the last decades (e.g. by the ISF)



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The Concept



Presentation Concept

- Popular scientific presentation addresses the broad public (adults and children)
- Easy access to complex environmental topics
- Large scale photos and an appealing graphic design are used as eye-catchers
- Multimedia elements such as audio, video and animation attract the public interest
- Integration in present recreation facilities guarantees a large number of visitors



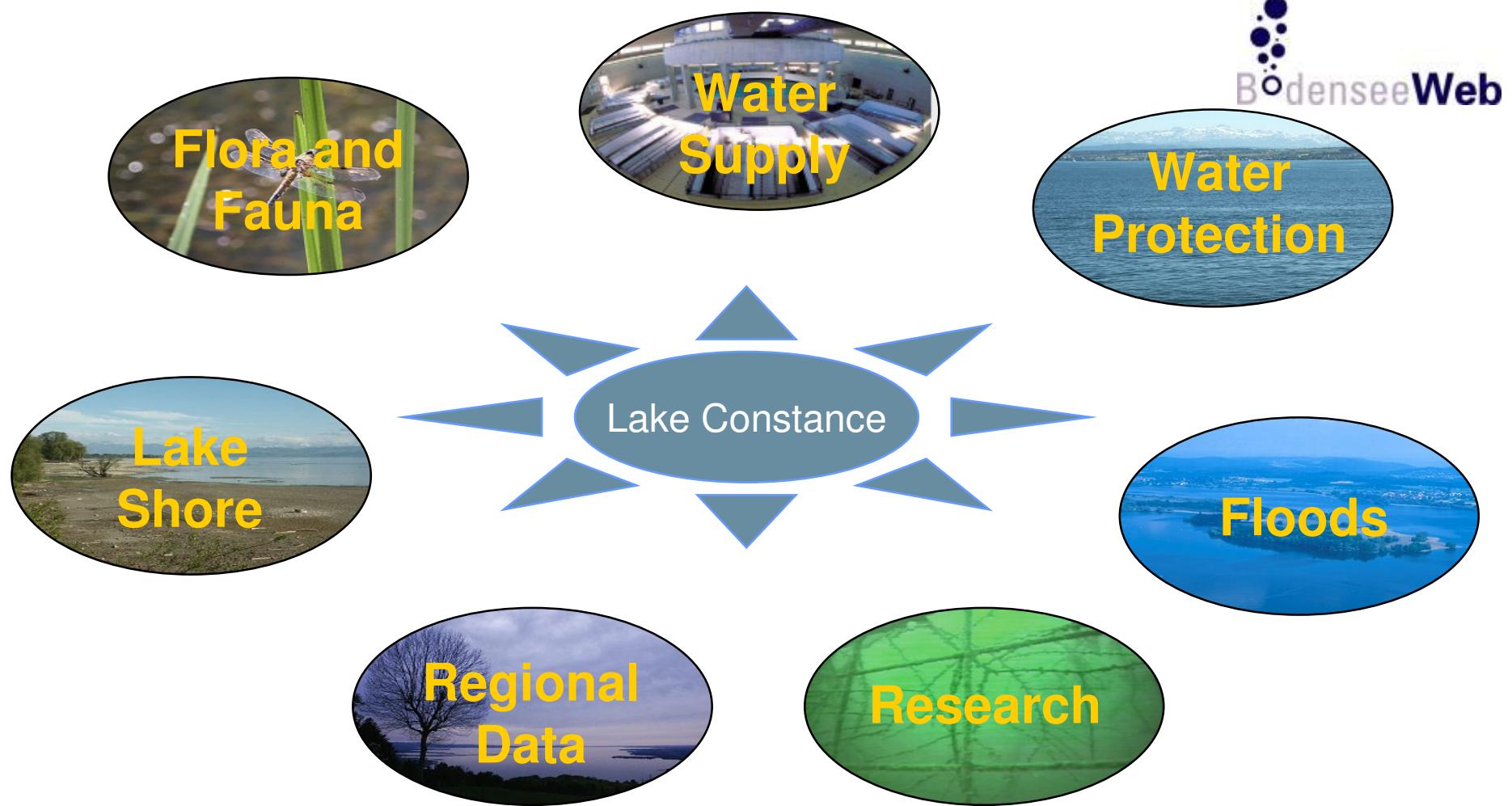


Information Design

- Several information levels for optional access to more detailed knowledge
- Multimedia trailers are used as introduction to the main topics
- Compact text units provide core information
- Modular information design allows continuous extension of the contents
- Easy navigation with graphic buttons



Topics



A scenic view of Lake Constance under a blue sky filled with white and grey clouds. In the distance, a range of mountains is visible across the water.

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The Application



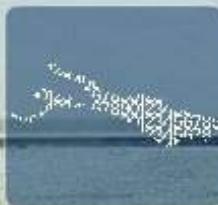
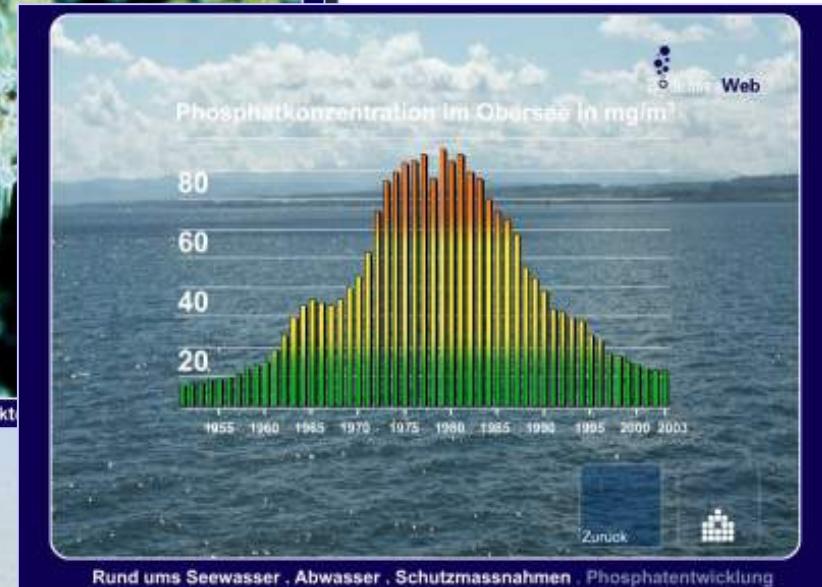


Multimedia Version

- Two multimedia terminals have been set up on the lake shore
- Animated presentation based on Macromedia Flash MX
- Easy handling via touch screens
- SiteKiosk software is used to minimize administrative work on the terminals
- Shockwave movies are displayed on a standard web browser
(a corresponding plugin is required)



Multimedia Version



Lake Constance Nature Museum



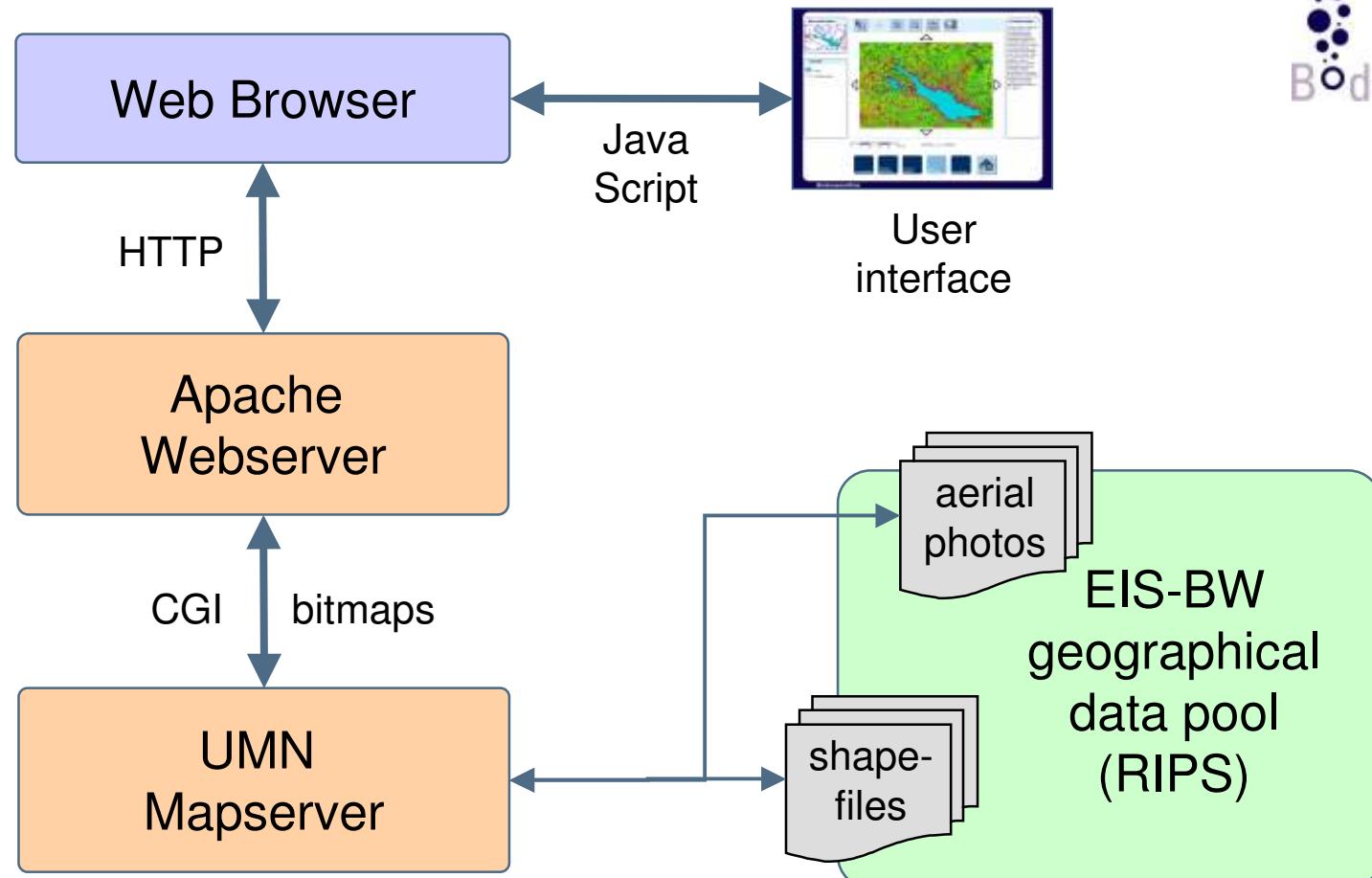


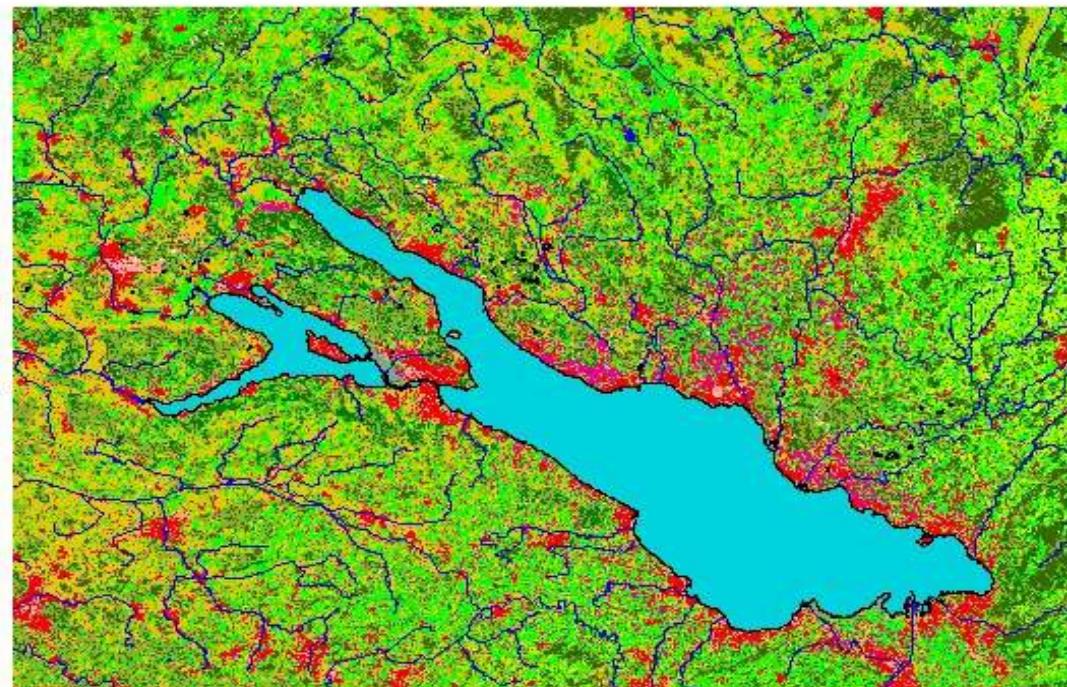
BodenseeAtlas



- GIS providing access to the LfU geographical data on Lake Constance
- Use of the Minnesota MapServer (UMN) for dynamic generation of digital maps
- Pre-defined geographical topics, (water infrastructure, protected areas etc.)
- Online access to life data from the lake via digital maps (gauges etc.)
- Integration of large scale aerial photos

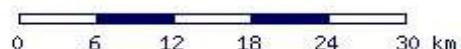
System Architecture





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ALLGEMEINES



WASSER
ABWASSER



SCHUTZ -
GEBiete

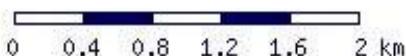
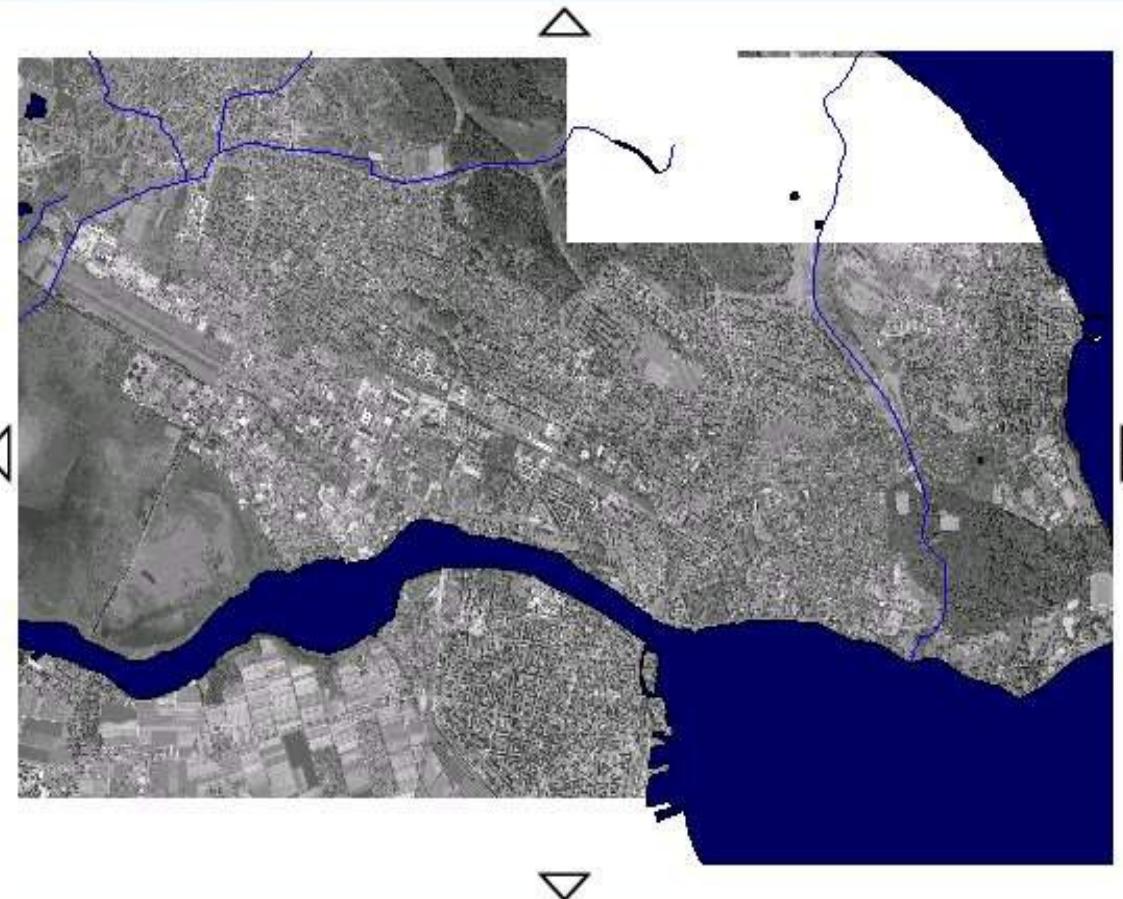
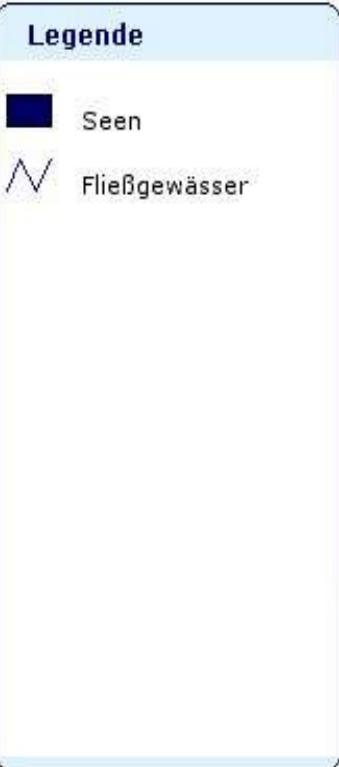


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LUFTBILDER





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Allgemein

Wasser

Schutzgebiete

Landnutzung

Luftbilder

Bodensee-Web



BodenseeWebsite



- Open access to the entire content of BodenseeWeb on the Internet
- First step towards an international information platform integrating regional activities on Lake Constance (organisations such as LfU, ISF, IBK, IGKB)
- Free accessible website according to the guidelines of the **Web Accessibility Initiative** (WAI) of the W3C (priority levels "A" and "Double-A")

- Criteria for Web Accessibility:
to make web content more available
 - to **all users** (esp. persons with disabilities) and
 - to **all user agents** (e.g. screen readers)
independent of technological environment
- Alternatives to auditory and visual content
- Use of core HTML markup and CSS technology
- Make all pages transform gracefully
- Clear and simple content / navigation



BodenseeWebsite

The screenshot shows a web page for the BodenseeWeb. At the top right is the logo "BodenseeWeb" with a stylized blue circle icon. The main title "Wasservögel" is displayed prominently. On the left, there's a sidebar with a large "Bodensee" logo and links to "Bodensee in Zahlen", "Rund ums Seewasser", and "Pflanzen und Tiere". The central content area features a photograph of a Great Crested Grebe (Haubentaucher) on the water. To the left of the photo is a list of bird species: Haubentaucher, Blässhuhn, Kolbenente, Hockerschwan, Graureiher, and Okologie. Below the photo are two buttons: "Bestandsentwicklung" and "Gesang des Haubentauchers [mp3]". At the bottom, there are more navigation links: "Bodensee in Zahlen", "Rund ums Seewasser", "Pflanzen und Tiere" (with sub-links for Fische, Wasservogel, and Plankton), "Ufer- und Flachwasserzone", "Gewässerforschung", "Hochwasser", "Bodenseeatlas", and "Impressum".



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Status and Outlook



Status Report

- First step of the application completed as a prototype in Baden-Württemberg
- Two multimedia terminals on the lake operating successfully since summer 2003
- Automatic operation of the terminals with annual service
- BodenseeWebsite online since December 2003 (www.bodenseeweb.net)
- Initial discussions with international organisations in terms of further development





Benefits



- Building public awareness for complex environmental topics
- Presentation of multimedia information to a large number of visitors of the lake (up to 5.000 hits per day at Constance)
- Up-to-date attraction at the showroom of the Lake Constance Nature Museum
- Platform for networking internationally distributed environmental information



To Do

- Addressing further partners and possible locations for the multimedia presentation for better efficiency
- Thematic extension of the contents
- Integration of geographical data from Bavaria, Austria and Switzerland into the BodenseeAtlas
- Further integration of distributed data sources
- Development of an international web portal connected to the Environmental Portal of Baden-Württemberg



Location

Multimedia Terminals:



Bodensee-Naturmuseum Konstanz
in the Sealife Centre, Hafenstraße 9

LfU-ISF
"Haus am Gondelhafen" Langenargen
Obere Seestraße 2



A scenic view of Lake Constance (Bodensee) under a blue sky with scattered white clouds. In the distance, the dark silhouette of the Alpine mountain range is visible across the water.

Internet



www.BodenseeWeb.net