

The Place Names Database of Latvia

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Brief History



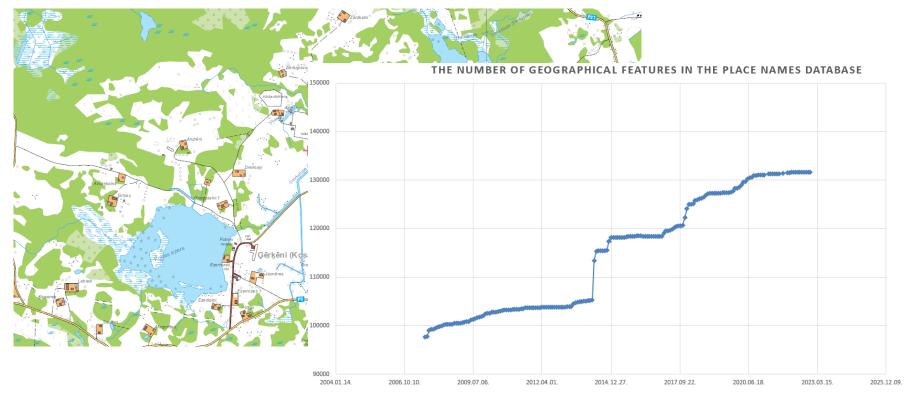
the project of Geographical Names Database was launched by the State Land Service, on initiative of the Laboratory of Toponymy

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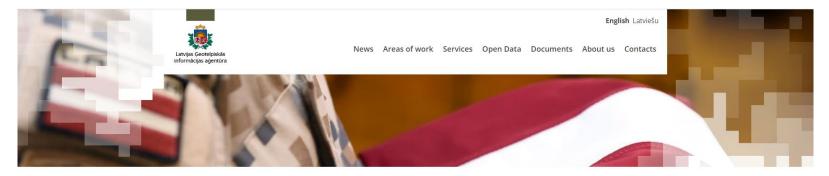
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In 2014-2015, Place names data for geographical features (except houses and homesteads) was imported in the Place Names Database from the Topographic Map 1:10 000





Description of the Database



Place names database

The place names database maintains information on place names (geographical names or toponyms) and the corresponding geographical objects - both natural and man-made.

The working version of the place names database contains 170 thousand names, which refer to 127 thousand geographical objects (data as of March 1, 2019). The information covers the entire territory of Latvia, as well as the border area of neighboring countries.

Information on the place name and the corresponding geographical object:

- basic information: basic name; other names of this object, if any (both official and unofficial); the type of geographical object (village, river, forest, etc.) and its condition (existing, non-existent, etc.); administrative territorial affiliation (parish, city, county); location (coordinates and possibility to view on the map);
- additional information: news sources (maps, literature, narrators, etc.) and quotes from them; more detailed description, t. sk. legends, stories, etc.

Public version of the place name database (8th edition) includes data only on the territory of the Republic of Latvia. It offers users free of charge: basic information together with a reduced amount of additional information about the place name and the corresponding geographical feature, data search and selection by various features - location, feature type,

A brief description of the Database in English is available on the Services website of the Latvian Geospatial Information Agency (LGIA):

https://www.lgia.gov.lv/en/place-names-database-0



The legal basis

Geospatial Information Law

- Accepted on December 17, 2009
- Provides that the Place Names Database is maintained by the Latvian Geospatial Information Agency

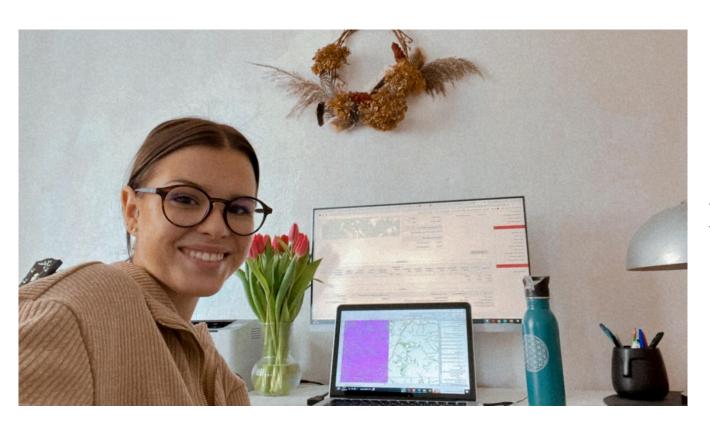
The State Language Law

- Accepted on December 9, 1999
- Determines the Latvian language protection and use by state, municipal and other institutions

Regulations on Toponymic Information

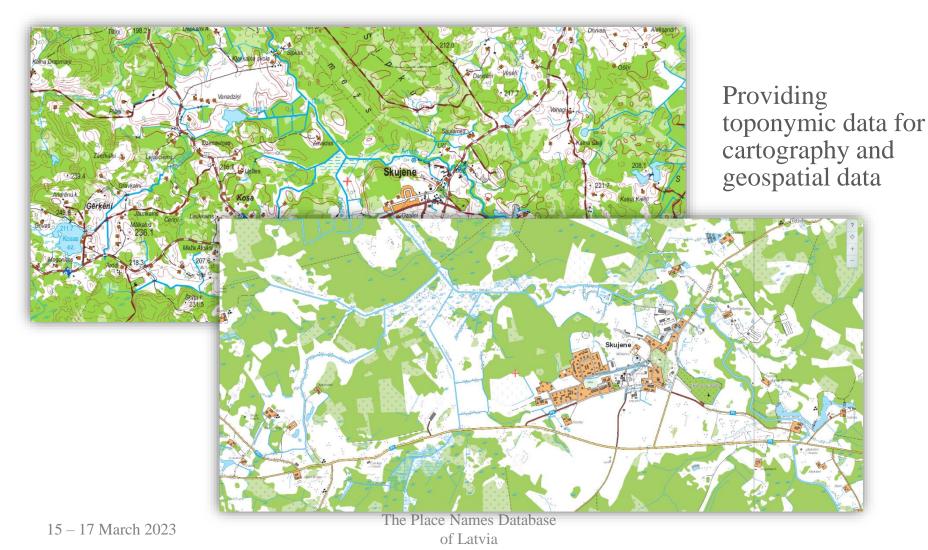
- Accepted on January 10, 2012
- Prescribes the procedures for maintanance of the Place Names
 Database of Latvia





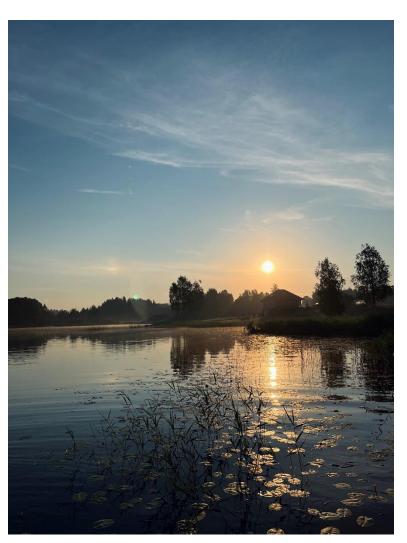
Toponymic data storage, processing and updating



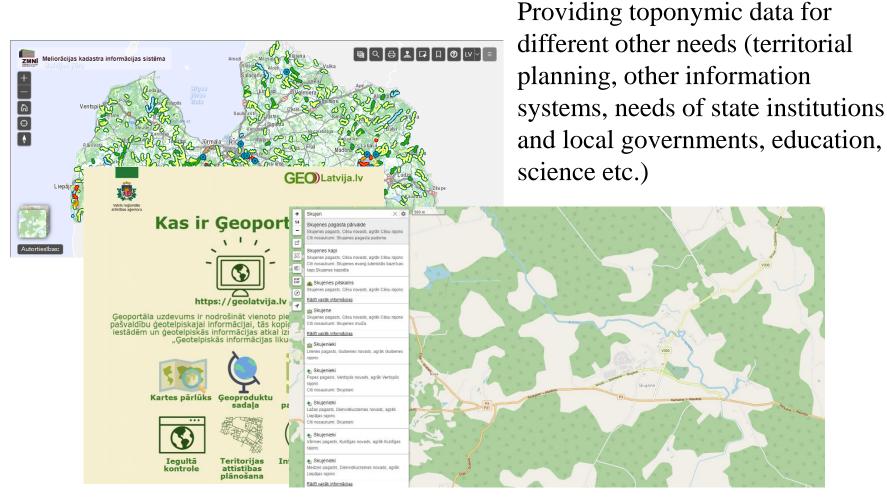




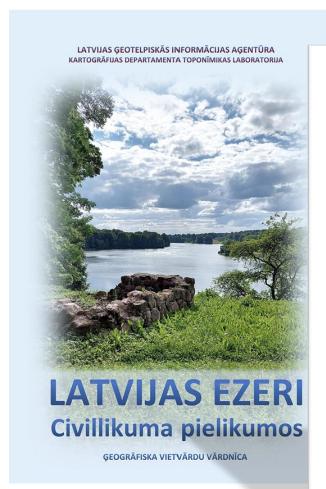
Providing toponymic data for geographical names standardization (especially - for natural feature names)











CĒSU novads

Alauksts¹, Alauksta ezers – Vecpiebalgas pag., 2,5 km ZR no Vecpiebalgas. Pl. 774,8 ha. 2 salas (Lielā sala, Vidsniedre). Iztek Gaujiņa, Gausupīte un Silakroga grāvis.

VVC 2017 Alauksts; Civ1 2011 Alauksta ezers; ÜTK 2017 Alauksts, Alauksta ezers; LÜ I 13 Alauksts, Alauksta ez; Mellin 1798 Alluksta See; Rikers 1839 Alokste S; LTT5 Alauksts; El 24 alauksts; KH I 14 Alauksts; Pag k. 1990 Alauksts; Avotipa 1993 Alauksts; Ed 14 I Alauksts; Lapug II 575 Alauksts; S50 Alauksts

Arāja ezers / Āraisis¹¹. Araisis, Arāju ezers, Āraiša ezers, Āraiša ezers, Āraiša ezers, Āraiša ezers — Dzērbenes pag, 0,5 km ZZR no Dzērbenes. Pl. 16,6 ha. Caurt tek Śķesterupīte, tetek Auļupīte.

VVC 2020 Arīja ezers / Araisis, Civ2 2003 Araika ezers; UTK 2017 Arīja ezers (Araisis), Araika ezers; LD 117 Araisas, Araisa, Araisa, Arāja, Arāja, Arāja, Arāja ez; Mellin 1798 Azara S.; Arapaka 1960 152 Araika ezers; LMEI 1428 Araika [ez.]; Ez. uzuk. 1971 Arājia ez.; Arāikas Pagk. 1990 Arāja ez.; Ld 1129 Arisiss (Arāja ezers), Plaudis 1998 Araiss, Araika (Araizka, Arāja) ez:; Lpag I 251 Araisis (Arāja eze.); S50 Arāja ezers, Sara. 2007 Arāja ezers, Arāja

Auciema ezers^{II} - Raiskuma pag., uz D no Auciema. Pl. 41,4 ha.

Āraišu ezers¹, Araišu ezers – Drabešu pag., uz ZA no Drabešiem, ZR krastā Āraiši. Pl. 32 ha. Uz vienīgās salas tuvu pie krasta atrodas Āraišu ezerpils. Caurī tek Rakšupe.

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Bānūžu ezers¹¹, Bānužu ezers, Kudliņu ezers — Taurenes pag., 4,5 km RDR no Taurenes, uz D no Bānūžiem. Pl. 42,6 ha. Cauri tek Meļļupe.

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Pagk. 1960 Bintilu ez; Plaudis 1998 Bintilu ez; Ld I 132 Bintilu ez;
Lapa II 478 Bintilu ez; S50 Bintilu ez;
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Inesisⁱ, Inesa ezers – Inesu pag., uz ZR no Inesiem. Pl. 519,5 ha. 7 salas (Bābu sala, Lielā sala, Mīlestības sala, Siena sala, Židīte u. c.). Ietek Pīle, Laskate, tztek Orisāre.

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Juveris¹, Juvera ezers – Dzērbenes pag., 2,5 km Z no Dzērbenes. Pl. 77,5 ha. 2 salas (Lielā un Mazā). Ietek Asmeņupīte, tztek Skraustupīte.

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Lielais Bauzis^{II}, Lielais Bauzia ezers, Bauzis, Bauziklävu ezers – Ratskuma un Vaidavas pag., 5,5 km R no Vaidavas; ZR krastā vs. Bauziklāvi. Pl. 57 ha. Iztek Ziedene.

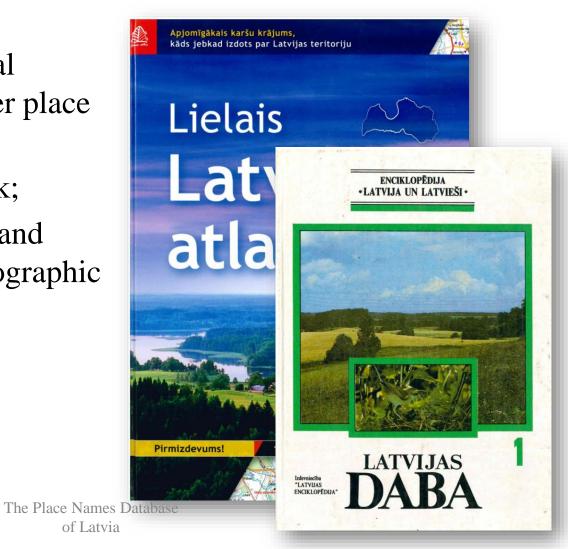
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Providing data and data compilation for geographical names dictionaries



The main sources of the data

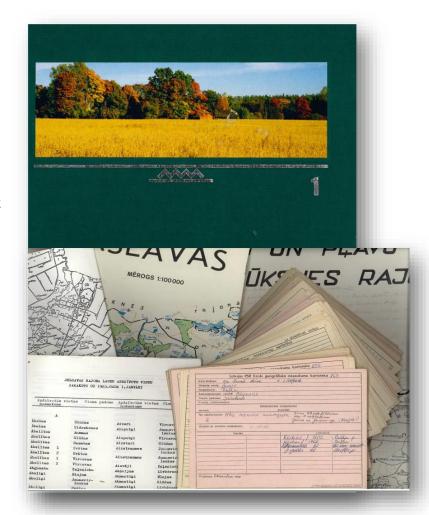
- Information from local governments and other place names authorities;
- Toponymic field-work;
- Maps (contemporary and historical), other cartographic materials;
- Legislative acts;
- Geographical names dictionaries;





The main sources of the data

- State information systems (e.g. National Address Register, Cadastre Information System etc.)
- Literature (geographical, onomastic etc.) and different other publications
- Unpublished scientific and local study works, card files
- Internet sources (eg., Periodika.lv;
 «Balticmaps» etc.)





Coverage of the data

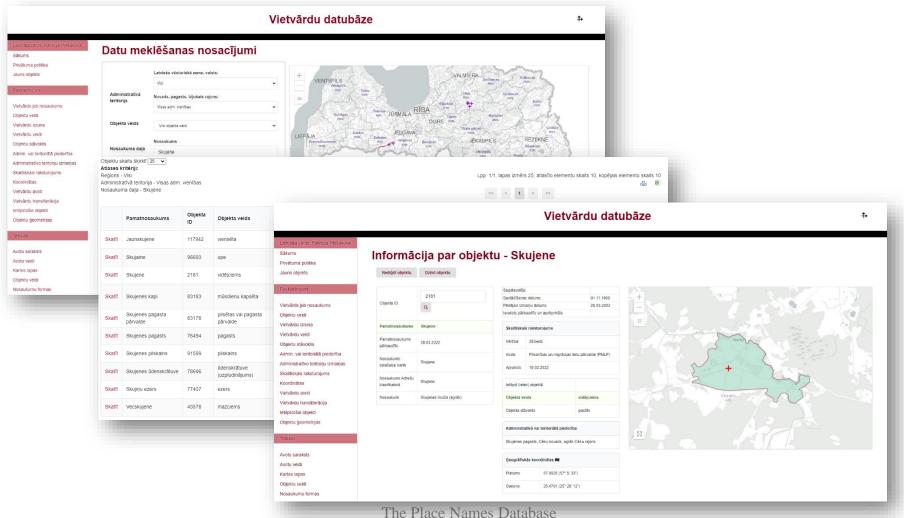
Latvia, border areas of Lithuania, Estonia, Belarus and Russia.





Data entry example

Skujene (village)



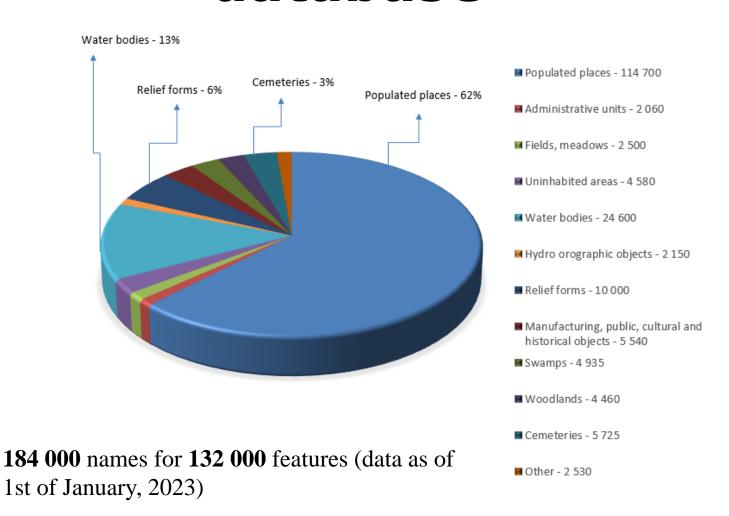


ExampleSkujene – map view



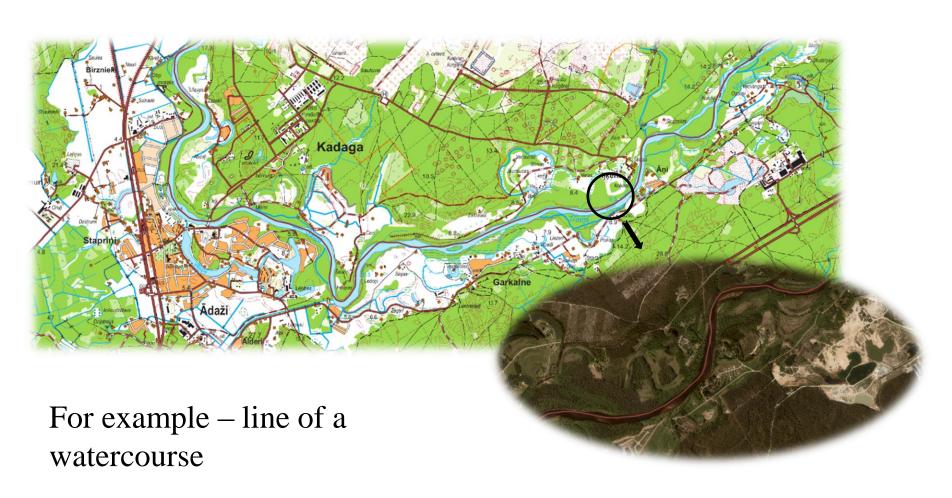


Contents of the database





Geometries





Public version

Public (short) version of the Database:
 https://vietvardi.lgia.gov.lv/vv/to-www.sakt

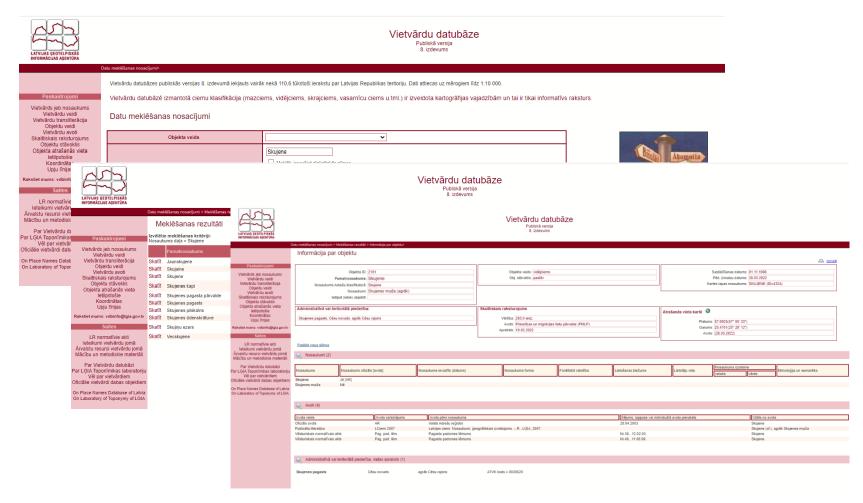
 More than 140 000 names of 111 000 features in territory of Latvia

• Language of the interface - only Latvian (for now).



Public version

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Further Development

- Increasing quality and amount of geometries (to serve better for needs of the maps scale 1:10 000);
- Increasing quality and uniformity of database entries (to serve better for needs of cartography and other data users);
- Improvement of the new Place Name Database application;
- Creating a new Public version of the Place Names Database;
- Implementing the INSPIRE data specification requirements for geographical names data;
- Ensuring regularity and frequency of Place Names Open Data updating.



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Thank you!

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