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Baltic Sea Chart Datum 2000

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The Baltic Sea Hydrographic Commission,

which is an integrant part of the International Hydrographic Organisation (IHO), promotes the technical co-operation in the domain of hydrographic surveying, marine cartography and nautical information among the neighboring countries of the Baltic Sea region.

The main objectives of the Commission are the coordination of the production of the Baltic Sea INT Charts, the coordination of hydrographic re-surveys, harmonization of chart datums, harmonization of Baltic Sea ENC's, and the exchange of information and the harmonization of practices with regard to various issues related to hydrography.

The most recent development is the [Baltic Sea Bathymetric Database](#) – accessible via this portal.

International Hydrographic Organization

The International Hydrographic Organization is an intergovernmental consultative and technical organization that was established in 1921 to support safety of navigation and the protection of the marine environment. The object of the Organization is to bring about:

- The coordination of the activities of national hydrographic offices
- The greatest possible uniformity in nautical charts and documents
- The adoption of reliable and efficient methods of carrying out and exploiting hydrographic surveys
- The development of the sciences in the field of hydrography and the techniques employed in descriptive oceanography

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Chart Datum Working Group (CDWG)



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BSHC Chart Datum Working Group

"To implement a common reference level in the Baltic Sea"



Photo: Chart Datum Working Group 10th meeting, 7-8 February 2018, Arkö, Sweden

The CDWG will have its next meeting (CDWG12)
3-4 March 2020 in Gdansk, Poland

<https://www.bshc.pro/working-groups/cdwg>

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Baltic Sea Chart Datum 2000 (BSCD2000)

➤ Definition:

The datum refers to each Baltic country's realization of the European Vertical Reference System (EVRS) with land-uplift epoch 2000, which is connected to the Normaal Amsterdams Peil (NAP).

➤ Justification:

The Baltic Sea is an international shallow, non-tidal area in the northern part of Europe with dense traffic. IHO BSHC has approved the name and the adoption of the Baltic Sea Chart Datum 2000 ([specification](#)).

➤ Height systems used as national realization of BSCD2000 (EVRS-based):

Sweden RH2000	Denmark DVR90	Germany DHHN2016
Poland PL-EVRF2007-NH	Lithuania LAS07	Latvia LAS2000,5
Estonia EH2000	Finland N2000	Norway NN2000

➤ Chart datum name to be shown in paper charts:

Mean Sea Level (Baltic Sea Chart Datum 2000^{national realization name})

or

Mean Sea Level (Baltic Sea Chart Datum 2000)

CHART DATUM: Mean Sea Level (Baltic Sea Chart Datum 2000^{RH2000})

REFERENSNIVÅ: Medelvattenyta (Baltic Sea Chart Datum 2000^{RH2000})

SYMBOLS and ABBREVIATIONS: see INT 1

BETECKNINGAR och FÖRKORTNINGAR: se KORT 1

Referensnivå



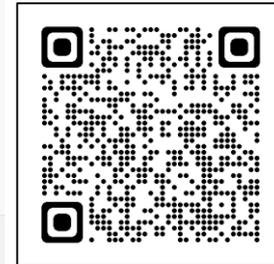
Baltic Sea Chart Datum 2000 in IHO Registry

BSCD2000 is now included in IHO Geospatial Information (GI) Registry, as chart datum number 44:

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BSCD2000 is included as a reference plane in BODC Vocabulary list / SeaDataNet



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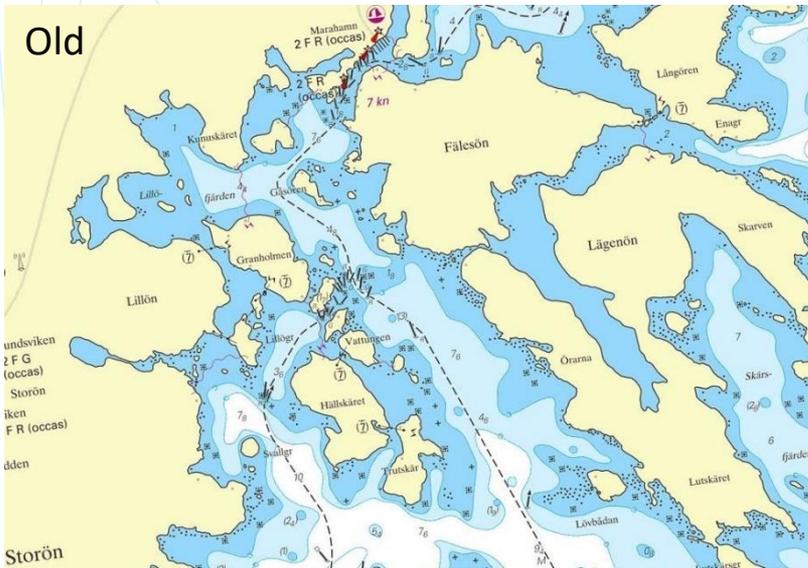
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Swedish Chart Improvement project



Mean Sea Level (Baltic Sea Chart Datum 2000^{RH2000})

Plan for transition to BSCD2000 in nautical charts



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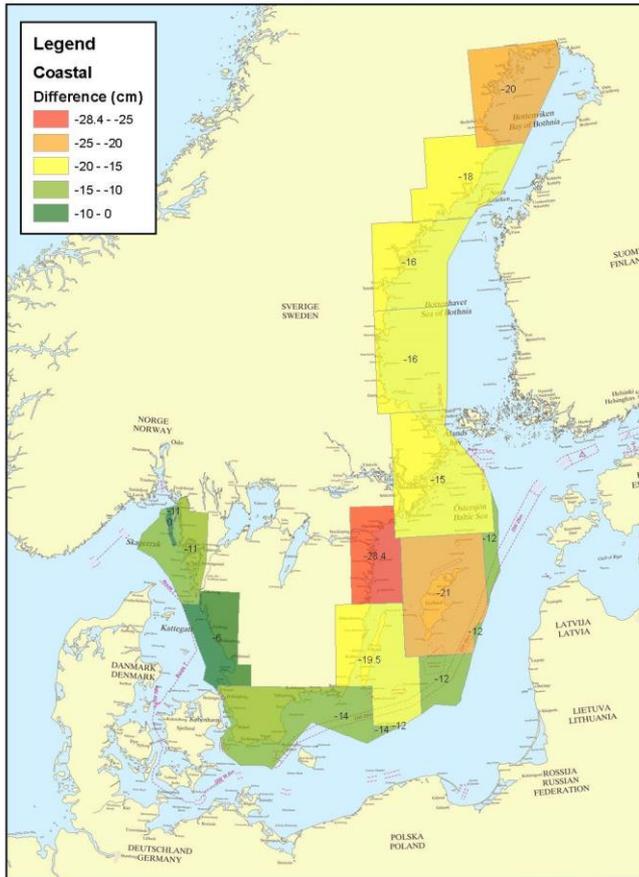
Difference between present chart datum and BSCD2000

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Difference between existing chart datum and RH 2000 - Coastal

Swedish Maritime Administration, Hydrographic Office, May 16, 2013

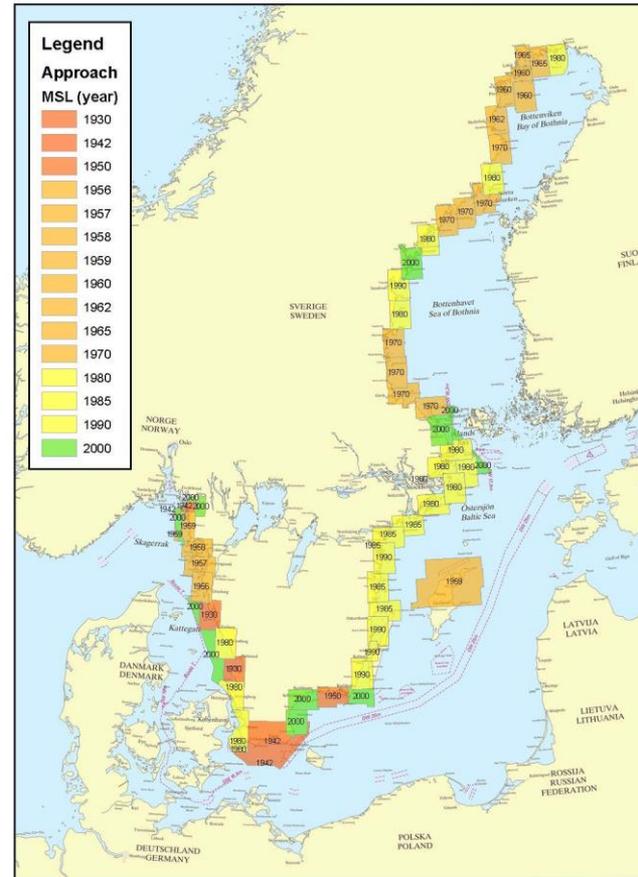


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Year of MSL in Swedish chart database - Approach (Swedish water)

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Swedish Sea Level Network

- Real-time data relative BSCD2000 from 60 stations
- 1-minute values with 1 cm accuracy
- Real-time and delayed mode quality control



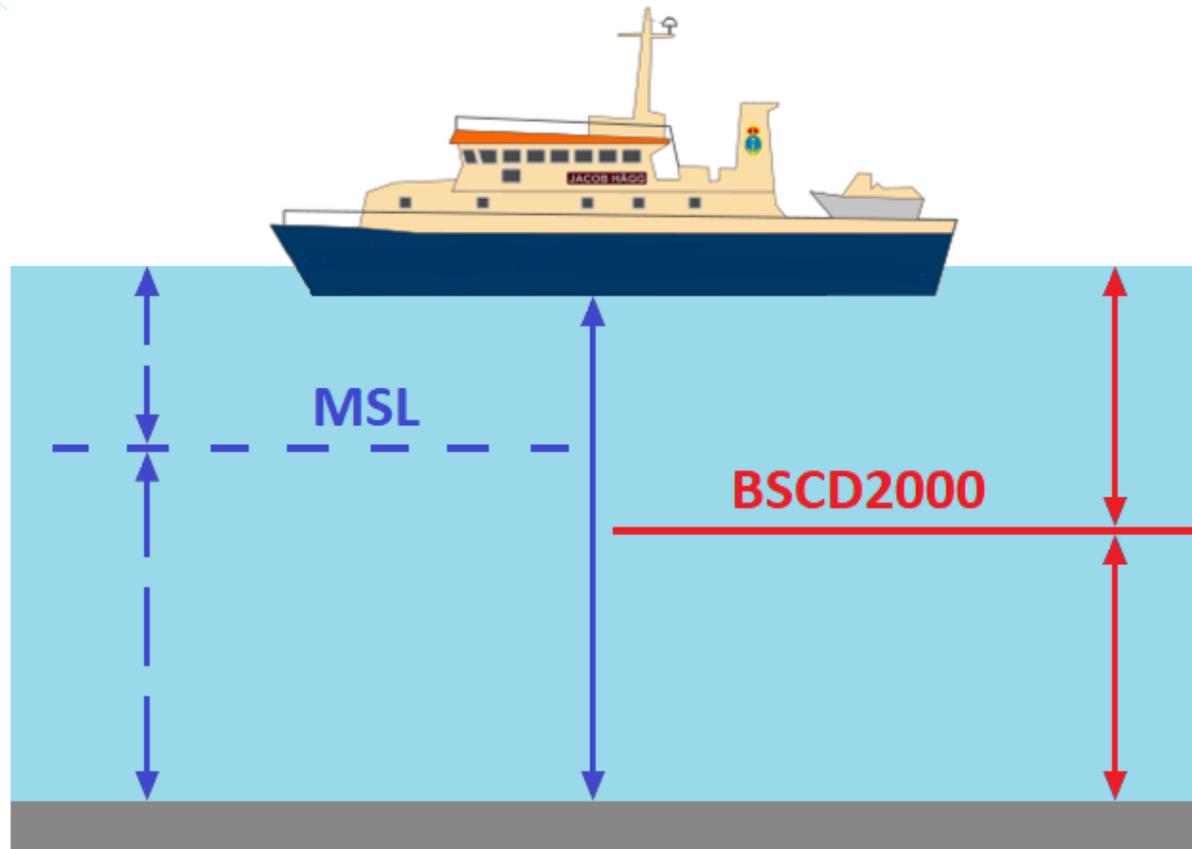
- Class I Upgrade with battery backup
- Class II Upgrade without battery backup
- Class III Unchanged, temporary

- 27 stations (23 SMHI, 3 SMA, 1 CTH)
- 25 stations (21 SMA, 3 GBG, 1 SKB)
- 7 stations (6 SMA, 1 SMHI)

Present water level information are shown in Wind- and Water Information ([ViVa](#))

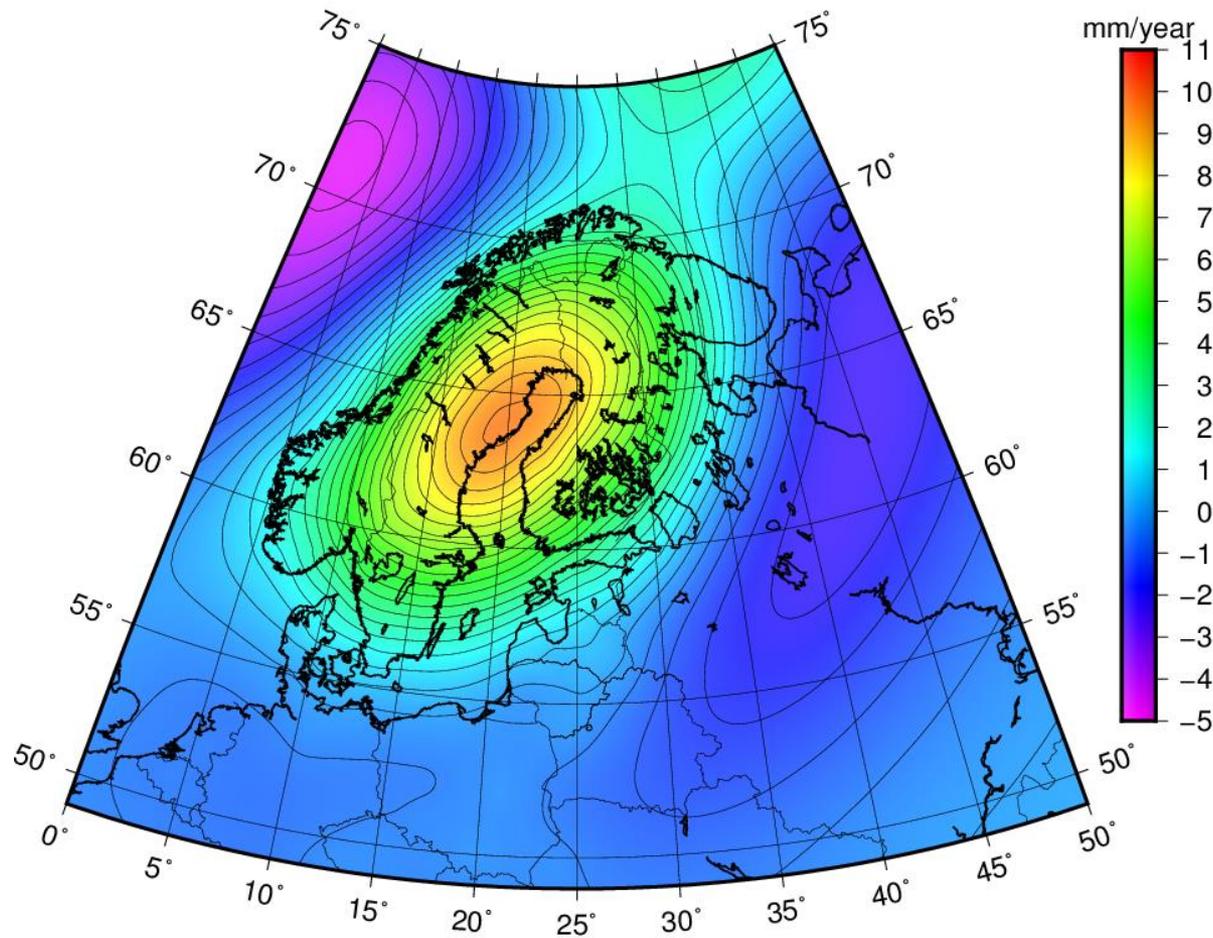


New reference datum for sea level



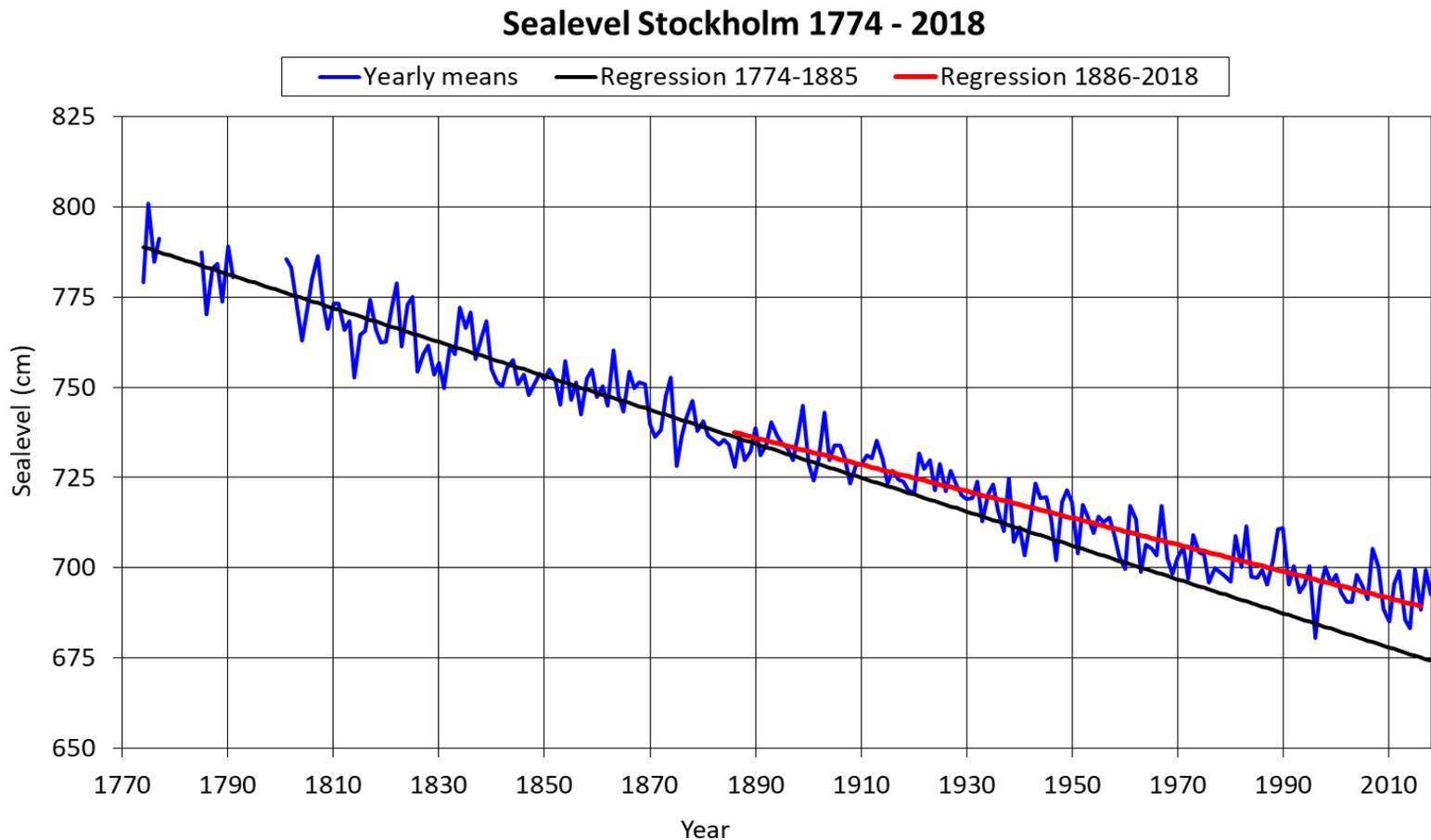
The water depth remains!

The land-uplift lowers the mean sea level



Stockholm

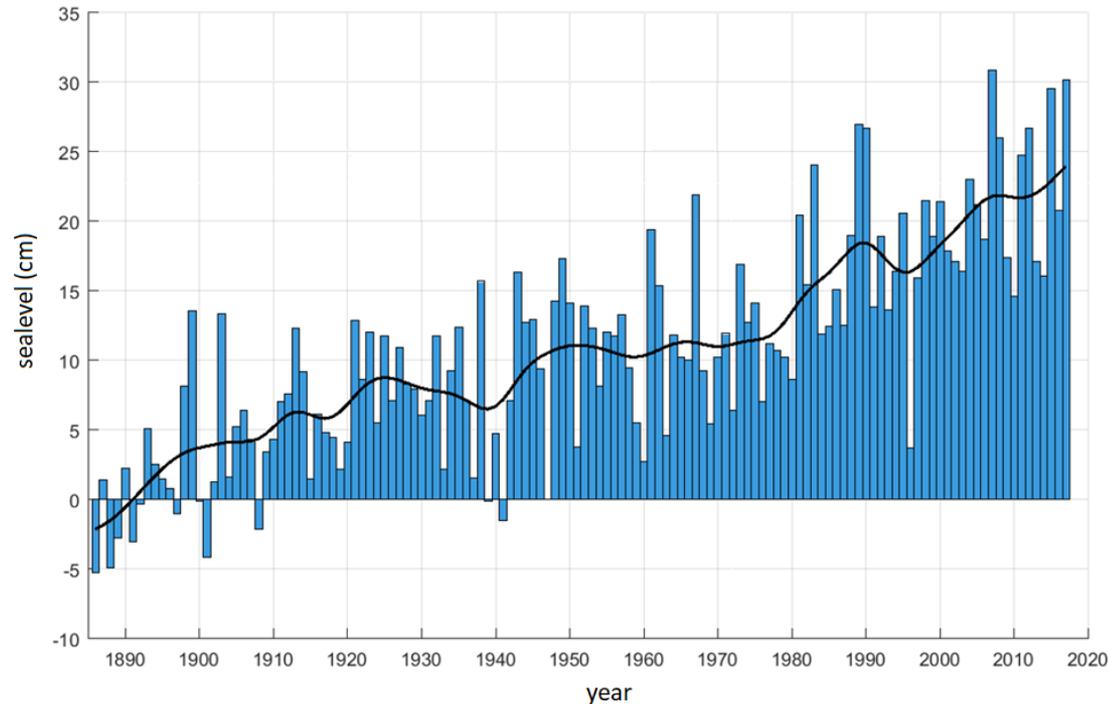
“World’s longest sealevel record”



The sea level rise raises the mean sea level

SMHI

Sea level rise 1886 - 2017

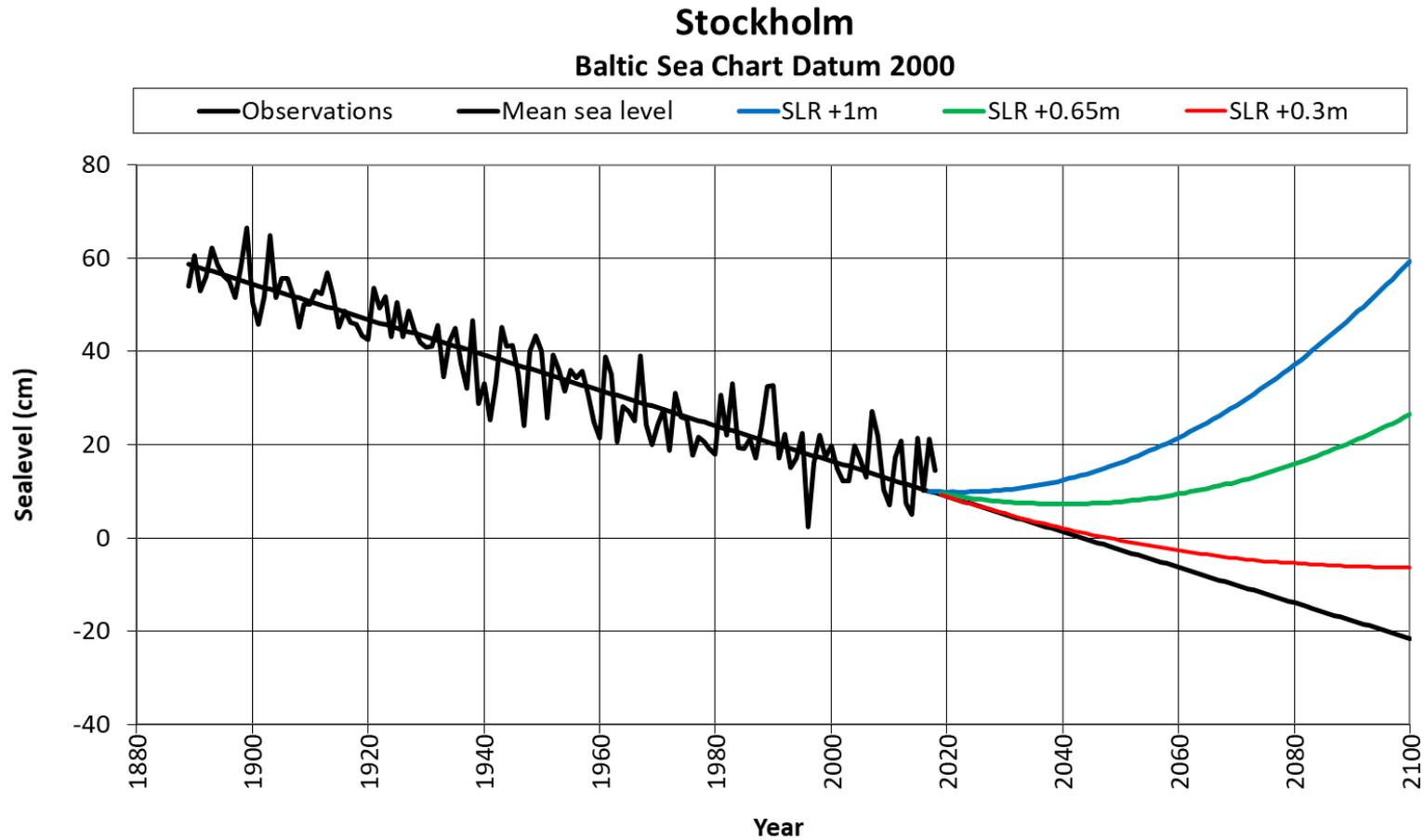


Analysis of 14 Swedish sealevel records since 1886

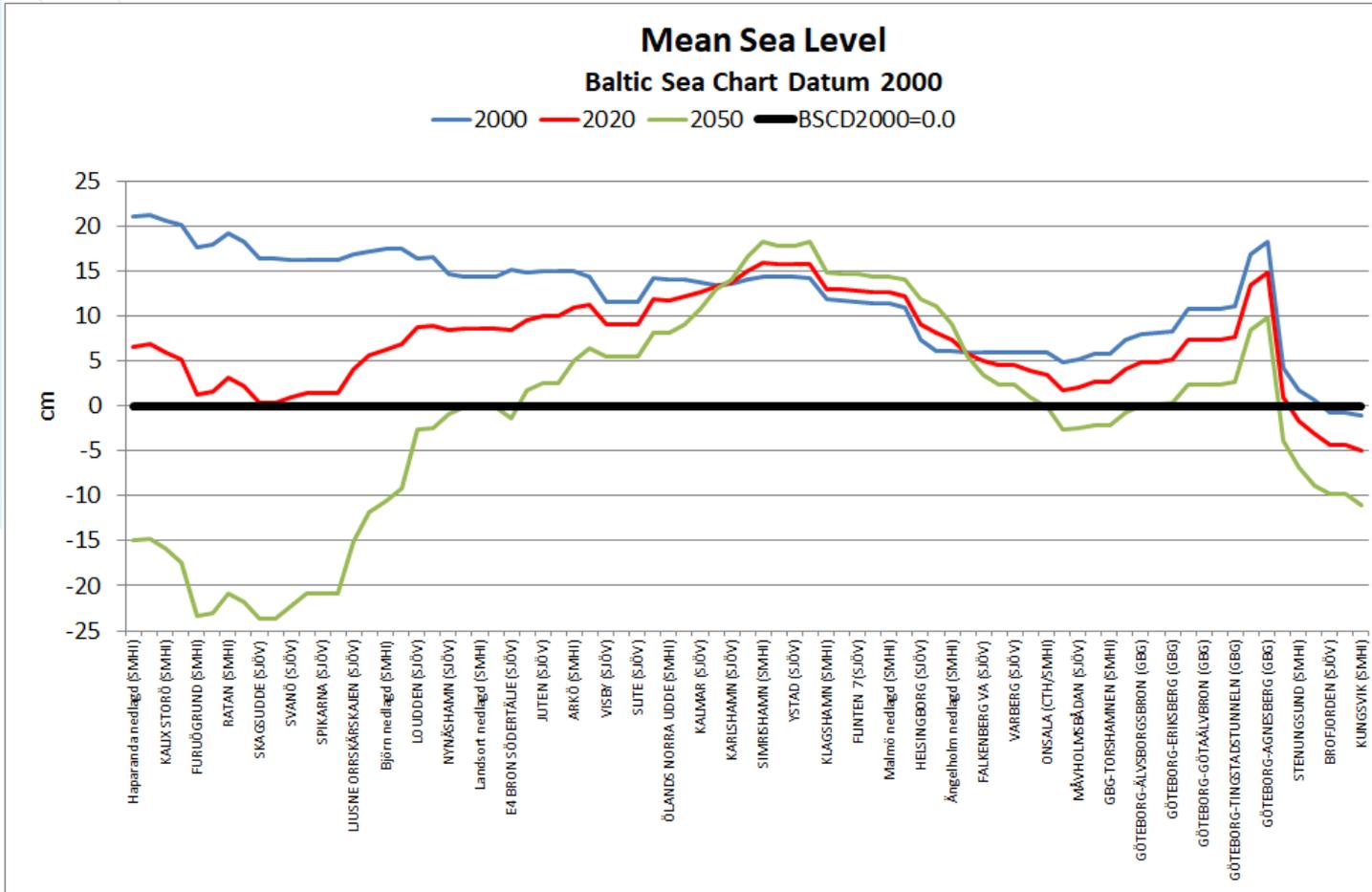
Sealevel corrected for the levelled land-uplift (glacial isostatic adjustment)



Future sea level rise (SLR)



Changing mean sea level



Difference between old reference system and BSCD2000

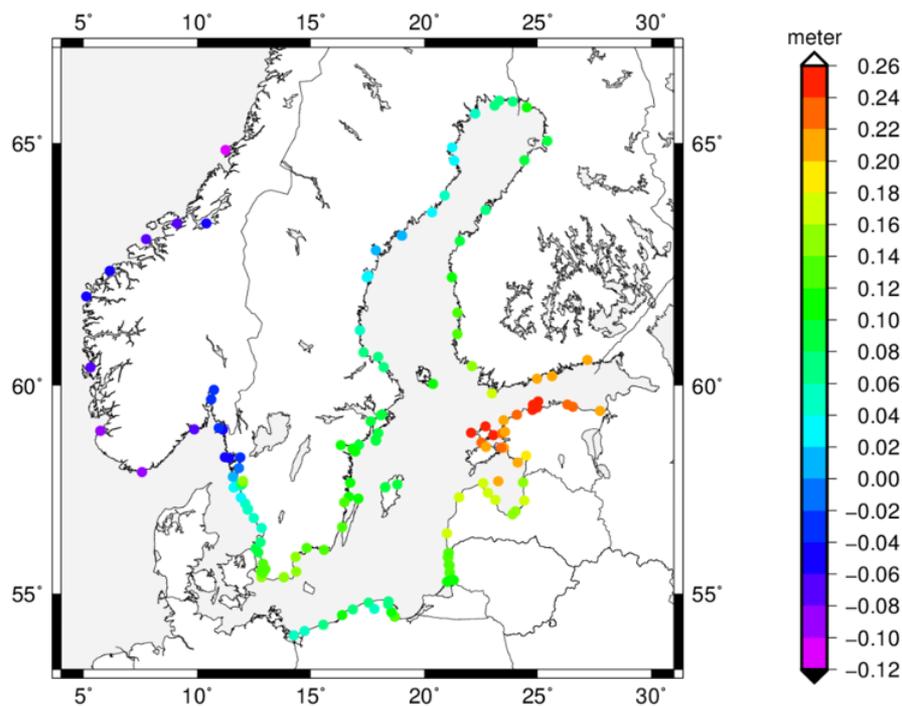
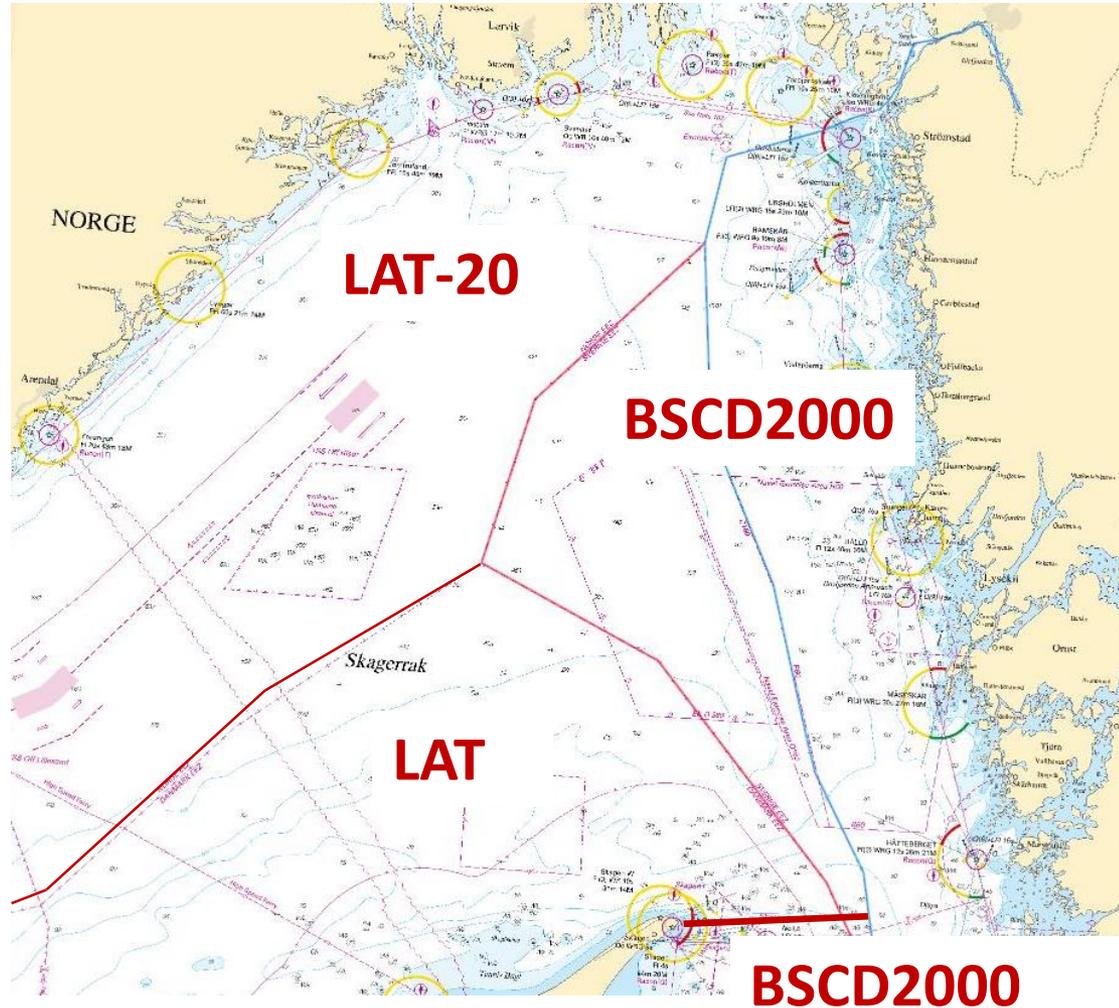


Fig. 4b: Differences between the reference levels of the old national chart datums with respect to Baltic Sea Chart Datum (BSCD2000). In Sweden and Finland, the old reference levels are equal to Mean Sea Level transferred to year 2019 (according to different national conventions). The values from Norway shows the Mean Sea Level over the period 1996-2014, relative NN2000/BSCD2000. In Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland, the Kronstadt reference level is used as old chart datum. Notice how postglacial rebound reduces the magnitude of the mean sea level in the Bay of Bothnia; it is now just a few cm near the land uplift maximum.

Reference datums in Skagerrack

- Norwegian chart datum (LAT-20) ca 0,5-0,6 m below BSCD2000
- Danish LAT ca 0,2 m below BSCD2000



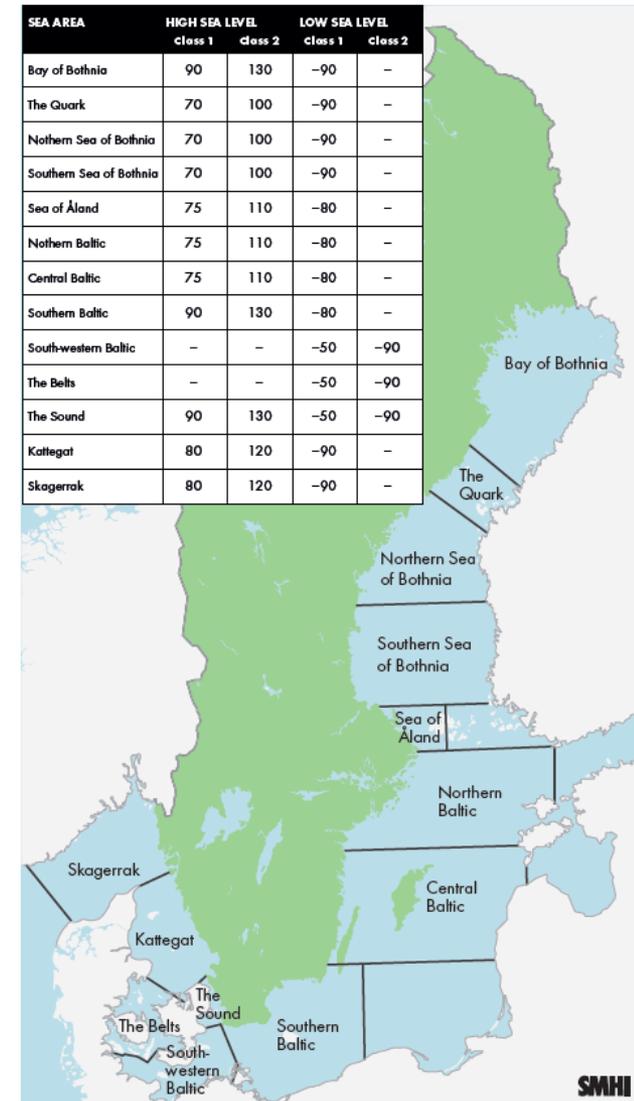
Sweden will change reference datum

Swedish Maritime Administration
(SMA) and Swedish Meteorological
and Hydrological Institute (SMHI)
will present sea level data relative
BSCD2000 from 3rd June 2019



SMHI oceanographic warning and forecasting service

- An ongoing transition to BSCD2000 (RH 2000) at SMHI -> forecasts, warnings and information about current sea level will be issued in BSCD2000
- Warning levels have been adjusted from MSL to BSCD2000
- **2019-06-03**: Warnings for high and low sea level will be issued in BSCD2000



New Sealevel service from SMHI

Kalix-Storön
SMHI:s mätstation

Stäng ✕

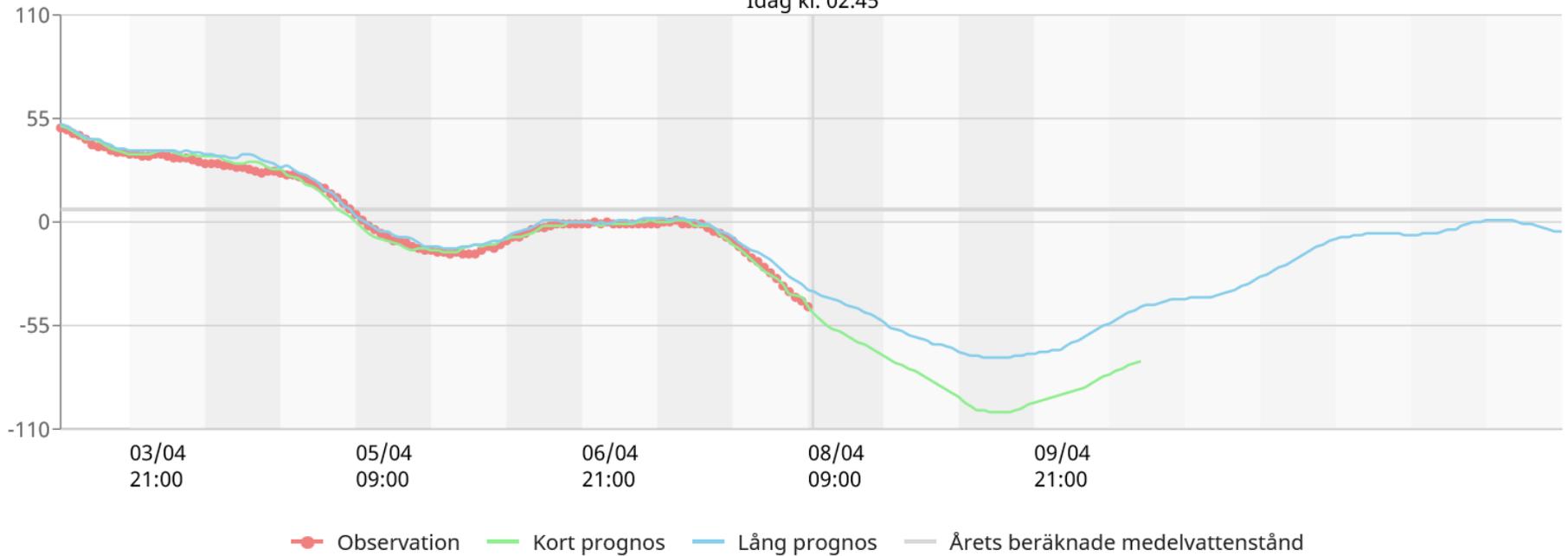
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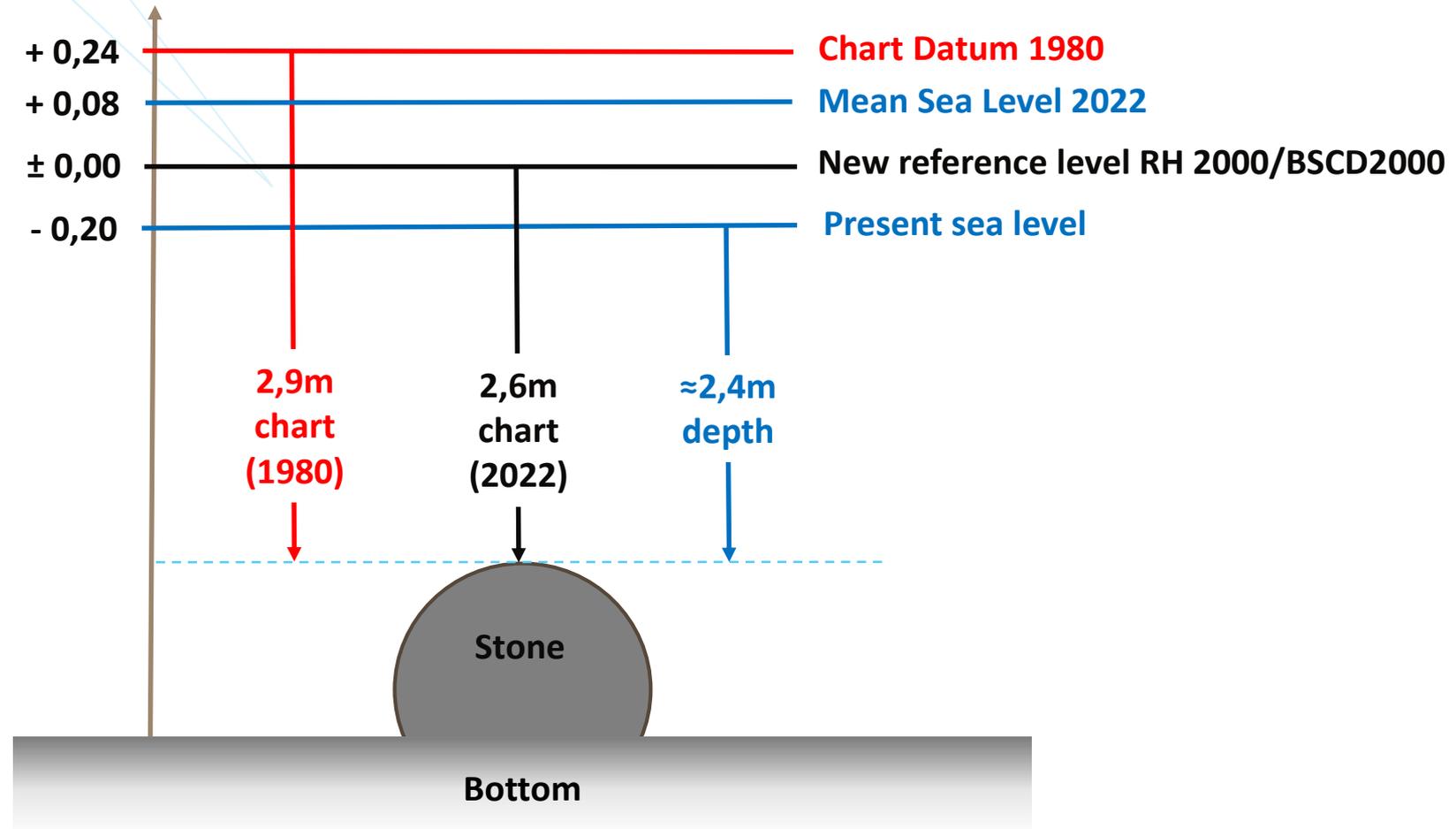
Vattenstånd (cm i RH 2000)

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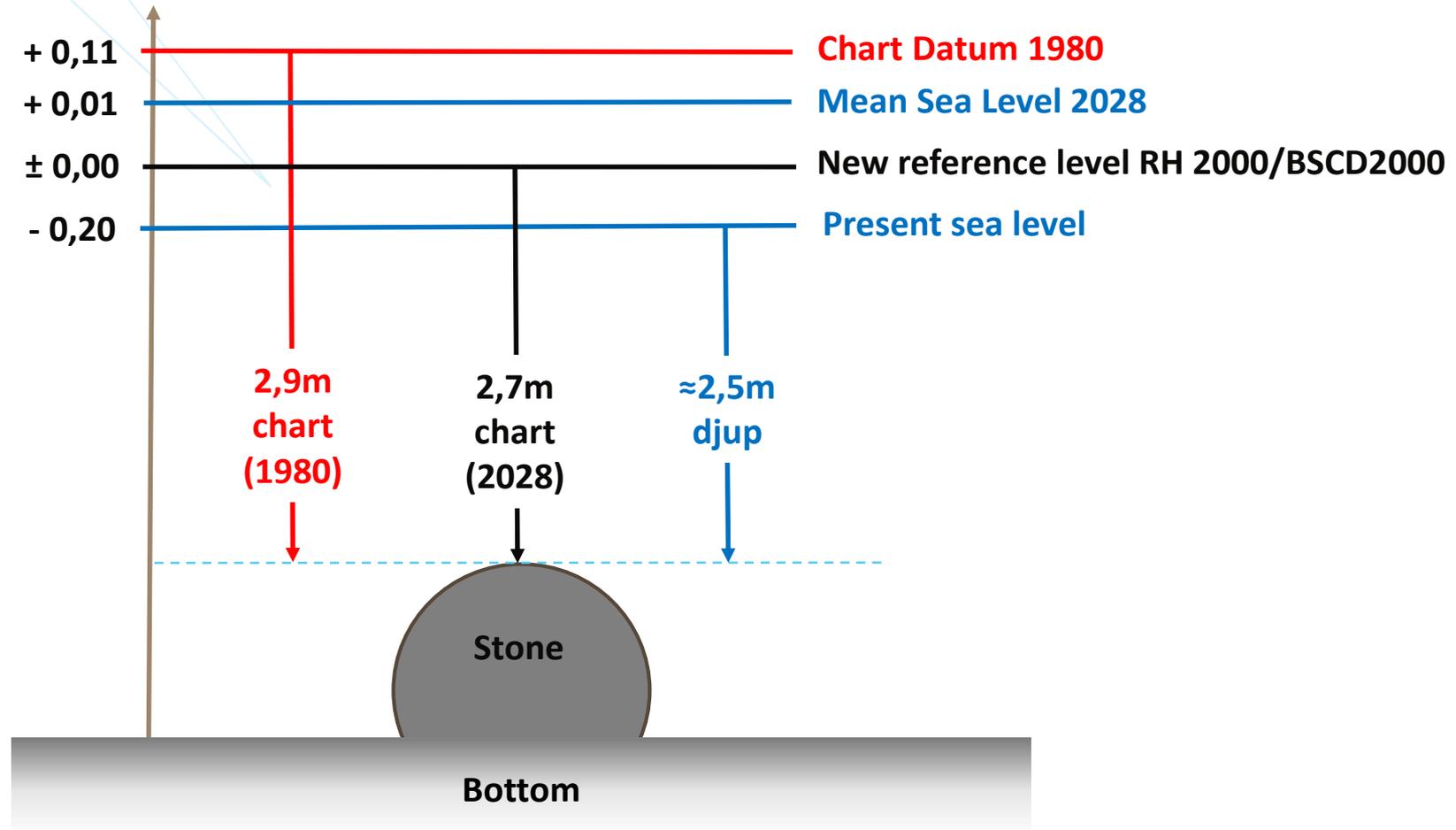
Transition to RH 2000/BSCD2000 in charts and sea level

RH 2000/BSCD2000 (m) Stockholm



Transition to RH 2000/BSCD2000 in charts and sea level

RH 2000/BSCD2000 (m) Göteborg-Torshamnen

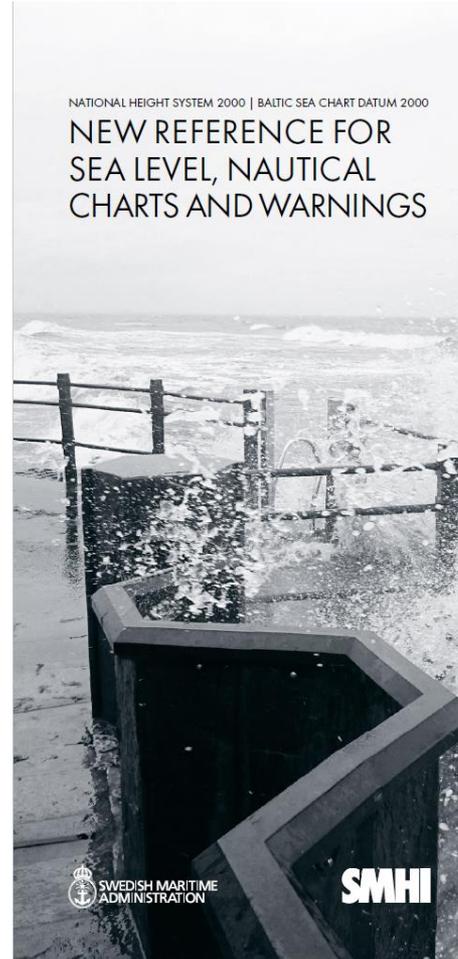


New info sheets about the transition to BSCD2000 as the new reference level for sea level, nautical charts and warnings

Svensk



English



A uniform reference system from land to sea

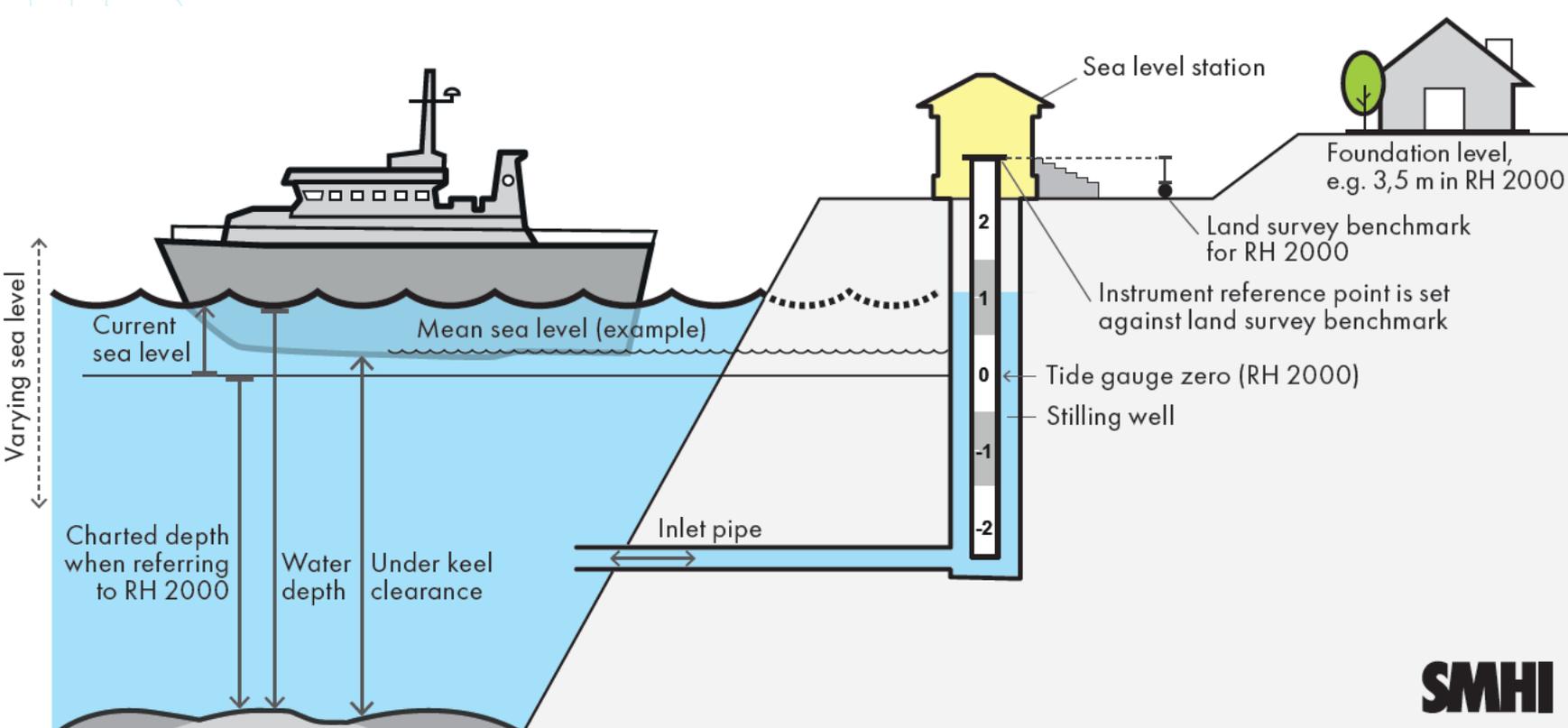


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