

# JOURNEY THROUGH THE DAUGAVA RIVER HISTORY AND ECOSYSTEMS (1)

## The Daugava River Museum

Located at the centre of former Dole Island. Museum of the River Daugava was established in 1969, the exhibition was opened for visitors in 1977. Museum was created in the context of the Riga hydroelectric power plant (HPP) construction works carried out in 1966-1976.

The collection of the Museum is focused on the history of the River Daugava and its nearest surroundings from the time when the first inhabitants appeared in this region until the present-day situation. There are more than 51 800 units, including 34 358 units of the basic collection. Among the most valuable parts of this collection there are fishing tools (comprising the unique reconstruction of fishing weirs for catching salmon and lamprey) as well as photographs, historical postcards and ethnographic items representing various crafts once connected to the river.

The intention of the Museum is to share knowledge on causes and effects created by human activities directly affecting the river to fulfil human needs and goals in modern and contemporary ages. Visiting the Museum one can experience the visual image and descriptive data concerning the way River Daugava was before construction of the HPP cascade in the 20th century by comparing ,then’ and ,now’.

