

Wild Water buffalo

Natural Grazing of the
Noordwaard floodplain



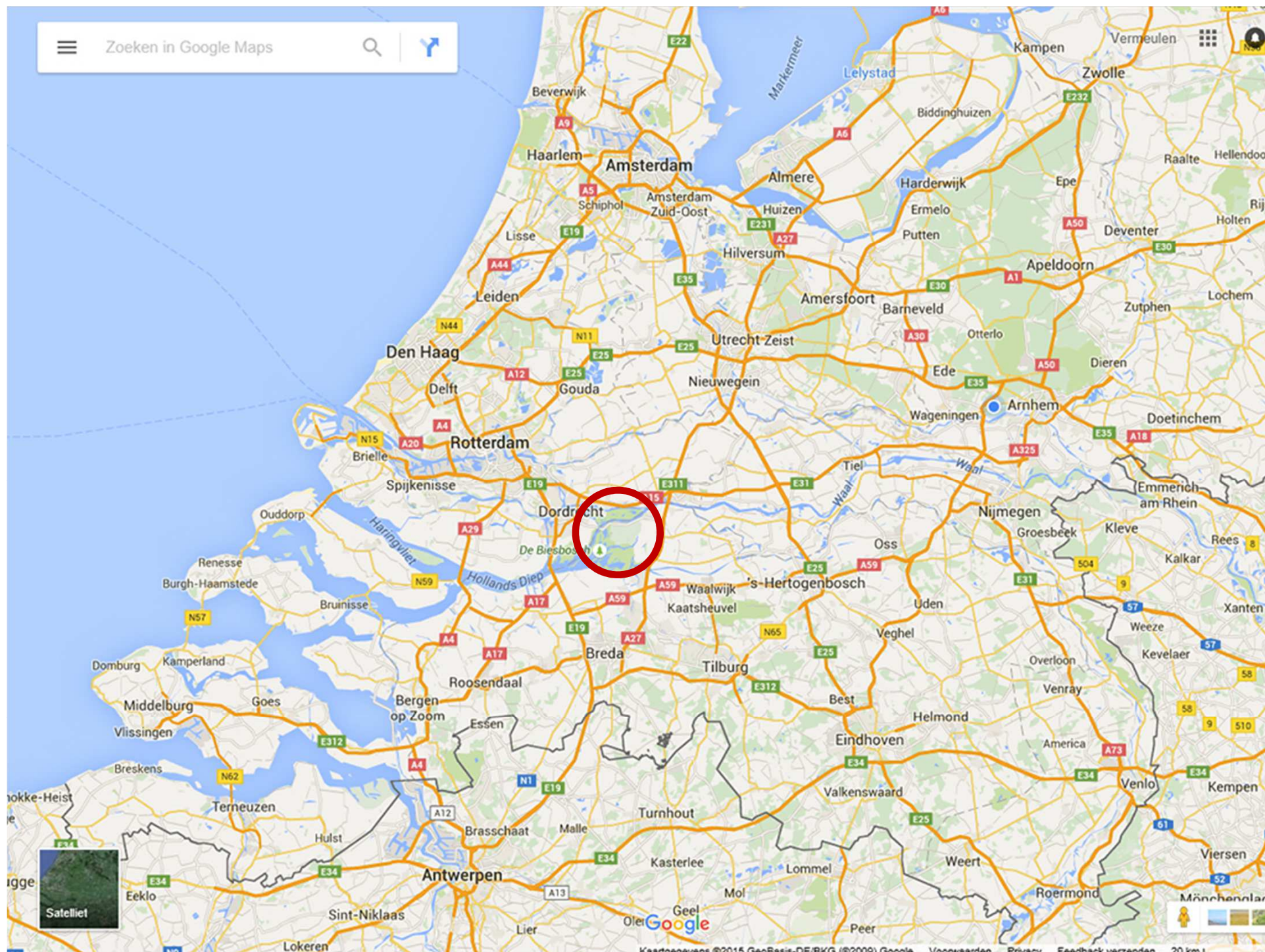
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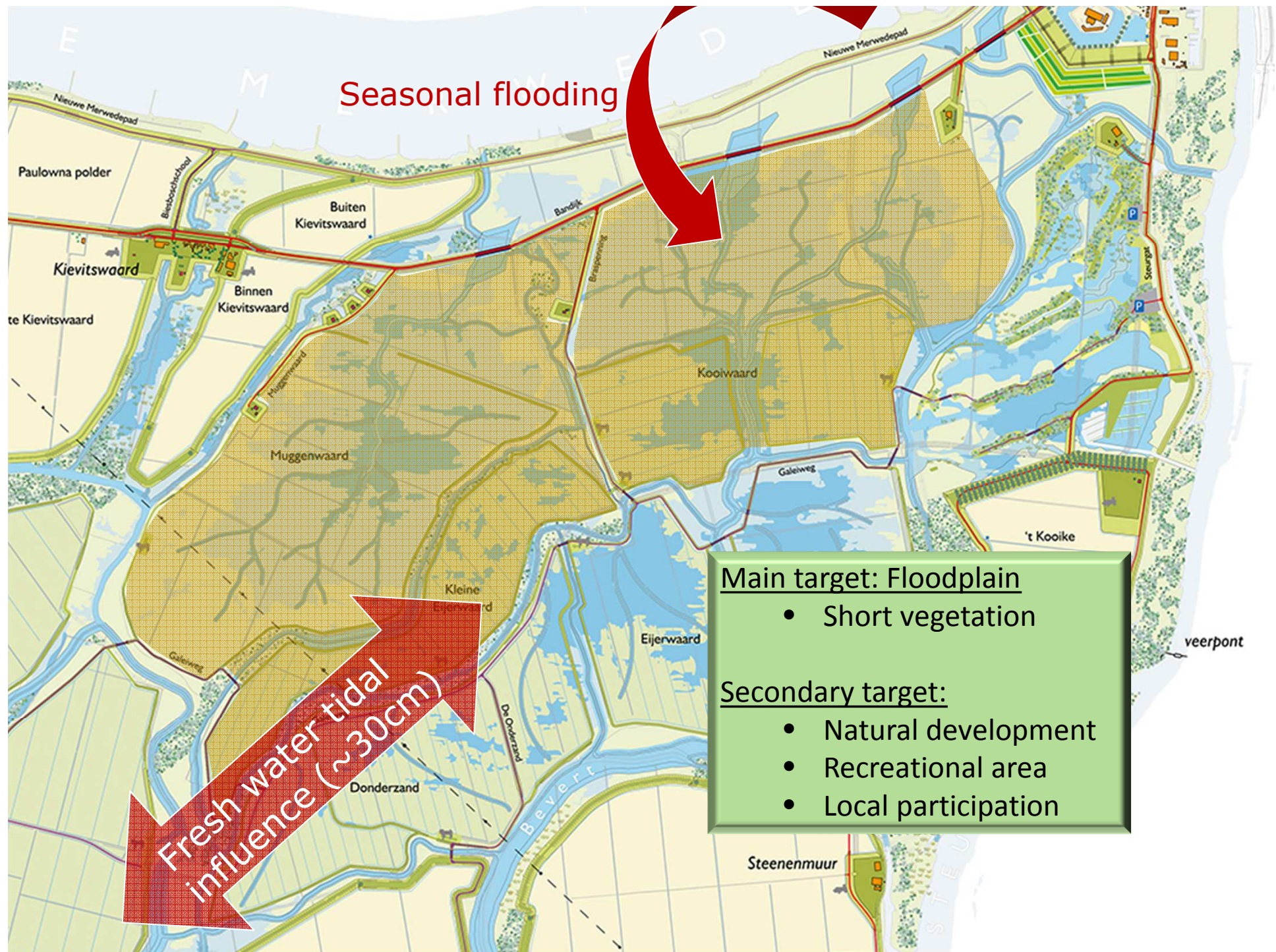


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- Konik horses
- Highland cattle
- Water buffalo
- Greyleg geese

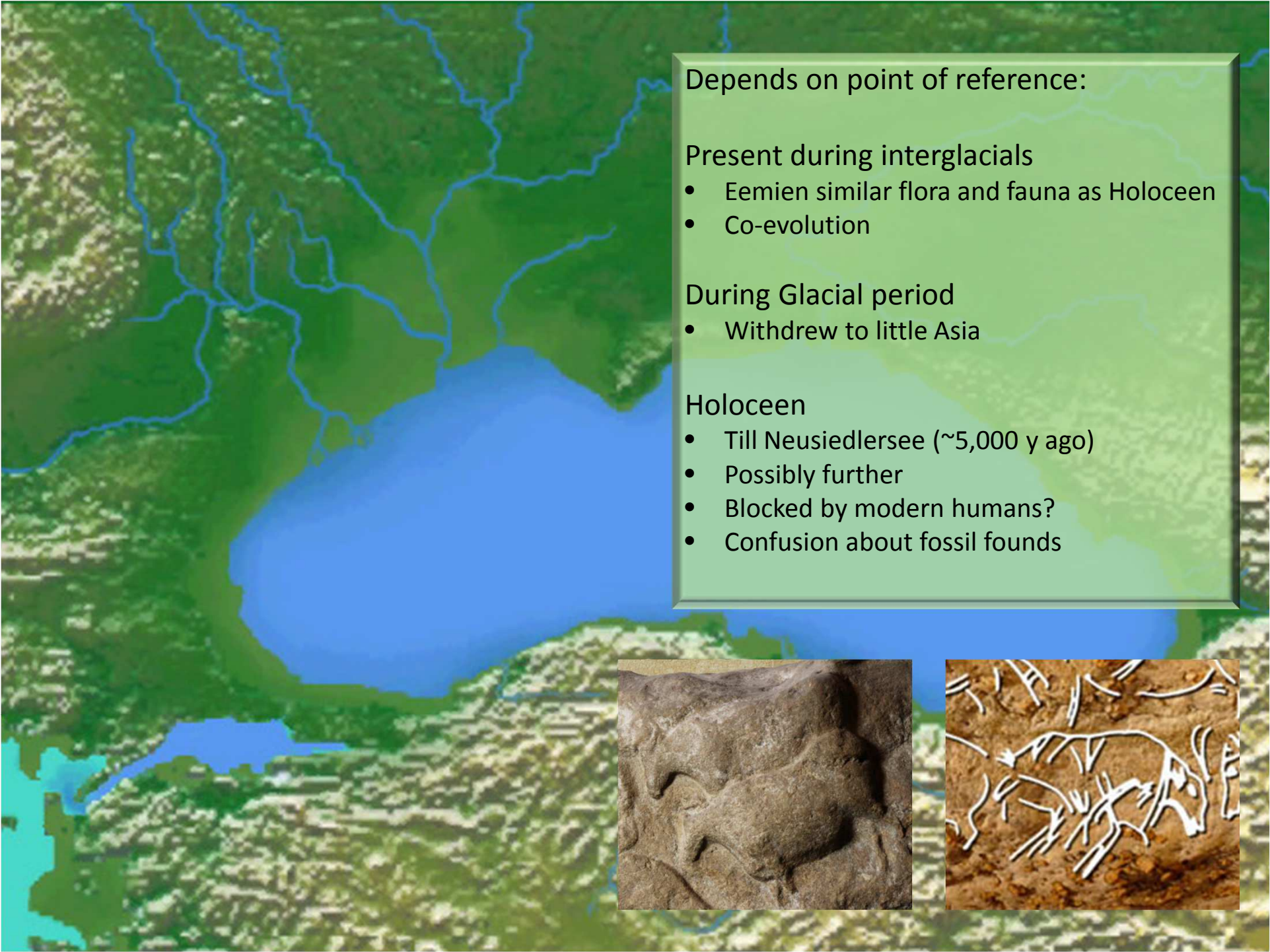


Why Water buffalo?

Are they indigenous?

Practical use?





Depends on point of reference:

Present during interglacials

- Eemien similar flora and fauna as Holocene
- Co-evolution

During Glacial period

- Withdrew to little Asia

Holocene

- Till Neusiedlersee (~5,000 y ago)
- Possibly further
- Blocked by modern humans?
- Confusion about fossil finds



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- Rougher feeding
(Reed, rushes, sedges)
- Complementary to other grazers
- Ventures deeper into swamps areas



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Thanks for your attention



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