

UNDP/GEF DANUBE REGIONAL PROJECT

Theme 4: Wetland and Protected Area Management



Why the Interventions?

- » Loss of ~80% wetland habitat in DRB
- » Potential for nutrient reduction
- » Need to raise awareness of wetlands
- » Opportunity for active role in RBMP



DRP Actions on Wetlands

- » 700,000 USD
- » 18 Contracts
- » 4 Workshops plus.....
- » Summarised in 6 Fact Sheets and Background Stories



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Wetlands Activities - Overview

- » Land-use assessments and reform
- » Nutrient removal capacities
- » Pilot projects
- » Small Grant programme
- » NGO wetland campaigns



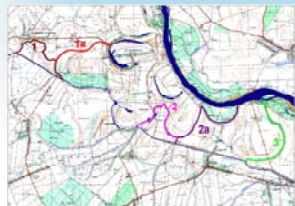
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Land Use Pilots



Slovakia -
planting 3200
native trees for
flood protection
and the wetland
habitat
restoration



Croatia -
reconnecting
former
meanders



Romania -
changes of land
use: planting
crops in parallel
to the slope
avoids soil
erosion



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Success in Prut River Basin

- » Site: 620 ha floodplains – 60% wetland
- » **High value** for biodiversity and humans
- » **Threats** from eroded hillsides
- » **Measures:**
 - » Erosion control on pilot site (27 ha)
 - » Forest created (32 ha)
 - » Feasibility on reconnecting old meanders
 - » Public awareness on BAP and floodplain rehabilitation
- » Prut Water Directorate proposed site as Natura 2000.



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Wetlands – Nutrient retention / removal

» Objective:

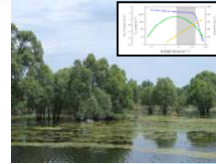
- » To identify benefits of wetlands for nutrient retention and how they can contribute within PoM of WFD.

» Method:

- » Pilot projects;
- » Best practice from on-going projects / sites;
- » Inventory of restoration sites
- » Preparation of technical Guidance Document

» Conclusions:

- » To be presented at final seminar



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Wetlands– Role of NGOs

» Significant involvement of NGOs in DRP wetland projects

- » 27 Small Grants issued to NGOs
- » Support to DEF's 'International Wetlands Campaign'
- » Joint press statements by DEF and DRP



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NGO successes in Hungary

Tavirózsa Association, Sződrákos Creek north of Budapest

- Purchase equipment for algae and bacteria monitoring
- Implement a demonstration wetland restoration project, where:
 - alien grass carp species were removed
 - reed-grass with high nutrient removal capacities were collected
 - support was gained from the fishing association of the pilot lake



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Wetlands – Sustainability / Challenges

- » Co-ordination of wetlands activities
- » Benefits of wetlands: flood mitigation, biodiversity, groundwater, nutrients, etc.
- » Need for better integration with RBM



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DRP Wetlands – Final Seminar

- » Date: 18-19 April 2007
- » Location: Danube Delta, Romania
- » Participants: RBM and wetland experts, NGOs, International Organisations & projects
- » Objectives:
 - » Present the conclusions of DRP's activities
 - » Platform for establishing of Network of wetland managers
 - » Sharing experience with other programmes



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