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LIFE DANUBEISLANDFOREST
Liberty (Szabadság) Island

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Project title : DANUBEISLANDFOREST LIFE07NATH000320

Project duration: 01.01. 2009. – 31.12. 2013.

Project budget: 1.796.000€

Project partners: WWF Hungary- lead beneficiary , *international NGO*

-Duna-Drava National Park Directorate, *regional state organisation*

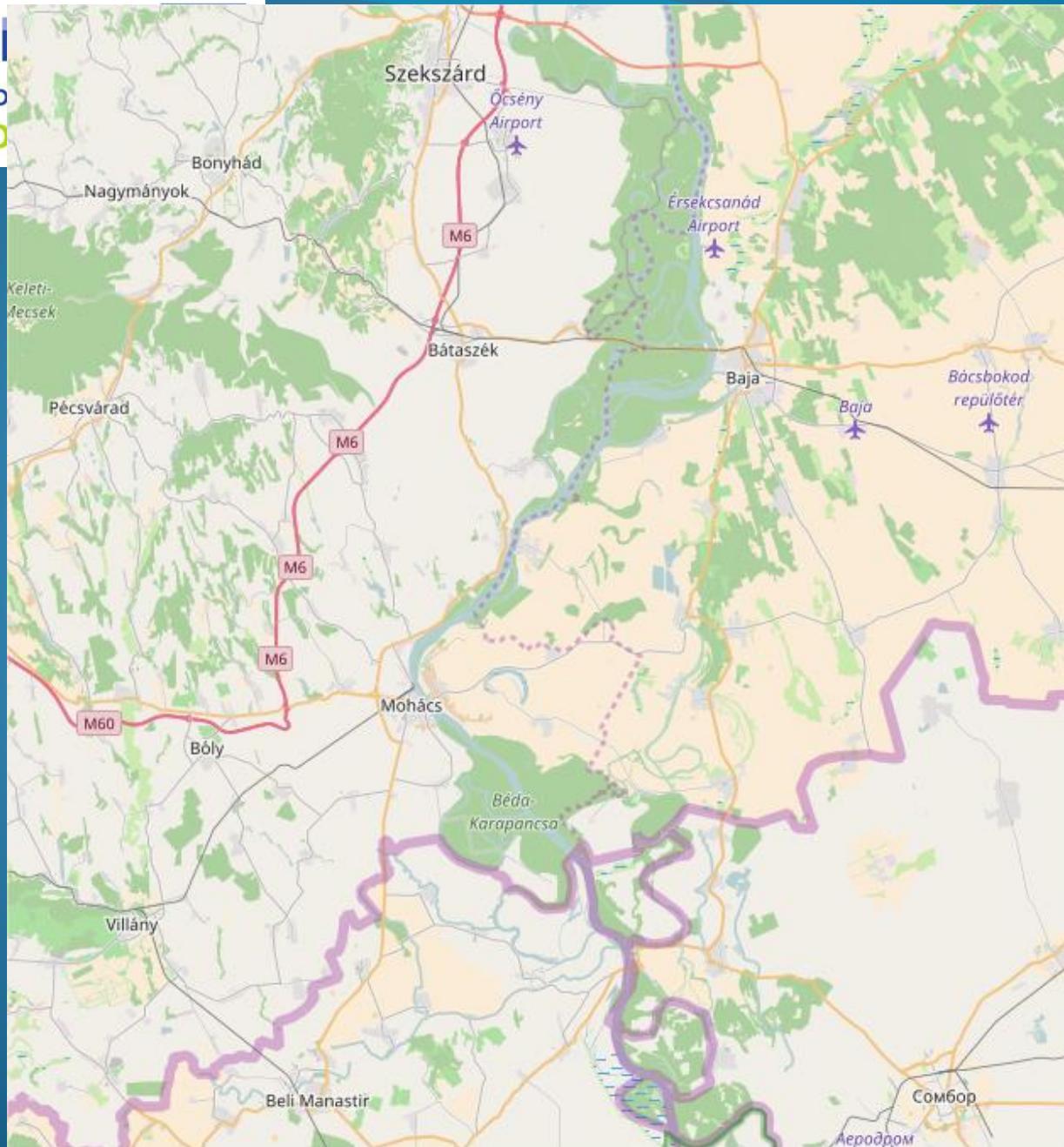
- ADUVÍZIG (water management directorate), *regional state organisation*

- DRV co. (regional waterworks), *for-profit company*

- Co-financers: Municipality of Mohács town, *local government*

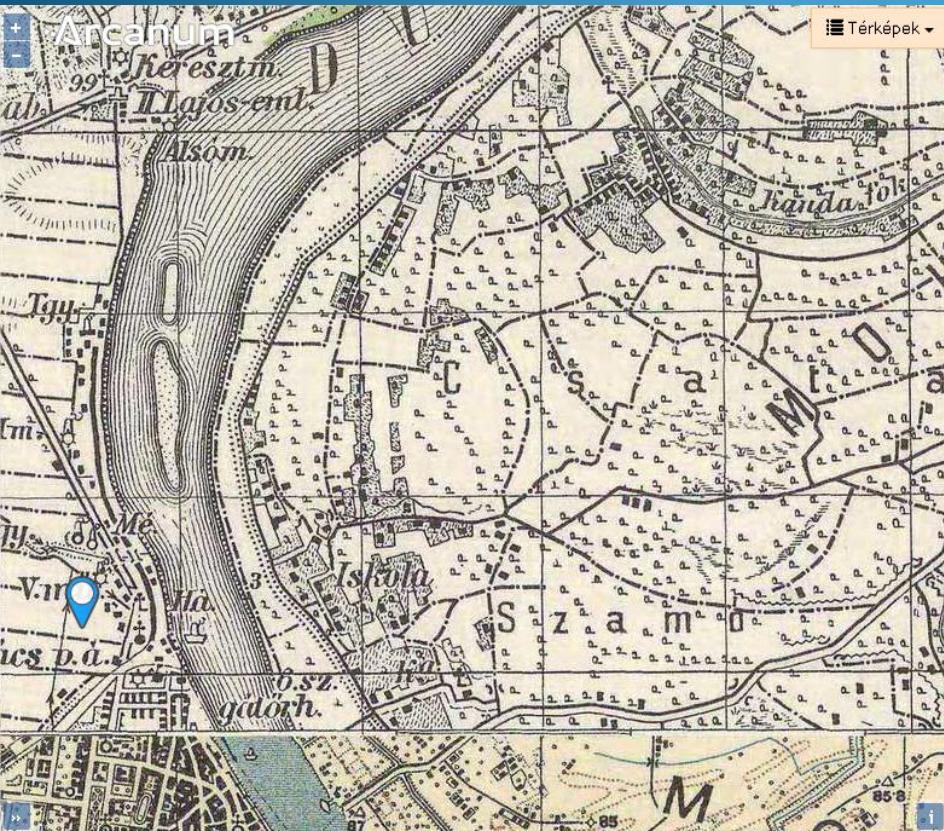
-Coca-Cola Hungary, *for-profit company*

Target habitat: 91Eo (softwood gallery forest)



Liberty (Szabadság) island:

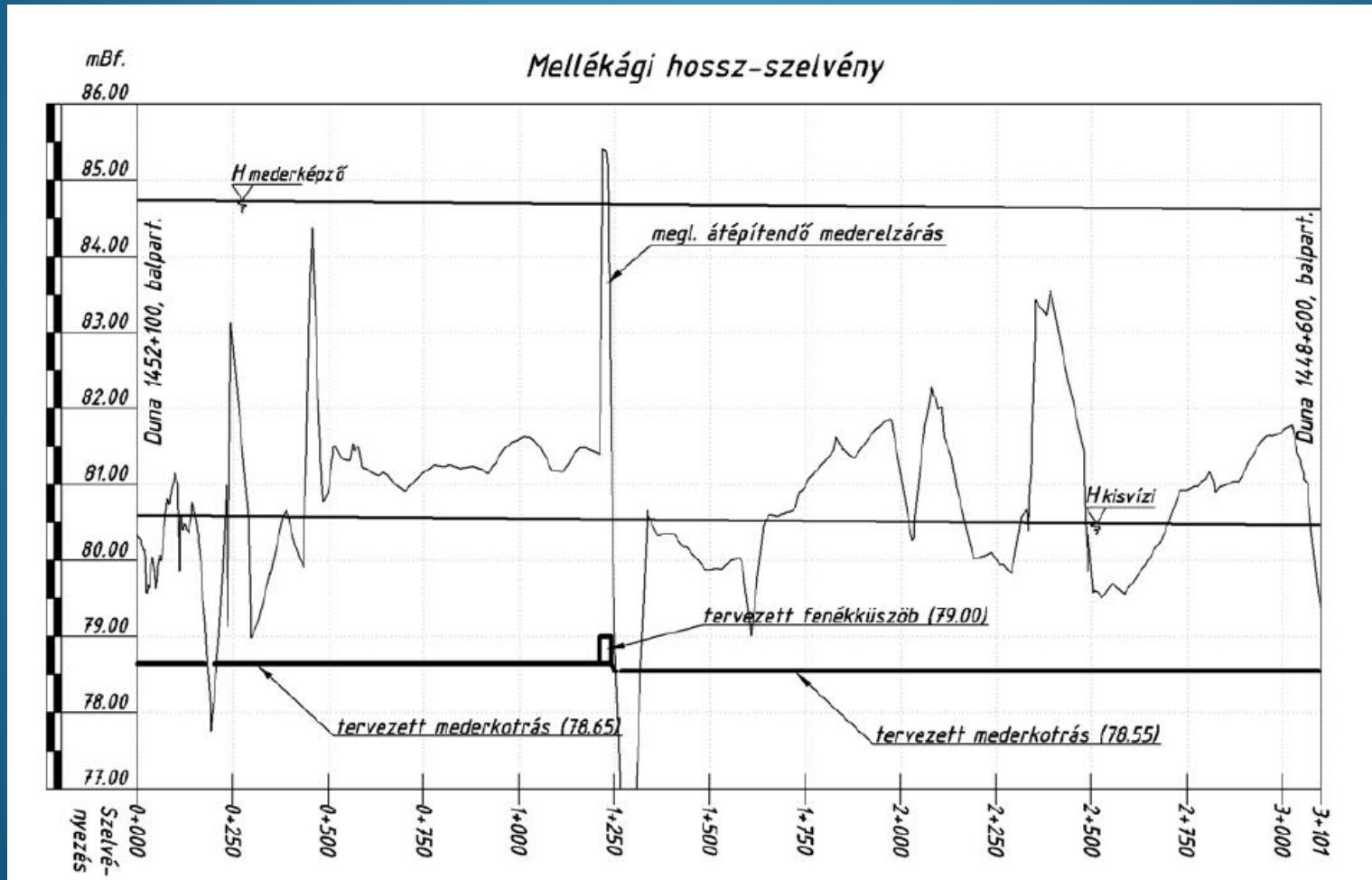
- forested sand shoal within the main channel of Danube
- natural forest on lower elevation, plantation on higher ground
- blocked sidebranch, significantly silted up (sand and silt)



Activities:

- partially opening of closing dam
- dredging sediment from sidebranch
- relocating water pipeline
- landpurchase
- forest restoration (planting native species, controlling invasive species)
- monitoring, communication etc....

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- relocating water pipeline





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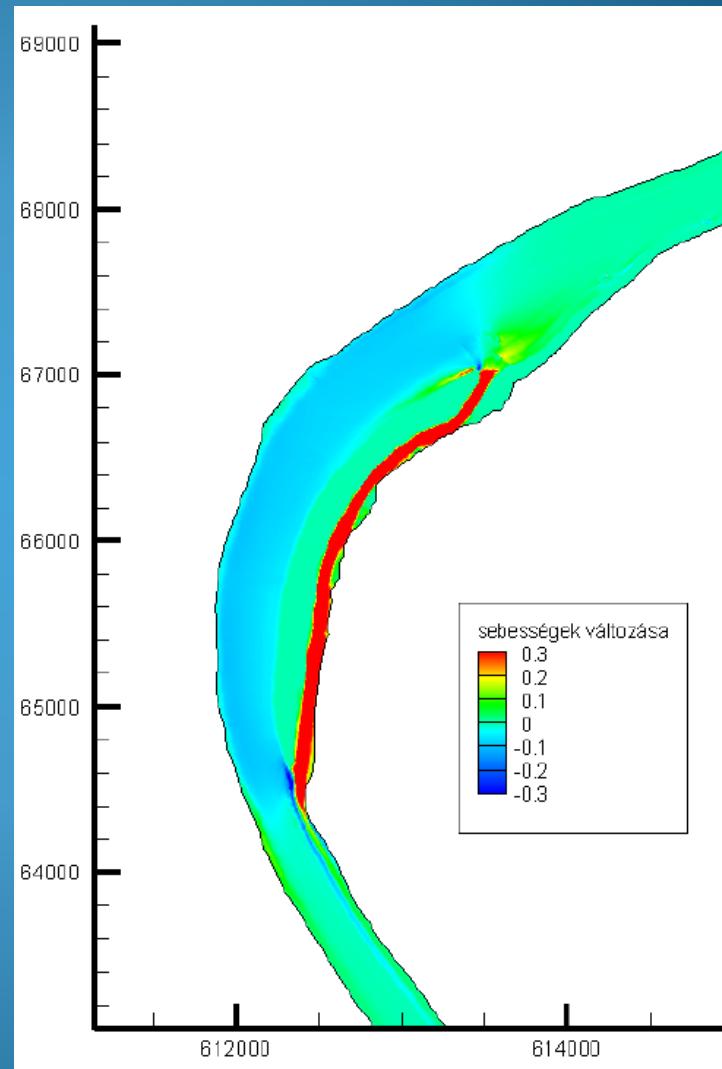
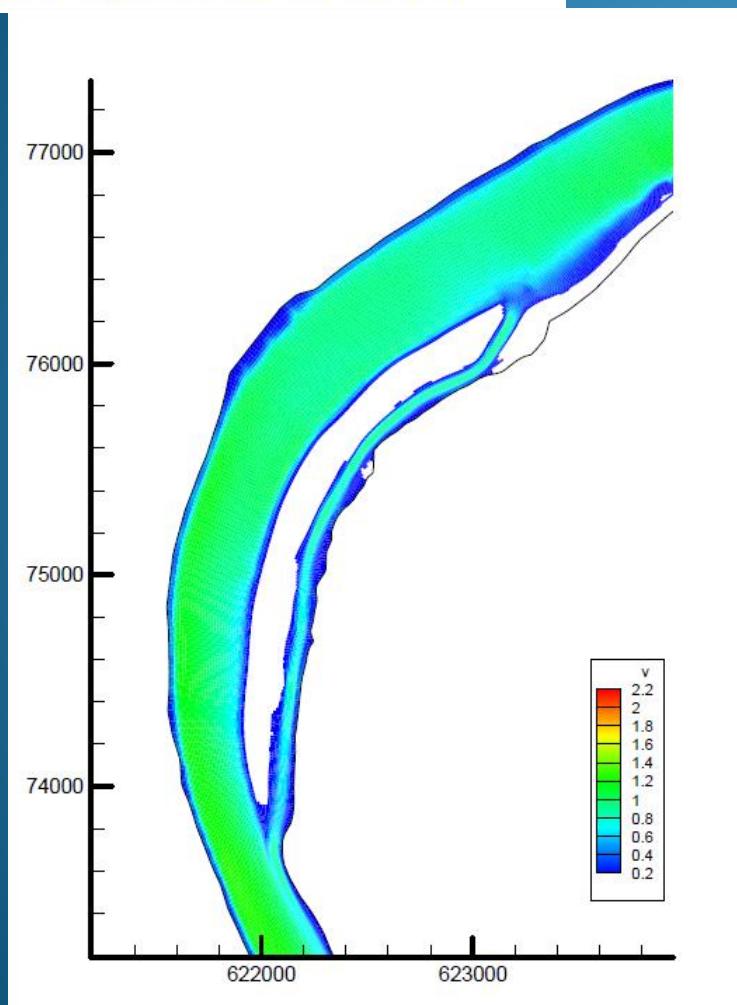




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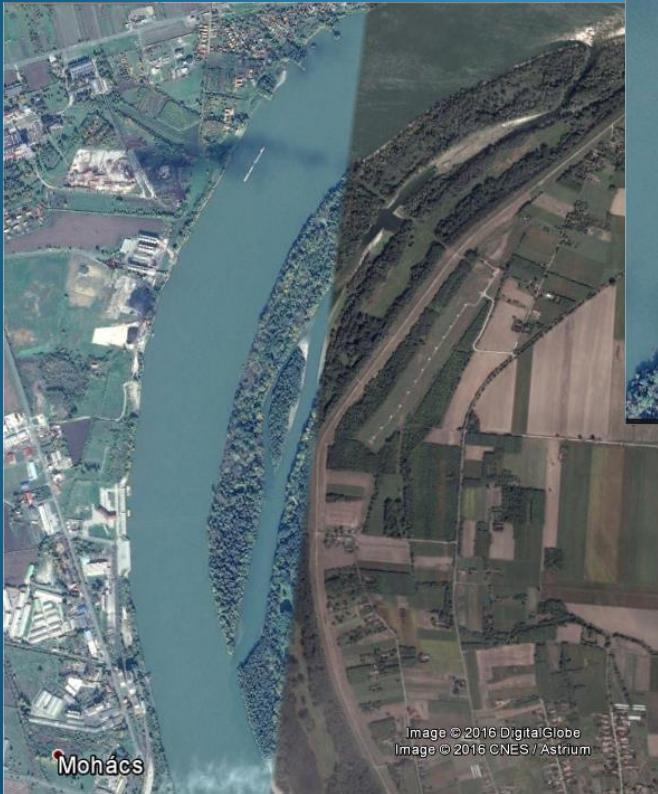


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Befor e restoration

| | | |
|---------------------------|-----------------|----------|
| 1 Abramis brama | dévér | |
| 2 Alburnus alburnus | küsz | |
| 3 Aspius aspius | balin | reofil |
| 4 Blicca bjoerkna | karikakeszeg | |
| 5 Carassius gibbelio | ezüstkárász | |
| 6 Esox lucius | csuka | limnofil |
| 7 Gobio kessleri | homoki küllő | reofil |
| 8 Gymnocephalus cernuus | vágó durbincs | |
| 9 Leuciscus idus | jász | reofil |
| 10 Neogobius fluviatilis | folyami géb | reofil |
| 11 Neogobius kessleri | Kessler géb | |
| 12 Neogobius melanostomus | feketeszájú géb | |
| 13 Perca fluviatilis | csapósügér | |
| 14 Rutilus pigus | leánykoncér | reofil |
| 15 Rutilus rutilus | bodorka | |
| 16 Sander lucioperca | süllő | |
| 17 Silurus glanis | harcsa | |

After restoration

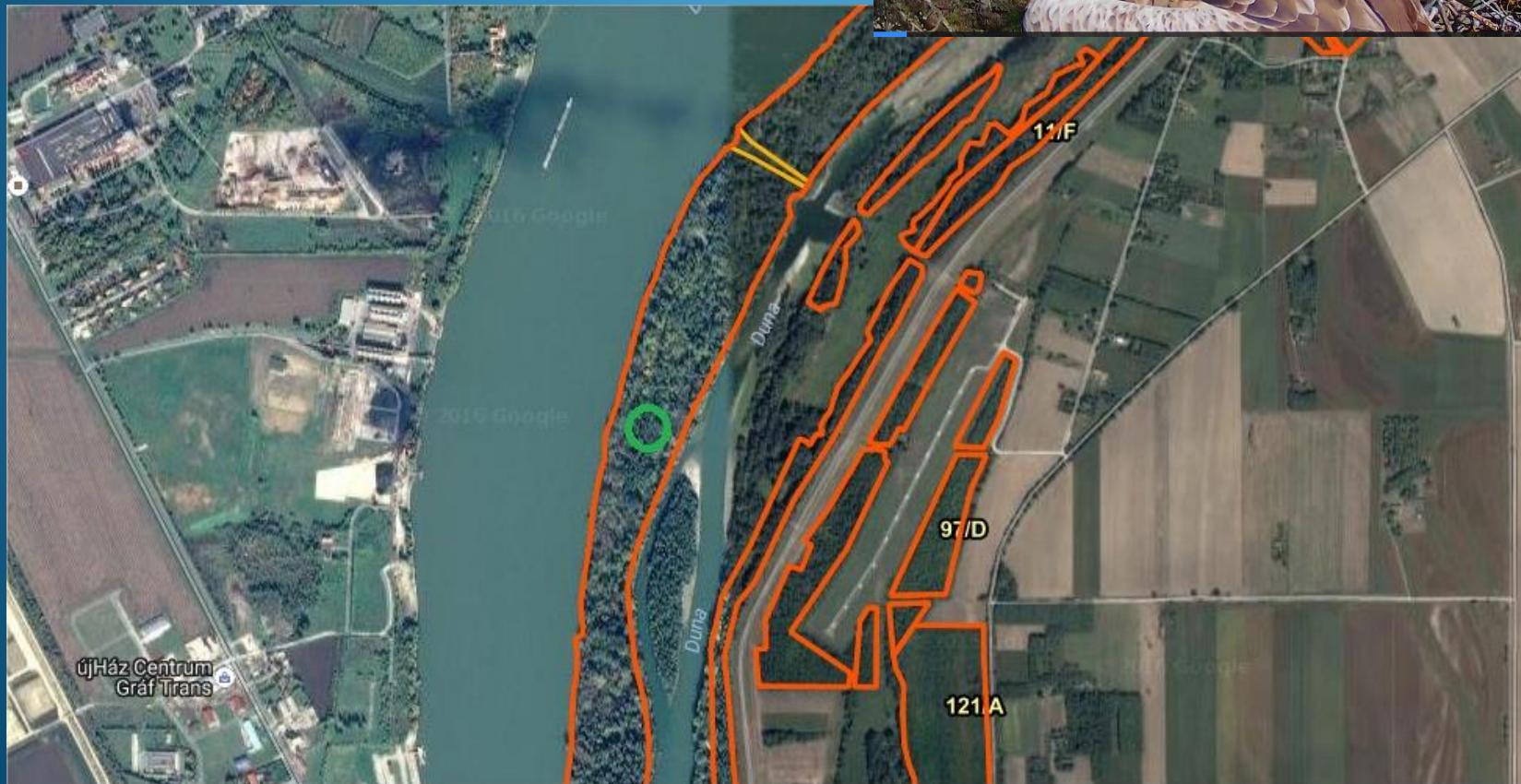
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| 1 Abramis brama | dévér | |
| 2 Alburnus alburnus | küsz | |
| 3 Aspius aspius | balin | reofil |
| 4 Babka gymnotrachelus | F-t-i géb | |
| 5 Barbus barbus | márna | reofil |
| 6 Blicca bjoerkna | karikakeszeg | |
| 7 Carassius gibbelio | ezüstkárász | |
| 8 Chondrostoma nasus | paduc | reofil |
| 9 Esox lucius | csuka | limnofil |
| 10 Gymnocephalus cernua | vágó durbincs | |
| 11 Lepomis gibbosus | naphal | limnofil |
| 12 Leuciscus idus | jász | reofil |
| 13 Lota lota | menyhal | reofil |
| 14 Neogobius fluviatilis | folyami géb | reofil |
| 15 Neogobius melanostomus | feketeszájú géb | |
| 16 Perca fluviatilis | csapósügér | |
| 17 Ponticola kessleri | Kessler géb | |
| 18 Proterorhinus semilunar | tarka géb | |
| 19 Pseudorasbora parva | razbóra | |
| 20 Romanogobio albipinnatus | haványfoltú küllő | reofil |
| 21 Rutilus rutilus | bodorka | |
| 22 Sander lucioperca | süllő | |
| 23 Scardinius erythrophthalmus | vörösszárnyú keszeg | limnofil |
| 24 Silurus glanis | harcsa | |
| 25 Squalius cephalus | fejes domolykó | reofil |
| 26 Zingel zingel | magyar bucó | reofil |



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WILDISLAND CRITERIA

| | before | after |
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| semi-aquatic respectively semi-terrestrial structures in , or nearby the main course of the river, surrounded by water | yes (mostly) | yes |
| natural or semi-natural habitat type | mostly artificial/ altered | semi-natural |
| outcomes of river dynamics and natural processes | yes | yes |
| without any human infrastructure | powerline, pipeline | powerline, pipeline |
| non-intervention management | permanent management (forestry, infrastructure maintenance) | occasionally management (infrastructure maintenance) |
| <i>human disturbance</i> | higher | lower |
| <i>river dynamics</i> | sedimentation | sedimentation and erosion |

Liberty (Szabadság) island is/will not fit to expectation of WildisLand criteria, but the natural values has increased :

- more natural habitats (softwood gallery forest)
- protected species occurred (white tailed eagle, beaver)
- natural fish communities in sidebranch
- river dynamics within the sidebranch

Question for future:

- sustainability (forest, sidebranch)
- sediment balance
- larger scale restoration
- WildisLand restoration



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Thank you for attention