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WP 6 Riparian Forest Corridor



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Act. 6.1: Danube Riparian Forest Fitness Check

Today: perspectives created

- Riparian Zones & Forests along the Danube: illustrative map

Today: establish a working group

- GIS Interpretation and gap analyzes

Today: fix the date (Kopacki rit? Duna-Ipoly?)

- Expert workshop

Budget: 101,456.25 €

Act. 6.2: Elaboration of a Danube Riparian Forest Corridor Roadmap

Today: working group!!!

- Roadmap: conservation needs, restoration potential, funding opportunities, concept for reforestation
- Expert workshop to elaborate the roadmap

Budget: 85,010,50 €

Yesterday: start
preparation

Act. 6.3: Testing and Demonstrating the Riparian Danube Forest Corridor

- Conversion of plantations into native stands (BROZ)
- Management of invasive alien species (SNC SR, Fertö Hanság NP)
- Reafforestation (Vsume, Rusenski lom, DDBRA)
- Promoting relevant tree species (Persina Nature Park)

Coordinated approach!
first initiative for Danube-wide publication

- Bat monitoring in the Upper (Duna Ipoly NP), Middle (Duna Drava NP) and Lower Danube (Persina Nature Park)

Budget: 155,110.50 €



Today: first planning

Act. 6.4: Forest Sector Training – cross sectorial capitalisation

- 1 study visit in the Upper Danube
- 1 study visit in the Middle Danube
- 1 study visit in the Lower Danube

- Focus on pilot actions (lessons learnt) & bottle-necks (future activities)

- study visit reports & conclusions (3 reports in total)

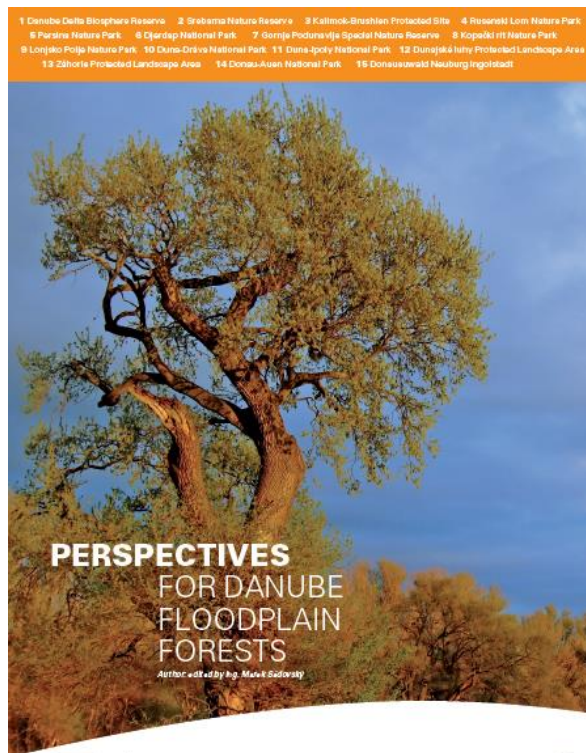
Budget: 54,999.75 €

To-do's

- Establish an efficient working group (LP, WP Lead plus 2-3 PAs/persons)
- Timeframe (Kopacki rit/June?) for....
 - first riparian forest maps as base for strategic discussion/gap analyzes
 - first draft strategic document
- (Planning the study trip(s))
- (bat monitoring: agreement on procedere)

What is your expectation for WP6?

Which tools do we have to come (closer) to implementation?



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http://www.danubeparks.org/files/885_ForestyPerspectives_final.pdf

Flagship Species

Black Poplar



DANUBE PARKS GIANTS' labelling

Restoring rejuvenation habitats

DANUBE PARKS Poplars

The Black Poplar is THE giant of the Danube river ecosystem. These powerful and gnarled trees give the landscape personality and provide shelter, nesting places and nourishment for many other animal species. Yet these softwood riparian trees have lost a dramatic amount of territory in the past 100 years throughout Europe. Intensive forestry practices, the loss of suitable and natural regeneration areas, and hybridisation with poplars from forestry plantations have continued to beset the Black Poplar.

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Danube-wide Cadastre

Black Poplars were counted in all the Danube Protected Areas, and the cadastre has now been published online at the DANUBE PARKS website. What is more, 30 trees in each Protected Area were genetically and morphologically tested. The final report on the Black Poplar underlines the

necessity of active intervention in every Protected Area in order to preserve the genetic variability of the Black Poplar. In the Slovakian Danube wetlands and the Bulgarian Rusenski Lom Nature Park, reforestation measures have already been undertaken with local Black Poplar seedlings. These activities should reverse the trend by enabling wetland forests to reconquer the space they originally inhabited along the Danube.

International Forest Conference

The Black Poplar conference held in April 2014 in Novi Sad, Serbia, was the ideal opportunity for experience exchange, with the presentation of results from mapping and genetic analysis, conclusions obtained in pilot projects, and ideas for increasing awareness. Forestry and Protected Area managers as well as representatives from NGOs from the entire

Danube region attended. The conference thus laid the foundation for enhanced cooperation between nature conservation and forestry on a Danube-wide level. In order to promote protection of the powerful and impressive Black Poplar, selected trees have been designated as "DANUBE PARKS Giants." A sign to this effect should direct visitor attention to these prime specimens; by way of a QR code, additional information will be offered at the DANUBE PARKS website.

Actions

- Danube-wide mapping of Black Poplars
- Genetic and morphological testing of the Black Poplar in 8 countries
- Publication on the genetic variability of the Black Poplar on the Danube
- Black Poplar conference for the promotion of cooperation between nature conservation and forestry
- Reforestation activities for the Black Poplar in Slovakia and Bulgaria
- Designation of outstanding Black Poplar specimens as "DANUBE PARKS Giants"
- Design of mobile information on the Black Poplar via QR code
- Presentation of the Black Poplar cadastre at the DANUBE PARKS website

Flagship species Black poplar: forest conference and monograph



DANUBE PARKS II: Black poplar conservation

Money (follow-up project)

small scale actions for flagship species (e.g. bats)

Alternative funding options (e.g. sponsoring, CO2 compensation)

Policy work (e.g. working group on Green Infrastructure)

Certification (FSC, PEFC)

Labelling (e.g. DANUBE PARKS giants)

motivation by joint communication

Awareness raising with forestry sector