

## WWF Hungary

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In the past 25 years of its existence, WWF Hungary was working on conserving our unique natural treasures. It's conservation work extends to the protection of wetlands and natural forests, close-to-nature forest management, the sustainable agriculture and rural development, and also the preservation of protected and endangered habitats and species such as lynx and wolf. Special attention is paid to reducing the impacts of climate change and spreading the word of environmental awareness.

Preserving and improving the ecological status of rivers and floodplains in the Danube river basin is among the strategic objectives of WWF Hungary and all offices of the Danube-Carpathian region. Key tools for achieving this are expert and policy work for harmonizing the different sectors' demands. The river basin and flood risk management planning is part of the international work of Tisza countries, where WWF is an active player. The organization observes ICPDR and contributes to the HYMO, RBM, Flood, Public Participation, Standing Working groups and Ordinary Meetings' work and contribute to the ICPDR Tisza group's work as well.

In the Danube countries WWF also works on national level on reducing hydromorphological pressures, improve the status of freshwater habitats and promote public participation in planning processes.

WWF Hungary contributed with many recommendations for the 1st Tisza River Basin District Management Plan in 2009, in order to find solutions for problems threatening ecological values and their services for the society.

Beside policy work they develop and implement field projects, which are all designed in an integrated way. WWF Hungary had the first significant field restoration project along river Tisza, at Nagykörű, for restoring wetlands and grasslands, and to involve local people to manage the land sustainable. Our ongoing model project is in Tiszatarján, which demonstrate climate change adaptation through wetland restoration, invasive species' reduction and biomass production.

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