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# **CLIMAPARKS – A project on monitoring and study the effects of climate change on biodiversity**



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### **Climaparks – general information**

- Programme: Interreg IIIA Slovenia Italy
- Priority task: 1. Environment, transport and sustainable territorial integration
- Duration: 1st May 2010- 31st December 2013 /
- Approved costs: 3.239.513 EUR
- **Partnership structure: Protected areas -** LP: TNP , PP: 5-IT, 3-SI

Triglav National Park Landscape Park Strunjan SOLINE Salt Production Škocjan Caves Park Park Julian Prealps Friulian Dolomites Natural Park Po Delta Nature Park Veneto Ente Gestione Parchi Biodiversità - Delta del Po Park of Gypsum Vein of Romagna













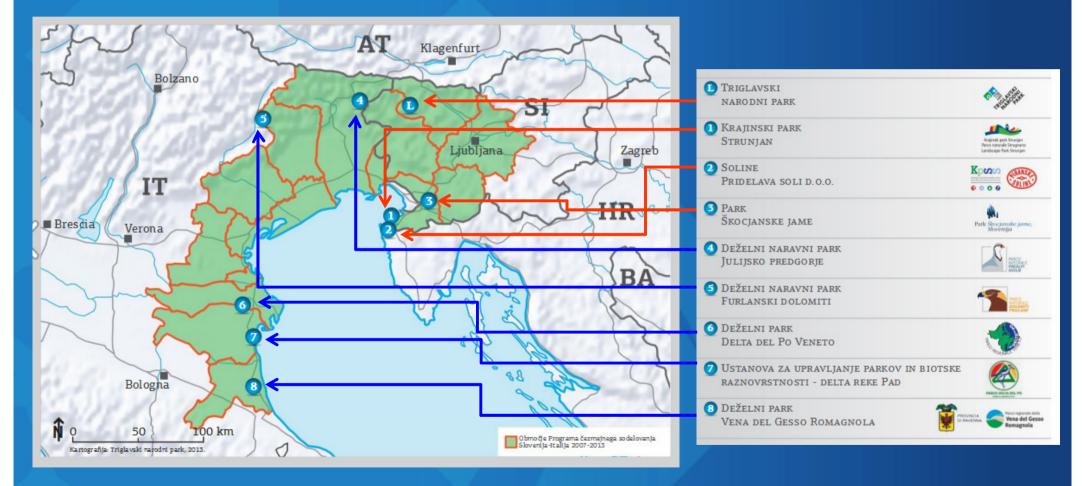








### **Climaparks – general information**









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### **Climaparks – project objectives**

- To establish a common system of monitoring and analyses of climate change impacts on biodiversity
- Protected areas as a model of good practice for regional level pilot actions
- Species / habitats / climate / human pressures monitoring
- Management adjustments by sharing experiences
- Sustainable visits and awareness
- Common awareness activities parks' information centers network, info points
- Educational programs and awareness raising for specific stakeholder groups schools, experts, local inhabitants, decision makers, NGOs, visitors, ...
- Communication strategy
  - Joint communication activities conferences, publications, media, ...
  - Partnership development or intensification between SI IT protected areas







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### **Climaparks – implemented activities**

**Triglav National Park** 

Monitoring: Telemetry study of Chamois (Rupicapra rupicapra)







Pilot projects: Education center in TNP Info Center Dom Trenta, weather station installation







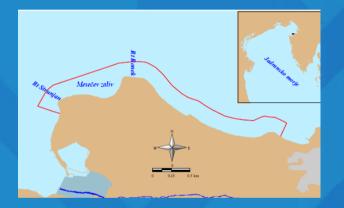
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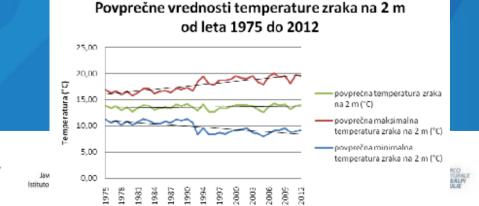
### **Climaparks – implemented activities**

- Landscape Park Strunjan
- Monitoring: Marine biodiversity in Strunjan Nature Reserve





#### Pilot projects: Evaluation of weather conditions on the visitation







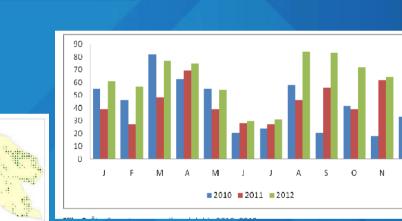


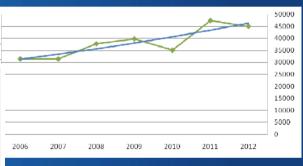


### **Climaparks – implemented activities**

#### SOLINE Salt Production

Monitoring: Evaluation of climate change effects on biodiversity and visitation in Sečovlje Salina Nature Park





Pilot projects: Study on environmentally friendly transportation, electric bikes purchase







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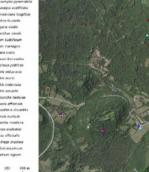


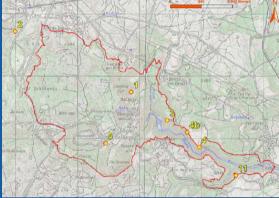
### **Climaparks – implemented activities**

- Škocjan Caves Park
- Monitoring: Birds, endangered plant species, terrestrial troglobitic fauna, Fauna of percolation water









Pilot projects: Study on the optimization of electricity for the cave lighting









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## **Climaparks – implemented activities**

Park Julian Prealps

Monitoring: Habitats and species in the Canin Glacier Area









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 Pilot projects: Preparation of the "Energy plan", photovoltaic system installation, promotion of public transportation, thematic publications promoting cycling





### **Climaparks – implemented activities**

**Friulian Dolomites Natural Park** 

Monitoring: Vegetation and plant species in Ciadin della Meda, visitation









Pilot projects: Restoration and conversion of the old bus station into information center, photovoltaic system installation, energy plan









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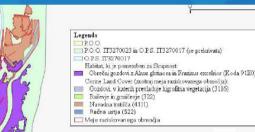
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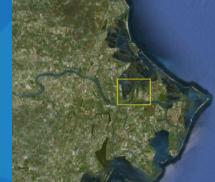
Po Delta Nature Park Veneto

Golena di Ca' Pisani

Monitoring: Birds, focusing on Passerines at the Ca' Pisani Floodplain









Pilot projects: Weather station installation, initiatives for UNESCO MAB designation









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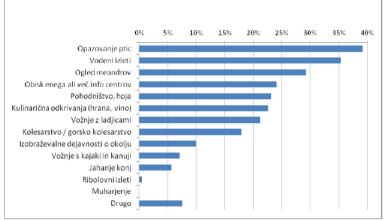
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### **Climaparks – implemented activities**

- Ente Gestione Parchi Biodiversità Delta del Po
- Monitoring: plant communities, bioindicator species identification, visitation analysis





Pilot projects: electric cars purchase, arrangement of the classroom and laboratory in the reception center









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### **Climaparks – implemented activities**

- Park of Gypsum Vein of Romagna
  - Monitoring: Birds (Aves), bats (Chiroptera), insects (Insecta)



Pilot projects: Thematic exhibition in the information center







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# II. Case study 1 – Canin Glacier Area climaparks

### **Climaparks – species and habitats monitoring in PGNP**

- Purpose: to analyse the current state of flora as a reference for assessing the climate change impacts on vulnerable Alpine systems in the future
- Study site: PGNP Canin Glacier Area
- Activities conducted: protocol preparation defining the exact monitoring methodology (e.g. plants – sample plots, fauna – altitudinal transects)









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# II. Case study 1 – Canin Glacier Area climaparks

### **Climaparks – species and habitats monitoring in PGNP**

 Activities conducted: field inventories – plant species / vegetation – by using 8 permanent sample plots (5 x 5 m2, 2.054 m – 2.252 m)









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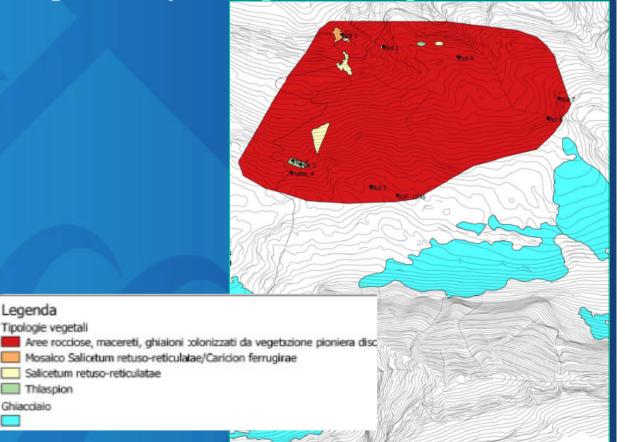


#### II. Case study 1 – Canin Glacier Area *clima*parks

### **Climaparks – species and habitats monitoring in PGNP**

#### **Activities conducted:** phytosociological analyses, vegetation maps

Tabella 1b. Sintesi rilievi fitosociologici grid 10x10 cm sui 4 sub-plot (1m <sup>2</sup> ciascuno) – Plo											
PLOT 1 - sintesi fitosociologico 10x10 cm	PLOT1-Q1	PLOT1-Q5	PLOT1-Q21	PLOT1-Q25							
Achillea atrata L.	0,2	0,52	0,15	0,07							
Arabis alpina L. subsp. alpina	0	0	0	0,15							
Arabis bellidifolia Crantz s.l.	0	0,15	0,06	0							
Armeria marittima Willd. subsp. alpina (Willd.)Pinto da Silva	0	13,35	0	0							
Bartsia alpina L.	0	0,08	0	0							
Bistorta vivipara (L.)Delarbre	6,25	5,43	3,61	1,93							
Campanula scheuchzeri Vill.	0,2	0,06	0	0,02							
Carex ferruginea Scop. subsp. ferruginea	0,85	15,75	13,65	45,85							
Carex firma Host	0	0	4,15	0,25							
Carex parviflora Host	0	0	0,08	0							
Cerastium carinthiacum Vest s.l.	0	0	0,31	0							
Crepis aurea (L.)Cass. subsp. aurea	0	0	3,08	0,5							
Festuca nitida Kit. in Schult. subsp. nitida	59,63	25	9,2	60,65							
Gentiana pumila Jacq. subsp. pumila	0,06	0,08	0	0							
Homogyne discolor (Jacq.)Cass.	0	0	0,22	0							
Juncus jacquinii L.	3,35	0	0	0,5							
Leontodon hispidus L. s.l.	57,8	5,03	0,81	22,85							
Pedicularis rostratocapitata Crantz subsp. rostratocapitata	0	0,35	0	0							
Peucedanum ostruthium (L.)W.D.J.Koch	0	0	0	1							
Poa alpina L. subsp. alpina	5,95	1,6	0,13	1,55							
Prunella grandiflora (L.)Scholler subsp. grandiflora	0	0	1,05	0							
Ranunculus traunfellneri Hoppe	0,4	4,62	3,395	0							
Salix retusa L. subsp. retusa	6	17,4	35,05	0							
Salix waldsteiniana Willd.	58,59	6,45	0,2	0							
Saxifraga aizoides L.	0	16,05	2,77	0							
Silene acaulis (aggr.)	0	0	0,95	0							
Soldanella alpina L. subsp. alpina	2,85	5,35	2,34	2,14							
Soldanella minima Hoppe subsp. minima	0	0	3,61	0							
Muschio	0	0,5	25,15	0							
Copertura totale %	100	80	76,8	96,4							





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#### II. Case study 1 – Canin Glacier Area - climaparks

## **Climaparks – species and habitats monitoring in PGNP**

- **Conclusions:**
- first stage of monitoring activities to assess CC impacts on biodiversity first step in CC mitigation / adaptation
- scientific background for conducting correct management / conservation measures











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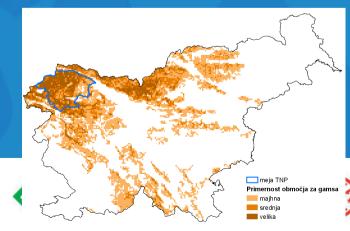




### **Climaparks – species monitoring in TNP**

- Purpose: to analyse species habitat use in TNP in order to confirm Chamois as a candidate indicator species for climate change
- Study site: TNP Vršič, Tamar, Kranjska gora
- Activities conducted: habitat modelling by using the existing available data from systematic observations 1993 2011 (1 km x 1 km grid)

Spring: activity of Capercaillie and Black Grouse at leks Autumn: one-day systematic counting of Chamois and Alpine Ibex



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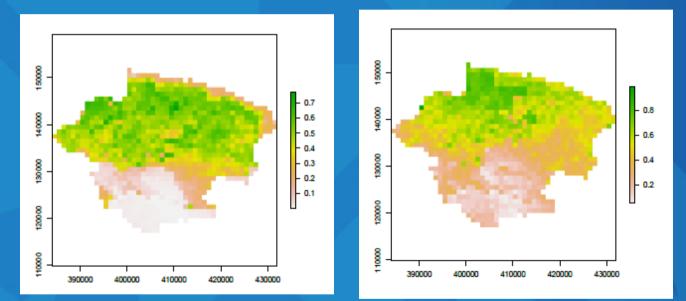








### Climaparks – species monitoring in TNP \* Results: habitat suitability models in TNP



#### Environmental indicators:

- Inclination
- Diversity of aspects
- Average precipitation
- Percentage of conifers
- Size of the largest forest patch in the quadrant







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### **Climaparks – species monitoring in TNP**

- **Activities conducted:** GPS telemetry capture of 4 animals to be fitted with tracking collars
  - Capture technique foot loops









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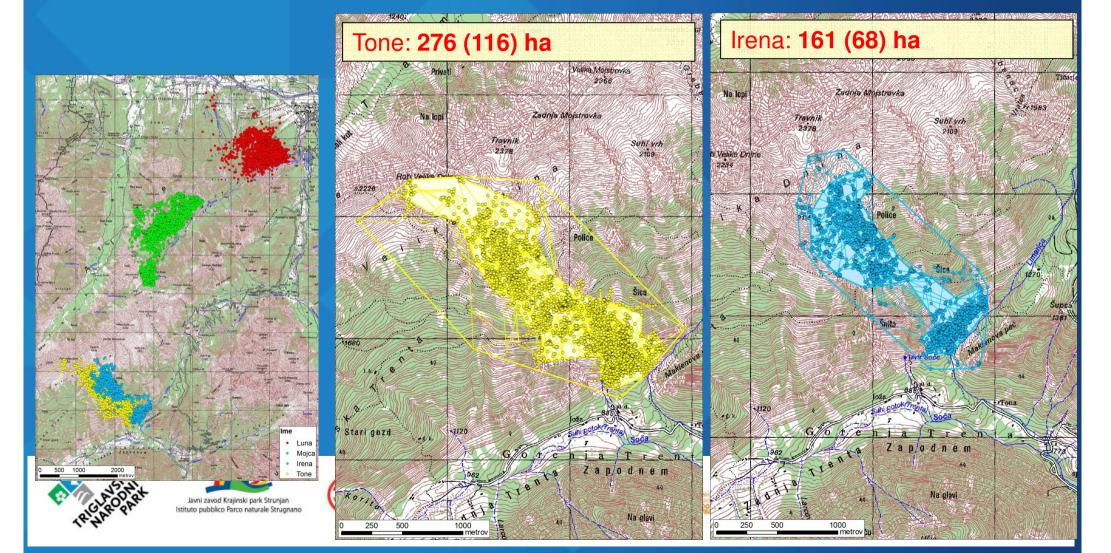






### **Climaparks – species monitoring in TNP**

#### Results: GPS telemetry – maps of (overall) movements recorded

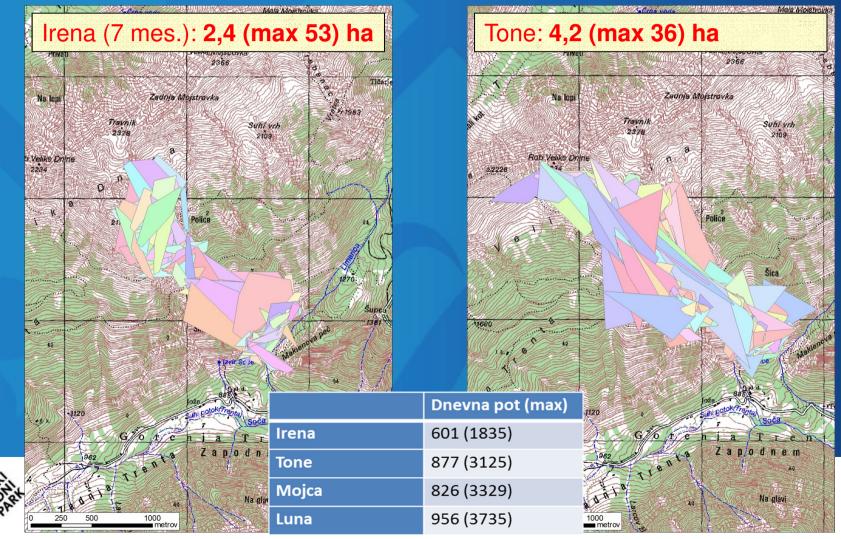






### **Climaparks – species monitoring in TNP**

Results: GPS telemetry – maps of (daily) movements recorded



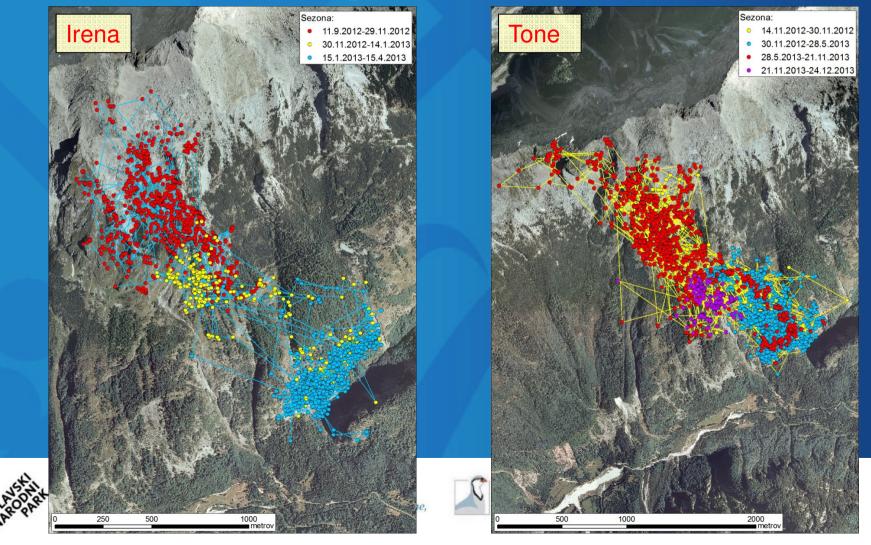






### **Climaparks – species monitoring in TNP**

Results: GPS telemetry – maps of (seasonal) movements recorded



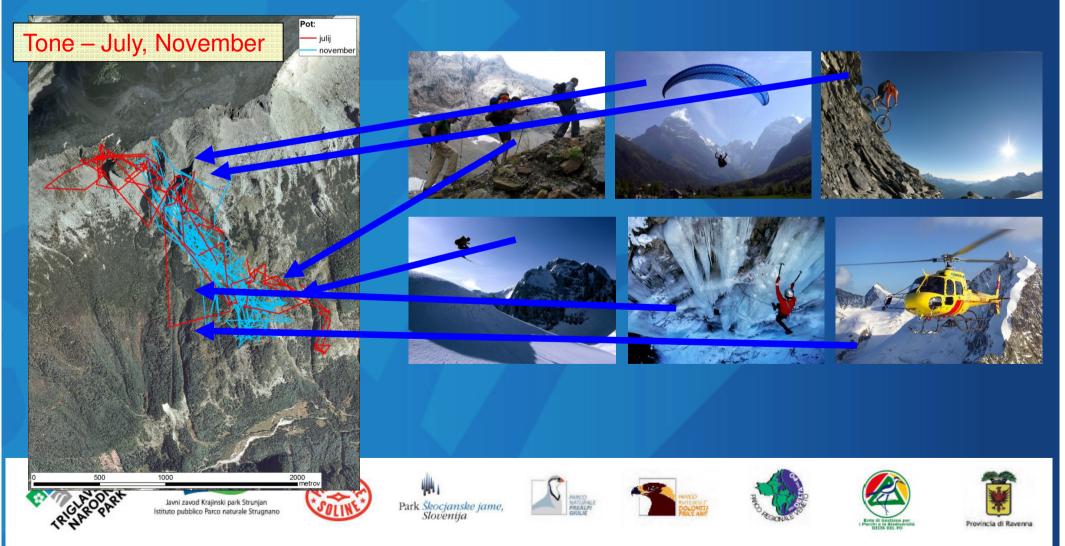






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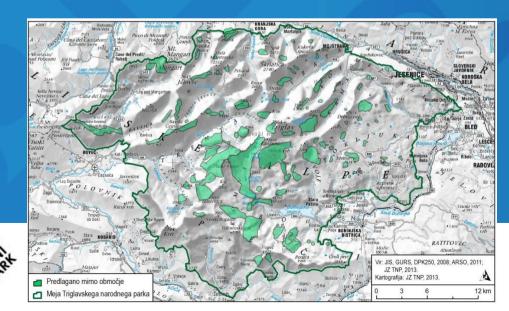
Results: GPS telemetry – impacts of human disturbance / visitation ????





### **Climaparks – species monitoring in TNP**

- Conclusions:
  - Strong dependence of Chamois habitat use upon climatic factors
- Significant impact of climate changes predicted Chamois is an indicator species for the effects of climate change
- Species home range estimated by using telemetry data in line with other studies (AT, SI)
- Unknown impacts of human disturbances





































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