



# INTRODUCING EPAM

European Platform for Adaptive Management

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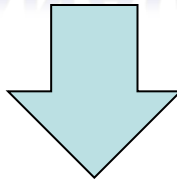


## RE-CAP - CMP OPEN STANDARDS

- To find out what works and what does not
- To improve the PRACTICE of conservation
- A common language & method, which supports and enables adaptation to changing circumstances, based on experience
- To learn & continuously grow nature conservation knowledge, based on shared wisdom and experience



# EUROPE EUROSITES SITE MANAGEMENT



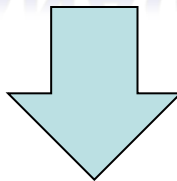
## **SAME NEEDS:**

- Biodiversity loss/ increasing pressures & challenges – change is the one constant!
- Need to become better in cross-site learning
- Better in sharing what works
- Need to improve learning by making lessons learnt more accessible ...

i.e. COMMON, OPEN SOURCE



# EUROPE EUROSITES + FOS SITE MANAGEMENT



## A COMMON LANGUAGE for a COMMON POLICY FRAMEWORK? – NATURA 2000

- Building on Eurosites Toolkit
- Allowing for more adaptive site management
- More evidence based, systematic learning



# EUROSITE & FOS EPAM IN THE EUROPEAN CONTEXT

- Follows CMP logic
- European CMP Member: site management
- N2000 > 25,000 sites, 17% EU territory
- 20% have a management plan
- Quality disputed.
- Favourable conservation status not achieved
- NETWORK not achieved





# EUROSITE & FOS EPAM IN THE EUROPEAN CONTEXT

- Little collaboration
- Reinventing the wheel
- Lack of knowledge – what works, what doesn't
- Confusion of tongues
- Multiple systems
- No consensus on frameworks





# EUROSITE & FOS

## EPAM IN THE EUROPEAN CONTEXT

- Open Standards in general apply
- No shockingly new things
- Learning & adaptation parts weak
- Comprehensive, well aligned, complete
- Visualisation helps
- We can improve how we harmonize monitoring & learning





# EPAM – THE CHALLENGE!



- How applicable are the Open Standards for site management organisations in Europe?
- How do we optimise in the context of Natura 2000?
- What would the potential benefit & relevance be in Europe in relation to the Natura 2000 NETWORK?





# EPAM VISION

By 2015, the European Open Standards are widely *recognised* and *practised* as the best available methodology for the management of N2000 sites and other sites of biological importance, throughout Europe and in the EU in particular.



# THE WORK

1. To develop the European Open Standards
2. Build constituency & encourage use
3. Build capacity

*... on a shoestring, with enthusiasm, a heap-load of goodwill and buckets of energy!*



# THIS PRESENTATION

- CMP and the CMP Open Standards
- EPAM
- **Achievements and progress to date**



# DEVELOPMENT OF EUROPEAN OPEN STANDARDS (EOS)

## 2008

- Set of four Rosetta Stone Analyses  
(*NE, SNH, TDV, METSAHALLITUS*)
- Comparison Natura 2000 with Open Standards

## 2008/2009

- INTERREG IVc Application



# BUILDING CAPACITY

## Multi-team workshops

- 2007 - Savonlinna Finland (hosted by Metsähallitus)
- 2008 - Tour du Valat

## Emerging Coaches network

- 19 coaches from more than 10 different orgs

## Leaders of Tomorrow

- MSc Bsc Students University of Eberswalde
- 2008: 50 students + 2 coaches
- 2009: 60 students + 2 coaches



# BUILDING CAPACITY - WORKSHOPS

- To date 2 regional workshops have been held in Europe
  - Savonlinna, Finland, 2007
  - Tour du Valat, France, 2008
- Both hosted by a local organisation, but marketed by Eurosité and FOS
- In total, 70 people from 15 European countries, representing 20 site management organisations (including GOs, NGOs, POs) have attended these workshops



## NEXT STEPS

- **FUNDING!!!** – outcome of IVc application expected November 2009
- Write up the work
- Evaluate this first phase and design the next one



# EPAM

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***Thank you!***