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Nature conservation cooperation between Latvia and Estonia

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The cooperation between large wetland areas



1995 –signing Agreement of Mutual Cooperation between Administrations of Nigula Nature Reserve and North Viedzeme Biosphere Reserve

2003 –2005 PIN/Matra project “Integrated Wetland and Forest Management in the Transborder Area North-Livonia”.

2006 –Master Plan for North-Livonia –Wetland Protection and Rural Development in the Transboundary Area Latvia and Estonia

2006 –2007 –INTERREG IIIA project “Tuned management and monitoring of the transboundary protected areas in North-Livonia as a support for local development”
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2007–Status of North Livonian Transboundary Ramsar Site

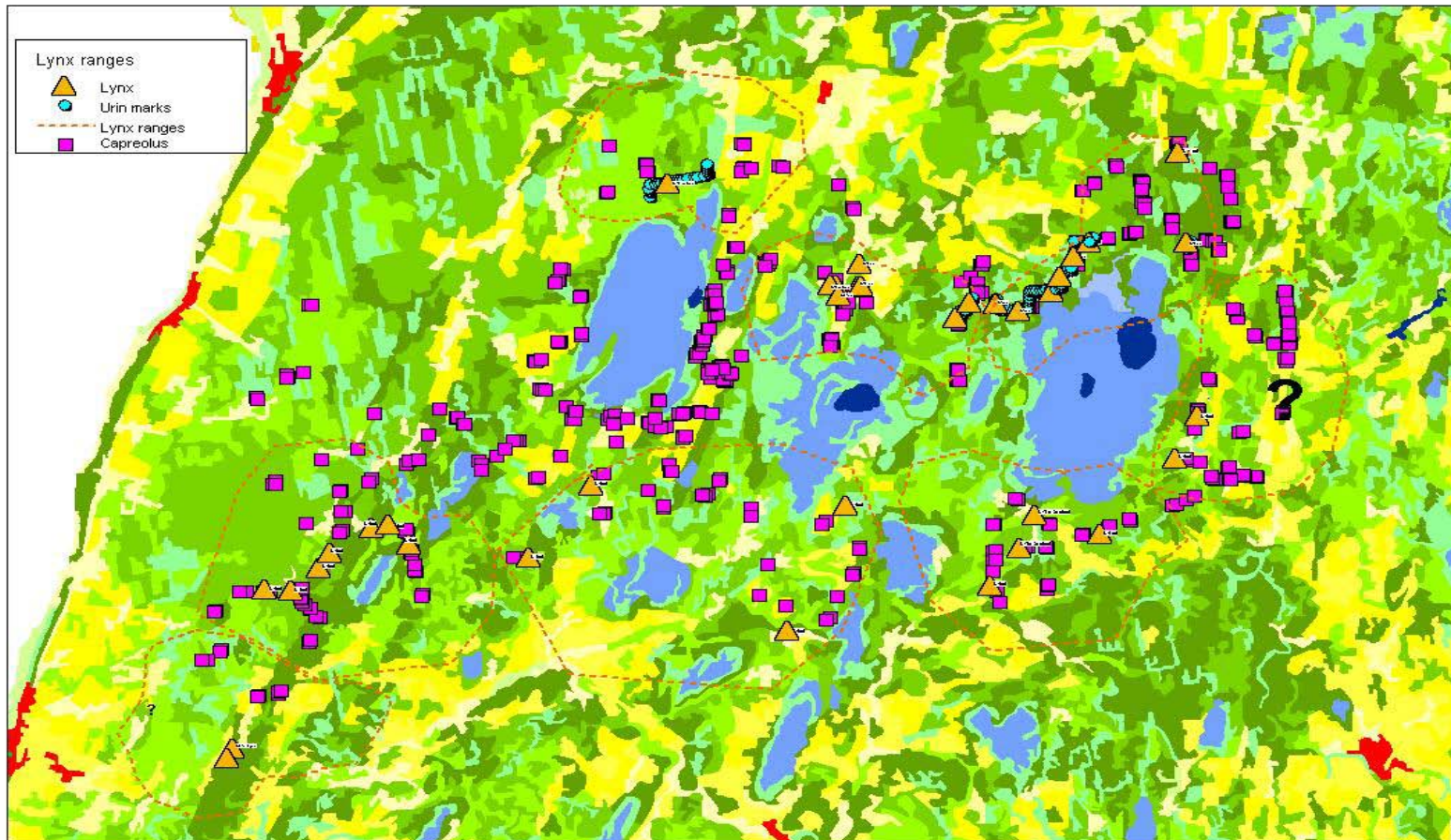
Wetland complex at the border area



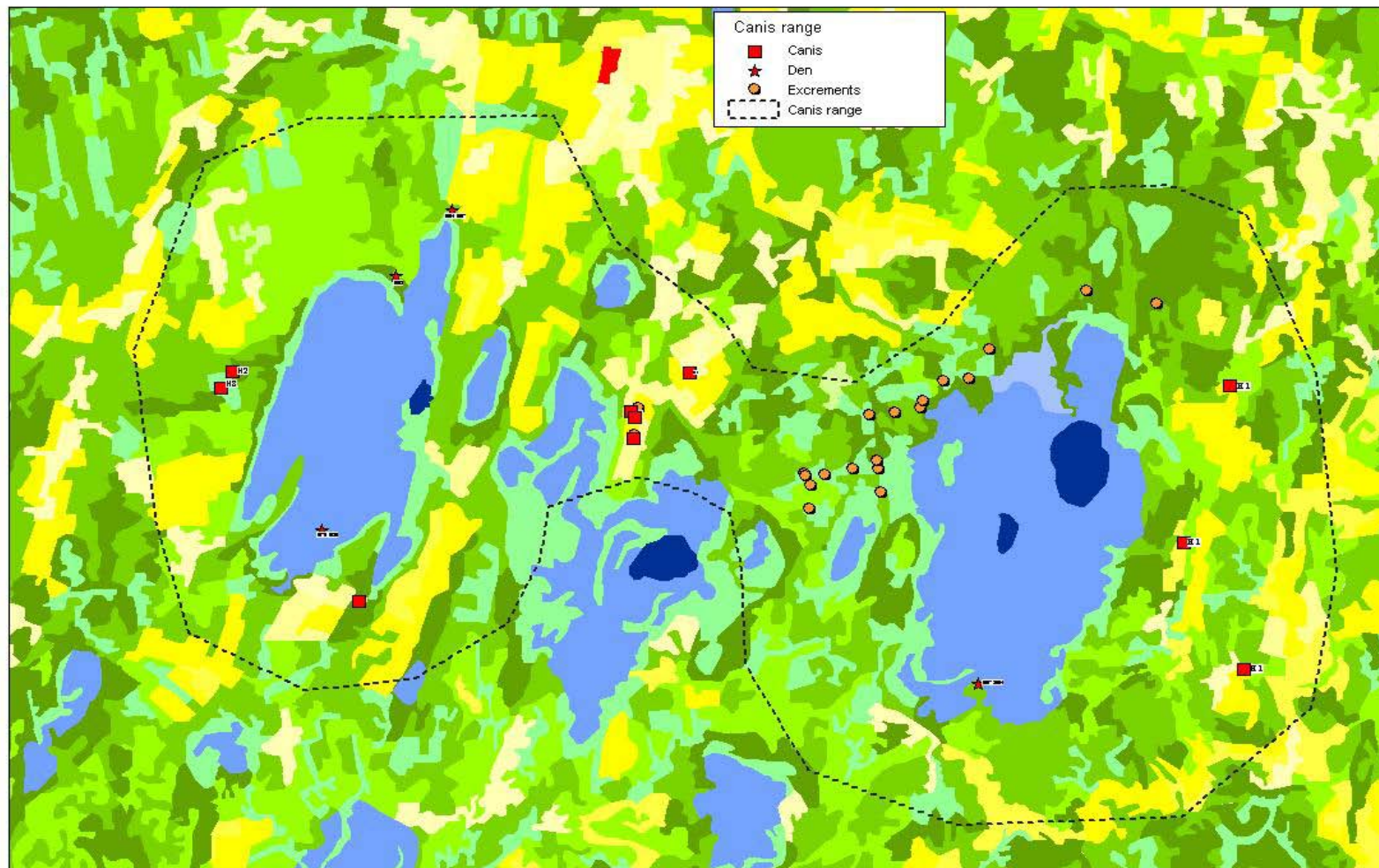
North-Livonian wetland complex

Nigula Bog
Kodaja Bog
Rongu Bog
Ruunasoo Bog
Ollu Bog
Soku Bog
Pirtsmeze Bog
Sookuninga Bog
Rakste Bog

Lynx range at the border



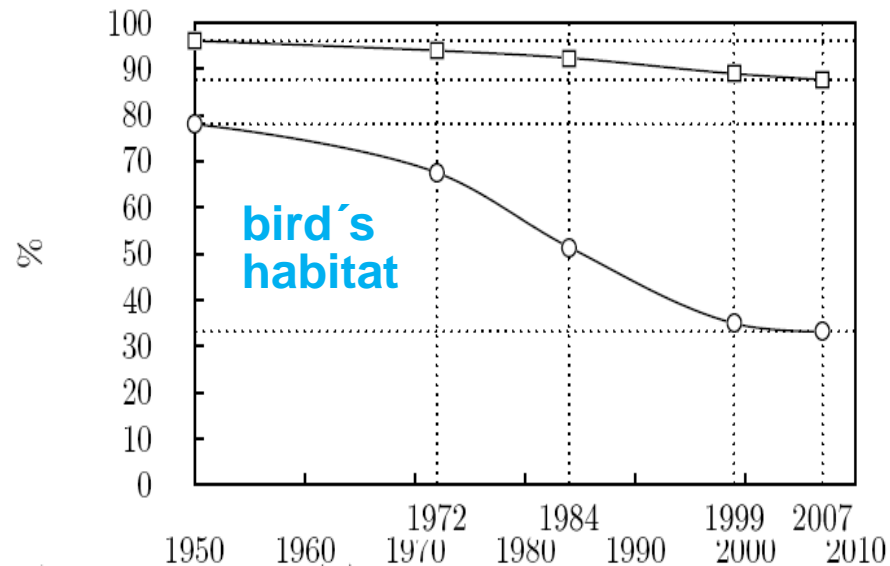
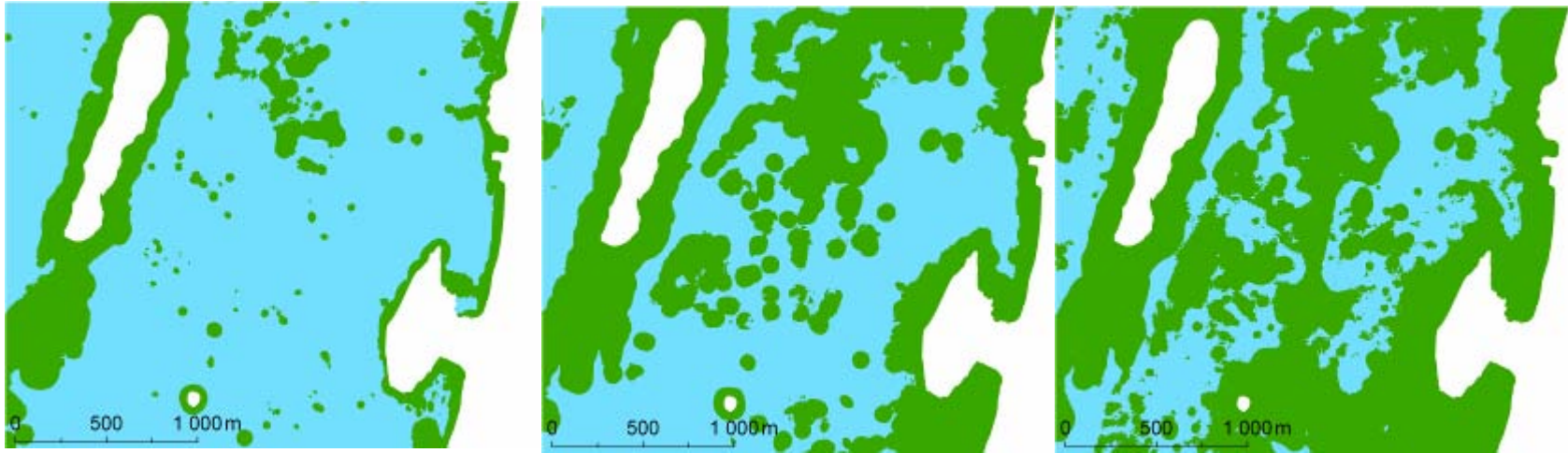
Wolf range at the border



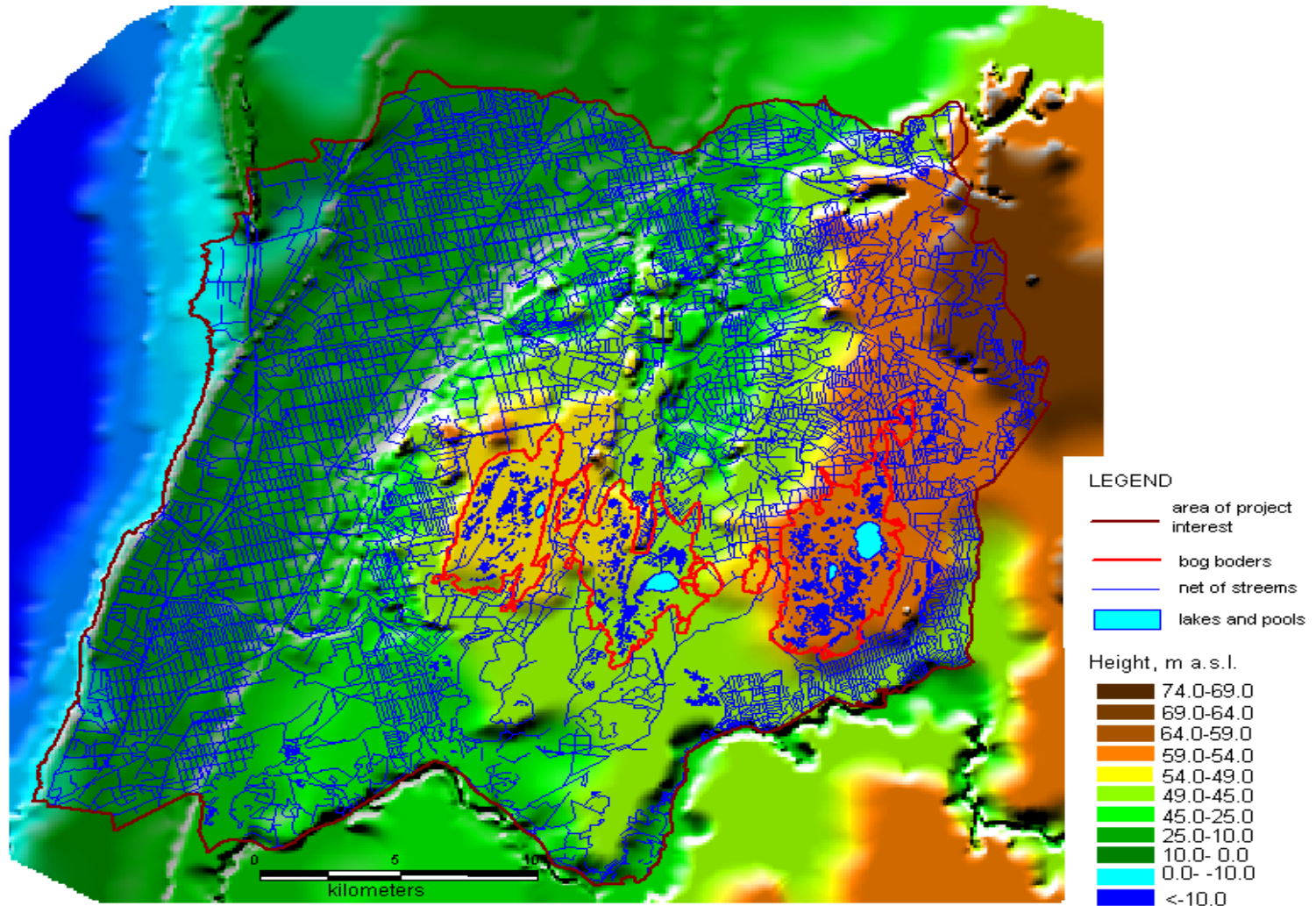
Bear range at the border



Scientific knowledge



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Restoration of raised bogs in Estonia



Restoration of salmon spawning areas in



Cooperation at the national level

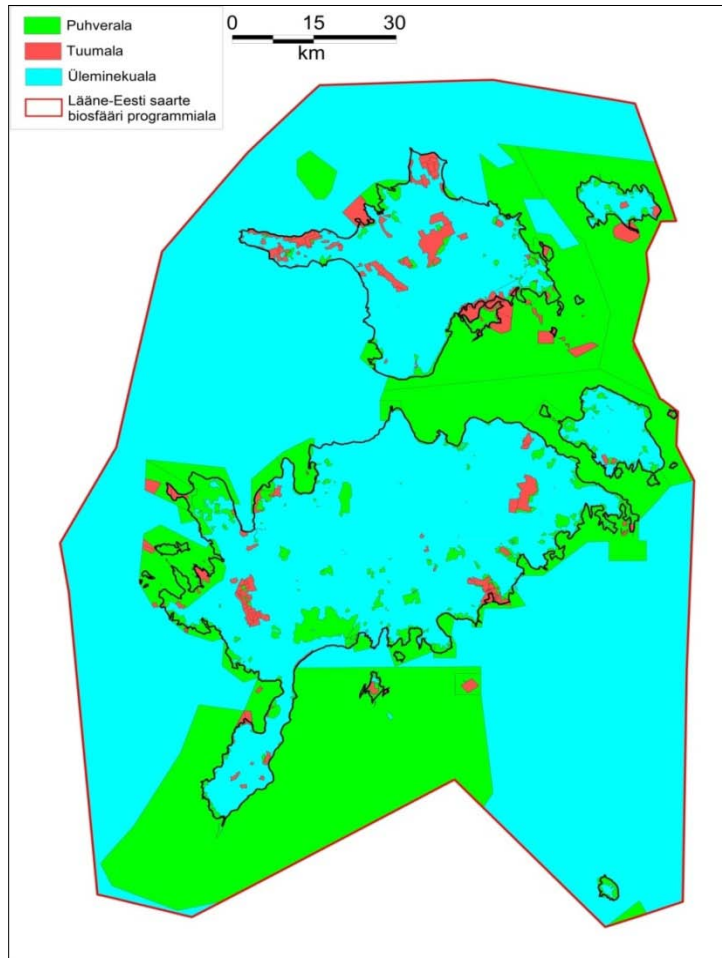
- 2008 –2011. Reforms of the protected areas governance. Ongoing cooperation in information exchange. Active Rural municipality cooperation developing different transborder contacts (i.e. Festival of North Livonia)
- 2011–2013 Tuned Nature Management in transboundary area of Estonia and Latvia – Green Corridor Interreg EST–LAT, cooperation in nature education etc
- 2014 Agreement between Latvian Nature Conservation Agency and Estonian Environmental Board, one of the aims is also Europarc Federation „*Transboundary Parks – Following Nature's Design*“



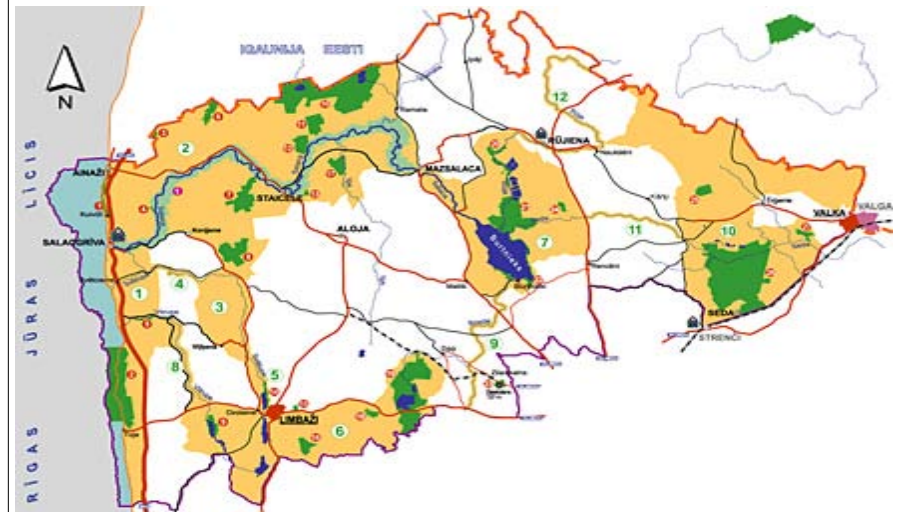
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Coastal cooperation green economy: West-Estonian Archipelago Biosphere programme area and North-Vidzeme Biosphere Res



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Challenges

- Differences in management structures and in scale of managed protected areas. Frequent changes in management structures (administrations of PAs, regional and governmental structures, municipalities)
- Differences in national legislations
- Dependence from projects (funding)
- Communication between organisations (partners) in transboundary co-operation depends very much on personal contacts
- Cultural and lingual differences



Transboundary cooperation – opportunities

- Better planning (avoiding overlapping activities, harmonization, reduce risks) and sharing resources (joint fieldworks, use of specific knowledges). Defining joint conservation goals for protection rules & management plans of PAs
- Complementarity (combining different traditions and skills of partners), establishment of joint infrastructure
- “Forced innovation” (lack of maps stimulated GIS development, remote sensing, lack of manpower forced to use automatic equipment etc)
- Strengthening cooperation with local stakeholders (municipalities, entrepreneurs, local people)
- Advertising the area internationally (transboundary agreement commission, steering group)
- Application of community based adaptive management ecosystem/landscape based approach in conservation





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Thank You !

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