



EUROPARC Central and Eastern Europe

„Managing invasive plant and animal species in the protected areas of Central and Eastern Europe”

Workshop for experts, 02-06.05.2016, Hortobágy National Park, Hungary



Dear colleagues,

After a fruitful discussion among the member representatives of the EUROPARC Central and Eastern Europe Section during the EUROPARC Conference in Regensburg (DE) last year we decided to run a series of workshops on practical management issues in the Central and Eastern Europe protected areas. The basic idea is simple: to organize cost effective workshops for „our own” experts to collect relevant experience on nature protection practices (for more info see the document „basic_ideas.pdf”).

The first workshop will be organized in Hungary, by the Hortobágy National Park Directorate (www.hnp.hu/en). The directorate is a management body of the Hortobágy NP itself and numerous other PA’s (national and EU level) with a wide range of habitats (grasslands, wetlands, lowland and riparian forests...etc.).

Let us to invite 15-20 international experts from the protected areas within the EUROPARC CEE Section to join the event and share their practical experience how to combat invasive/alien species in protected areas. We are looking for „practical management/field experience” type presentations and experts. To bring at least one max. 20 min. presentation per participant is expected. Please register as soon as possible due to limited number of places. First round of provisional registration is until 15.03.2016. There is no registration fee.

Place of the workshop:
Hortobágy, Hajdú-Bihar County, Hungary



Date:
02.-06.05.2016

Accommodation:

Environmental Education Centre („Fecskeház Erdei Iskola”) at Hortobágy-Máta (47.582164, 21.150475) - this is a hostel like accommodation (possibly shared rooms) for ca. 13-14 EUR/night. The full/partial cost of accommodation at this place is hopefully covered by the Ministry of Agriculture, Hungary - decision follows. For other types of accommodation please contact us directly.

Meals:

Own cost, except the coffee breaks and the welcome dinner (some traditional Hungarian food from the open fire on Monday at the Environmental Education Centre). We can offer simple breakfast and dinner at the Environmental Education Centre for a max. 7-10 EUR together. For lunch: in Hortobágy village there is a grocery, some buffets and a very nice traditional restaurant. During field trips we will stop at groceries/restaurants depending on common decision.

Presentations:

In the HNPV Visitor Centre at Hortobágy (47.582164, 21.150475), as well as in the Environmental Education Centre

Program:

Monday (02.05.2016)

Arrival latest at 18:00 to the Environmental Education Centre.

Welcome dinner and unofficial warm-up with local snacks/”spirits” brought by the participants - same location.

2-3 presentations on the issue of the invasive species in general and the introduction of the HNPV - same location.

Tuesday (03.05.2016)

Full day of presentations by the experts and invited speakers followed by discussion + coffee breaks. Time to take a look in Hortobágy village + lunch.

Wednesday and Thursday (04-05.05.2016)

2 full day field trips in the Hortobágy NP and the Hajdúság Landscape Protection Area (and overlapping Natura 2000 sites). This places are all in a circle of 100km, but we can show various habitat types with problems of the invasive and solutions.

Friday (06.05.2016) departure.

HNPD can provide several 4WD vehicles for local transportation, however if you can come with your own off road, it would really allow us more flexibility. Depending on the field trips, even normal cars are suitable.

Final costs and exact programme will be announced until the end of February 2016. Big changes in program or costs will not show up. Please show your interest as soon as possible! We would like to ask participants to send their presentation abstracts until the 20th of April 2016.



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