



International Training Course and Study Tour on Wetlands Restoration
Czech Republic, 2 - 6 October 2023

Carpathian Wetland Initiative



- **Regional Initiative of the Ramsar Convention (RRI)**, launched in 2004, endorsed by Ramsar SC in 2009, one of 20 currently operating RRI in the world (4 in Europe)
- **RRI are a regional mechanism to support implementation of the Convention**
- **Memorandum of Cooperation between secretariats of the Ramsar and Carpathian Conventions (2006)**

Mission

To contribute to the implementation of the MoC between the Convention on Wetlands (Ramsar Convention) and Carpathian Convention signed on 13 December 2006 in Kyiv, Ukraine. The CWI facilitates collaboration between the two Conventions and their Parties in their efforts in conservation and wise use of wetlands in the Carpathian region and beyond, through local, national, regional and international activities.



CWI Structure



Partnership of

Governments

of countries in the Carpathian region and other interested governments (7 Carpathian countries)



Secretariats

of the Ramsar Convention (Gland, Switzerland)
and the Carpathian Convention (UNEP Vienna, Austria)



Intergovernmental organisations, international partner organizations, NGOs
and other entities with an interest in the Carpathian wetlands



Partners and cooperation

DAPHNE – Institute of Applied Ecology

IUCN

Wetlands International

WWF – CEE

Carpathian Network of Protected Areas

ICPDR

Danube River Network of Protected Areas

ALPARC - Alpine Network of Protected Areas,

S4C - Science for the Carpathians, EUSDR PA6, etc.



DAPHNE
INSTITUT APLIKOVANEJ
EKOLÓGIE



Wetlands
INTERNATIONAL



DANUBE PARKS
network of protected areas



Memorandum of Cooperation (2006)



8 joint areas of activities

1. Information base on wetland ecosystems
2. Exchange of wetland-related information
3. Network of Ramsar sites
4. Integration of wetlands into river basin management
5. Wetland restoration projects
6. Transboundary wetland ecosystems
7. Species and habitat monitoring
8. Capacity building and public awareness





CWI work

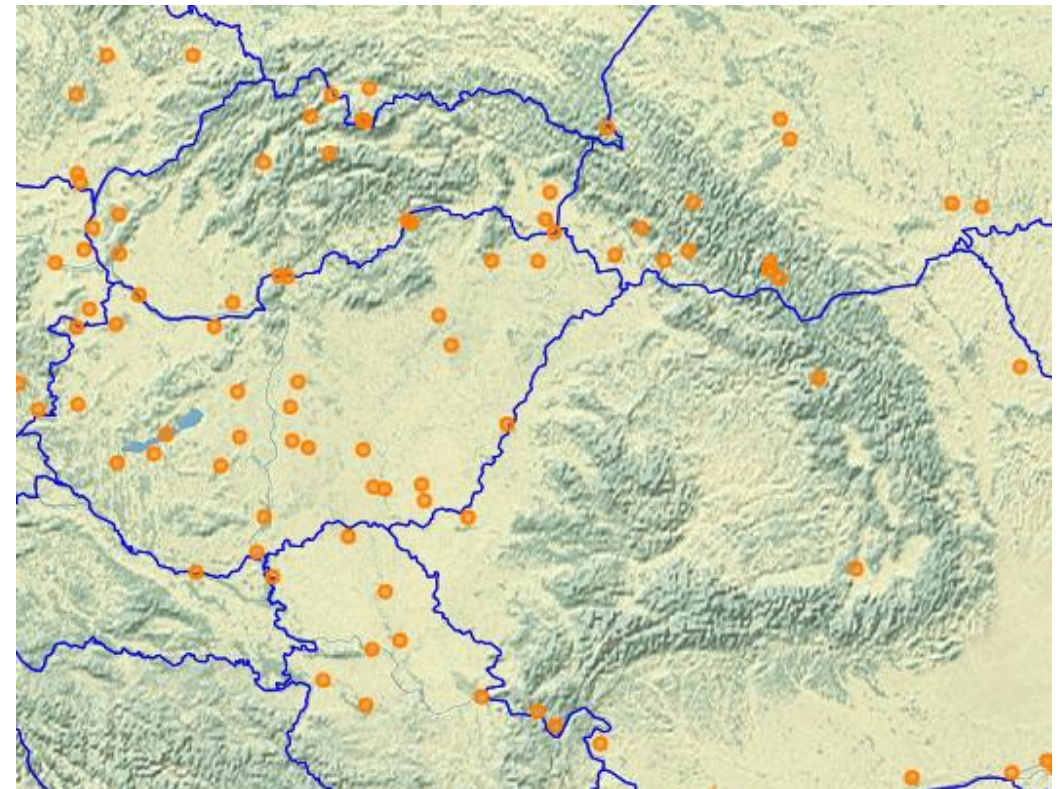
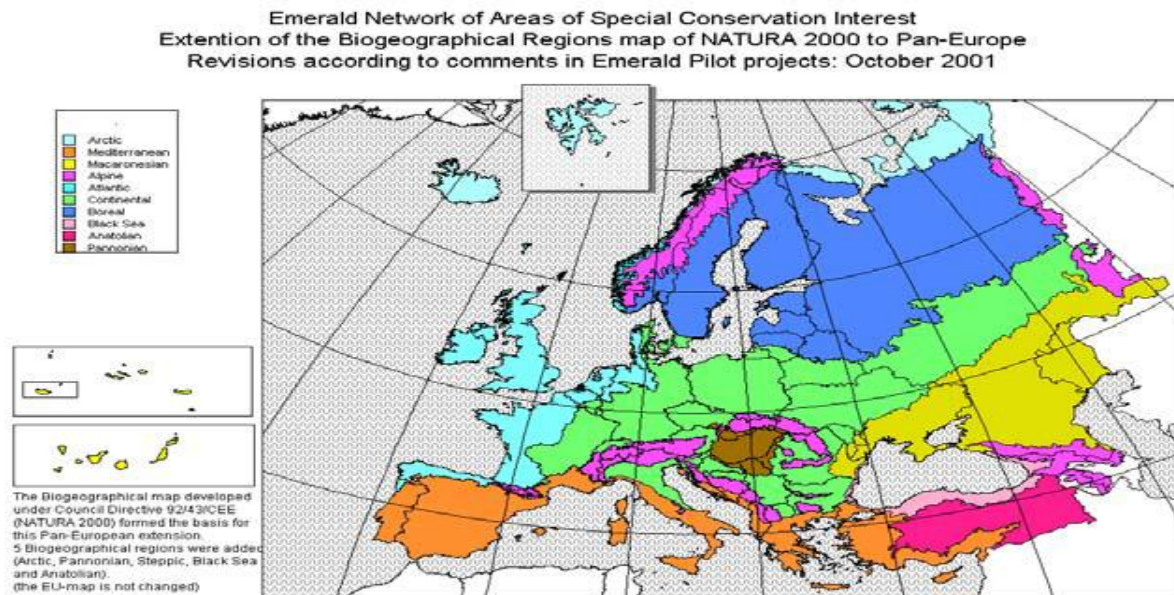


- Organization of conferences, workshops on conservation of wetlands, study tours
- Trainings - International training course “Wetlands as Waterfowl Habitats” (2011, CZ), training on education programme about Carpathian and Danube wetlands (2013, SK), Sustainable Agriculture in Wetlands (2019, CZ), Wetlands, especially peatlands restoration (2021, 2023, CZ)
- Mainstreaming on importance of wetlands within the Carpathian Convention and its Working Groups
- The Carpathian Wetland Centre was opened in June 2014 in Banská Bystrica (SK) as information and training centre for national and Carpathian wetland managers and for public awareness
- Fundraising, project proposals (involvement in several Carpathian and the Danube River Basin projects)



Carpathians in Europe

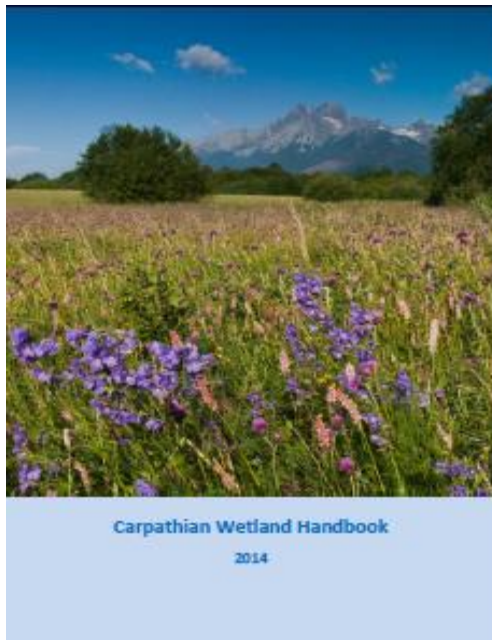
- Part of the Alpine Biogeographical Region, partly in Pannonian Region
- Other regions dependent on water from the Carpathians; source of water, important biodiversity
- Support for designation of new Ramsar Sites within Carpathians and beyond
- Transboundary RS, bilateral transborder, trans-Carpathian cooperation



Ramsar Sites in the Carpathians

<https://www.ramsar.org/sites-countries/ramsar-sites-around-the-world>

- For common understanding of wetland types in the Carpathians we developed Carpathian Wetland Handbook, including identification of Natura 2000 wetland and riverine habitat types
- Common integrated management measures (CIMM) elaborated within SEE Transboundary Programme BioREGIO Carpathians project - Strategic paper on CIMM of Carpathian natural assets, including wetlands
- Draft Red List of species and habitats and List of Invasive Alien Species



Activities connected with culture



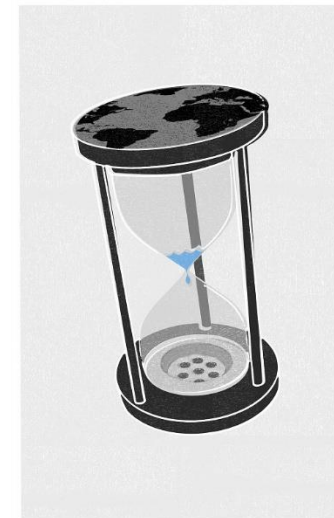
- EKOPLAGÁT (<http://www.cwi.sk/index.php?page=news>)
- International triennial exhibition and contest of posters (Žilina, SK)
- CWI awarding for the best poster on wetlands



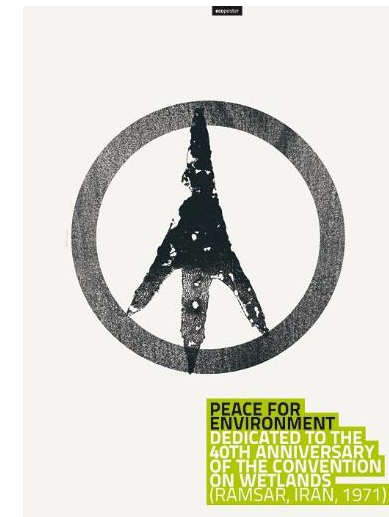
Andrej Haščák (2020)



Rita Nagiová (2017)



Scott Lazerow (2014)



Marcin Urbanczyk (2011)

Project Ramsar Culture Network in the Carpathian Region

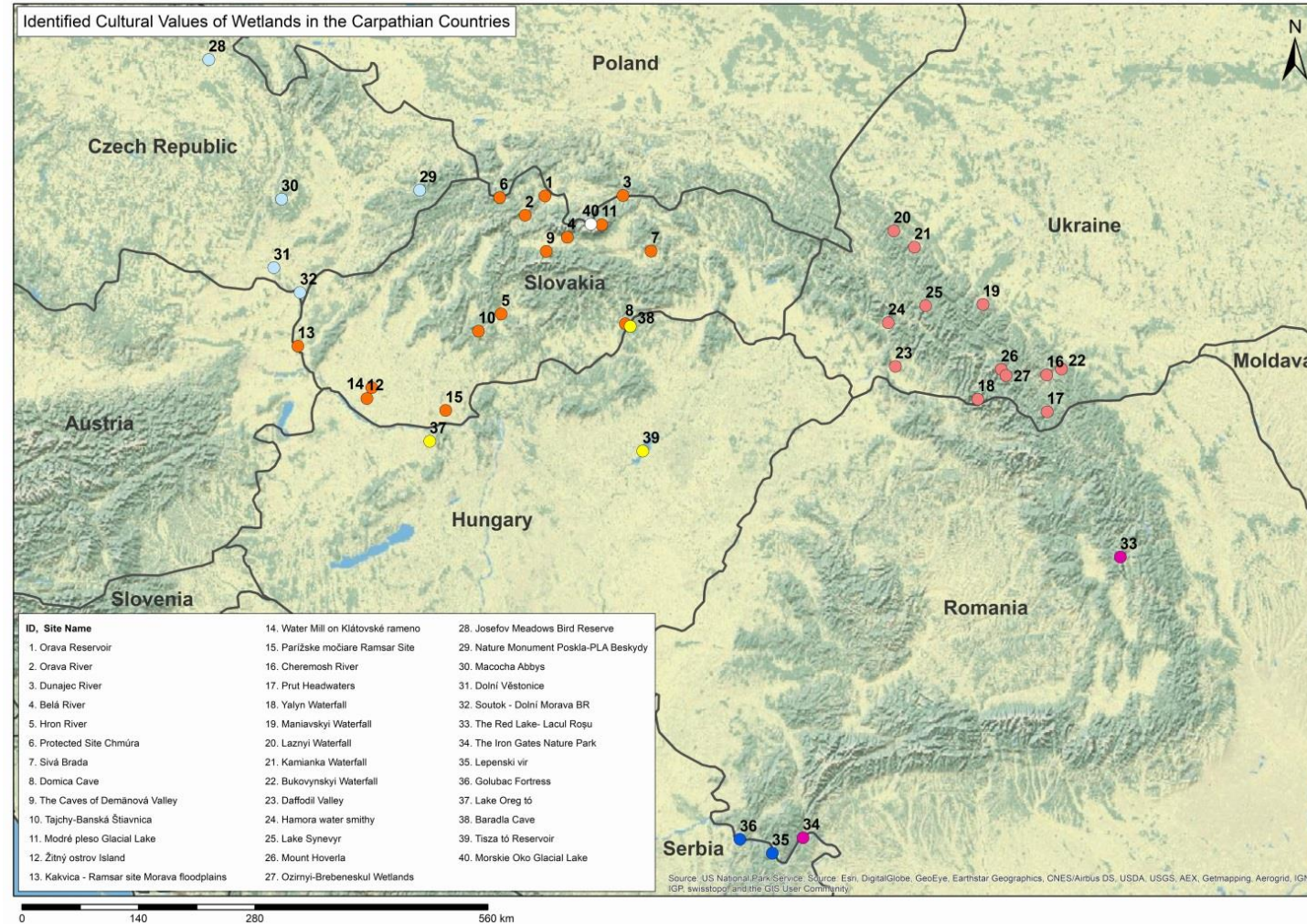


October 2017 – January 2018

- First inventory of cultural diversity and values linked to wetlands of international and national importance, http://www.cwi.sk/files/carpathian_cultural_heritage_in_wetlands.pdf



Ramsar Culture Network in the Carpathian Region



CWI Work programme / strategy 2019-2024



based on already by Carpathian Parties agreed documents

- Ramsar Strategic Plan 2016-2024,
- Strategic Action Plan for the implementation of the Biodiversity Protocol of the Carpathian Convention,
- Decisions of the Carpathian Convention COP5 and Programme of Work 2018-2020,
- Memorandum of Cooperation between the Ramsar Convention and Carpathian Convention,
- ToR CWI

CWI Work programme / strategy 2019-2024



- 1. Mainstreaming - *promote integration of wetlands and their services and benefits into sectoral policies***
- 2. River Basin Management - *projects integrating wetlands in river basin management***
- 3. Invasive Alien Species - *identification and prioritization of IAS, control, eradication, prevention of introduction***
- 4. Ecological Networks and Management of Sites - *development of ecological network, continuity and connectivity of habitats, designation of new Ramsar Sites, expansion of existing sites, maintenance and restoration of wetlands***
- 5. Prevention of environmental damages in wetlands - *exchange of information***
- 6. Wetland Inventories – *inventory of wetland habitats and species, development of Red Lists, cultural values in wetlands, common database and maps on wetlands in the Carpathians***
- 7. Wetlands conservation, restoration and maintenance - *priorities for common actions***
- 8. Climate Change - *Identify wetlands most at risk due to climate change, propose and implement measures***
- 9. Research, monitoring, information system - *species and habitats monitoring, research in wetlands***
- 10. Communication, Education, Participation and Awareness - *capacity development, Carpathian Wetland Centre***

Thank you for choosing the current training and good luck in wetlands restoration!

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