ECOHYDROLOGICAL RESTORATION OF PEATLANDS IN CARPATHIANS

PROJECT: ACC04P02

2022-2024









BENEFICIARY AND PARTNERS



State Nature Conservancy of the Slovak Republic

DAPHNE Institute of Applied Ecology

Slovenský raj (Slovak Paradise) National Park

Spišská Belá Municipality

Norwegian Institute for Nature Research

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

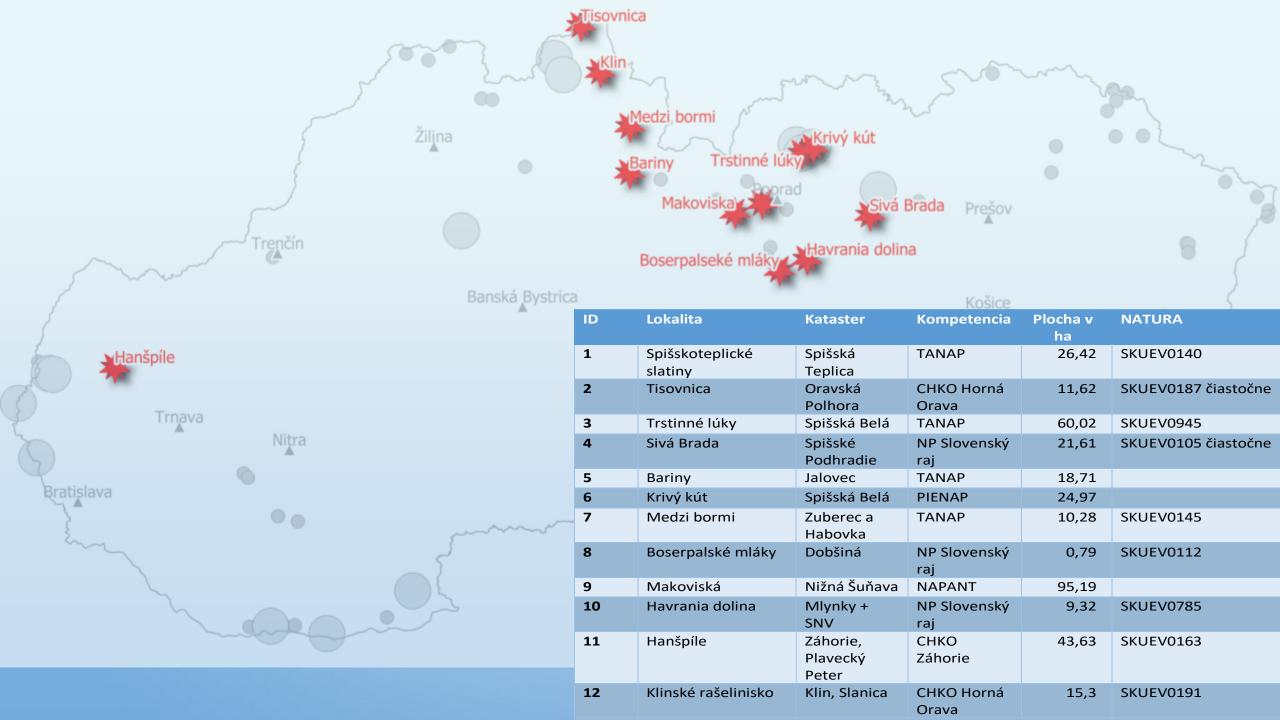
The project aims to reduce CO₂ emissions by restoring degraded peatlands and regenerating their function as carbon sinks.

The project will deal with restoration of 12 peatland sites in Slovakia to stop their degradation by realisation of well targeted hydrological restoration measures and applying climate-responsible peatland management on area of 352.18 ha.

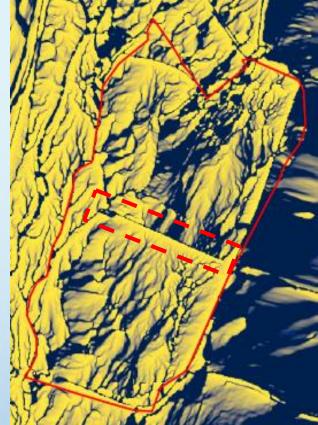
Pilot sites will be used for demonstration of best-practice peatland management to relevant stakeholders on local and national scale. Best-practice guidelines for sustainable management of forested peatlands on local and national level will be prepared on the basis of its testing on project sites.

Awareness about peatland related climate change mitigation and adaptation measures will be increased. Working with and involving relevant local stakeholders and local communities will ensure the long-term sustainability of the project.







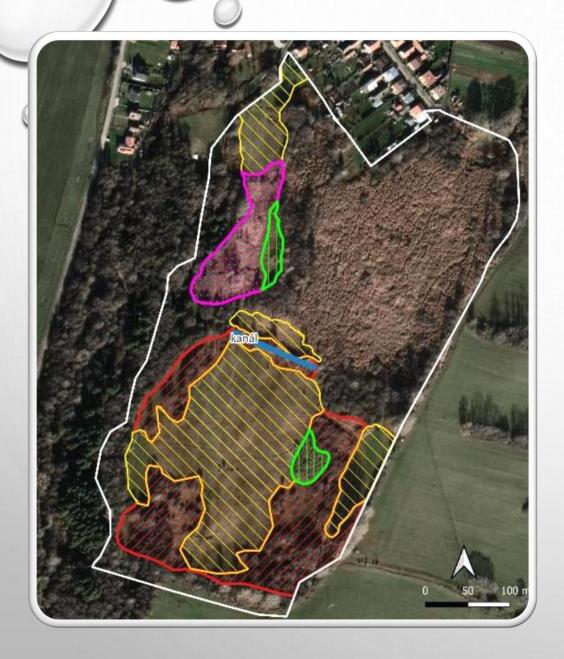


Activity - Elaboration of restoration plans

Preparation of the Management plans – 12 sites

Analysing the site

- historical photos, maps, documentation and research
- hydrologic situation
- soil research
- vegetation
- discussions with stakeholders
- consultations with partners



Proposal of main management measures

felling of young trees

mowing meadows

hand mowing or sensitive mechanization

reed mowing channel backfilling

Specification of measures including parameters

site	type	measures	parameters	indication in a map
Bariny	hydrology	Channel backfilling	Length - 100m, height - 3m	kanál
Bariny	management	Felling of young trees	Area: 3 ha	
Bariny	management	Mowing - mesophile meadows, biomass transportation outside site	Area: 4,5 ha	
Bariny	management	Mowing of fens habitats, manually or sensitive soft mechanization, transport biomass outside site – 2x	Area: 1 ha	
Bariny	management	Mowing reed, transportation biomass, 2x	Area: 0.31 ha	



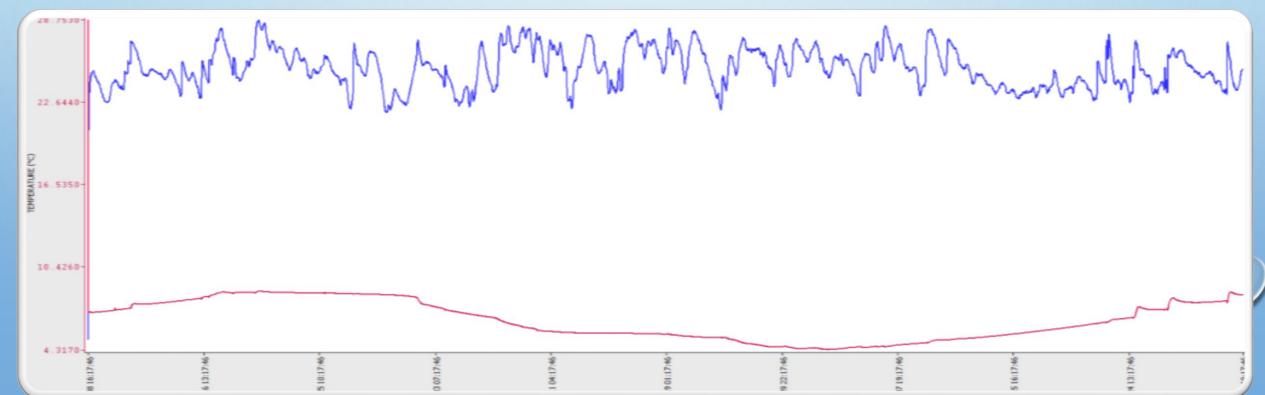
Establishment of hydrological and habitat monitoring in restored sites

Peat research

DNA extraction from water

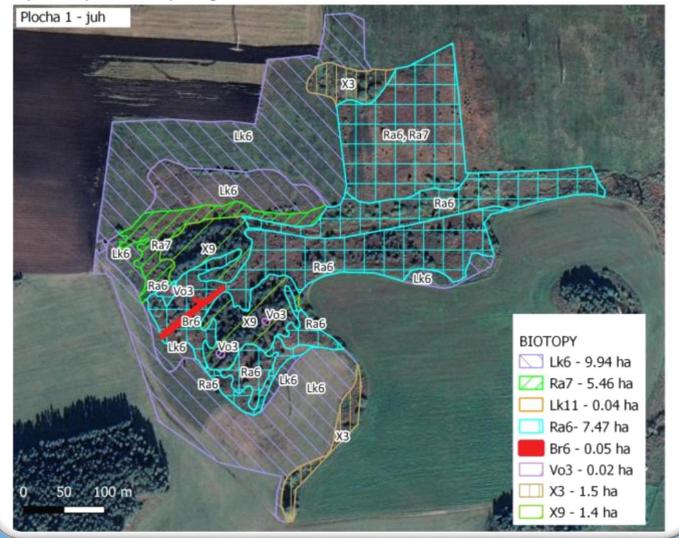
Hydrological monitoring





Habitat and vegetation mapping/monitoring

Spišskoteplické slatiny - vegetácia



Vegetačné mapovanie – lokalita Bariny

Predmetom ochrany chráneného územia sú biotopy:

Kód biotopu	Kód NATURAZOOO (biotop EV)	Názov biotopu	
SI2	* 1340	Karpatské travertínové slaniská	
Ra6	7230	Slatiny s vysokým obsahom báz	
Vo3	3160	Prirodzené <u>dystrofné</u> stojaté vody	
Lk1	6510	Nížinné a podhorské kosné lúky	
Lk5	6430	<u>Xysokobylinné</u> spoločenstvá	~
Lk6		Podmáčané lúky horských a podhorských oblastí	
Ra7		Sukcesne zmenené slatiny	

Vegetačné mapovanie lokality Bariny bolo realizované v dňoch 29.4., 22.6. a 6.10. 2022. Mapované boli polygóny s homogénnou vegetáciou so zameraním na rašeliniskové a <u>mokraďové</u> biotopy nasledovne:

SIZ Karpatské travertínové slaniská (1340*) je prioritným a veľmi vzácnym biotopom európskeho významu. Zaznamenali sme ho v polygóne sever06. Podzemná voda je blízko k povrchu. Sú to iniciálne porasty s nízkou <u>pokryvnosťou</u> vyšších rastlín. Rastie tu <u>Triplochia maritima</u>, <u>Trichenhorum</u> <u>pumilum</u>. <u>Centaurium littorale subsp. compressum</u>, <u>Primula forinosa</u>, <u>Pinauicula vulgaris</u>, <u>Eleocharis gcicularis</u>, Polygón zarastá trstinou.



Karpatské travertínové slaniská



Primula farinosa





COMMUNICATION WITH LOCAL STAKEHOLDERS ON RESTORATION MEASURES



IMPLEMENTATION OF RESTORATION MEASURES

Rozhrnutie lesnej cesty a zarovnanie terénu Prehradenie cesty pre odklon okysličenej vody

ELABORATION OF METHODOLOGICAL GUIDELINES FOR SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF PEATLAND AND WETLAND FORESTS



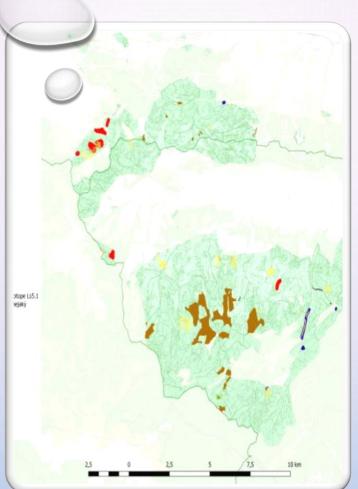


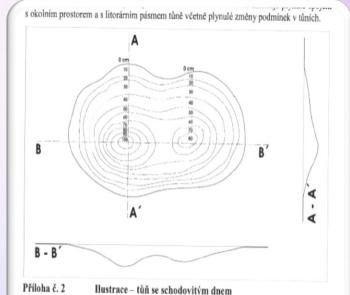


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PIT – DAM – PIT METHOD







Tůně vyžadují úpravu hloubky vody a modelaci dna. Schodovité dno zaručuje diferenciaci vůči okolnímu prostoru a diferenciaci podmínek v tůních.

FOR SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF PEATLAND AND WETLAND FORESTS







ELABORATION OF STUDY ON CARBON SEQUESTRATION POTENTIAL OF RESTORED SITES



PUBLIC AWARENESS ACTIVITIES

PRESS CONFERENCE IN PEATLAND, MEDIA OUTPUTS, ARTICLES, VIDEO, ETC. LEPORELO

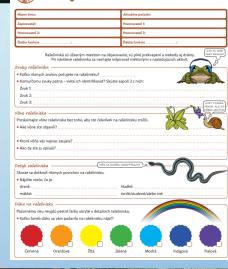




Involvement of local schools

- 19 schools from 15 settlements
- 38 teachers, over 800 pupils connected to peatlands
- "Climate and peatlands" Toolkit with activities for schools
- Tools and methodology for environmental research provided to
 each school trainings for teachers organised every 6 months
- Webinars for teachers organised every month (various topics)







Events for local pupils/students

- "Explore your peatland" excursions
- "Save your peatland" practical activities (management, removal of garbage, etc.)
- Student conference online presentation of research completed by students





