



WETLANDS PROTECTION IN POLAND

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CONVENTION ON WETLANDS

Number of sites – 19

Total surface – 153 385 ha

National parks

Nature reserves

Natura 2000

Landscape park

Peatlands

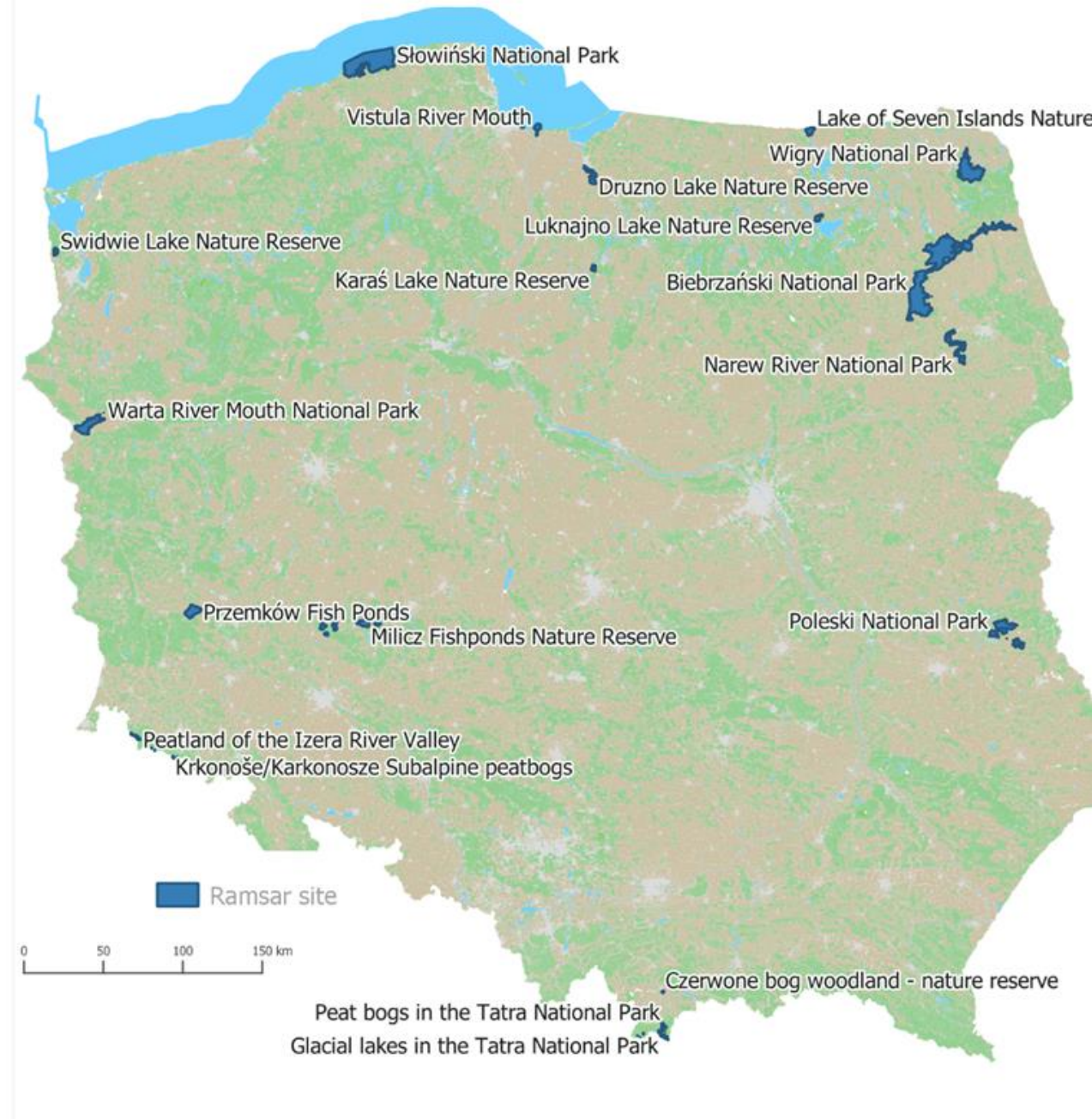
Marshes

Lakes

Rivers

River mouths

Coastal



NATIONAL FOCAL POINT

- Since 2009 in General Directorate for Environmental Protection
- Financial support

Budget (annual contribution)

National Fund for Environmental Protection and Water Management (promotion, education, cooperation)

- Since 2020 Wetlands Committee

50 members (ministries, universities, institutes, NGOs, managers of Ramsar sites)

new Ramsar sites, webinars, law opinions





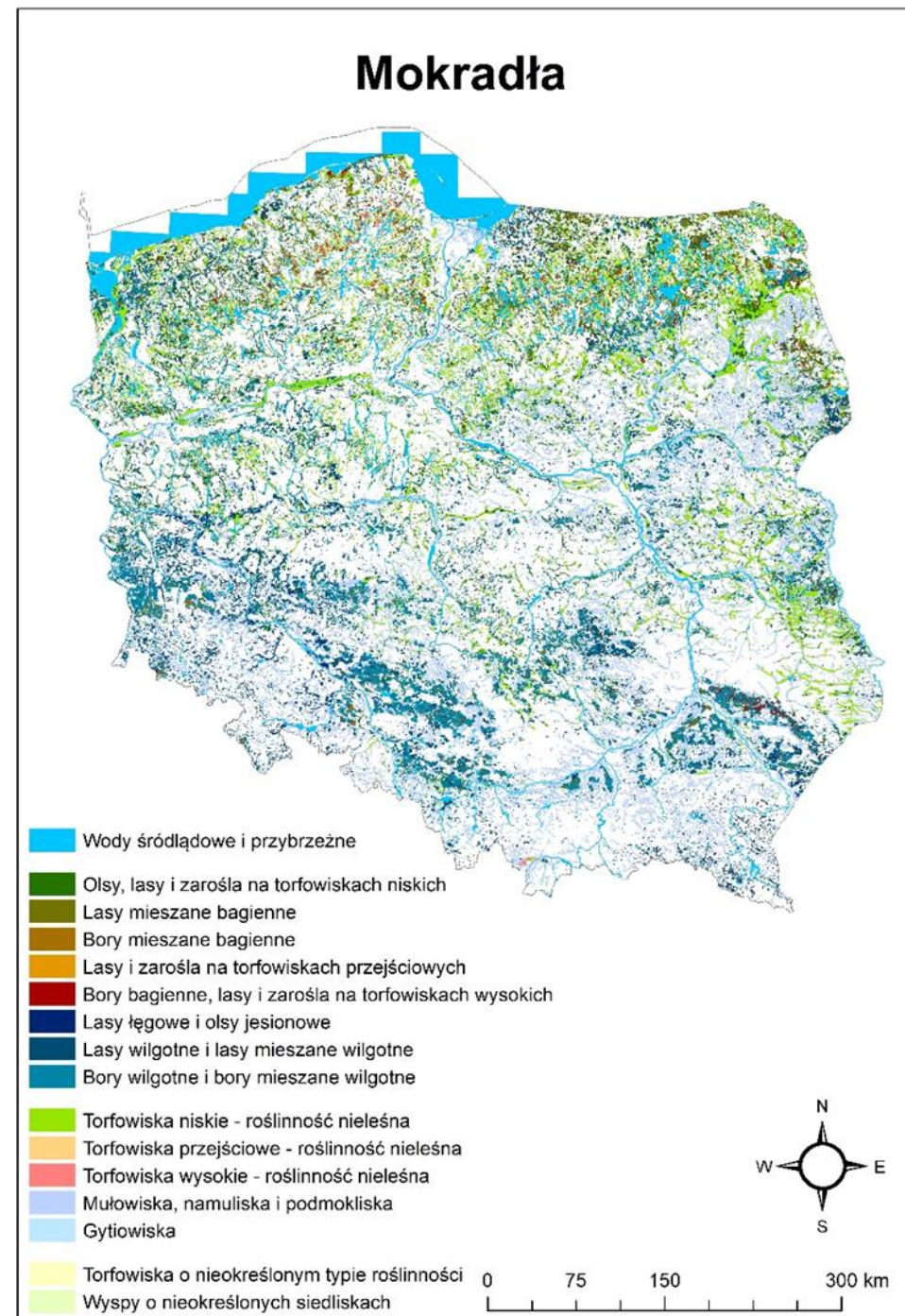
NATIONAL WETLANDS STRATEGY

Main goals:

- Improving the biodiversity of peatlands and reducing greenhouse gas emissions from peatlands by 30%
- Improving the condition of biodiversity and supporting natural processes in water ecosystems and increasing water retention in riverside areas
- Maintaining and enhancing wetland protection within the Ramsar network in Poland

WETLANDS

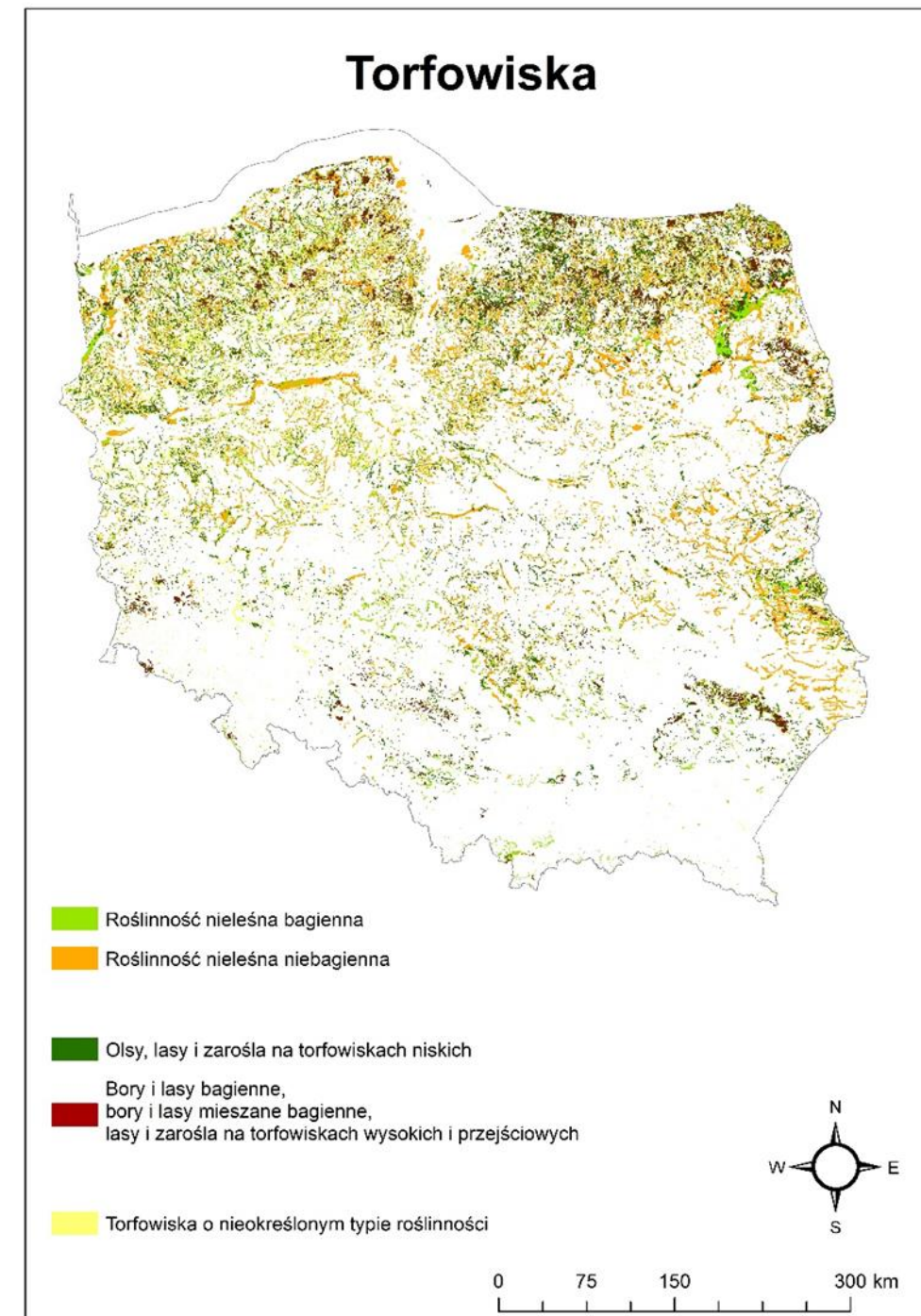
- 5,7 mln ha wetlands all types and status (18% surface of Poland)
- 1,6 mln ha peatlands
- 0,5 mln ha water bodies



PEATLANDS

Pressures:

- Drainage
- Overgrowth - abandonment
- Eutrophication
- Peat extraction
- Building
- Inadequate conservation measures

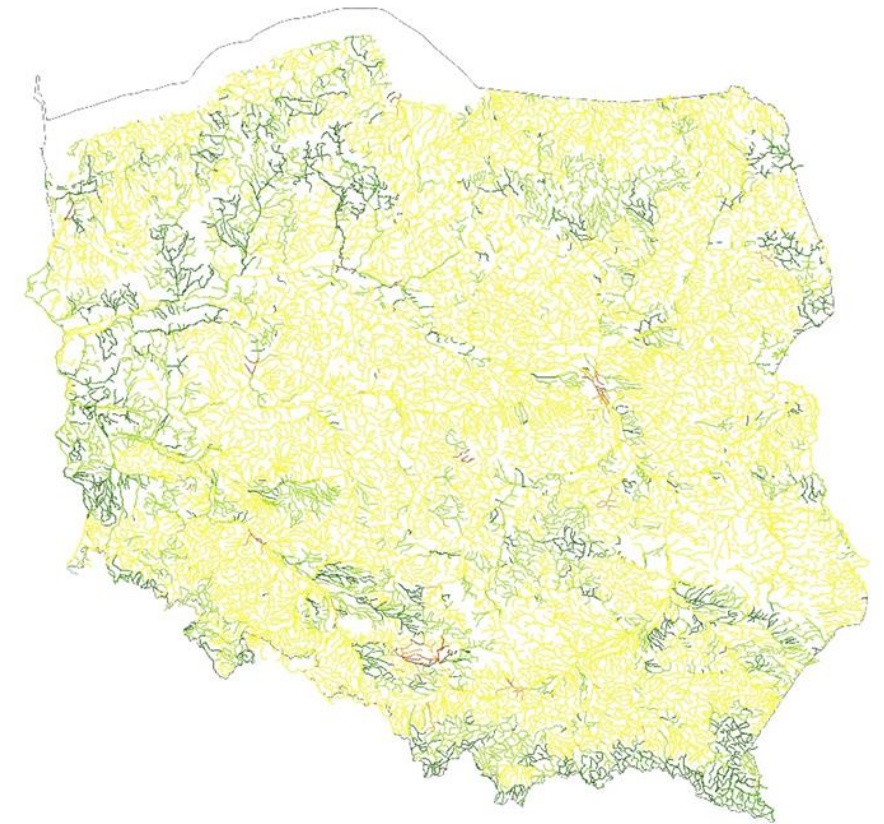


RIVERS

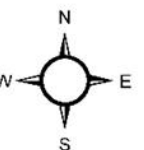
Pressures:

- Changes in hydrological regimes
- Eutrophication
- Invasive alien species
- Building in floodplains

Rzeki - użytkowanie zlewni



— leśne / 9 670 km / 9%
— leśno-zantropogenizowane / 226 km / < 1%
— naturalne / 3 375 km / 3%
— rolne / 72 938 km / 65%
— rolno-leśne / 24 228 km / 22%
— rolno-zantropogenizowane / 694 km / < 1%
— zantropogenizowane / 338 km / < 1%



0 75 150 300 km

Wetlands Green Life


"Restoration and preservation of marshlands, peatlands and wetlands in Natura 2000 and Green Infrastructure areas"

LIFE PROJECT



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- Reference: LIFE21-IPN-PL-WETLANDS GREEN LIFE/101069640
 - Acronym: LIFE21-IPN-PL-WETLANDS GREEN LIFE
 - Start Date: 01/12/2022
 - End Date: 30/11/2032
 - Total Eligible Budget: 35,943,587 €
 - EU Contribution: 21,566,152 €

ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

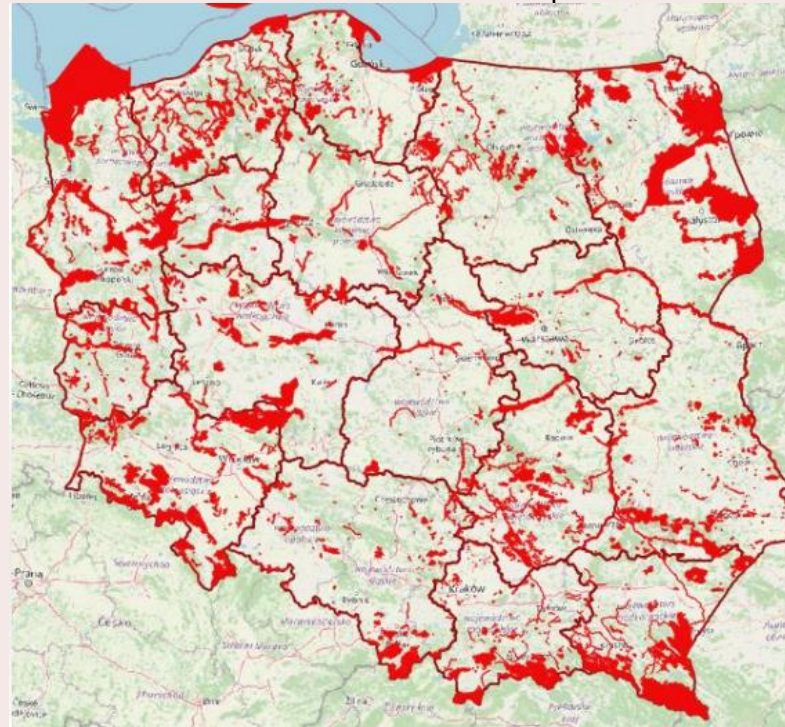
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- Establishment of conditions for the implementation of effective wetland protection
 - Coordination of the efforts of the institutions involved
 - Active protection in a system of complementary projects
 - Education, promotion, small grants

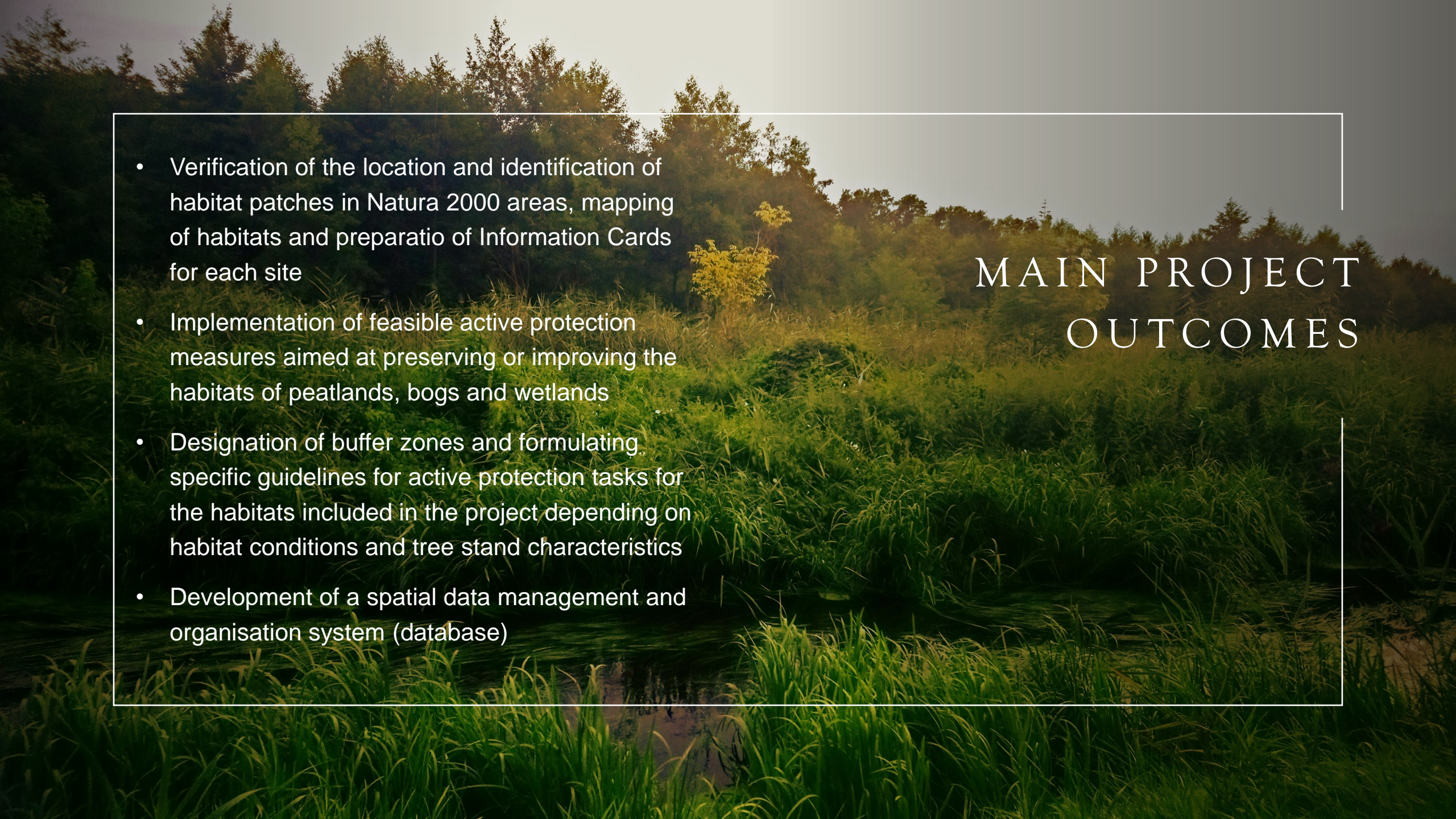
PROJECT ASSUMPTIONS

Phase 2023 – 2028
Approx. 240,000 ha

Phase 2029 – 2031
Approx. 400,000 ha

PROJECT COVERAGE



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- Verification of the location and identification of habitat patches in Natura 2000 areas, mapping of habitats and preparatio of Information Cards for each site
 - Implementation of feasible active protection measures aimed at preserving or improving the habitats of peatlands, bogs and wetlands
 - Designation of buffer zones and formulating specific guidelines for active protection tasks for the habitats included in the project depending on habitat conditions and tree stand characteristics
 - Development of a spatial data management and organisation system (database)

MAIN PROJECT OUTCOMES

A dragonfly with a brown and yellow body and transparent wings is shown in flight over a field of green grass. The dragonfly is positioned in the lower-left quadrant of the frame. The background is a soft-focus green field with some white flowers visible in the upper-left. A white rectangular border is superimposed on the right side of the image, containing the text.

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