

System of management planning:

example from Hungary



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Management measures of protected areas/Natura 2000 sites

Collaboration

- Administrative (law enforcement)
- Contractual (rural development)
- Consensual (management plans: preparation, implementation)

Categories mixed up in the practice.

Management plans *administrative or consensual?*

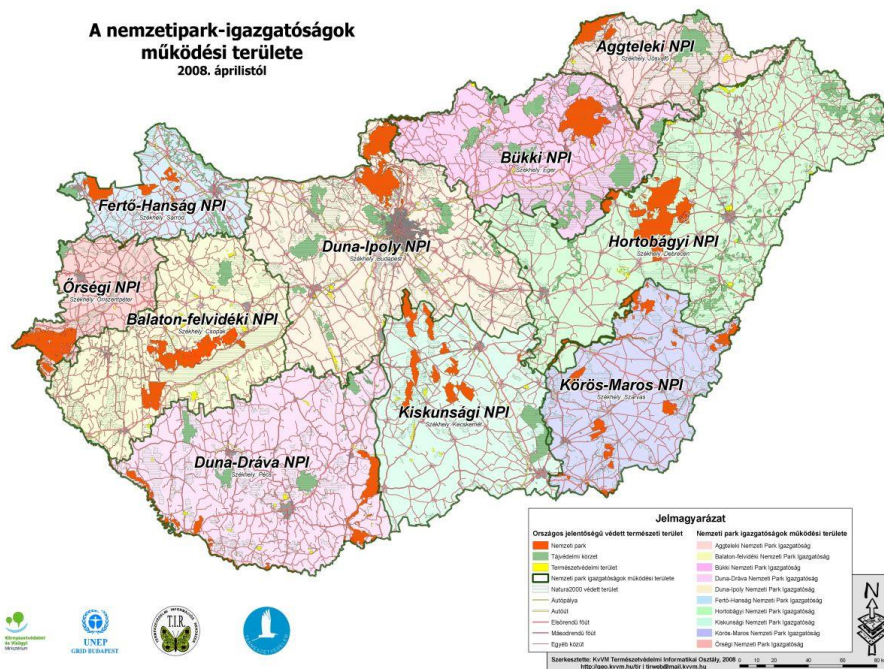
Management plans for protected areas and/or Natura 2000 sites are legally binding in some countries

➤ Advantages

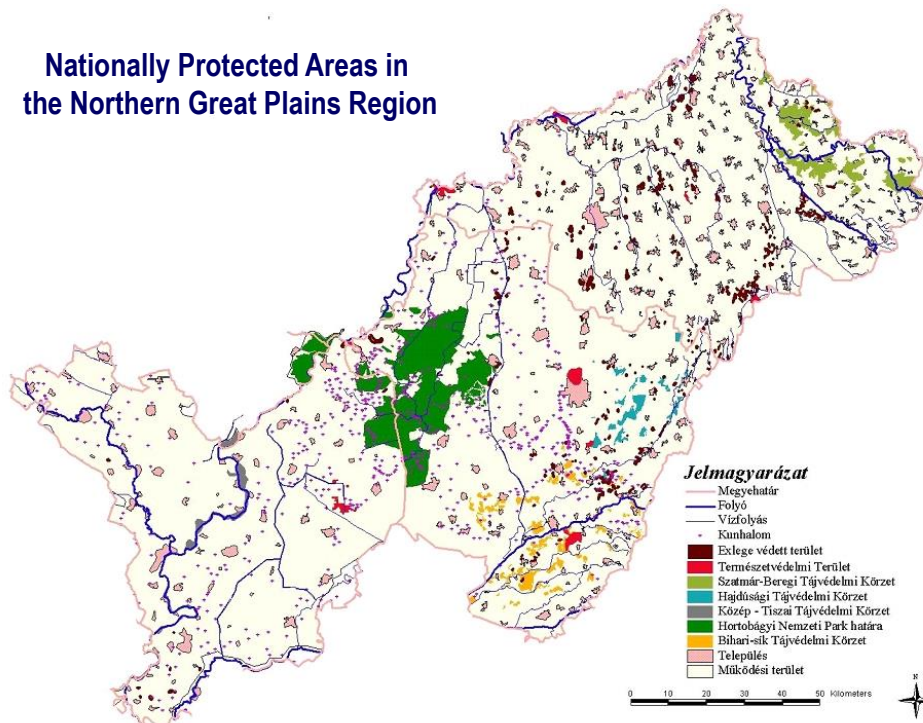
- *obligatory rules to be applied by everyone*
- *easy to implement/reinforce by the authorities*

➤ Disadvantages

- *difficult and time consuming to get it approved*
- *losing flexibility to change according to monitoring results*
- *resistance by stakeholders, e.g. land owners and users*
- *positive measures, other than rules and restrictions (e.g. restoration or action plans) cannot be included*



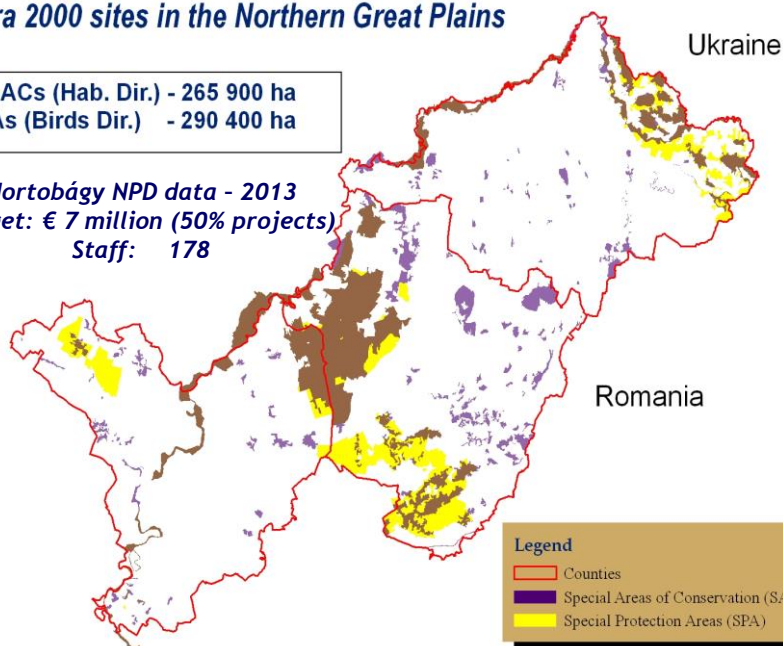
Nationally Protected Areas in the Northern Great Plains Region



Natura 2000 sites in the Northern Great Plains

120 SACs (Hab. Dir.) - 265 900 ha
6 SPAs (Birds Dir.) - 290 400 ha

Hortobágy NPD data - 2013
Budget: € 7 million (50% projects)
Staff: 178



PA management plans in Hungary

Law on the protection of nature (1996)

Ministerial order (2001) on the content and preparation of PA management plans

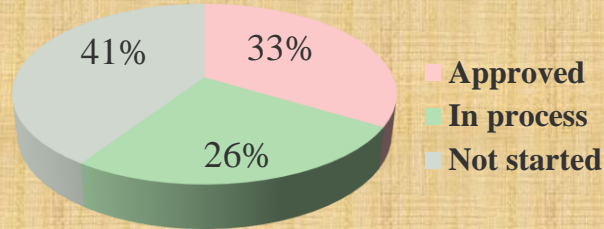
- can be drafted exclusively by national park directorates
- 1+6 pages, appendix based on early EUROSITE guidelines (useful only for small PAs)
- 3 parts of the complete documentation: *preparatory documentation, detailed plan, management plan*
- new PA designations with management plan only, which should be part of the designating ministerial order

Preparation and approval process

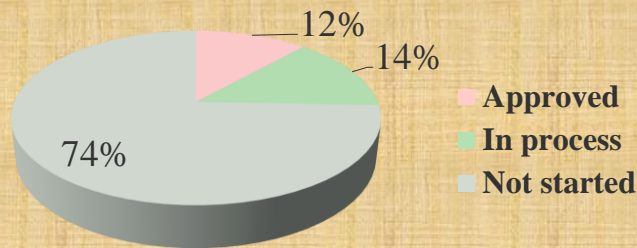


State of the play in 2015

I. Number of sites



II. Area covered (ha)



Lessons learned

- management plans should not be monographies
- our plans are rather complete than useful, not focused enough
- preparation and approval process too bureaucratic, easy to block
- objectives are not clear for stakeholders, they see only restrictions
- natural processes do not consider legal acts, need for flexibility
- weak or no relation with short/medium/long term budget planning

Recommendations

- keep bureaucracy on the minimum
- define the minimum content for the given PA or N2K site, with relevant chapters only
- **focus on clearly identified, easily understandable management goals**
- use outsiders (e.g. NGOs) for drafting and negotiations
- **identify stakeholders (groups) at the beginning and involve them in drafting as early as possible** – consensual approach
- accept other than conservation goals as part of the plan
- **plan the management actions financially as much as possible in detail, on a project basis**

Idle-Bines: *Management Planning for Protected Areas*
- a guide for practitioners and their bosses -
enquiries@english-nature.org.uk





Natura 2000 site management plans

- legally not binding documents
- can be drafted by others than national park directorates (e.g. relevant NGOs)
- no official approval procedure, but
- early involvement of stakeholders
- for more than 70% of the sites are ready
- required only 1,5 years
- more flexible
- more focused (annex species and habitats)
- include less restrictions, more opportunities

**European Regional Development Fund
in Hungary 2007-2013**

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Northern Lowland Regional Operative Programme

Priority 2: *Tourism infrastructure development*

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Budget: € 200 million (for the region)

Putting electric wirelines under the ground









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Regional Operative Programme: Ecotourism infrastructure development



Narrow-gauge railway at the fishponds



Hortobágy Wildlife Park



What's next?

- 86 N2k site management ready,
- operative programmes are in place, or under approval
- minimum 100 million € allocated
- project first drafts are prepared by the park directorates

...there is nothing against making the plans a reality.

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