

Progress report

1 Information about the project

1.1 Title of the project	"Fostering the protection of the Sava River and its floodplains – Sava Parks"
1.2 Reference no. according to contract	HR-14-153-23
1.3 Reporting period	01/01/2016 – 30/09/2016

2 Progress Report

Please make sure to consider the definitions of the underlined terms as specified in the Guidance at the end of this document.

2.1 Summary of the project developments in the reporting period

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According to the objective 3.2. LPNPPI has the task to monitor the projects implementation with the HDZPP and EuroNatur, but it was agreed with HDZPP to split the monitoring of the pilot projects geographically. LPNPPI monitored:

AT. 3.2.1. Pilot Nature Conservation implemented

1. "Sava bats project" "Natura Slavonica", Slavonski Brod, SavaParks Guiding Principles - Nature Conservation - Temporal Flooding and Traditioanl & extensive land use practices

Monitoring:

26/04/2016 – Slavonski Brod, meeting in Slavonski Brod, filed work on the pilot bats sites

28/09/2016 – Slavonski Brod, participation on the final presentation of the project

2. "Miraculous Forest Žutica" - "Green Ring" – Public Institution of Zagreb County,

Zagreb, SavaParks Guiding Principles - Nature Conservation - Temporal Flooding

Monitoring:

19/08/2016 – Samobor, “Green Ring” Zagreb County and Sisak-Moslavina County, control of project

31/08/2016 – Ivanić Grad, “Green Ring” Zagreb County, participation on the final presentation of the project

AT. 3.2.2. Pilot restoration projects implemented

1. “Revitalization and promotion of biodiversity and natural retention – NATURA2000 site Odransko Polje”, Public Institution for the Management of the PA of Sisak-Moslavina County, SavaParks Guiding Principles - II - River & Floodplain rehabilitation and climate change adaptation and mitigation 1. River and Floodplain Rehabilitation to halt loss of biodiversity and cultural heritage, III - Sustainable Development 1. Protection of natural, cultural and historical heritage

Monitoring:

19/08/2016 – Sisak-Moslavina Count, control of project, field work

AT.3.2.3. Pilot sustainable development implemented

1. “Last chance for the Podolians”, Brod Ecological Society, Slavonski Brod, SavaParks Guiding Principles III - Sustainable Development - Traditional Land Use & related products

Monitoring:

26/04/2016 - meeting with stakeholders in Oprisavci, field work on the Gajna pasture

29/09/2016 –Oprisavci, around table/final conference with stakeholders, and field work

AT4.1.1. Project outcomes summarized and reported

Pilot projects of all four institutions are finished up to 30th September 2016.

Report of supervision for „Last chance for the Podolians” of Brod Ecological Society in Annex 1

Report of supervision for „Sava bats project” of “Natura Slavonica” in Annex 2

Report of supervision for “Revitalization and promotion of biodiversity and natural retention – NATURA2000 site Odransko Polje” of Sisak-Moslavina County in Annex 3

Report of supervision for “Miraculous Forest Žutica” of “Green Ring” in Annex 4

2.2 Please describe the <u>activities</u> implemented in the reporting period in relation to the expected <u>results</u> and <u>objectives</u>.
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2.3 Please describe the progress achieved in the reporting period in relation to the expected <u>results</u> and <u>objectives</u> of the project.
All four pilot projects met the expected results according to the project objectives.
2.4 What were main successes in the reporting period?
Exchange of experiences and knowledges, learning about other pilot projects.
2.5 What were main setbacks and challenges in the reporting period?
No setbacks.

2.6 Please reflect on the project implementation so far and assess to what extent the objectives have been achieved. Please also describe which changes were necessary and why.

1. In the frame of “Last chance for the Podolians” a several meetings with various stakeholders have been organized. Participation of the representatives from the Ministry of Agriculture, Croatian Agency of State Owner Land and Agency for Financial Support in Agricultural production, Fishery and Rural Development was usefull in order to discuss on further development of the legislative on common pastures along the Sava River.
2. SavaParks network was presented through the working groups during the meeting of the Sava Water Council in Belgrade in February 2016.
3. Promotion of Gudining principal on the SWC meeting

2.7 Lessons learned and their relevance for your work.

Research results on the bat species along the Sava River
 SAVAPARKS network is a very good platform for exchange of knowledge.
 Possibilities to presen

2.8 Remarks on financial management

Please describe major changes and why they were necessary.

2.9 Outlook on the next reporting period

Please outline the main activities and challenges for the next reporting period.

3 Final Report

3.1 ADDITIONAL FOR FINAL REPORT: General summary of the project implementation

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Lonjsko Polje Nature Park Public Institution signed a contract with HDZPP and EuroNatur as a part of the project team in the beginning of 2014. Responsibility was to implement the proposed activities which are mainly focused on the establishment of the SavaParks network, guiding principles on the nature conservation, river restoration and sustainable development, monitoring of indicator species, pilot project restoration and presentation and promotion of the SavaParks network.

Since then, 20 institutions for management of the protected areas along the Sava River from four Sava River countries - Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia formed a strong network with a common goal in the preservation of floodplain and riverine ecosystem and biodiversity.

LPNPPI has actively participated in all phases in forming network, organization of the kick-off meeting in Krapje and other meetings in Zagreb and Una NP as well as the preparation of the SavaParks documents – SavaParks Memorandum, Declaration on the SavaParks Network and Guiding Principles (all minutes from the meetings and press conference have been sent according to contracted timeframe).

In 2015, during the meeting in Novi Sad the network members agreed to develop a follow up SavaParks project by preparing the proposal planned to be applicable on the Call of the Danube Transnational Programme. Deadline for the upcoming activities were included in the Novi Sad minutes:

- 1) By 15th June 2015 send to all project partners:
 - Project proposal with detailed description of WPs
 - form for evaluation of the proposed project activities
 - form for basic information on each project partner
- 2) By 30th July 2015 project partners should send their decision on the participation in the call for DTP

On the LPNPPI internal meeting on 15/06/2015 it was decided that Goran Gugić assumes the implementation of the activities related to the ongoing SavaParks project and application for the future SavaParks project for the Danube Transnational Programme Call. In August 2015 Goran Gugić left his job in Institution. In that time and because a lot of other urgent nature park activities and ongoing national projects that should be finished by the end of 2015 it was not possible to appoint other employee to work on the future Savaparks project application. **It was stated that it is never problem to implement the contracted activities as a project core team. It is a problem to take over a lead role and to find a working time and employee who will work on the follow up project application of the Savaparks Network. Therefore, it was decided to withdraw from the project core team and participate in the Savaparks network as a partner and member organization only.**

3.2 Outputs of the project Please list the main products of the project, e.g. workshops held, documents, policy papers, public relation material and describe how they were used.
<u>Workshops</u> 27-28/06/2014 Kick-off Meeting organized and held 06-07/11/2014 1 st Meeting in Una NP held 02-03/02/2015 2 nd Meeting in Zagreb organized and held 01-02/06/2015 3 rd Meeting in Novi Sad held 31/05-01/06/2016 4 th Meeting in Kozjanski Park NP held <u>Documents</u> Memorandum of Outstanding signed Declaration on the Sava River Basin Protected Areas Network – SAVAPARKS signed SavaParks Guiding Principles on Nature Conservation, River Rehabilitation and Flood Prevention and Sustainable Regional Development <u>Promotion</u> 01/06/2015 Zagreb, media 30/05/2015 Novi Sad, media February 2016 Belgrade, printed guiding principles
3.3 Outcomes of the project Please describe the immediate observed effects of the project in relation to direct threats and factors leading to direct threats.

3.4 Impact of the project

Please explain how the project has changed the problems addressed in this project in relation to the conservation targets. Please also explain the state before and after project implementation in relation to the goals you formulated.

Establishment of the Sava River Protected Areas Network – SAVAPARKS is the first international and transboundary organization/network for the protection of Sava River and its floodplains.

3.5 Outlook

Please outline how you will make use of the outputs and outcomes of the project in the future and how you will continue to address the issues of the project.

Participation in establishing of future SavaParks project as a network member/partner

4 Guidance

Please make sure to use of the following definitions in your application (based on the Open Standards for the Practice of Conservation¹):

Activity	A specific action or set of tasks undertaken by project staff and/or partners to reach one or more objectives. Sometimes called an action, intervention, response, or strategic action.
Conservation Target	An element of biodiversity at a project site, which can be a species, habitat, or ecological system that a project has chosen to focus on. All targets at a site should collectively represent the biodiversity of concern at the site.
Direct Threats	Primarily human actions that immediately degrade one or more conservation targets.
Factors	A generic term for an element of a conceptual model including direct and indirect threats, opportunities, and associated stakeholders. It is often advantageous to use this generic term since many factors – for example tourism – could be both a threat and an opportunity. Also known as root causes or drivers.
Goal	A formal statement detailing a desired impact of a project, such as the desired future status of a target in the long-term. A good goal meets the criteria of being linked to targets, impact oriented, measurable, time limited, and specific.
Impact	The desired future state of a conservation target.
Objective	Objectives are formal statements of the outcomes or intermediate results and desired changes that you believe are necessary to attain your goals. Objectives specify the desired changes in direct and indirect threats and opportunities that you would like to achieve in the short and medium term. A good objective meets the criteria of being results oriented, measurable, time limited, specific, and practical. Indicators
Outcome	The desired future state of a threat or opportunity factor.
Result	The desired future state of a target or factor. Results include impacts which are linked to targets and outcomes which are linked to threats and opportunities.

¹ <http://cmp-openstandards.org/>