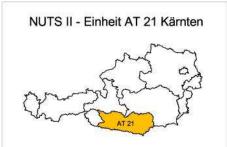


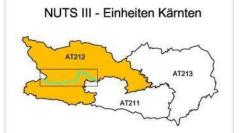
LIFE Upper Drau River

Project Area: 976 ha

Project Length: 69 km

Project Duration: 2006 - 2011











UPPER DRAU PROFILE

Protection status: Natura 2000, European

protected area Size: 1,060 hectare Length: 68.5 km

Altitude: 540 - 620 meters above sea level

Run-off (water level Sachsenburg):

- Mean-flow conditions: 73.8 m³/s

Mean annual high waters: 391.2 m³/s

- 100-year flood waters: 1,029 m³/s

River bed width: 20 - 60 m Gradient: 1.5 - 2.9 %

Regime type: **nivo-glacial** i.e. fed from snow and glaciers, maximum run-off in June River course (until 1870):

branched, oscillating, naturally stretched

River course to-date: stretched to arched Biological water quality: I-II

Fish region: grayling region

Municipalities: Oberdrauburg, Irschen, Dellach, Berg, Greifenburg, Steinfeld, Kleblach-Lind, Sachsenburg, Lurnfeld, Lendorf, Baldramsdorf, Spittal / Dr.

River Widening Obergottesfeld

Problems

Narrowing of the river course after 65/66 floods

Degradation of the river bed

Loss of retention areas

Objectives

Stabilizing of the river bed and improving of flood protection

Preservation of retention areas

Increase of bed load input

FLOOD PROTECTION









River Widening Obergottesfeld













River Widening Rosenheim

Problems

Loss of terrestrial and wetland habitats

Loss of rare species

Conflicts in land use (agriculture – river ecology)

Objectives

Increasing of hydrological dynamics

Creation of pristine habitats

Stabilization of groundwater level









WETLAND ECOLOGY

River Widening Rosenheim











Side Channel St. Peter/Amlach

Problems

Loss of riverine habitats

Reduction of fish biomass and typical species

Monotonous river course

Objectives

Increasing of morphological dynamics

Creation of new (dynamic) habitats









RIVER ECOLOGY

Side Channel St. Peter/Amlach











Public awareness - recreation

Problems

Reduced accessibility

Reduced public awareness

Objectives

Improving visitor information

Creation of recreation areas

International co-operation with experts along the Drau River corridor











Public awareness - recreation

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DECLARATION

concerning comman approaches to water management, flood protection, hydropower utilization and nature and biadiversity conservation in the Drava River basin

Bacad on the holding, from 22 to 25 September 2008 in Moriber, Slevenia, at the international Sympocium "Drava River Victor", in which representatives from water management and nature conservation bodies, education institutions and non-government arganizations (NGOs) from the Drava River riportion states tolky, Austria, Slevenia, Croatia and Hungary participated,

in response to popular demand for the protection and maintenance of the riverine landscape of the Drava River across the different national borders concerned, and in order to strive for a good status of the river,

aspiring to support and strengthen existing strong common approaches to water management, flood protection, hydropower utilization and biodiversity conservation in the river basin.

affirming our intention to cooperate in the conservation, administration and further appropriate development of the Drava River and its associated topographical, hydrological and ecological systems,

To secure the values and ecological functions of the Drava River basin for generations to come, WE AGREE the following ten objectives as priorities for the future:

- 1. To promote the Drava River as a model for integrated implementation of EU policies on water and nature protection
- To enhance flood protection through the improvement of flood warning systems and through increased information exchange
- 3. To enhance flood protection through protection and restoration of water retention areas along the Drave River
- 4. To continue and further develop restoration of the Drava River and its floodplains
- 5. To maintain and further develop the Drava River as an "ecological backbone"
- 6. To re-establish the ecological connectivity of the Drava River for migratory fish
- 7. To establish the Drava River as a cross-border recreation area
- 8. To use opportunities for the Drava River to be a connecting lifeline for different nations
- 9. To undertake integrated river basin management rather than fragmented sectoral measures
- 10. To undertake further development of the Drava River area in partnership with its resident human populations

Signed as a signal for full support at the Drava River Vision Symposium, by the Heads of Delegation of the International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River from the Danubian States Austria, Croatia, Hungary and Slovenia and by the Director of the Department for Hydraulic Ringeneering of Bolzano, South-Fyrol in Italy.

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Budolf Pollinger Italian Representative

and adopted by the Participants at the Drava River Vision Sym Maribor, 23^{-1} - 25° September 2008.

Let us join forces in the conservation and sustainable develop functioning as a corridor of recovery in the heart of Europe!





















Project Partner





