

Sustainability – Impact of EU Accession in New
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How EU Policies Influenced Biodiversity Conservation in Slovenia

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ACCESSION





Civil Society Involvement

ACCESSION
NEGOTIATIONS

TECHNICAL ADAPTATIONS

TRANSPOSITION
of the Habitat and Bird Directive
(full and correct)

DESIGNATION OF
NATURA 2000

SCIENTIFIC SUPPORT
BIOGEOGR. SEMINARS

IMPLEMENTATION

MANAGEMENT OF SITES
ASSESSMENT
FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS
MONITORING
REPORTING
COMPLAINT PROCEDURE

COMMUNICATION!!

Accession process



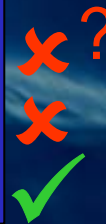
ACCESSION TREATY



SCREENING PROCES
MULTILATERAL (EC - SI)
BILATERAL (SI - EC)



NEGOTIATIONS
EXCEPTIONS
TRANSITIONAL PERIODS
TECHNICAL ADAPTATIONS



Technical adaptations

Additions to the Annexes:

- national interest
- meet criteria
- is it already covered
- find the right way
 - Habitats manual
 - proposal for addition



Transposition

Regulation –
direct implementation

Directive –
transposition



EU NATURE
CONSERVATION POLICY
(Wild Bird Directive &
Habitats Directive)



HABITAT
CONSERVATION
(NATURA 2000)

Habitats Directive
Art. 6
Annex I, II

Bird Directive
Art. 3 & 4
Annex I + some
migrat. species



PROTECTION OF SPECIES

Habitats Directive
Art. 12
Annex IV, V

Bird Directive
Art. 5 & 6
All species except
Annex II, III

MEMBER STATES LEGISLATION
(full and correct transposition of the Birds and Habitats
Directive)
+
other conservation measures

Designation process

BIRDS DIRECTIVE

SPA

HABITATS DIRECTIVE

pSCI

INFRINGEMENT

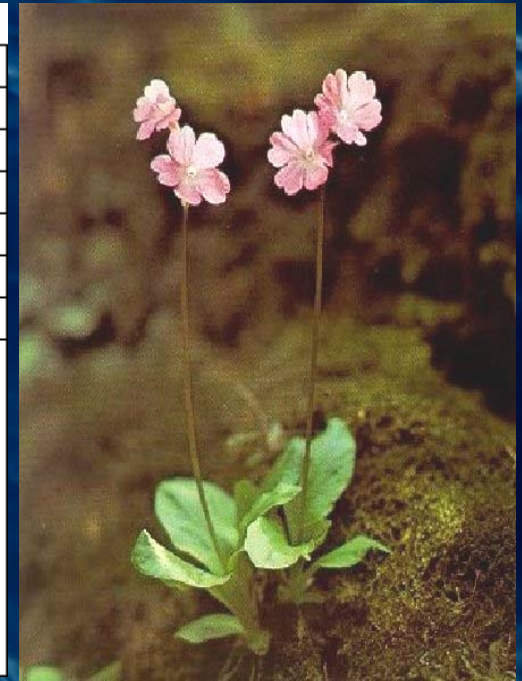
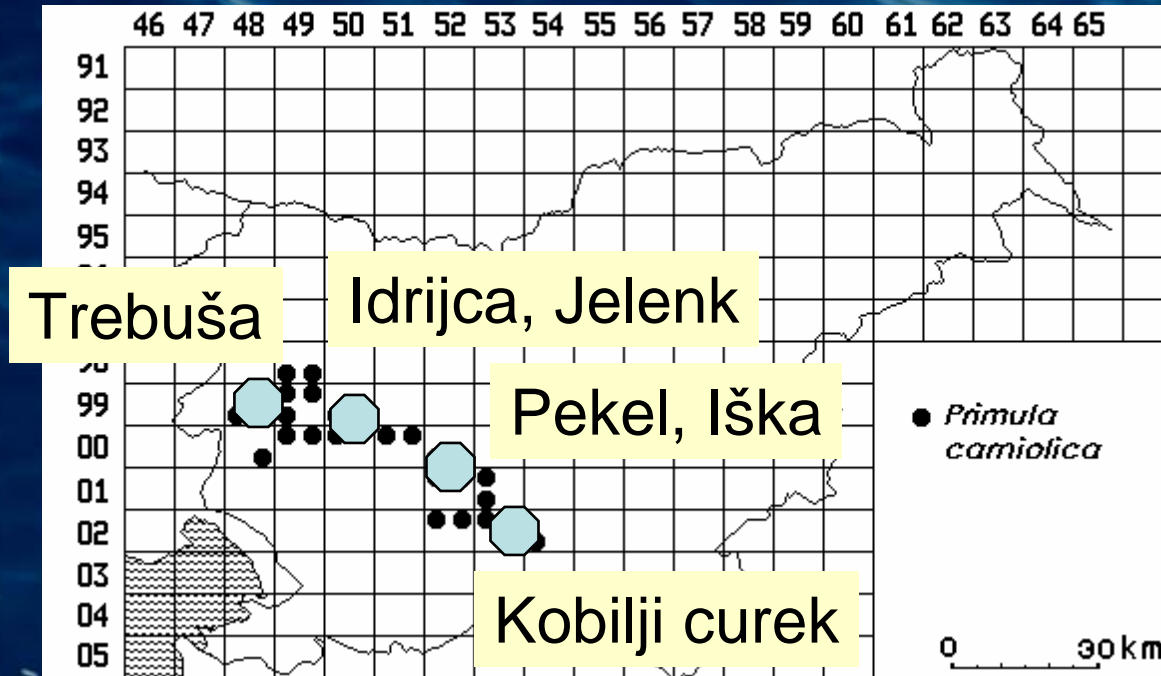


SAC

SCI

BIOGEOGRAPHICAL SEMINARS

Example – *Primula carniolica*



Distribution of *Primula carniolica*

How many Natura 2000 sites are needed?

- only scientific criteria for selection on the basis of existing data
- proportion of Natura 2000 is proportional to the biodiversity of the country (more biodiversity, more Natura 2000 needed!)
- prediction (managability, natural processes...)

Biogeographical seminar



INDEPENDENT
EXPERTS



EUROPEAN
COMMISSION



EEA/ETC Biodiversity
(technical support)

landowners
(ELO)

proposal
pSCI

NGO
(Biodiversity
Forum)



MEMBER
STATE

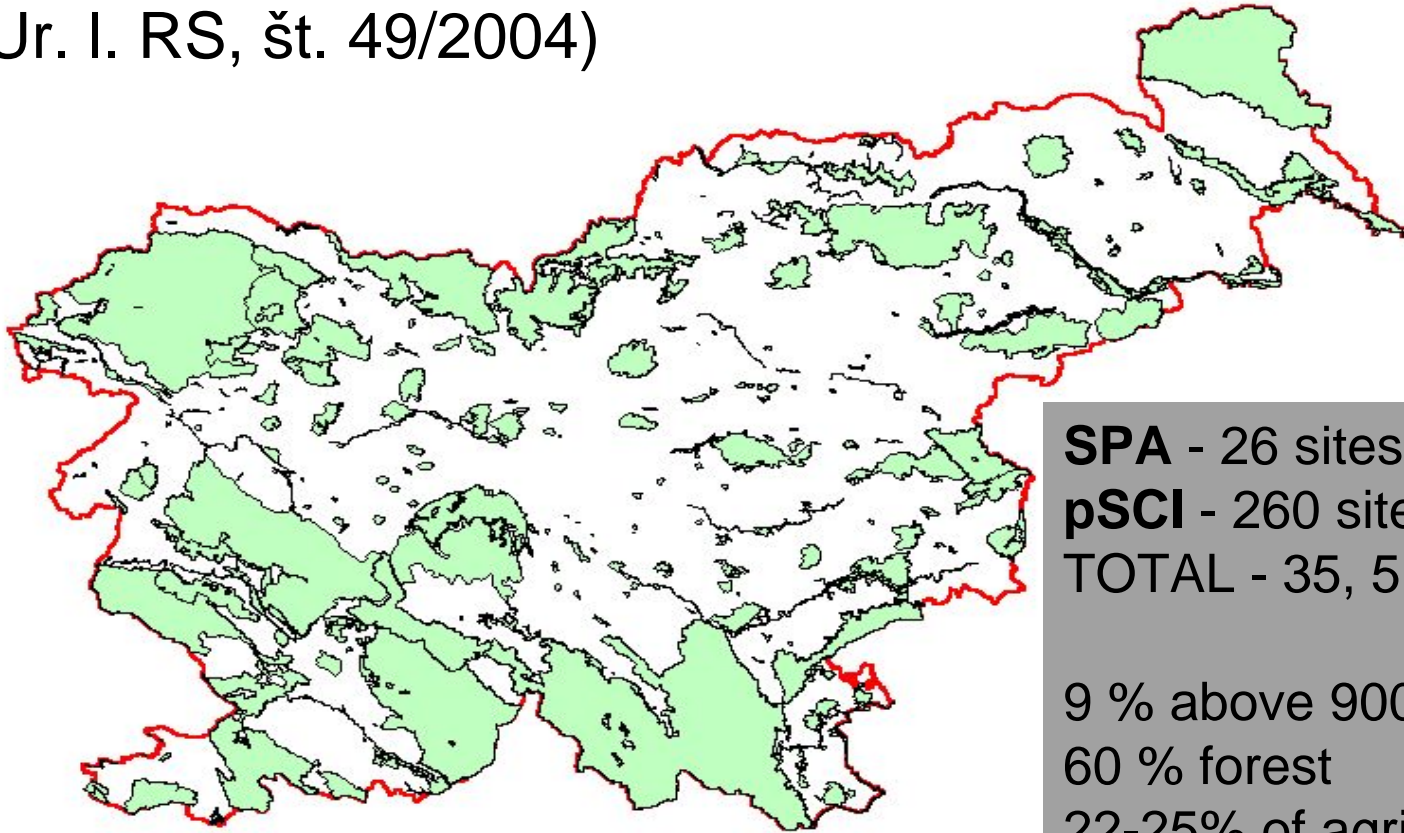


Larger or smaller areas?

- smaller areas for stable and special habitat types or species (e.g. serpentin rocks flora)
- larger areas for dynamic ecosystems and mobile species (e.g. river ecosystems, grasslands...)
 - easier to implement and adapt to changes (including climate)
 - more possibilities with assessments

Natura 2000 in Slovenia

Governmental Decree 29.4.2004
(Ur. l. RS, št. 49/2004)



SPA - 26 sites (22,8 %)

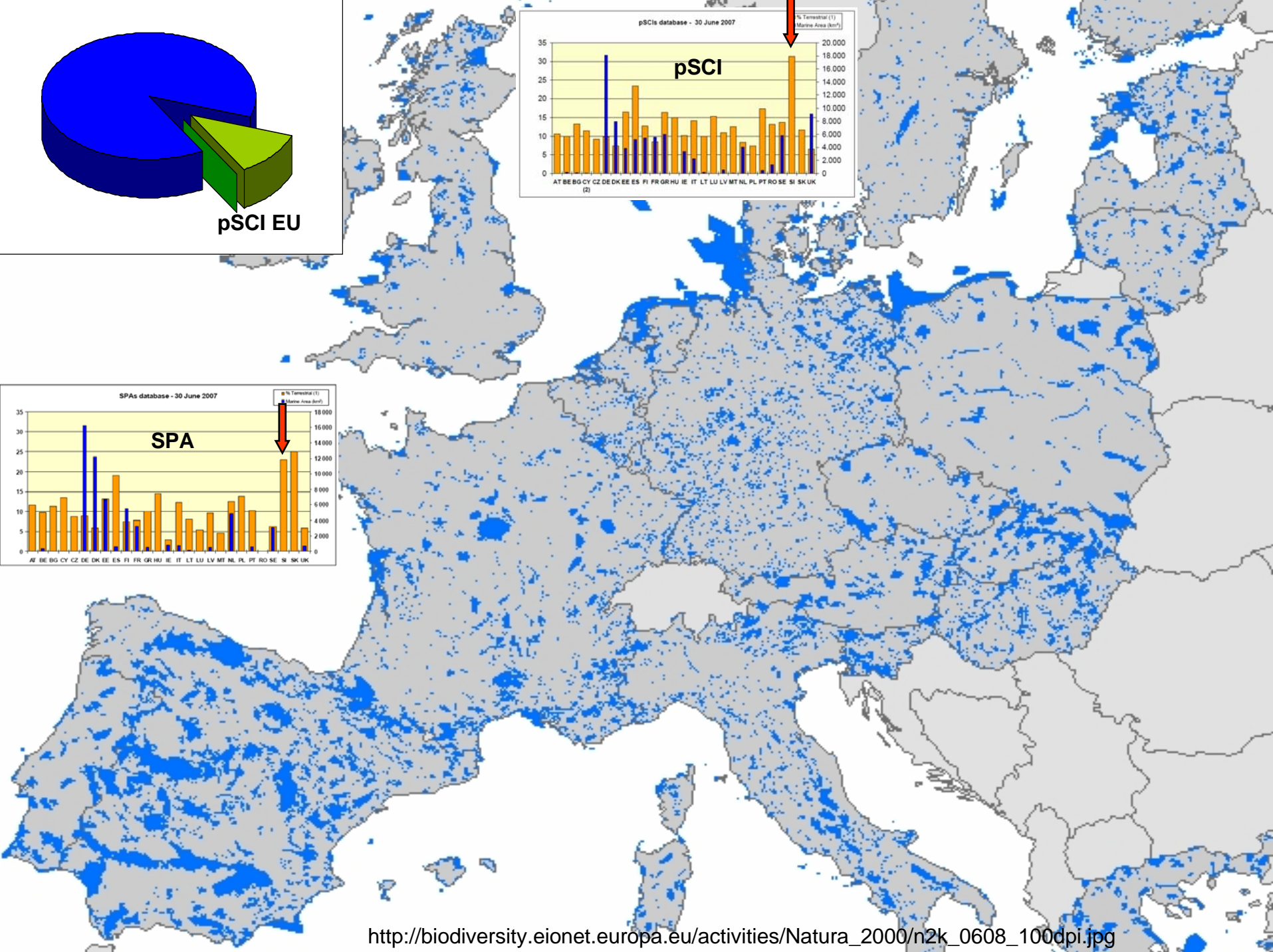
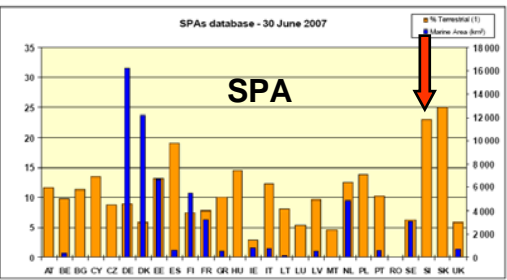
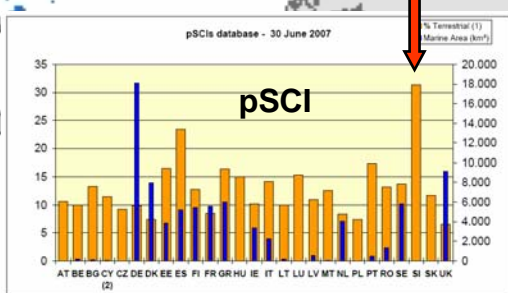
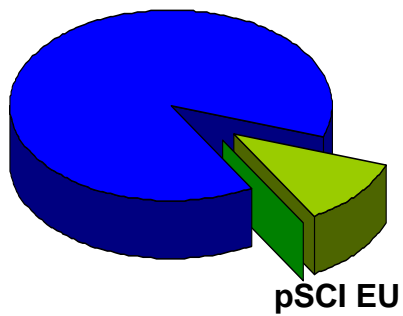
pSCI - 260 sites (31,6 %)

TOTAL - 35,5 %

9 % above 900 m

60 % forest

22-25% of agricultural land



Implementation (Art. 6)

Avoid deterioration - Art. 6(2) – for proposals as well!

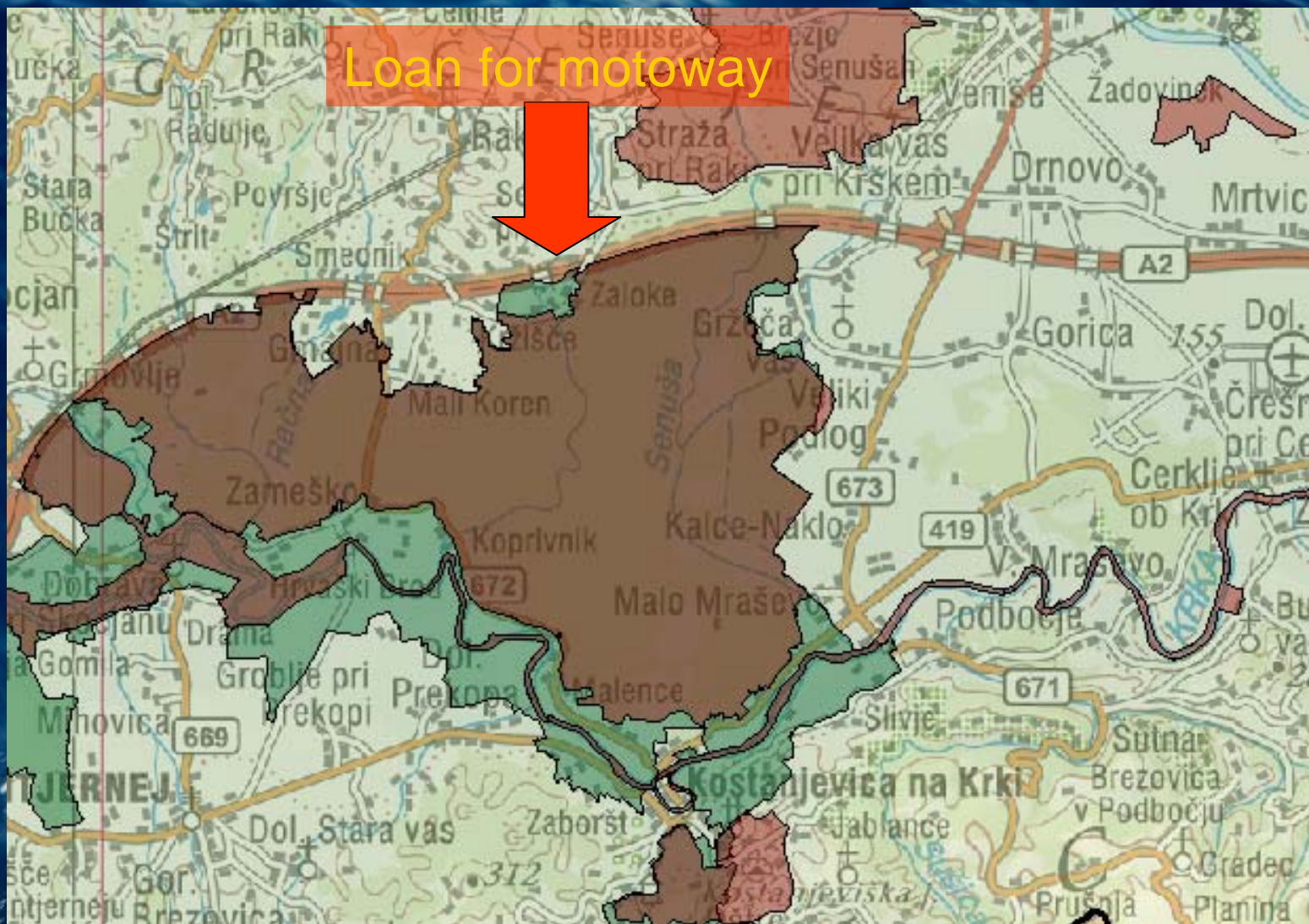
ASSESSMENT
PROCEDURE
Art. 6 (3)(4)

MEASURES – Art 6 (1):

- statutory
- administrative
- contractual
- (appropriate management plans)

INTEGRATION
COMMUNICATION

EU investment funds and Natura 2000



Implementation – integration in other sectors

EU policy is to integrate nature conservation (WBD & FFH D) in other sectors (Cardiff process)

Most important integrations:

- Common Agricultural Policy (direct payments & Rural Development Programme)
- Regional Development
- Water Framework Directive
- Common Fisheries Policy

Implementation – integration in other sectors

Forestry

- Rural Development Regulation now offers funding for nature conservation in forests.

Important - 6 year cycle, if NC is not properly included, it is not for 6 (3) years

Operational Programme (2007-13)

Bringing answers to questions:

WHAT & WHY?

**DETAILED
CONSERVATION
GOALS
FOR EACH
NATURA 2000
SITE**

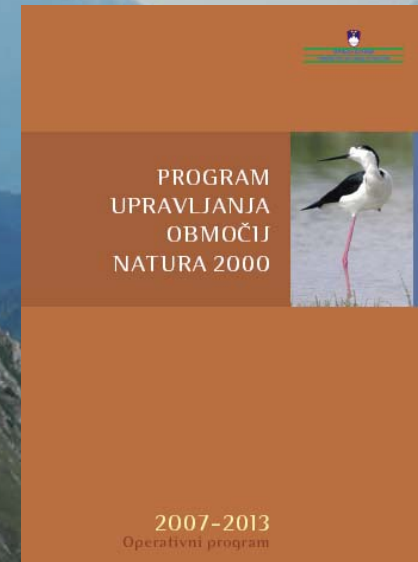
HOW?

**CONSERVATION
MEASURES
(+ investm.,
incentives)**

WHERE?

RELEVANT SECTORS.

**INTERAKTIV
ATLAS**



WHO?

Objectives in the Natura 2000 operational programme

Most important:

- objectives for each Natura 2000 site in relation to forestry, hunting, fishing, agri-environment, water management and nature conservation measures, designated for each species and/or habitat type
- list of investments to enhance nature protection (info centres, cycling paths,...)

Main groups of measures

- 1. Nature conservation (e.g. protected areas)**
- 2. sustainable use of natural resources in sectorial plans (forestry, hunting, fishing)**
- 3. adaptation in agricultural programmes (agrienv. measures 2007-2013)**
- 4. water management (planning)**
- 5. other measures**

Complaint procedure



INFORMAL PHASE

MEMBER
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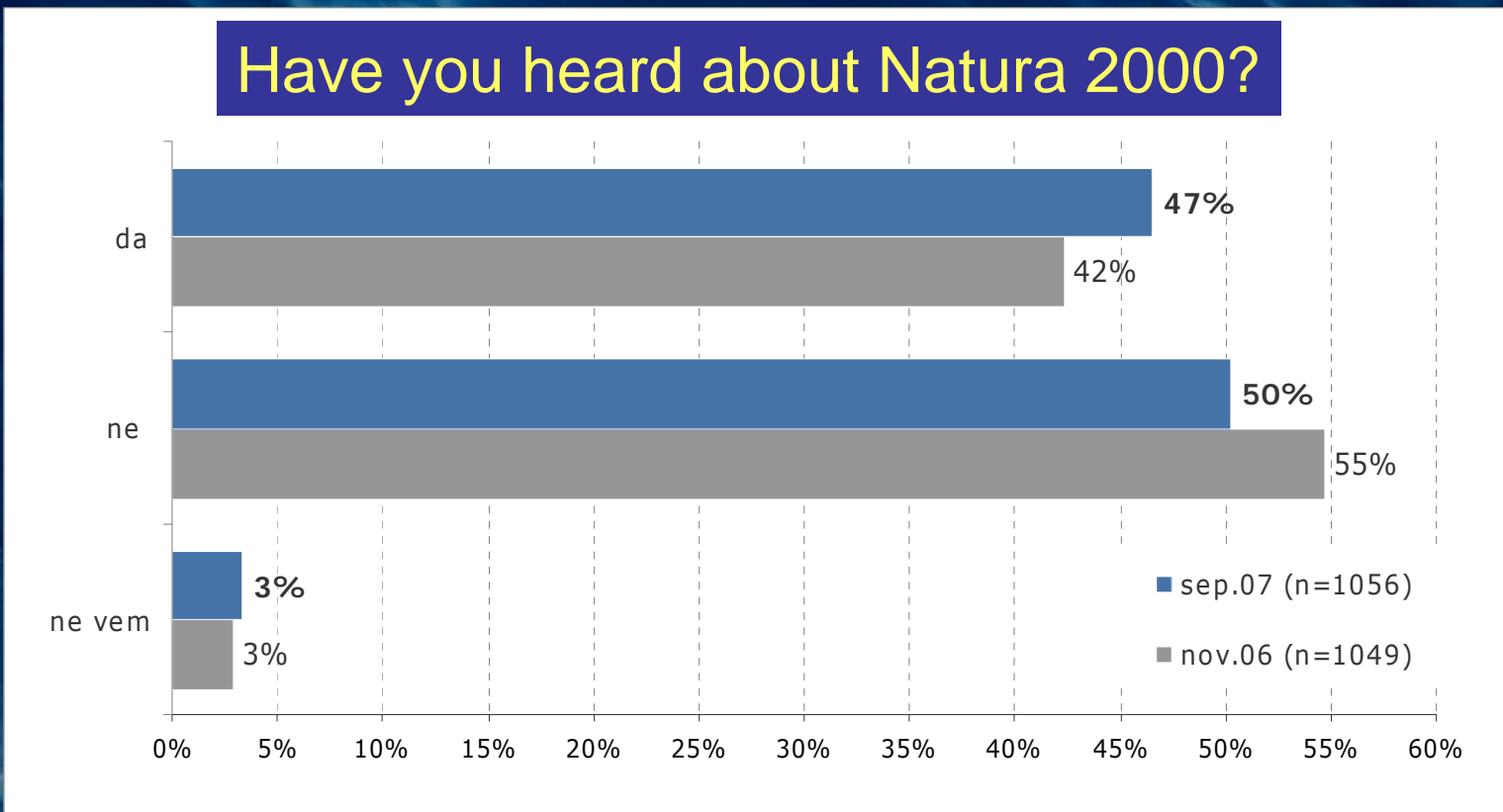
FORMAL INFRINGEMENT
Letter of formal notice
Reasoned opinion



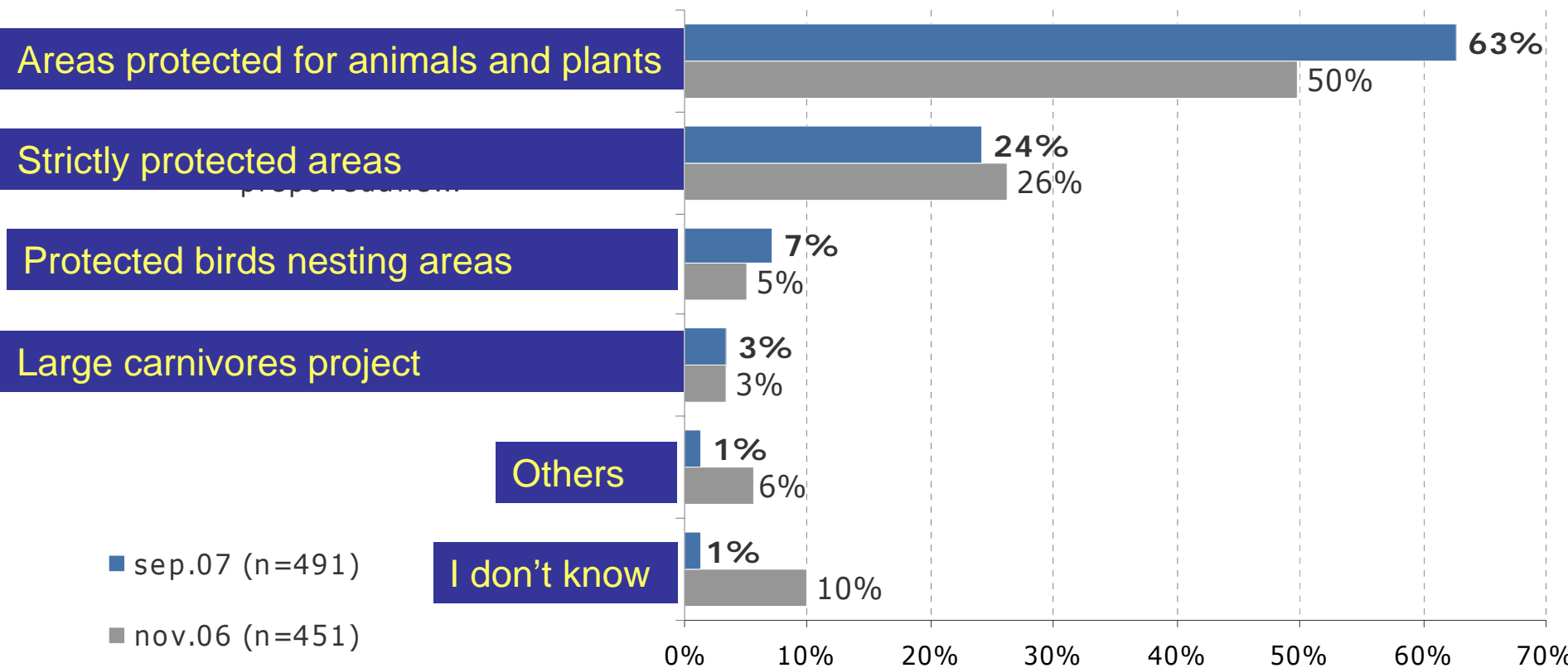
Basic Myths on Natura 2000

- NATURA 2000 = protected area
 - protected areas are one of the measures to reach the goals of the Natura 2000
- in Natura 2000 areas there are no activities ('no-go' areas)
 - all activities are possible if assessment proves that they have no significant effect on species and habitat types that were reason for designation
- Member state is passing the suverenity of Natura 2000 areas to the Brusels administration
 - European Commission is checking if national legislation is implemented correctly.

Communication - public response



What is Natura 2000?



Conclusions

POSITIVE

- better legislation
- better implementation
- (+) image for nature conservation
- big opportunity for mobilisation

NEGATIVE

- emphasise on Natura 2000, neglecting other instruments
- (-) image for nature conservation

AND BIODIVERSITY?

ECONOMY IS MORE AGGRESSIVE
THAN NATURE CONSERVATION
EFFECTIVENESS

More information


Natura 2000 - Microsoft Internet Explorer

Datoteka Urejanje Pogled Prijubljene Orodja Pomoč

http://www.natura2000.gov.si

Naslov http://www.natura2000.gov.si/

Google

 **Biseri slovenske narave**

• Domov • Vprašanja in odgovori • English

Iskalnik IŠČI

O Naturi 2000 Aktualno Območja, vrste, habitatni tipi Zabavno Knjižnica Za medije

Aktualno

ATLAS OKOLJA - Microsoft Internet Explorer

Datoteka Urejanje Pogled Prijubljene Orodja Pomoč

http://gis.arso.gov.si/atlasokolja/profile.aspx?id=Atlas_Okolja_AVL@Arso

ATLAS OKOLJA AGENCIJA RS ZA OKOLJE

gis-help.arso@gov.si

Metapodatki

0 km 50 km 100 km 150 km 200 km 250 km

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GKY: 616036 GKX: 168351 Merilo 1: 1637364

Interactive map

sloji iskanje info nast. legenda

Trenutno vidni sloji:

- Prostorske enote
 - Državna meja
 - Upravne enote
- Merilna mesta
 - Državna mreža potresnih opa
 - Podtalnica (AMP)
 - Monitoring kakovosti morja
 - Kakovost površinskih voda
 - Hidrološke meritve na površin
 - Kakovost izvirov
 - Kakovost jezer
 - Kakovost zunanjega zraka
 - Kopalne vode
 - Podtalnica
 - Kakovost površinskih voda (A
 - Meteorološke postaje
- Okolje
- Podnebje
- Infrastruktura

Natura 2000


Knjižnica

edina slovenska avtohtona sladkovodna seznam strogo zavarovanih vrst konvencije (II. dodatek) in na valskih in rastlinskih vrst, za ohranjanje i posebna območja varovanja Direktive o Strokovna izhodišča so bila izoblikovana anja in vzdrževanja omrežja Natura 2000 tive o habitatih ter slovenske i Zakona o ohranjanju narave.

ovna izhodišča za vzpostavljanje

Druge objave

UČNE POTI



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