



Workshop

“Governance of Protected Areas in Eastern Europe - case studies on different governance types and lessons learned”

2nd - 5th of December 2012 - Isle of Vilm, Germany
- Provisional Agenda -

Organized by the

German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation

and

ProPark Foundation for Protected Areas Romania

at the International Academy for Nature Conservation on Isle of Vilm



BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES

The importance of governance for the effective management of protected areas is highlighted by many international guidelines and conventions (e.g. as developed by IUCN and within the CBD PoWPA). Delays in achieving the goals of the PoWPA (e.g. Programme Element 2) are partly due to lack of interest and/or understanding of decision takers and policy makers in understanding and adopting innovative systems of protected area governance, especially in countries with a traditionally centralized system of decision-taking. Improving knowledge on the existing governance types, on their importance, legal and administrative frameworks and resources needed for their use will contribute to adopting appropriate governance types in the Eastern European countries.

Hence, in late 2011 the German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation commissioned the ProPark Foundation for Protected Areas, Romania to conduct a study on governance of Protected Areas in Eastern Europe. The aim was to document the range of governance models used in Eastern Europe by collecting information from the different target countries in Eastern Europe and thereby promote understanding and recognition for the different protected area governance types by illustration with case studies. This included an analysis of the present situation highlighting some issues, trends, opportunities and concerns as well as outlining the implications deriving from existing policy and practice related to the governance of protected areas in Eastern Europe.

This workshop will analyse and discuss the findings of that study. It will *inter alia* try

1. to promote the project results and to **discuss the findings and conclusions** of the study with the national level representatives;
2. to **increase awareness** on the CBD requirements concerning PA governance amongst decision-makers from the Eastern European target countries;
3. to **improve the knowledge** of national level representatives on governance by providing them with a theoretical background and with some practical examples from the region;
4. to discuss if there is a real need for and possibility to develop **a methodology/tool to assess governance** and/or a special reporting format on PA governance and demonstrate progress in implementing Goal 2 from the PoWPA;
5. to discuss **the need/opportunity for further action** and ways and means how to give incentives to CBD-Parties to engage them in taking more concrete measures in improving and diversifying the governance of protected areas

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

Sunday, 02nd of December 2012

Arrival of the participants

- Ferry times (departure from Lauterbach Harbour): 16.10 - 17.10 - 18.10 - 20.10

The ferry is operated by the Federal Agency for Nature Conservation and no tickets/reservations are needed for the participants (more detailed travel information is available on our BfN - Website: http://www.bfn.de/06_akademie_natursch+M52087573ab0.html). The boat trip takes 10 minutes.

- 18.30 Dinner
- 20.00 Short Welcoming and opening of the workshop, introduction of the participants (BfN and ProPark)

Monday 03rd of December 2012

7.30 – 9.00 *Breakfast*

SESSION I: INTERACTIVE (INFORMATIVE) TRAINING SESSION

9.00 Presentation of the study: background, research questions, methods applied, experts and institutions involved, results and recommendations, N.N. (ProPark)

10.30 – 11.00 *Coffee/Tea Break*

11.00 CBD PoWPA requirements – overview (& progress), Lisa Janishevski (CBD-Secretariat)

11.40 Discussion

12.30 *Lunch*

14.00 Training session on key concepts and terms of governance of protected areas with case studies from Eastern Europe, facilitated by Erika Stanciu and Alina Ionita (ProPark) – *Coffee/Tea break included*

18.30 *Dinner*

20.00 optional: films on governance of protected areas

Tuesday 04th of December 2012

7.30 – 9.00 *Breakfast*

SESSION II: WORKING SESSION ON THE CONCLUSIONS / FINDINGS AND FURTHER STEPS OF THE STUDY

9.00 Briefing / review of outcomes from the working session in day 1, N.N. ProPark

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9.30 Presentation of the study Governance of Protected Areas in Eastern Europe – case studies on different governance types and lessons learned

10.00 Questions and discussions on the study

10.30 *Coffee/Tea Break*

10.50 *Working session* to debate and revise the current status and problems concerning protected area governance in Eastern Europe, based on the findings and conclusions of the study

12.30 – 14.00 *Lunch*

14.00 *Guided tour of the Isle of Vilm (Ralf Grunewald)*

15.00 *Coffee/Tea Break*

15.20 The current system of reporting and evaluating the progress on governance, Lisa Janishevski (CBD-Secretariat)

15.40 Presentation of the methodology developed and used to assess governance in Eastern Europe in this project (ProPark)

16.00 *Working session* on the possibility to improve the current reporting and assessment system (to change the reporting format, to develop a special tool to assess progress). Facilitated by Erika Stanciu and Alina Ionita (ProPark)

18.30 *Dinner*

Wednesday 05th of December 2012

SESSION III: FINAL CONCLUSIONS AND CLOSING SESSION

9.00 – 10.30 Next steps towards a better governance of protected areas in Eastern Europe - *Working session* to develop and discuss the list of recommendations and actions to diversify the types of protected area governance and improve its quality in the region, facilitated by Erika Stanciu, ProPark

10.30 – 10.50 *Coffee/Tea Break*

10.50 – 12.00 Plenary session for finalizing the recommendations

12.00 – 12.30 Closing session and evaluation of the workshop

13.00 *Departure*