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Protection of Landscape Values in an Innovative Management Approach of the Biosphere Reserve Pol'ana



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Natural heritage of the BR Pol'ana vs. cultural heritage

Protected areas in Slovakia with valuable cultural landscapes

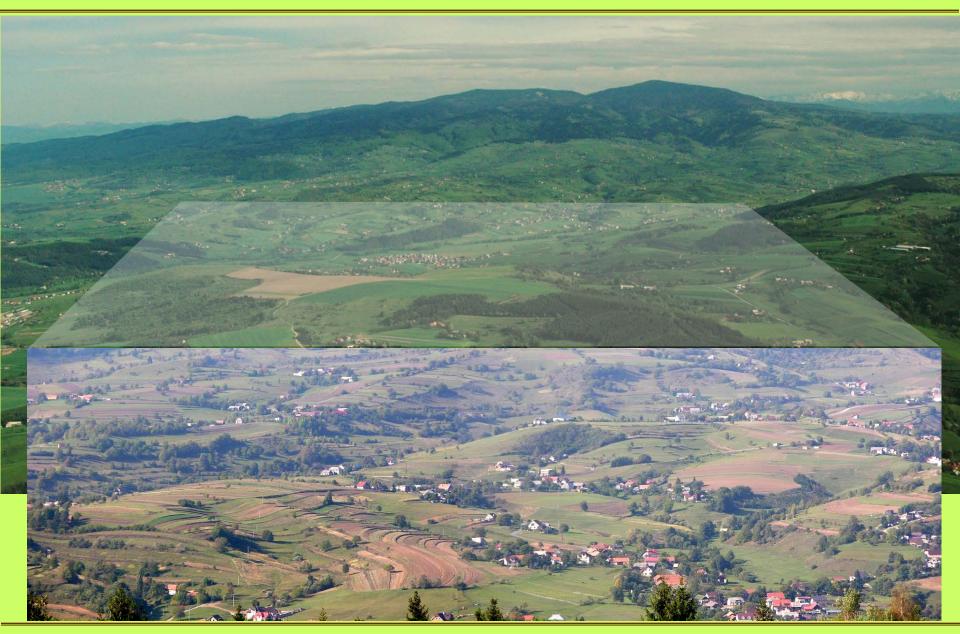






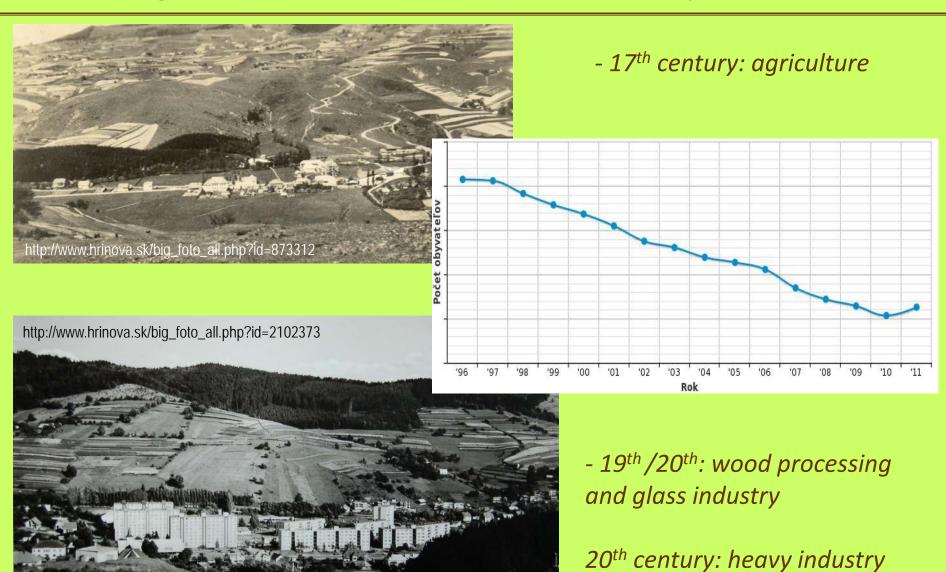
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Landscape character – unique landscape type in Slovakia



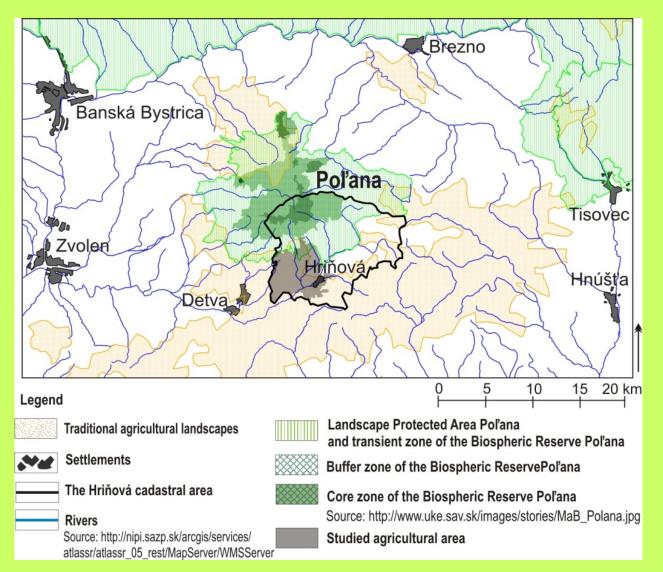
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Historical genesis of settlements and rural landscape



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Traditionally farmed grasslands and the BR protected area



- BR: 20 360 ha
- "common landscape" approx. 240 000 ha
- nowadays Hriňová: 1324 ha of the BR
- 400 inhabitants is living inside the BR in small settlements (Iviny, Snohy, Vrchsltina, Obchoditá)
- and app. 3.5000 in the Hriňová cadastral area (12649 ha) (potential for spreding BR)

460 m ASL - 1458 m ASL

Critics of the BR's management

UNESCO Paris 2013



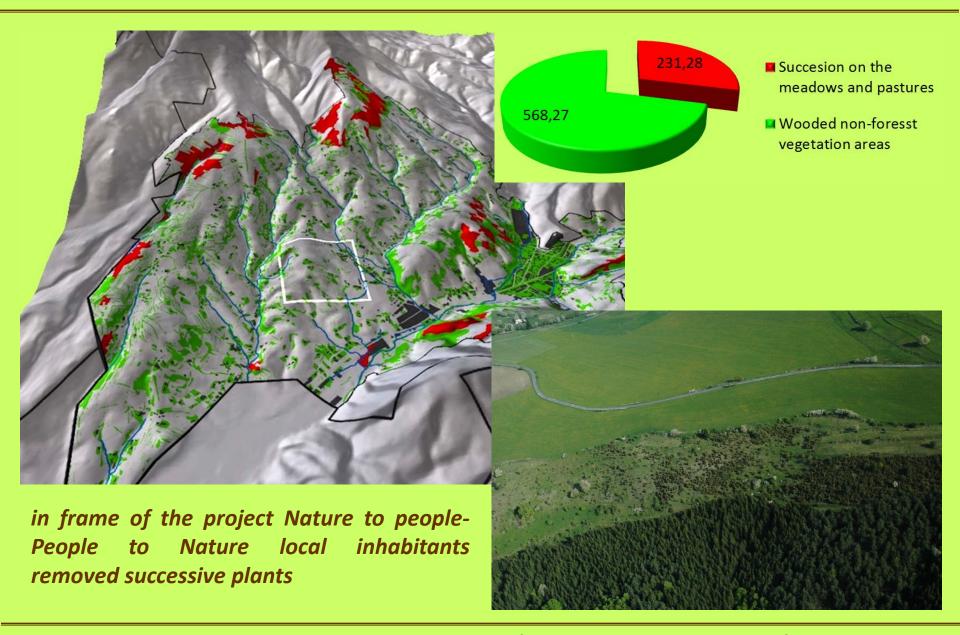






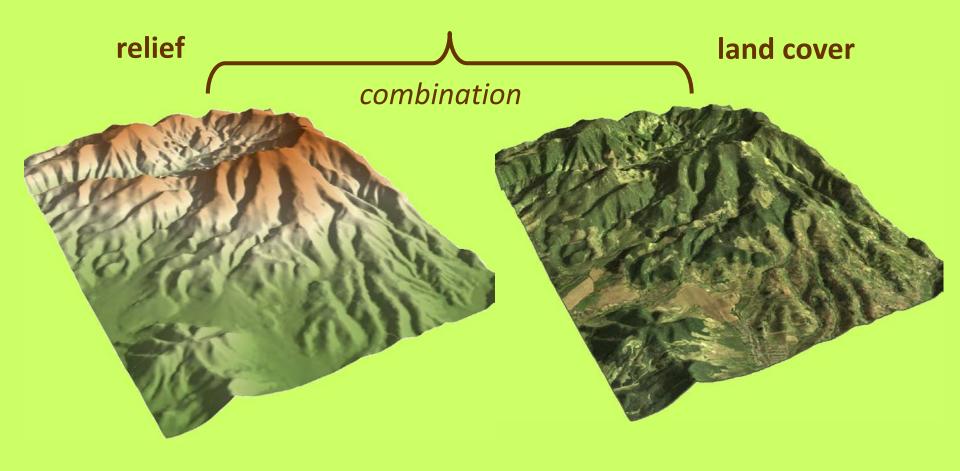
- increase cooperation with the tourism sector to better capture/benefit from this activity;
- improve the capacity to plan and coordinate research with participatory approach particularly socio-economic;
- improve the management towards more integrative approach;
- to enhance support for the biosphere reserve to enable better participation in the Network at the national and international levels;
- to improve local participation and economic development within and around the biosphere reserve, supported by socio-economic research.

Negative trends in land use – succession processes





Why is this landscape different? Valuable?



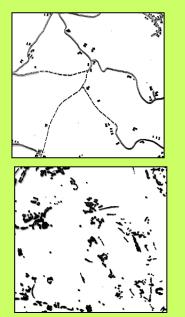
Landscape's features

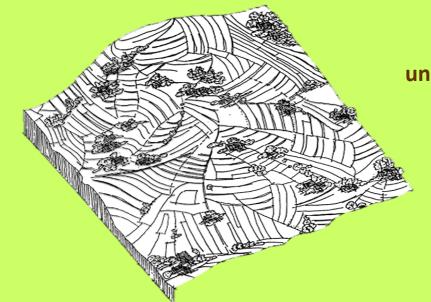




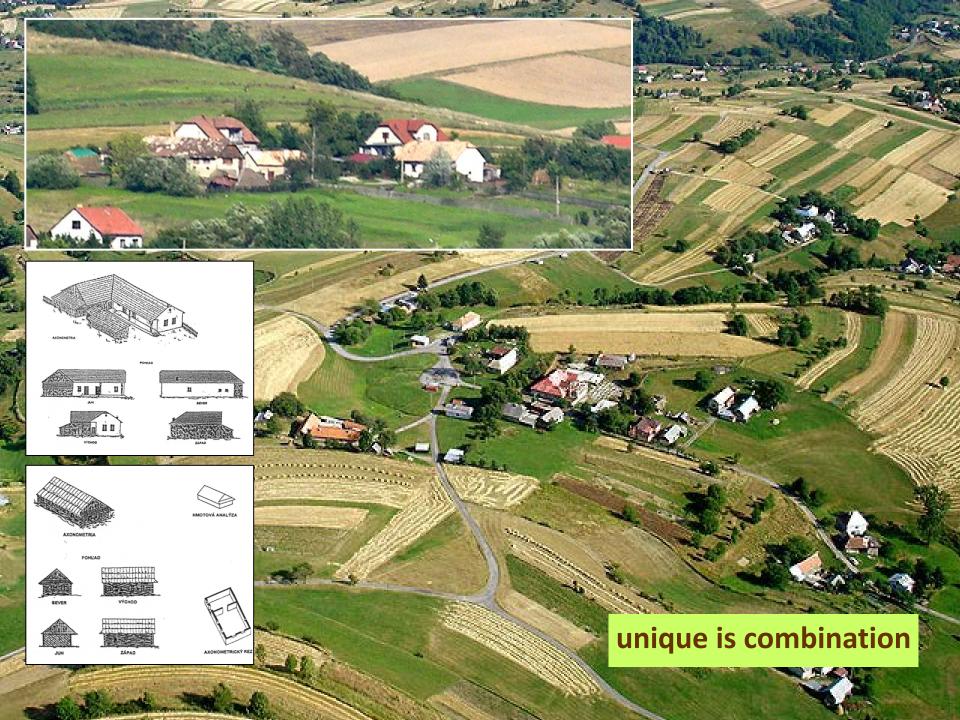
Scattered settlements "lazy"

Agrarian historical structures composed in lines and in fans on uplands with scattered settlements called "lazy"

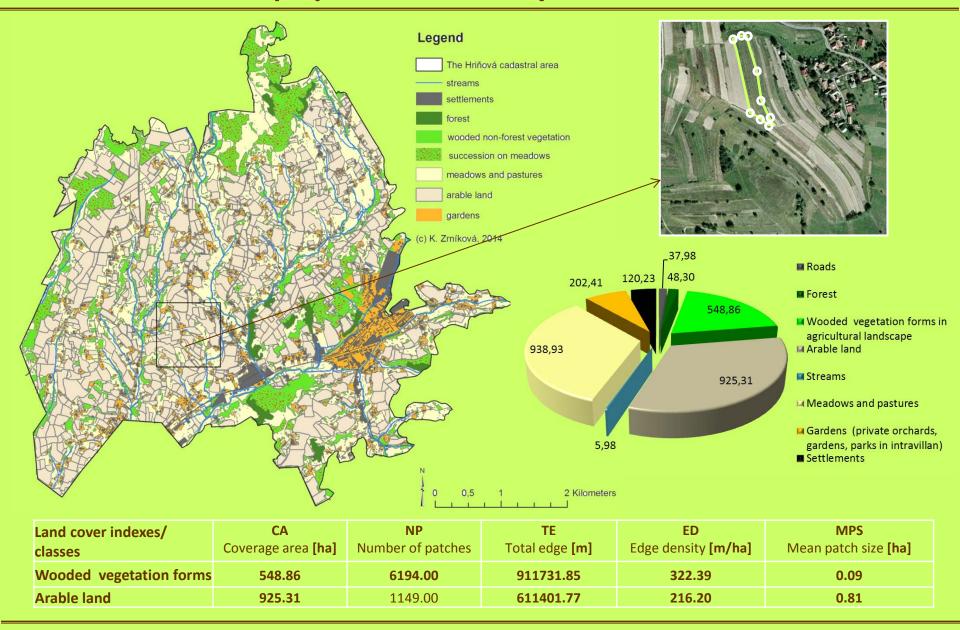




unique is combination



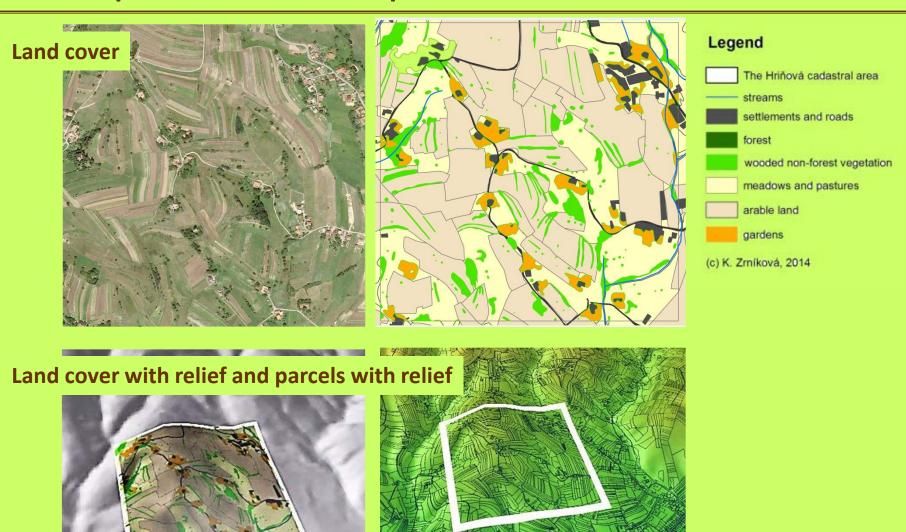
Attractive landscape pattern - diversity



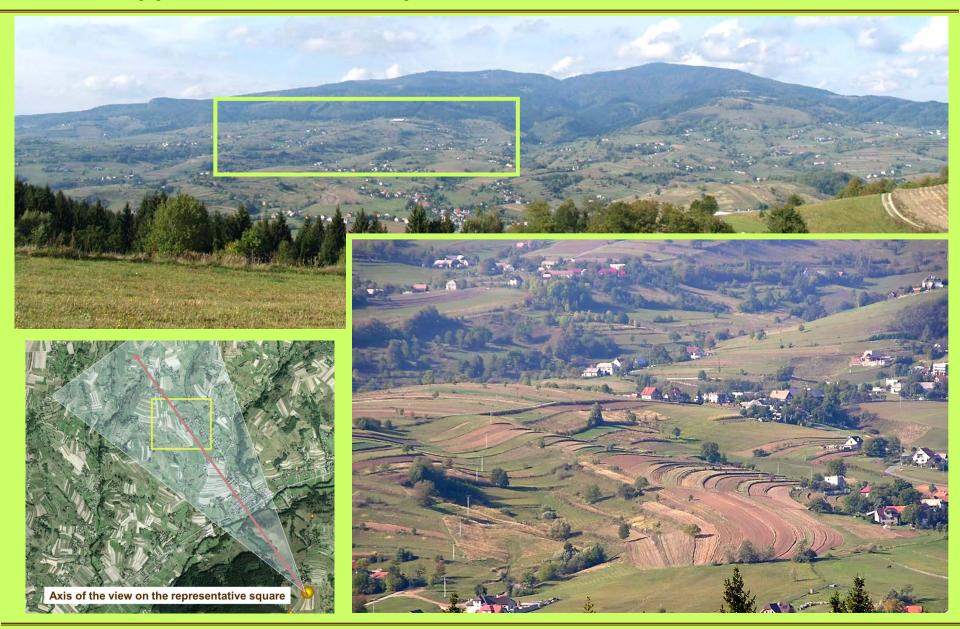
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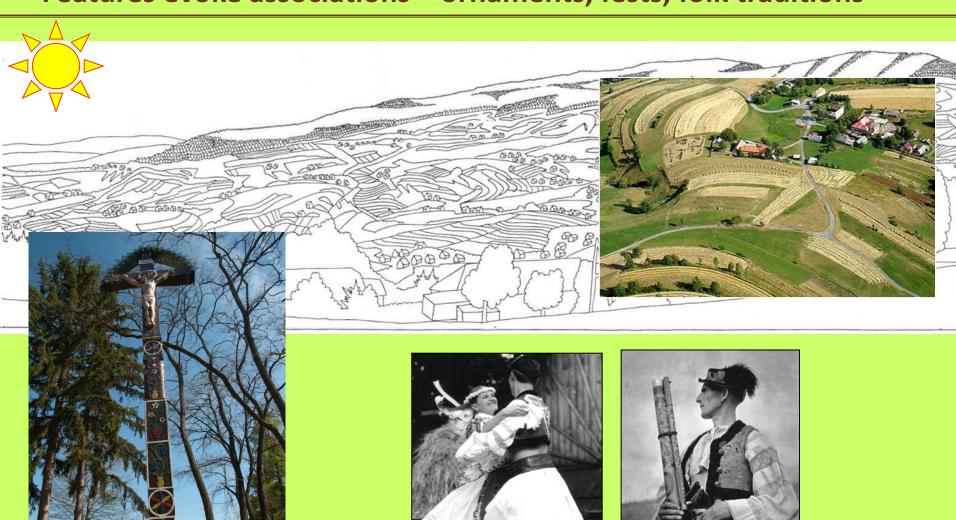
Landscape's features in a map



Visual apperance of landscape's features



Features evoke associations – ornaments, fests, folk traditions



Features evoke associations – a tastefull landscape





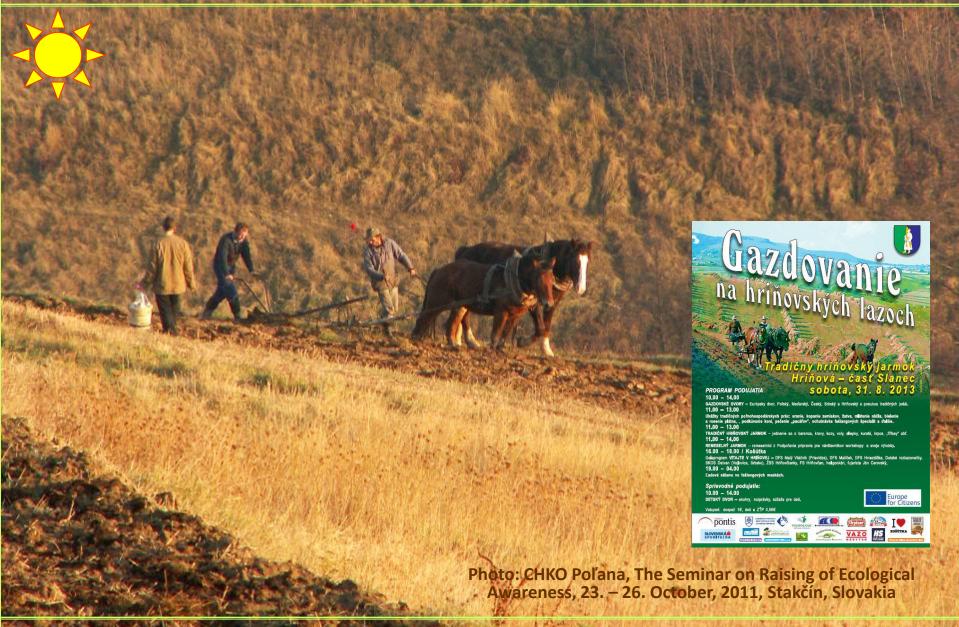
sweet flour food

1. "Strudel from Poľana", Lucia Miňová, Vladimíra Fabriciusová (S-CHKO Poľana)



http://mskshrinova.rajce.idnes.cz/Tradicnu_chut_Podpolania/

Features evoke associations – a living landscape

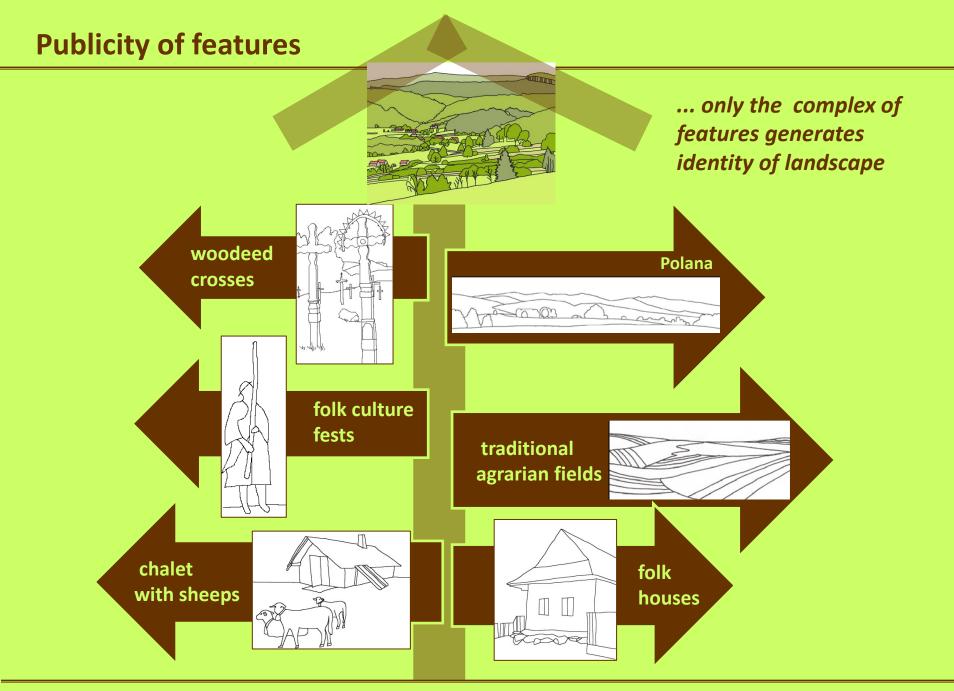


Features evoke associations – nature of the Pol'ana Mt.



Photo: CHKO Poľana, The Seminar on Raising of Ecological Awareness, 23. – 26. October, 2011, Stakčín, Slovakia

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Long-term visions of the BR





New Action Plan since 2013

Sevilla Strategy, Madrid Action Plan

international co-operation BR Entlebuch, University of Bern

Trans-boarder Cooperation Programme between Slovakia and Hungary 2007-2013

• "Together for the preservation of natural values in the Polana area.

Swiss-Slovak Cooperation Programme

- Civic assossiation PRONATUR
 developed project
 "Nature to People People to Nature"
- Project

"Development of Conservation and Protected areas in the Slovak Carpathians"

the 1st referendum about BR in Slovakia
- 12 000 respondents
- positive results !!!

Participative planning and management

supporting actions since 2010

Declared cooperation between PLA – BR Pol'ana Administration and State Forest Enterprise of the SR - stopped the interventions to rare ecosystems

Open day of the Pol'ana BR

meetings

Hunting associations in PLA Pol'ana - cooperation on the issues of brown bear management



Farmers - traditional management of pastures/grasslands in BR Pol'ana

Conference - 20th anniversary of the BR Pol'ana with stakeholders and representatives of scientific institutions

Stakeholders with representatives of the experts, scientists, delegations from abroad, state adminsiotration bodies

Interactions and communication

meeting with the representatives of State Forest Enterprise



the film "NNR Zadná Poľana", 200 stakeholders participated



Opening of a unique Ecocentre in 2012, 100 stakeholders participated





Participative planning and management

Environmental education







- talks, field trips, eco games and art classes where children create variety of things from natural materials

A scheme of viable activities for local farmers to preserve traditional agriculture

"Nature to people - People to nature,, with the main idea to do it for ourselves

Pros

- Based on the strategy of the regional identity young generation is pride on the landscape
- Supporting of small businessmen by bigger companies
- Activities of individuals who can convey other people for "good idea"
- Co-ordination board was established and it consists of all subjects who have economical interests and ownership of plots in the region

Cons

- "Traditional" is founding by external grants and projects
- Legislation and laws in Slovakia prevent the progress and development of local traditional activities (for instance law on work safety and health protection ...)

Solutions

- Giving proposals for legislation changes from locals (not waiting for a change made by a governement
- A condition is supporting of grants private ownership of plots which has lasted for several generations (ancestral heritage)

Spreading of the transitional zone of the BR Pol'ana



