

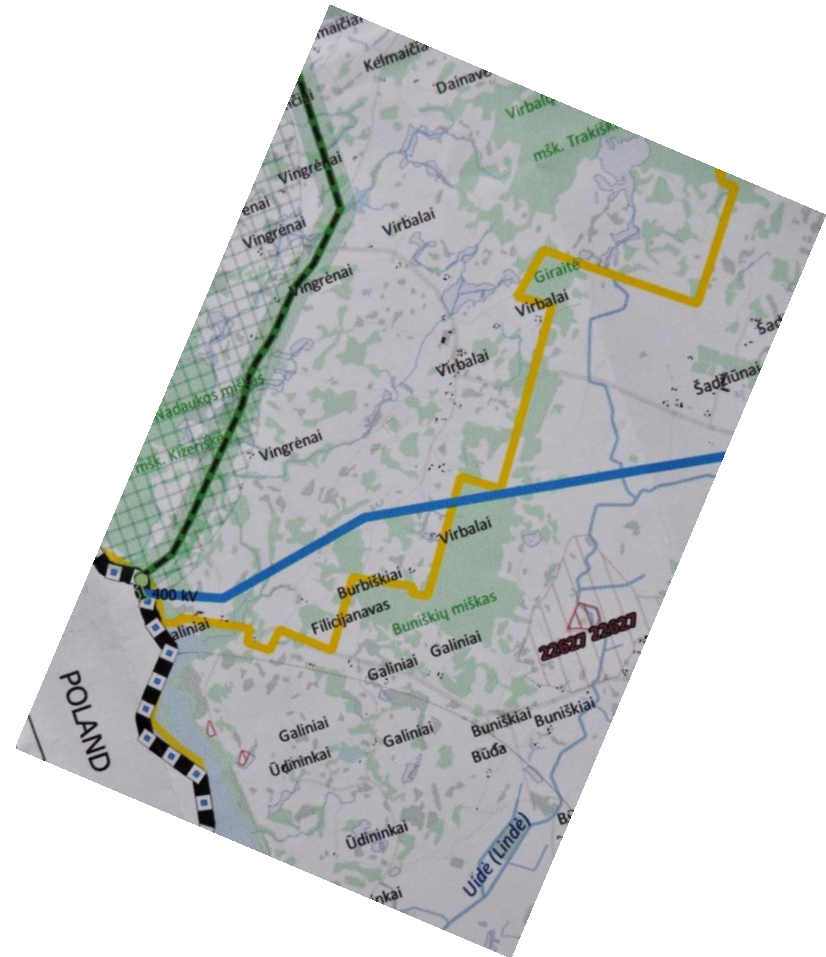
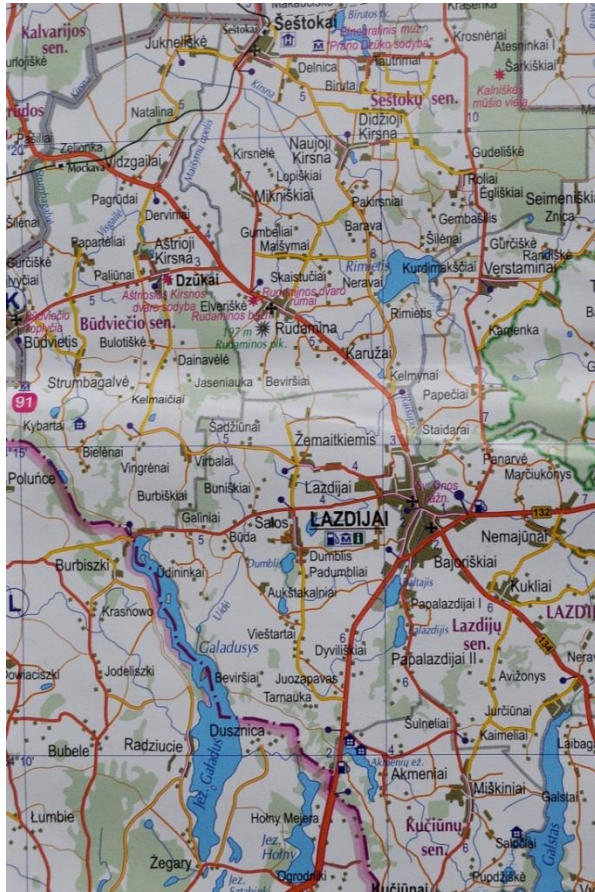
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The overhead powerline in Lithuania



Two infrastructure developments

The overhead power line (OHL) and the gas interconnection Poland-Lithuania (GIPL)





The remit given to the Mediator

“To endeavour to foster dialogue, facilitate discussions, identify and clarify the conservation issues, propose possible solutions that would satisfy the different parties, reach consensus and record agreements, all in the respect of the spirit and letter of the Convention”



Procedure:

Days 1 and 2 – Fact finding (presentations by the authorities and by the complainants; field visits)



Days 3 and 4 – Discussions aiming to find a consensus and reach agreements



3 Points of General Agreement

- Lithuania's need for energy security.
- The OHL has nearly been completed.
- The environmental impact assessment for the GIPL has been completed.





3 Further points of General Agreement



- The complaint focusses on the south west of Lithuania.
- Conservation of Bern Convention species and habitats is important.
- Environmental information should be available in an open and fair manner.

3 Agreements about species and their habitats (amphibians and reptiles)

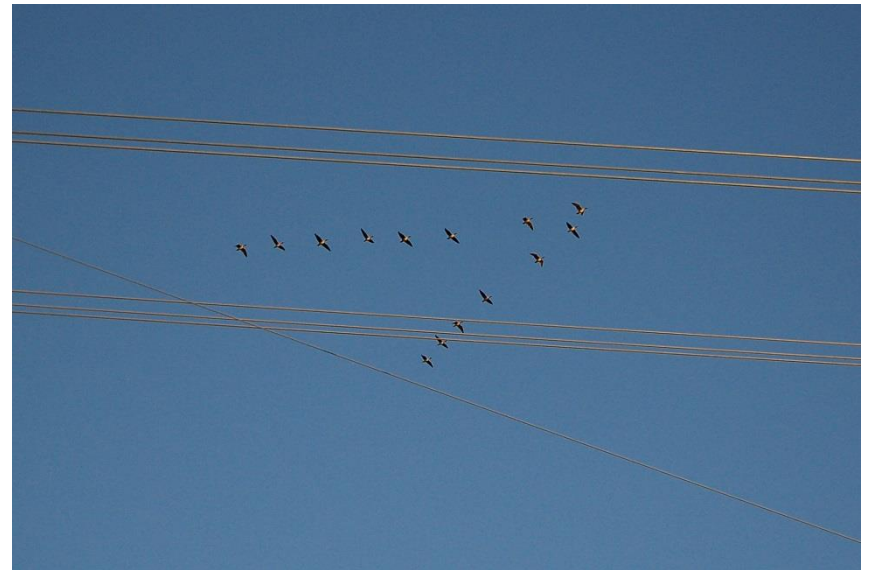
- Importance of the European pond turtle (*Emys orbicularis*)
- Habitat for another reptile, the sand lizard (*Lacerta agilis*)
- Habitats for seven other amphibians (frogs, toads and a newt)





4 Agreements about species and their habitats (birds and mammals)

- Flight diverters for high-flying birds
- Nest boxes for kestrels (*Falco tinnunculus*)
- Consideration of other bird species
- Consideration of wide ranging mammals, c.f. the lynx (*Lynx lynx*)





2 Points of Agreement

to assist the long-term conservation of species and their habitats

Restoration

Monitoring



**The pond near which a European
pond turtle egg shell was found**

Žuvintas Biosphere Reserve

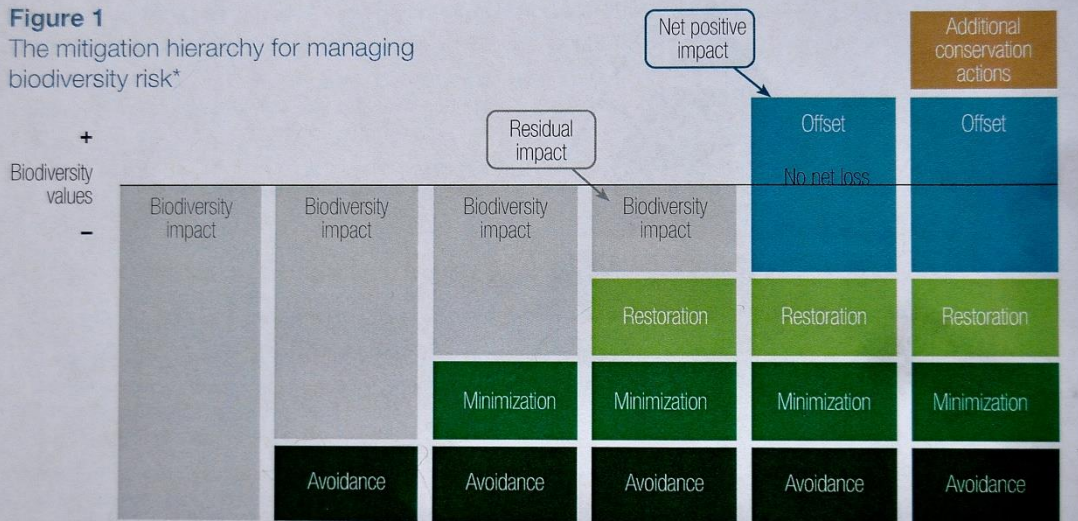


1 Final points of Agreement to assist the long-term conservation of species and their habitats

Biodiversity offsetting

Figure 1

The mitigation hierarchy for managing biodiversity risk*



*Image adapted from: UN Global Compact and IUCN 2012 Publication: A Framework for Corporate Action on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (pg 14).
http://www.unglobalcompact.org/docs/issues_doc/Environment/BES_Framework.pdf



Honey from the border between Poland and Lithuania has a 'Protected Designation of Origin'



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Result:

- 4 Days of work
- 16 Points of agreement
- 0 Points without agreement
- 1 Apparently successful procedure