

Brief summary of the Pannon Eagle LIFE project goals



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PannonEagle LIFE

PROJECT LOCATION: Pannonian region

BUDGET INFO: Total amount: € 3,583,577

EC Co-funding: 74.86%

DURATION: 01/10/2016 - 31/03/2022

PROJECT'S IMPLEMENTORS:

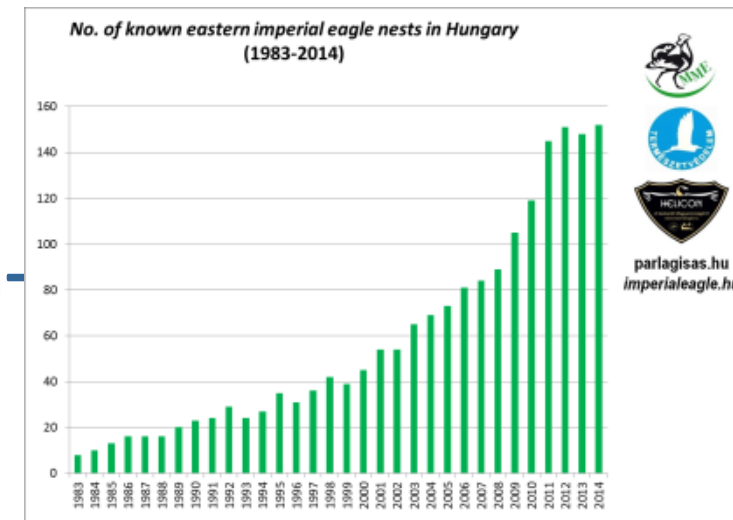
MME (BirdLife Hungary), HNPD, KNPD (HU), BirdLife_AT, WWF_AT, BPSSS (BirdLife_RS), ČSO (BirdLife_CZ), INCVP (RS), MZP (CZ), RPS (SK), VSD_SK



MAIN OBJECTIVE

to increase the population of EIE in the Pannonian Region through decreasing the non-natural mortality

- secondary target species: Saker Falcon



Predator persecution incidents:

#1 Illegal poisoning

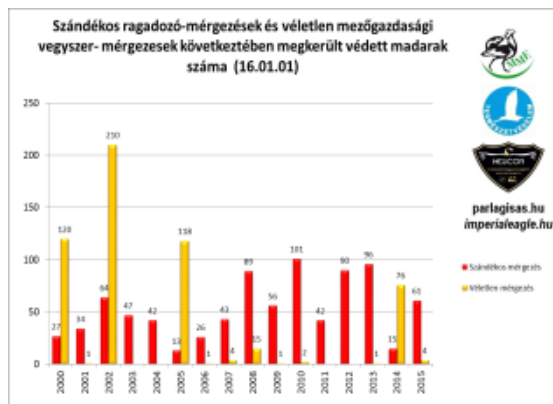
#2 Electrocutation





OBJECTIVES

1. Decrease the direct effects of persecution incidents on the Pannonian imperial eagle population: reporting surfaces, stakeholder networks, investigation protocols, workshops, treating injured birds





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2. Increase the chance of detecting illegal activities of bird persecution incidents: field surveys – trained dog units, drones; GPS tracking



3. Imposing precedent judgments in bird crime cases





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4. Increase stakeholder awareness about the overestimated effect of raptor species on game populations

5. Demonstration of alternative eagle-friendly game management methods

→ construction of game friendly habitats, educational materials, workshops





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6. Increase public awareness about the conservational importance of imperial eagles and about the possible consequences of persecution incidents:

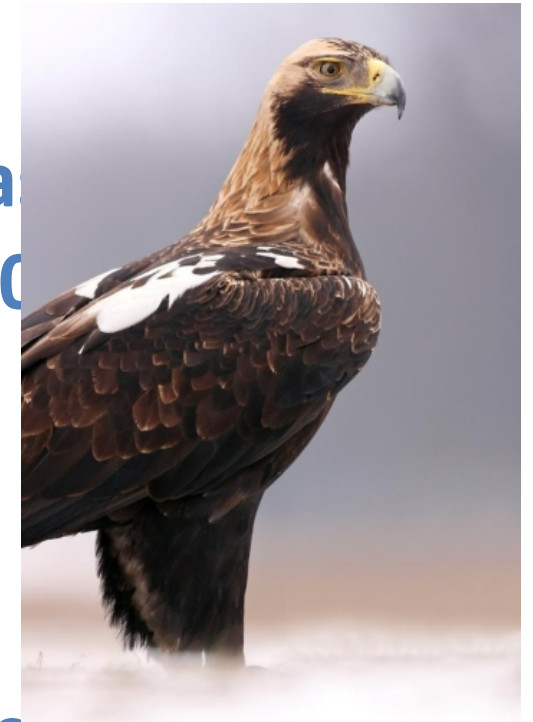
- array of different communication methods





EXPECTED IMPACTS

- Pannonian breeding population of eagle imperial eagles +10% (>250 pairs by 2020)
- Decreasing number of persecuted eagles and falcons (<5 specimens in average in the last years)
- Mortality rate of breeding EIE becomes <5%
- Rehabilitation success >30%
- Precedent judgments in ≥ 3 cases





Habitat management

- Slovakia – corridors along powerlines (20 ha)
- Hungary – „hare roads” (15 ha)
- Serbia – souslik habitat (10 ha)





Dog units

- Slovakia: 2 leaders + 2 dogs
- Czech: 1 leader + 1 dog
- Hungary: KNPD 1 leader + 2 dogs
MME 1 leader + 2 dogs





Feeding sites: 6 regions

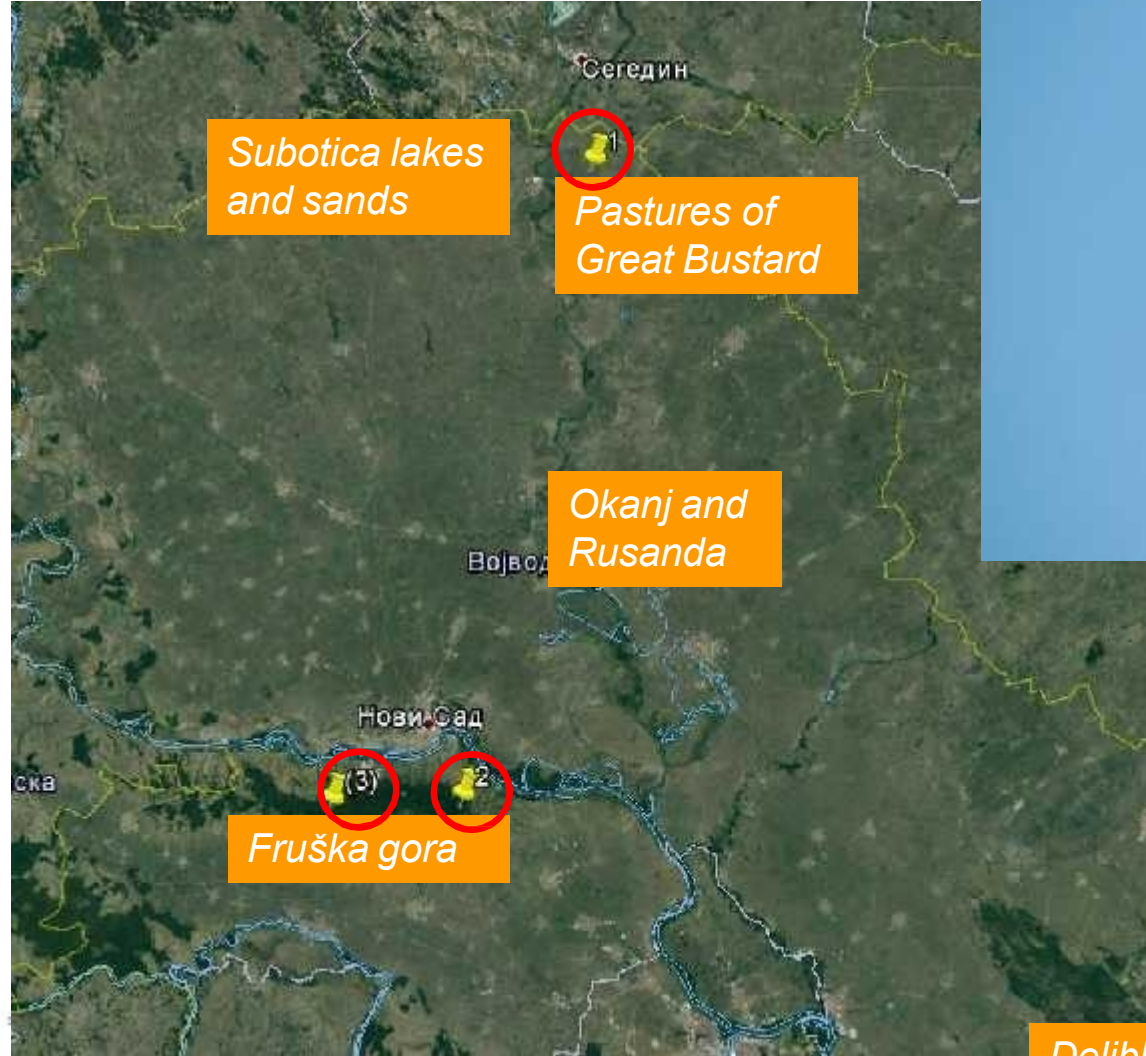
Safe nesting: 100 artificial nests

**Genetic sampling: 175 samples
/year**

**GPS tracking: 8 newly tagged
+ cc. 18 previously tagged birds**



Breeding distribution of Golden Eagle (*Aquila heliaca*) in Serbia



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Institute for Nature Conservation of Vojvodina Province tasks within PannonEagle Life (1)

- **Prepare national protocols for crime scene investigation, police investigation and veterinary pathological investigation - Communicate and disseminate**
- **National Handbook for crime scene investigation, police investigation and veterinary pathological investigation**
- **Organizing workshop for conservatonists, police, jurists and veterinarians**
- **Searching for detecting and investigating raptor persecution incidents**
- **Transfer of raptor carcasses to veterinary institution for analysis of causes of death**





Institute for Nature Conservation of Vojvodina Province tasks within PannonEagle Life (2)

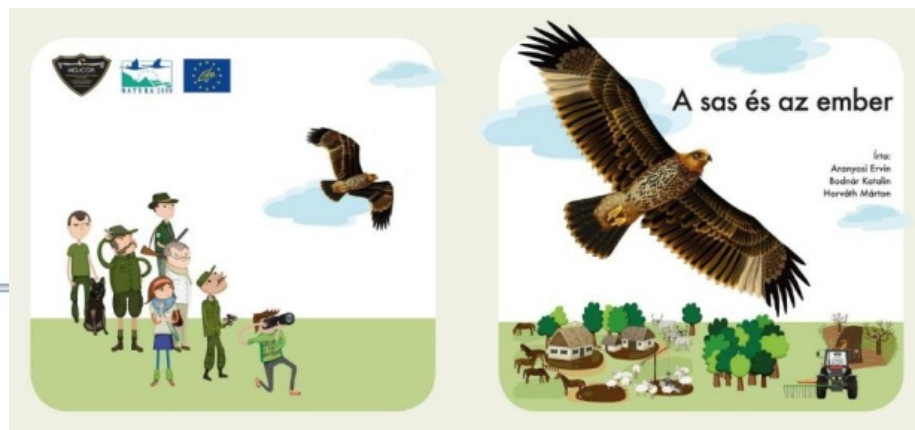
- Maintenance of Souslik habitats by removal of bushes from overgrown sites within EIE hunting grounds
- Creating of safe nesting locations by installation of artificial nests
- Develop educational materials for conservatonists, police, jurists and veterinarians
- Organizing of 6 meetings to inform key stakeholders (hunters, farmers)
- Prepare and disseminate specific educational materials for key stakeholders (hunters, pigeon-keepers, farmers)
- programme and maintain website
- prepare notice boards





Role of Bird Protection and Study Society of Serbia in the PannonEagle project

- Maintaining habitats
- Installation of artificial nests
- Guarding of endangered nest sites
- Establishing of a common reporting surface for stakeholders and for the public
- Protocols for reporting incidents
- Raising awareness, education and project promotion...





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