

Management plans for state forest in Natura 2000 sites

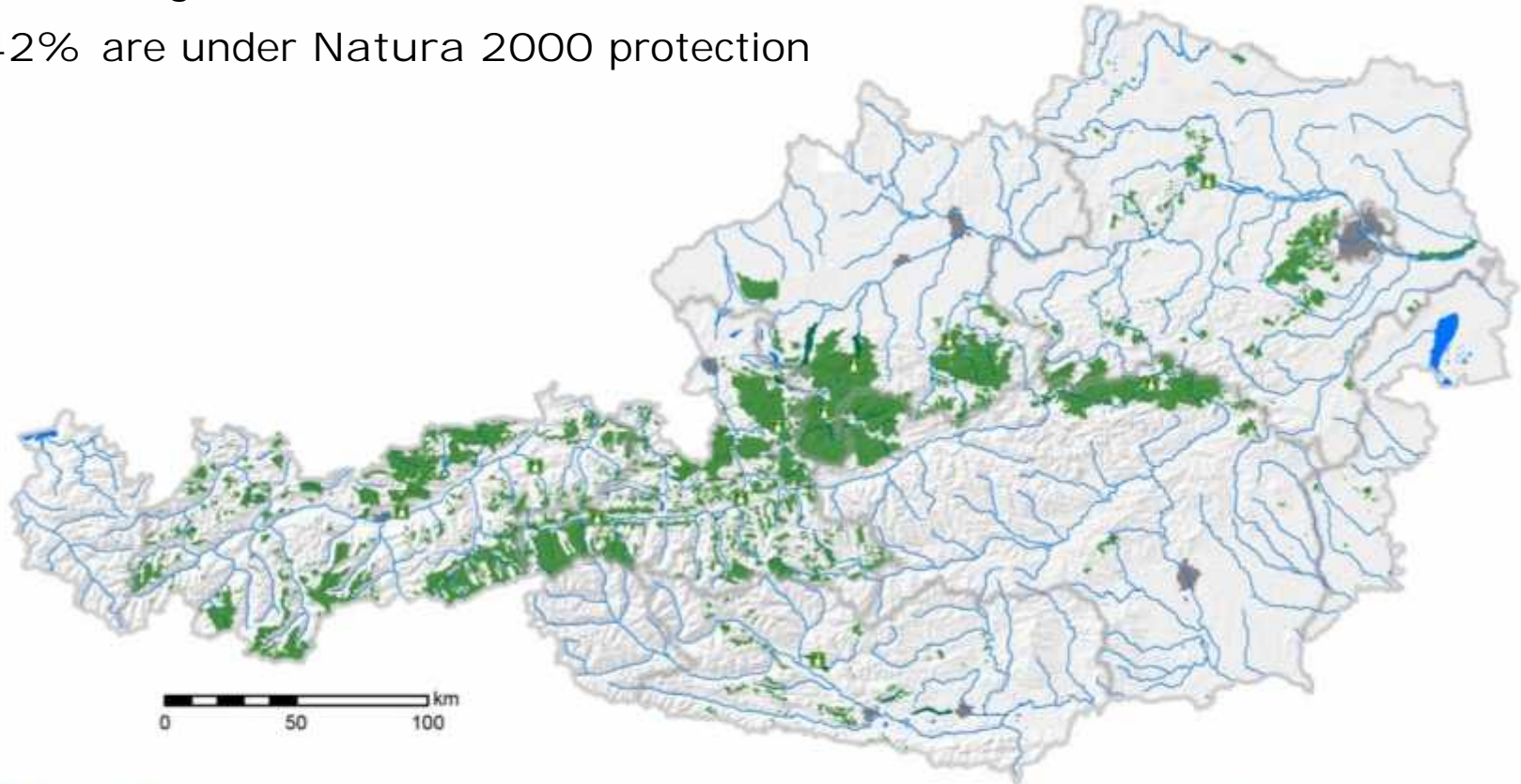
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AUSTRIAN STATE FOREST (ÖBF)

- › We manage 15% of the total forest area in Austria.
- › 42% are under Natura 2000 protection



NATURA 2000 FOR US

Internal GOALS

- › multifunctional forest management
- › leaving dead wood and habitat trees
- › working with natural regeneration
- › considering the needs of high dominant species



?!No restrictions, no interference!?

- › 9 different laws of nature conservation
- › hardly any management plans exist
- › information on species and habitat-types is incomplete



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- › Duration: July 1st 2013 till June 30th 2019
- › Budget: € 5.727.240 (50% state forest)
- › Area: 4 Natura2000 sites (~32.000 ha)
- › Goals:
 - managementplans
 - take measures
 - set up monitoring
 - inform public
- › > 12 species directly
- › Bogs- and forest-habitat-types



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tourism

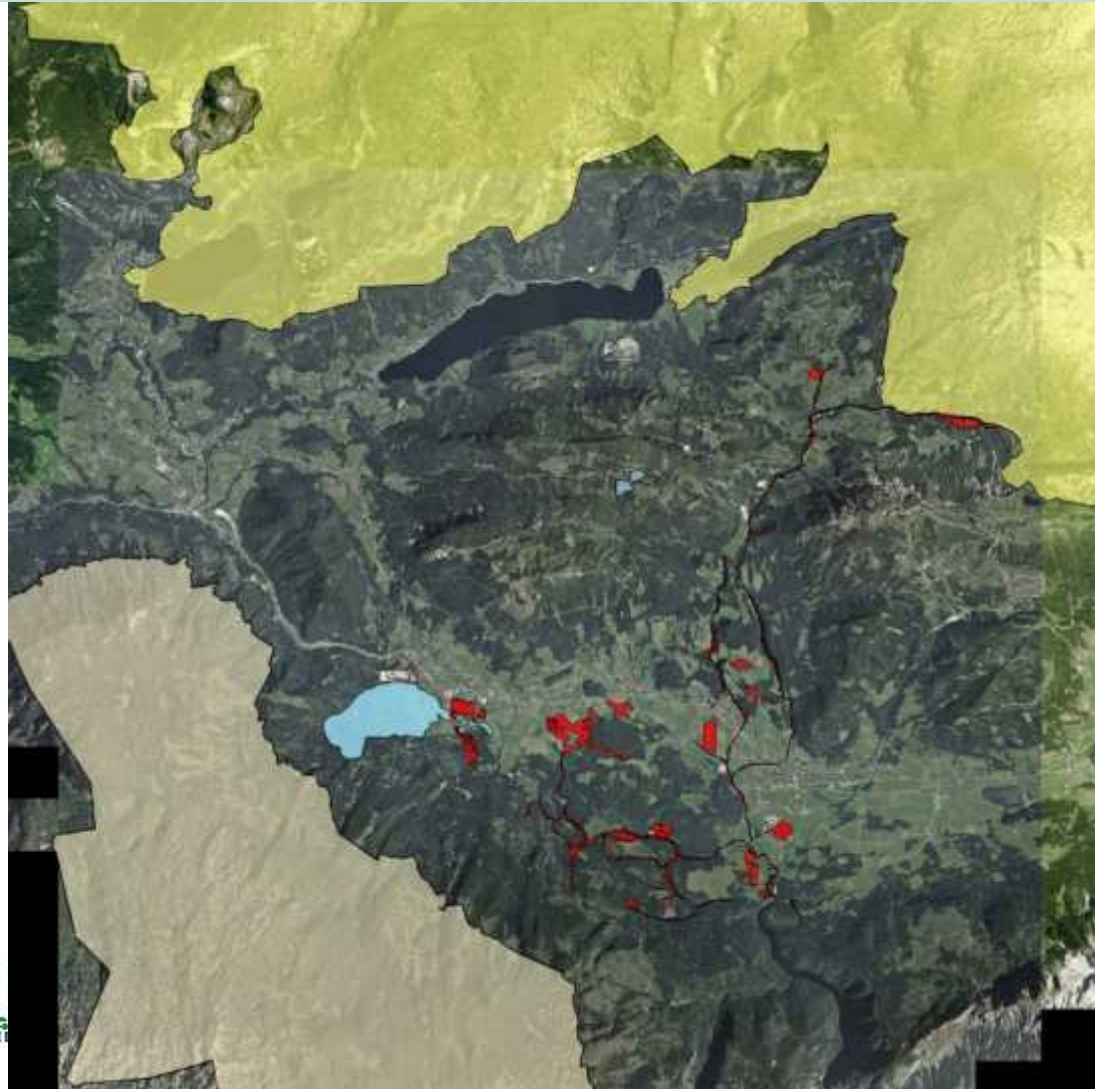
wood
production

areas

nature
conservation

protection

rights of third
person



FOREST MANAGEMENT

We need pre-approval by the department of nature conservation for certain measures.

- › time/work consuming

Windthrows (extend and impact on FHT and conservation statues?)

- › no real data

- › restriction



Misunderstanding and bad acceptance of Natura 2000



APPROACH OF LIFE + PROJECT

- › Working together with the departement of nature conservation
- › Field inquiries and monitoring studies
- › Integrate information in our system
- › instruct our foresters

!long process, communication!



CONCLUSIONS

We need information on species and habitat-types, to take care of them in the right way.

It is NOT our job to wipe out the deficits in Natura 2000 sites, but we can be a partner!

There can't be restrictions without a price. We have to make a living from the area.

Be and stay open for discussion with everybody!



ANY QUESTIONS LEFT?

