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Priekšnosacījumu izveide labākai bioloģiskās daudzveidības saglabāšanai un ekosistēmu aizsardzībai Latvijā



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Content

- Inventory of protected forest habitats in Latvia
- Project «Nature Census»

Terms

- Protected habitats EU importance protected habitats in Latvia
- Woodland key habitats

Forestry

- Specially protected forest compartments
- Separated during forest inventory (0,5 20 ha);
- Very different parks, botanical reserves, forests againts erosion, bog reserves, complex sections, hunting forests, etc.
- Management was not allowed
- till 2000 (new Forest Law).

Natural forests in Latvia

- WWF project «Natural forests of Latvija»(1995.-1997.)
- Study areas Slītere, Līvbērze, Aizkraukle, Mežole
- Forest structures and rare species
- Results were published in book «Natural forests of Latvia» (Suško, 1997).
- Knowledge was used in following WKH inventory project

Biologically valuable forests

Mežole project

- 1994 WWF U.Rotbergs and Smiltene forestry
- Model territory to introduce and approbate Sweden scientists proposals of sustainable forestry in Latvijā (P.Angelstam)
- Discussions with foresters, testing of new management approaches (retention trees, dead wood, selective cuttings)
- Inventory of biologically valuable forest stands, more based on structures

Key elements

- Trees of varying age
- Biologically old trees
- •Open spaces
- •Self-thinning
- Permanently flooded
- Woody debris of many decomposition stages
- Snags
- Many wood inhabiting fungi
- Many old hazel shrubs
- Underground spring influence
- •Beaver activity
- •Stream
- Trees with hollows
- Woodpecker signs
- Evidence of fire
- •Etc.





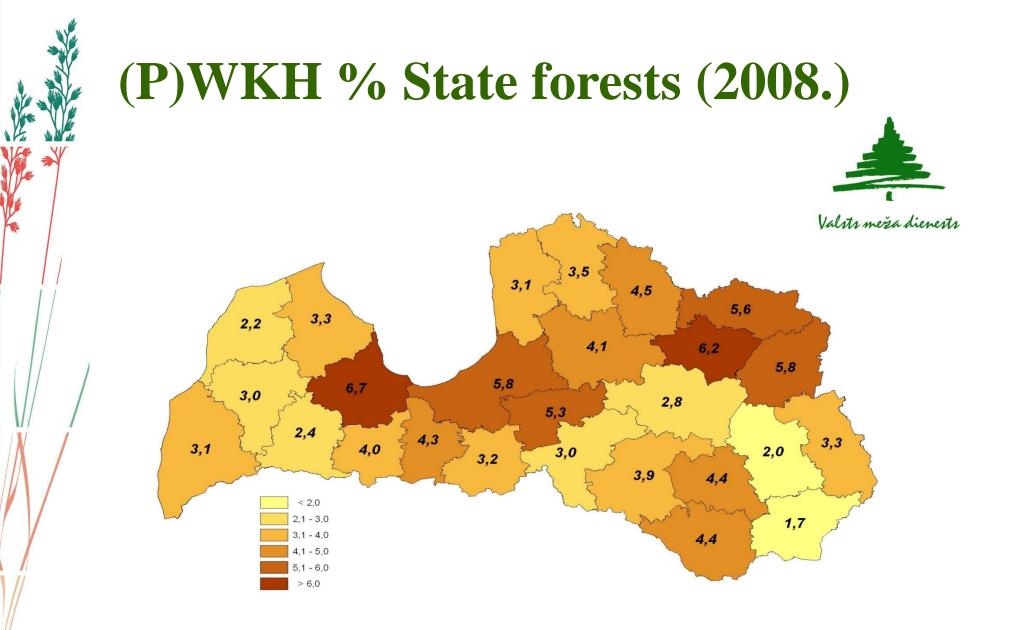
Woodland key habitat

(close to natural forests; biologically valuable forests)

 An area which contains habitat specialists that cannot sustainably survive in stands managed for timber production. A well-founded expectation (appropriate forest structures) that a habitat specialist can exists within an area is a sufficient criterion for designating the area a Woodland Key Habitat.

WKH – inventory

- 1997 november, Salaspils more than 300 people (mainly foresters) were introduced with WKH concept
- Methodology
- Testing
- From 1998. till 2008. more than 170 speciālists were trained
- In State forests from 1997. till 2006. about 57110 ha were designated as (P)WKH
- About 60% of possible WKH were founded



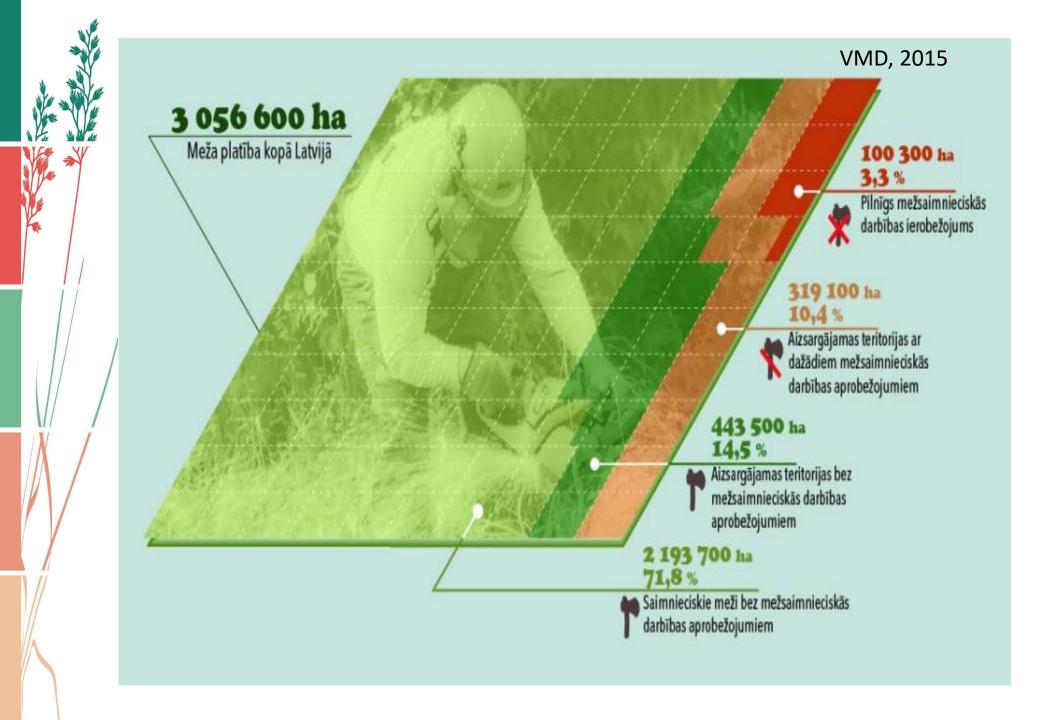
After WKH inventory

- 2004 joining to EU (changes in legislation, EU protected habitats in N2000 territories)
- Protection in officially protected teritories (N2000 or microreserves)
- Changes in SF register no more information about WKH
- Voluntary protection (or certificate requirements) outside protected territories

After WKH inventory (2006.-2017.)

Maping of biologically valuable forests (WKH or EU protected habitats)

- in N2000 teritories (management plans or different projects)
- Commercial forests
- FSC requirements
- Information for management (SC LVM)



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	Habitat	Range	Area covered by habitat type within range	Specific structures and functions	Future prospects	Overall assessment of conservation status
	9010*	FV	U2x	U2-	U2-	U2-
	9020*	FV	U2-	U2-	U2-	U2-
	9060	FV	FV	U2-	U2-	U2-
/	9080*	FV	U2-	U2-	U2-	U2-
/	9160	FV	U2-	U2-	U2-	U2-
	9180*	FV	XX	U2x	XX	U2X
	91D0*	FV	U2x	U2-	U2-	U2-
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MAPPING OF EU IMPORTANCE HABITAT

The project 'Preconditions for better biodiversity preservation and ecosystem protection in Latvia', or simply the 'Nature Census', is co-funded by the European Union Cohesion Fund.

Goals and tasks of the project

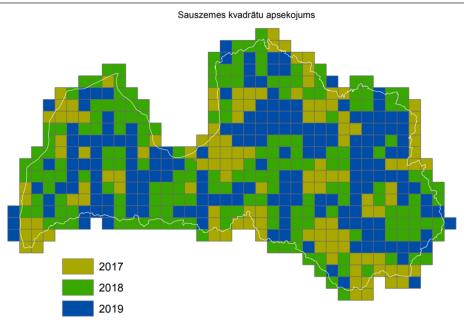
- To obtain high level, scientifically justified and high detalization level information on nature values by performing inventory of habitats of the EU importance across the country
- To digitalize data and integrate them into national geospatial information system www.geolatvija.lv and nature protection system "Ozols" (Oak tree)
- To analyze obtained data&information and use them for better policy for protection of biodiversity and ecosystems, and related measures&support instruments;
- ☐ To develop nature conservation plans for 20 existing specially protected nature territories and protection (management) plans for 5 species.

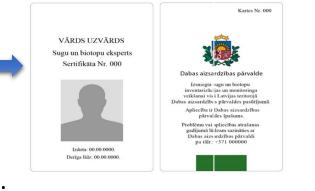
Definitions

- Habitat territory inhabited by particular species of animals or plants which are adapted to particular living conditions.
- Mapping assessing natural values by field survey and polygonal mapping of habitats that match certain criteria, as well as filling a checklist about each mapped polygon.



- 495 square mapping units
- Informational letter to landowners
- Field surveys (based on biophysical mapping) done by habitat/species **experts** (each has ID card) (>350 experts for 2017-2018 mapping season)
- A **checklist information** habitat: habitat structure, functions, process indicators, impacts and threats, necessary management activities; mapping the polygonal borders of the habitat
- Quality control (10% of each square next year).

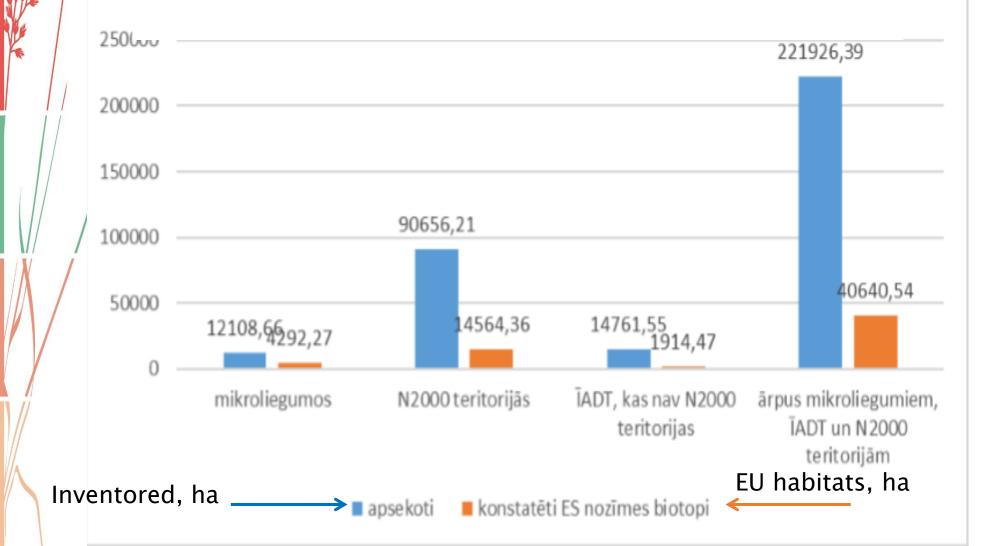


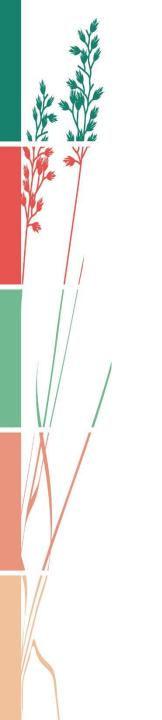




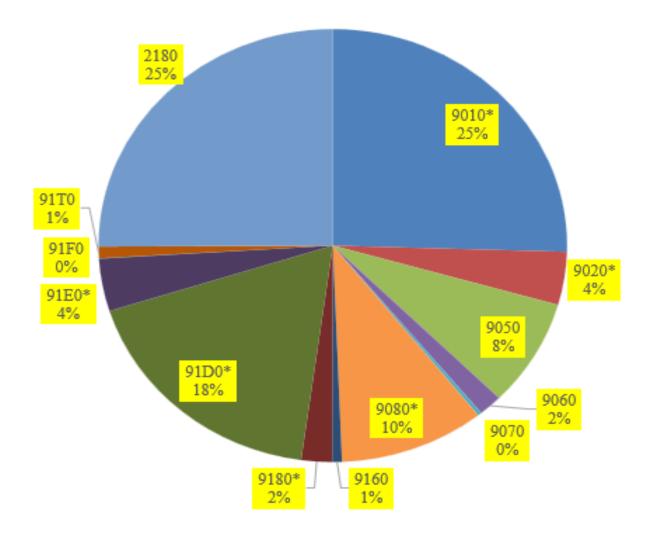


EU forest habitats (provisional results 2017) including 2180 (Wooded dunes)

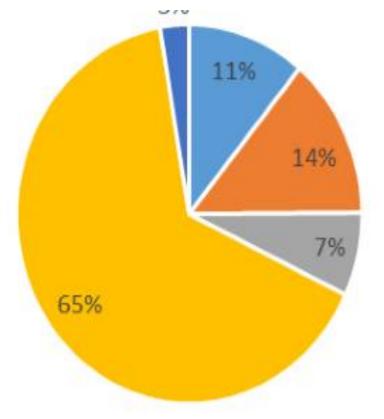




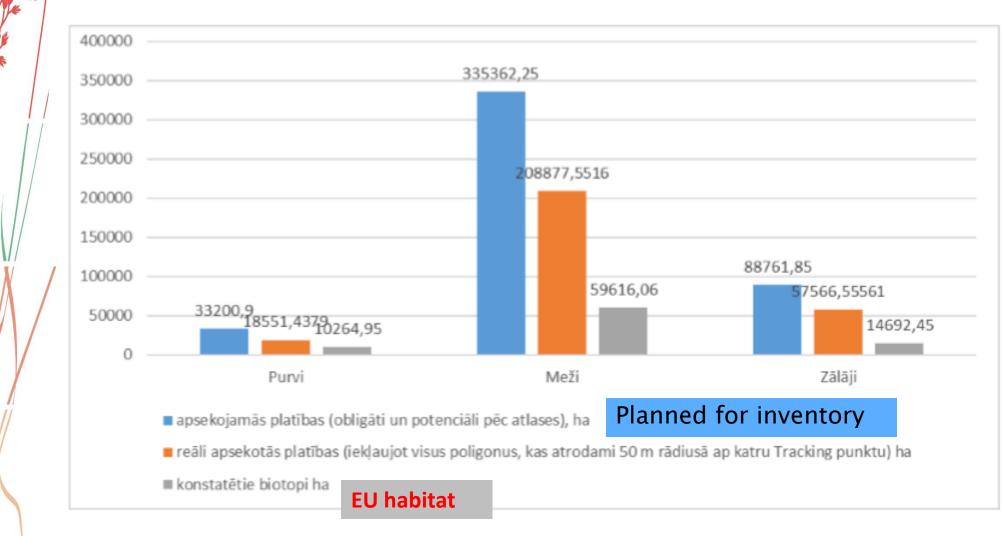
EU protected forest habitats (provisional results, 2017)



EU protected habitats – owners (provisional results, 2017)



EU protected habitats (provisional results, 2017)



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