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Implementation of national biodiversity strategies and action plans and mainstreaming of biodiversity

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First NBSAP (1999 - 2008)

- adopted in 1999 (OG 81/99)
- In this period significant changes have taken place in the field of nature protection in the Republic of Croatia
- the most significant turning point were activities associated with preparations of the Republic of Croatia to join the EU, especially after the receipt of the official opinion of the European Commission on candidacy in April 2004
- this provided guidelines for further development of nature protection sector in Croatia, in order to meet EU standards
- based on this NBSAP, new Nature Protection Act came into force in 2005 (with amendments in 2008) which included all the provisions of international agreements in the field of nature protection, including CBD, and the relevant regulations of the EU were transferred into national legislation



- Achievements

- Institutional strengthening at national and regional/local level
- Administrative strengthening at all levels
- Joining all international agreements in the field of nature protection
- Establishment of a national legislative framework in the field of nature protection and use of genetically modified organisms
- Proclamation of 33 new protected areas
- Adoption of management plans for 4 national parks and 1 nature park
- Proclamation of the national ecological network of the Republic of Croatia
- Establishment of a systematic process of inventory of biological diversity
- Creation of habitat map
- Successful implementation of a large number of international projects funded from various funds, including EU funds



- Based on the analysis and on the National report on biodiversity, the need for a new NSAP was identified
- Ten years later the Strategy went through a complex and comprehensive review

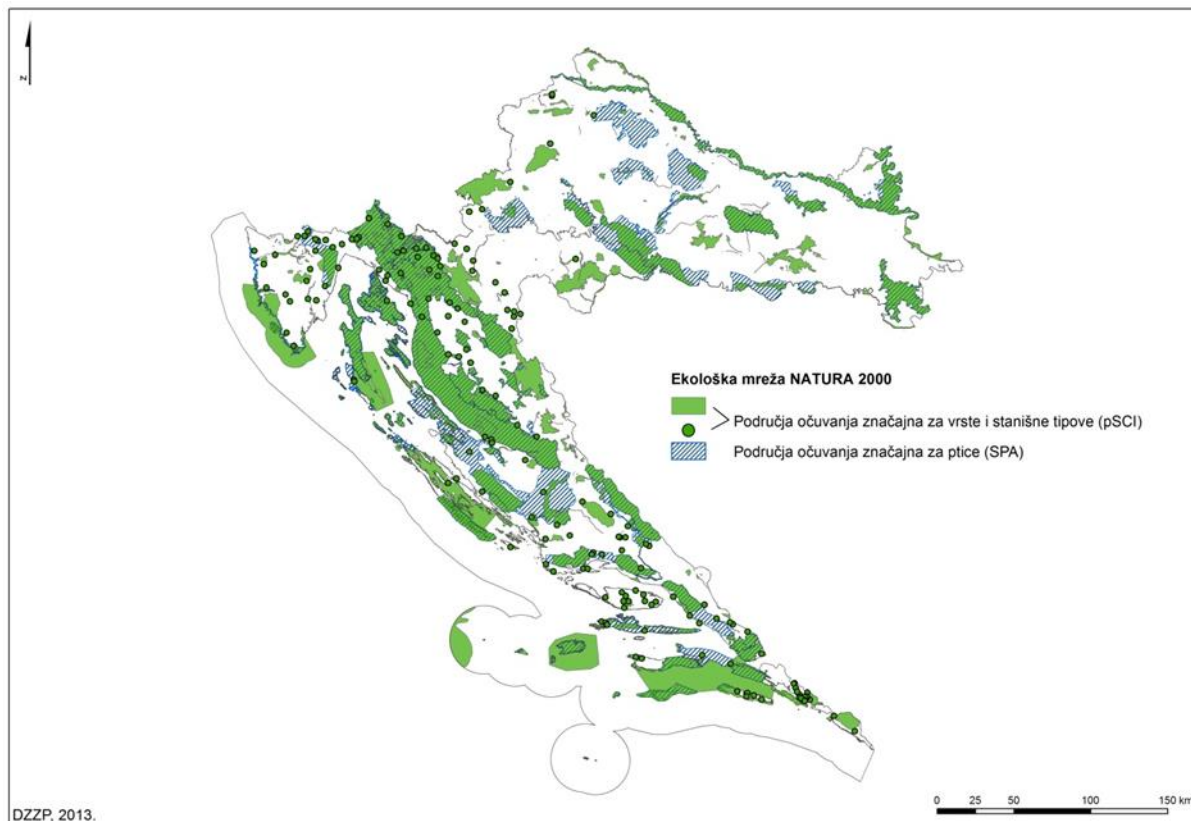
Second NBSAP (2008-)

- adopted in 2008 (OG 143/08)
- based on the Report on the State of Nature in the Republic of Croatia for the period 2000-2007
- establishment of new legislative and institutional framework of nature protection
- It included protection of geodiversity, which was already an integral part of the Nature Protection Act
- the priorities were tightly associated with the process of accession of the Republic of Croatia to the EU
- harmonization of legislation with the relevant EU Directives and Regulations, including establishment of effective enforcement mechanisms and the adoption of the proposal for the Natura 2000 ecological network

At the moment we are working on its evaluation and revision



- Regulation on Ecological Network (OG 124/13) – came into force on 17th of October 2013, ecological network of the Republic of Croatia became part of EU ecological network Natura 2000





	Land surface of the Republic of Croatia (km ²)	% of land of the Republic of Croatia	Sea surface of the Republic of Croatia (km ²)	% of sea surface of the Republic of Croatia	Total surface of the Republic of Croatia (km ²)	% of total surface of the Republic of Croatia	Number of areas of ecological network
(pSCI)	16059,57	28,38	4903,12	15,44	20962,69	23,73	742
(SPA)	17107,55	30,23	1040,13	3,28	18147,68	20,54	38
Ecological network	20754,97	36,67	5204,63	16,39	25959,6	29,38	780



- Mainstreaming of biodiversity
 - better cooperation with sectors
 - incorporation of nature protection requirements and conservation measures into sectoral plans and programmes according to Nature Protection Act
 - Ministry of Environmental and Nature protection is responsible for issuing nature protection requirements and conservation measures
 - good examples of cooperation: forestry, hunting, water management, physical planning
 - management of Natura 2000 ecological network through sectoral plans and programmes
 - Nature impact assessment



Third NBSAP

- based on the evaluation and revision of the previous NBSAP
- Fifth CBD report - part I and II are in the phase of finalization
- Global Environmental Facility (GEF)



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Thank you for your attention!

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