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Complex ecological restoration of degraded and disappearing salt marshes in Moravian Pannonia

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The main objective of the project is:

together with farmers and land owners,
to improve the current state
of the South Moravian agricultural landscape, which
is suffering from the loss of biodiversity,
reduced water retention capacity and poor water quality.

Many factors of wetlands degradation:

- absence of management -> **overgrowth** (incl. plant invasion)
- high **eutrophication** (nitrogen, phosphorus)
- **bad water regime**
- **no cooperation** with stakeholders
- **insufficient work** with the public



**insufficient protection,
loss of biodiversity, bad ecosystem services!**



What are we doing in our LIFE project?

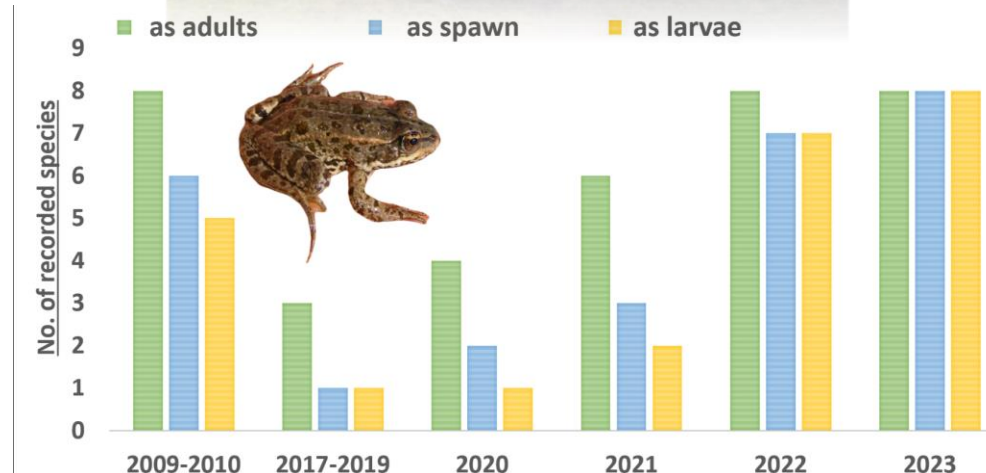
Replication of „success story“ from Krumvířský wetland:

- revitalisation **based on cooperation** with stakeholders
- practical revitalisation **together with local farmers**
- **good practice** -> lectures, excursions, workshops



However, new challenges and risks keep coming...

- established **bad management** (mulching, IVM deworming)
- **industrial pollution** (vegetable cannery) and **waste deposition**
- **compliance with agricultural subsidies**
(natural-based solutions do not fit well with its conditions)
- **ensuring sustainability - state land**
(complications with land lease)



Many threats and risks given by system...

- **Conflicting land use interests**
(may have different priorities that conflict with conservation goals)
- **Insufficient engagement of stakeholders**
(could undermine restoration efforts)
- **Policy mismatch and lack of flexibility**
(conservation objectives X agricultural policies -> diff. barriers)



But, also many positive experiences...

- **Communal grazing**
(community support and citizen involvement)
- **New role of hunters**
(involvement in grazing management)
- **Seeking new approaches**
(together with nature conservation authorities)



Key messages to share:



**involve local experts
and other entities**

**do not forget about
cooperation with public
and volunteers**

**think about new approaches
and possibilities**

**look for allies
and supporters**

**minimalise misalignment
between conservation goals
and agricultural policies**

