

MINUTES

of Steering Committee meeting no. VII

**Project “Monitoring Natura 2000 sites as a tool for effective management and protection
of autochthonous populations of crayfish”
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Programme:

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1. Information on progress of the fourth monitoring report

The deadline for the fourth monitoring report was 31 July and included the monitoring period from 1 March 2016 to 30 June 2016. It was altered on the basis of minor comments from the Ministry of Finance and its content and financial side is currently being checked, as well as the payment request.

2. State of change management

It is still valid that several suggestions for changes in the project budget are being submitted (transfers between chapters and sub-chapters), renaming of one item in the budget, and the title of one indicator due to the approaching end of the project and optimizing the exhaustion of the budget. None of these changes will influence the partners' budget, however, given that the amounts of costs will change in individual chapters (the total amount of the subsidy remains the same), a decision on the allocation of funds will have to be changed, to which the budget is annexed. For this reason, a new amendment to the Partnership Agreements must be signed.

3. Schedule of the activity Comparison of methods for trapping crayfish

The indicator '**Methodology of using snorkelling as a non-invasive method for determining the numbers of fish and crayfish populations**' is linked to this activity. According to the investigators' information, it will be necessary to move the scheduled end of the activity from 30 September to **30 November 2016**. The reason is a necessity to gather more data for verification of the methodology. During October, monitoring crayfish using snorkelling on Pstruhový stream and using scuba diving in Mlýnský pond (on Pstruhový stream) and Kosov quarry will be added, where fish traps to catch crayfish will be installed for comparison. The final deadline for posting the methodology on the project website and thus fulfilling the project indicator is **30 November 2016**, the internal deadline for compiling the methodology is **15 November 2016**.

4. Schedule of the activity Behavioural interaction of crayfish, fish and important predators

According to the investigators' information, it will be necessary to move the scheduled end of the activity from 30 September to **30 November 2016**.

Telemetric monitoring of physical activity of marked fish and crayfish took place in all three selected locations – Pstruhový stream, Pšovka and Stroupínský stream. The indicator '**The number of locations with mapped behavioural relationships (telemetry results)**' is linked to this activity. The results of the telemetric monitoring will be posted on the website no later than **30 October 2016** and thus this indicator will be fulfilled.

At all three locations, camera traps will be installed to monitor the activity of terrestrial predators in mid-October.

Two other indicators are linked to the whole activity:

The number of locations with mapped behaviour of predators

Analysis of behavioural interaction of crayfish, fish and terrestrial predators

The complete results of the mapping, including an analysis of behavioural interactions, will be posted on the project website by **30 November 2016**, and thus the two above-mentioned indicators will be fulfilled.

5. Results of the project control day

The interim statutory control took place on 5 September 2016 at the final grant recipient's workplace (T.G.M. WRI, PRI). It was verified that the project is implemented in accordance with the decision to subsidise, the approved schedule is respected and there are no known problems that could lead to non-fulfilment of the project objectives.

6. Preparation of the final project seminar and the last Steering Committee of the project

The definite date of the final seminar was set for Wednesday, 7 December 2016. The Norwegian partner was informed of this event, and their active participation at the seminar was agreed, which will fulfil the indicator of bilateral cooperation. The seminar will take place at the WRI TGM cinema.

The last Steering Committee of the project will take place on Tuesday, 1 November at the project partner's premises (Povodí Vltavy, State Enterprise) and it will focus primarily on the summary of the project budget's execution, completion of the last remaining activities and preparation of the definite content of the final seminar.

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