

MINUTES

of Steering Committee meeting no. VIII

**Project “Monitoring Natura 2000 sites as a tool for effective management and protection
of autochthonous populations of crayfish”
(EHP-CZ02-OV-1-007-2014)**

Date: 1. 11. 2016

Place: Water laboratories Povodí Vltavy, State Enterprise
Na Hutmance 5a, Praha 5 – Jinonice

Present: RNDr. Marek Liška, Ph.D., Mgr. Jakub Dobiáš, RNDr. Jitka Svobodová, Mgr. Libuše Opatřilová

Programme:

- Information on progress of interim monitoring report preparation
- State of change management
- Information on work progress and fulfilling indicators
- Preparation of final project seminar
- Discussion

1. Information on progress of interim monitoring report preparation

The fourth monitoring report, whose deadline was 31 July and included the monitoring period from 1 March 2016 to 30 June 2016, was approved by the Ministry of Finance, including the payment request. It is necessary to verify whether the required money came into the WRI account and then send the adequate part for the recorded internal invoice to the partner Povodí Vltavy, State Enterprise (will be done by J. Svobodová). Two new internal invoices of the partner will be properly recorded into the next monitoring report (fifth), whose monitoring period is from 1 July to 31 October 2016 and whose deadline is 30 November 2016.

Partner Povodí Vltavy, State Enterprise will not use about 60,000 CZK from its budget.

(Note: On 1 November 2016, the Ministry of Finance offered us to merge Interim Annual Report and Interim Report with the deadline of 31 January 2017)

2. State of change management

None of the approved 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. A text of the Appendix for both partners must be prepared in the near future (will be done by L. Opatřilová).

3. Information on work progress and fulfilling indicators

Currently, work is in progress on the document '**Methodology of using snorkelling as a non-invasive method for determining the numbers of fish and crayfish populations**'. The scheduled end of the activity was moved from 30 September to **30 November 2016**. 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**.

The activity Behavioural interaction of crayfish, fish and important predators is also in progress, and its scheduled end was also moved from 30 September to **30 November 2016**. The indicator '**The number of locations with mapped behavioural relationships (telemetry results)**' is linked to this activity. The results of telemetric monitoring should have been posted on the web pages by **30 October 2016** by the latest and thus this indicator should have been fulfilled. It is necessary to verify whether the results were posted by the set deadline (will be verified by J. Svobodová, J. Musil is responsible).

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.

Next, it is necessary to post **the results of the autumn macrozoobenthos sampling** on project website (will be done by L. Opatřilová) and **fish in SAC** (will be done by J. Svobodová).

4. Preparation of the final project seminar

The definite date of the final seminar was set for **Wednesday, 7 December 2016 from 10 am** at WRI TGM. 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 final seminar programme was discussed in detail and the final version of the invitation and the programme was created (see the attachment to the minutes). It is necessary to send the invitation; it will be done by J. Svobodová. In Povodí Vltavy, State Enterprise it will be sent to Ing. Soukupová and Mgr. Vait.

L. Opatřilová will send to J. Svobodová the articles on pharmaceuticals in water environment and their bioaccumulation in the tissue of water organisms. Vice versa, J. Svobodová will send her article on bioaccumulation.

The date of **preparatory meeting before the final seminar** was agreed for Friday, 2 December at 8.30 at WRI TGM.

5. Other

In order to properly execute the Contract of Cooperation between WRI TGM and Povodí Vltavy, State Enterprise, J. Dobiáš will create an official handover report and a CD with all project outputs. It will be handed over and signed at the preparatory meeting before the final seminar on 2 December 2016.

Minutes taken by: L. Opatřilová

Checked by: J. Svobodová