

**NATIONAL PARK DONAU–AUEN (ALLUVIAL FOREST OF RIVER DANUBE)**

(Nationalpark Donau–Auen GmbH)

**Name of Supreme Audit Institution**

Österreichischer Rechnungshof (Austrian Court of Audit)

**Title of summary report on audit findings**

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**Audit issues**

Nature protection, biodiversity

**Audit type**

Combined audit

**Description of the Audit**

The aim of the audit was to investigate into the efficiency of the management of the national park. Ecological results and developments should be evaluated as well as the impact of conflicts of use.

The audit was carried out by the Austrian Court of Audit at its own initiative. It was carried out in September and October 2004.

**Scope of audit**

Co-operation of the owners of the national park (Republic of Austria and two states)



Objectives and their achievement, especially concerning the ambition of protecting species and habitats

Efficiency of the management systems in the national park

### **Audited units**

National park Donau–Auen management company

### **Summary of the audit findings and evaluation of the audited activities**

The legal frameworks of the two states, the national park is located in, were not coordinated.

The intended size of the national park has not been achieved since 1997.

The management company was not able to influence major management measures in the national park.

Fishing on the territory of Vienna and the dense system of roads were inconsistent with ecologic criteria.

There was no comprehensive management plan.

There were conflicts with infrastructure projects in the neighbourhood of the national park.

### **Addressees of the summary report on audit findings**

The report was forwarded to the Nationalrat (federal legislation) of Austria

### **Recommendations and results of the audit**

The borders of the national park should be expanded.

The organisation of the management and financing of the national park should be restructured.



A comprehensive management plan will be implemented.

The number of roads will be reduced all over the national park.

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