Auditing Biological Diversity in NKÚ „What Happened after“

SAO Czech Republic

Department of Environment and Agriculture

Audit Objectives: assessment of 3E of the state financial means expended on biodiversity programs

- **THE RIVER SYSTEM RESTORATION AUDIT:**

Complex evaluation of the river program implementation

- **ECOLOGICAL PROJECTS AND MEASURES IN THE THAYA RIVER BASIN:**

Water protection

Nature Conservation

Bilateral Cooperation

MAIN FINDINGS

- Insufficient methodology prepared by central administration bodies for evaluation of ecological effects
- No assessment of fulfillment of program objectives, lack of post monitoring
- Most funds used for projects with lower priority (construction of ponds instead of revitalization of streams)
- Low use of preliminary studies
- Insufficient cooperation between central bodies
- Lack of specific binding conditions in agreements with the State Environmental Fund, insufficient control of projects

Necessary Measures

- Evaluate ecological effects of programs, their precise specification in contracts
- Harmonize internal regulations of the ministries
- State clear objectives corresponding to individual stages of programs
- Continue monitoring after programs' completion
- Supply complete cost reports throughout the whole process
- Transparent tender selection

Responses from the Government

January 2005

Steps Taken after the Audit by the ministries

- There is new methodology being prepared for the assessment of investments and of the final revitalization effects (including monitoring)
- Increase in number of employed experts
- New department of concepts and coordination of programs at the Ministry of Environment
- New commission established for revitalization programs
- Improving public procurement procedures

Open Issues and obstacles

- Lack of cooperation of ministries is a result of a long-term dispute over competencies
- Exceptional ministerial support is allowed
- Financing of some contributory organizations which is not allowed is the only way to fulfill all environmental objectives
- Funds used for different purpose b/c of new admin units, floods
- Too soon to evaluate the use of studies, time consuming preparation of sub-programs

Cross-border Aspect

Concurrent audit with RH Austria

publication – the Joint Report where common environmental problems were identified and 4 necessary measures recommended to legislative and executive bodies in accordance with competencies of both SAIs

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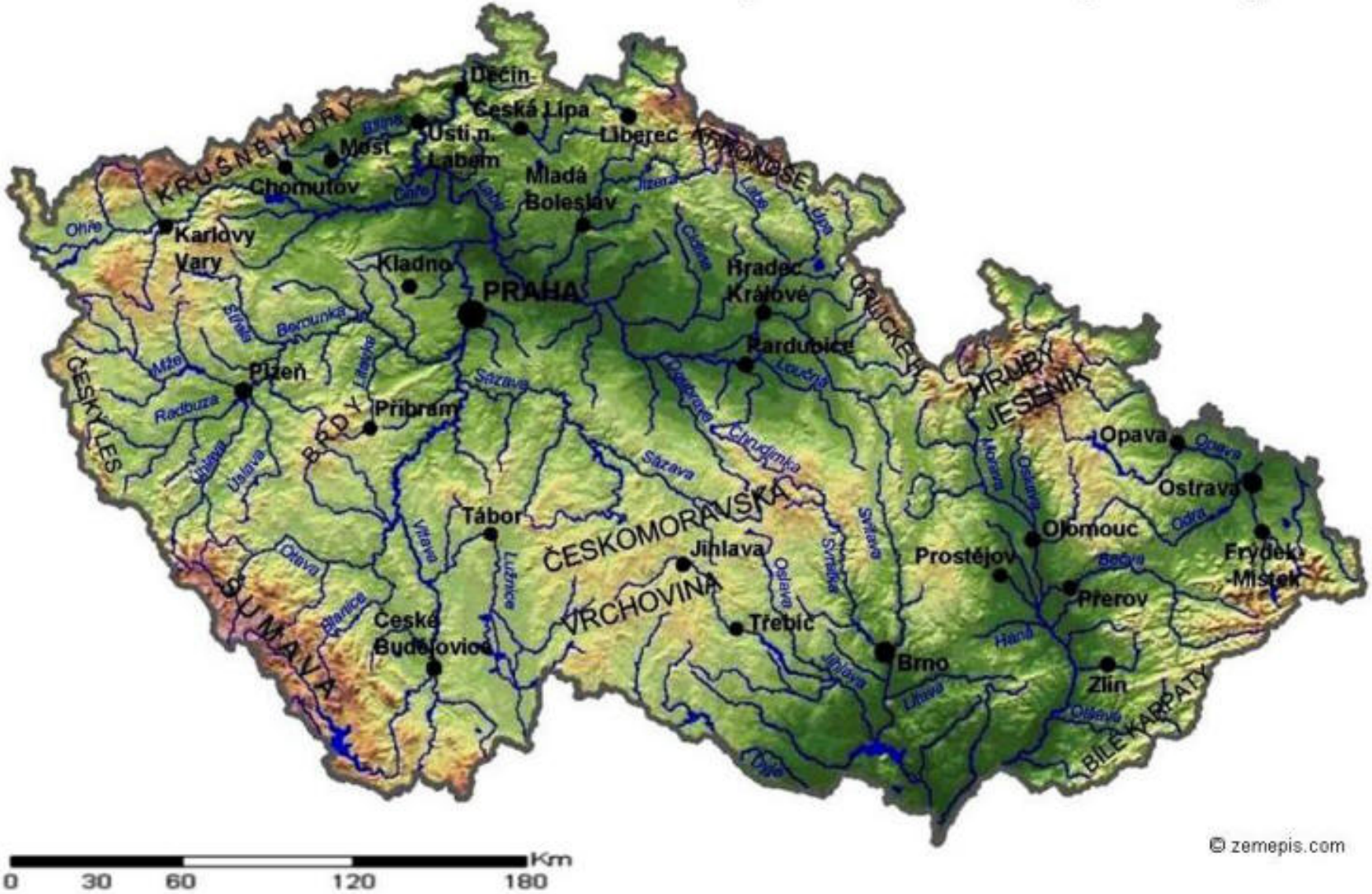

NKÚ Presentations

- For the Parliament of the CR - Chamber of Deputies and the Senate separately

  a seminar for the Committee for Public Administration, Regional Development and Environment and for the Committee for the State Budget
- For Government -

  to put forward the joint report with help of the Minister of the Environment

Thanks for your attention

For purposes of the Tenth WGEA INTOSAI meeting

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