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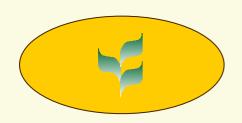
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**CBD - 1992 NBSAP - 2001** 









Communication 2006 & AP

#### **Decide Anounce Defend**

Changing the paradigm: participation and integration instead of confrontation



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Participative approach





- \* IUCN "Effective Communication for Biodiversity"
  - Training and practising communication (1998-2001)
  - National Biodiversity Strategy & Action Plan (2000-2001)
- \* IUCN "Nature Management in Partnership"
  - Follow up training, learning by doing (2001-2003)
  - 5 pilot projects at local/regional level
- \* Model for communication Natura 2000
  - National project for implementation of EU legislation (2002-2004)

# National implementation



- \*1998: the First National Report
- \*2001: National Biodiversity Strategy adopted
- \*2001: the Second National Report

  Start of the participation process

  Changing the paradigm:

  participation and integration
  instead of confrontation



## National implementation - 2



- \*Accession process (1999-2004)
- \*Political re-prioritisation
- **★CBD** implementation narrowed to the NATURA 2000 process
  - legislation adoption
  - strenghtening enforcement
  - mobilizing stakeholders



### Natura 2000 project

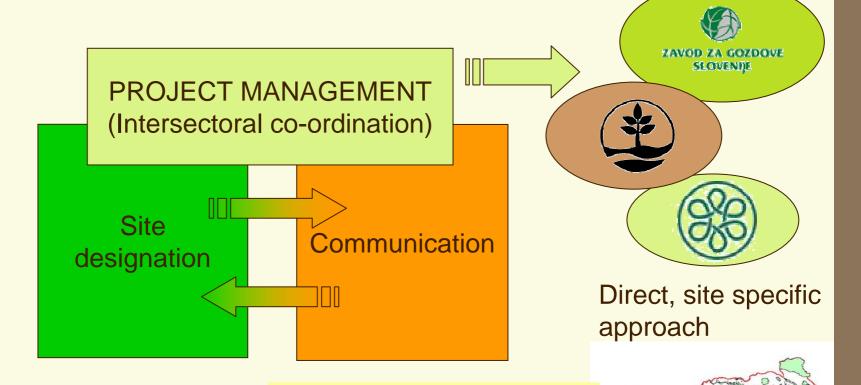


- \* Project set up in 2002
- \* Key organisations: Ministry of Environment, Environmental Agency, Institute for Nature Conservation
- \* Implementing the 'Aquis':
  - technical: identification of sites
  - legal: transposition, designation process
  - implementation: impact assessment, managing, monitoring, reporting
- \* Communication (internal, intersectoral, general)



#### Main project structure





Multiplying effect
Implementation teams
Communic Building partnership (trust)

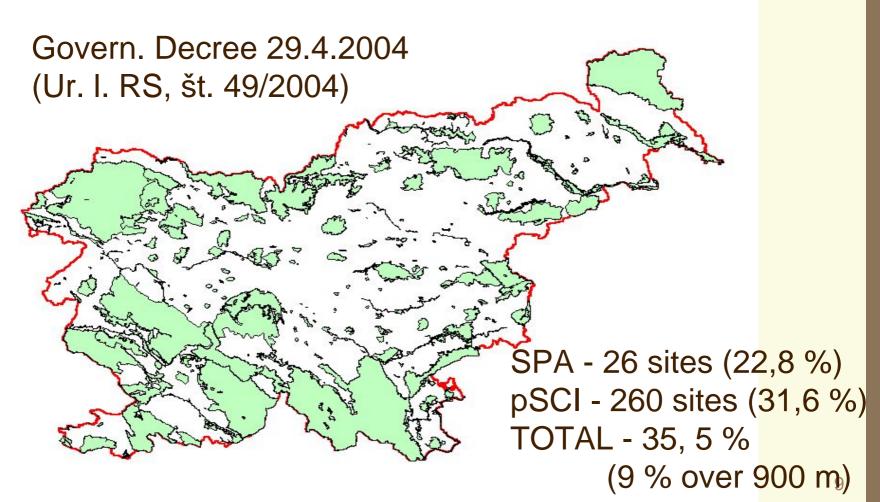
# Natura 2000 communication - results



- \* Over 30 sites communicated locally
  - stakeholders not clapping but informed
  - less oposition & more supportive attitude
- \* Improved institutional capacities
  - more co-operation on the ground
  - more trained staff, more professionalism
  - network of national (strategic) and local partners
- \* High level meetings to discuss next steps
  - participative management planning
  - more effective administrative system



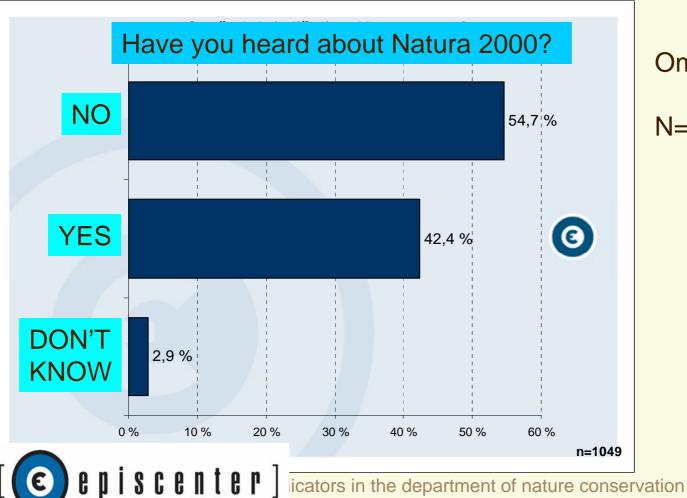






#### Do you know about Natura 2000?





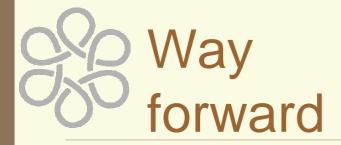
Omnibus survey

N = 1049

### SCEPA lessons



- CEPA Communication, Education and Public Awereness
- CEPA is integration mechanism
- Building social capital takes time
- \* Internal communication and motivation are important
  - involve middle & top management
  - identify goals and targets
  - identify key internal actors
- Training followed by learning by doing
- Continous capacity building, networking
- Back up system and evaluation

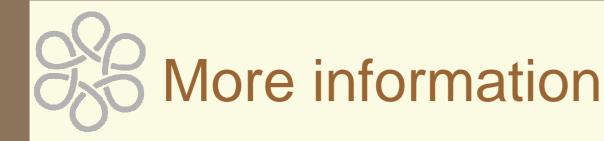


- \* keep momentum
- secure long term planning and management
- \* strenghten communication & networking
- \* strenghten education



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