

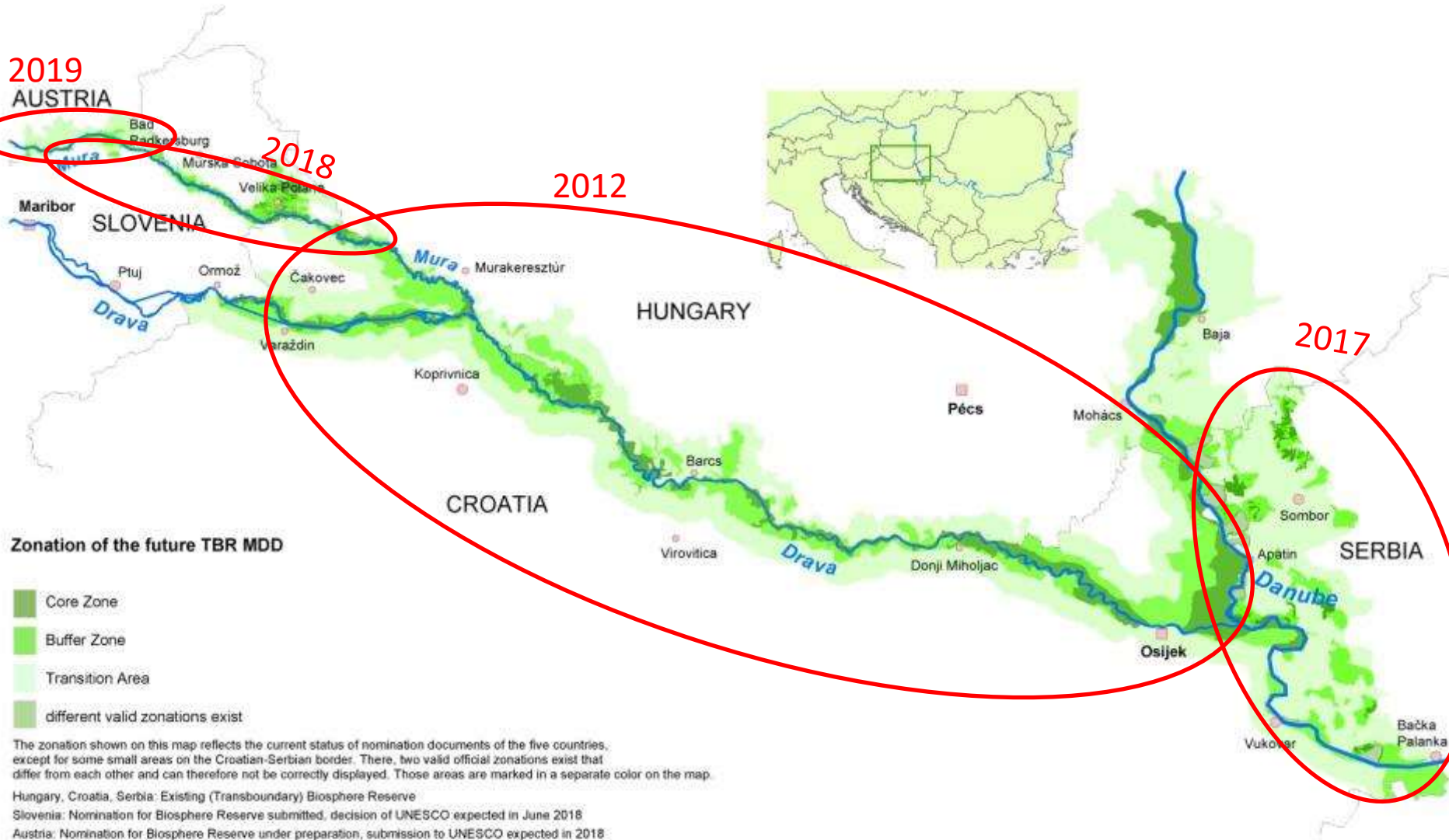
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Transboundary Cooperation Programme for  
the planned 5-country Biosphere Reserve  
„Mura-Drava-Danube“

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# Future Transboundary UNESCO Biosphere Reserve „Mura-Drava-Danube“ (TBR MDD)



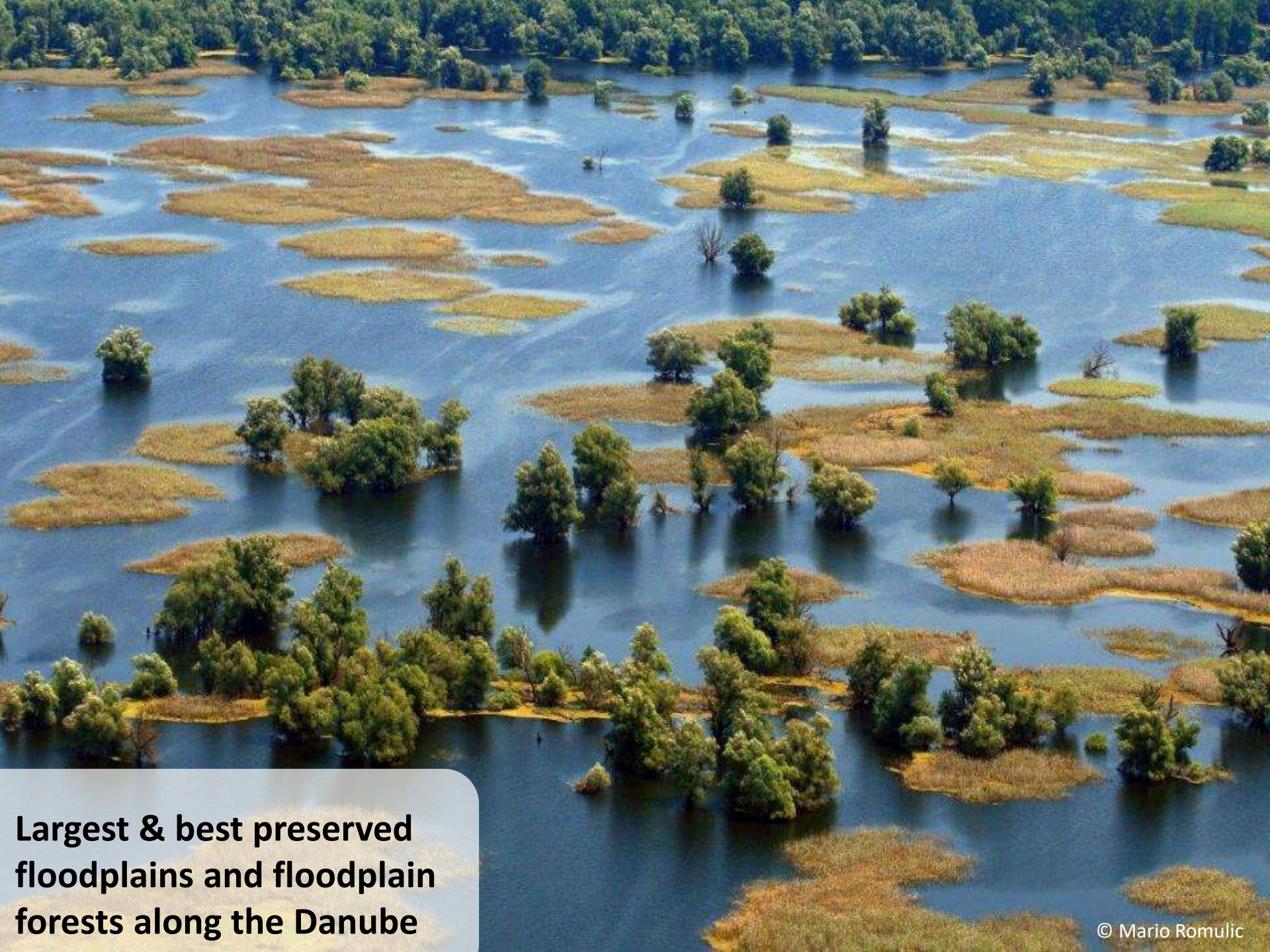
## Zonation of the future TBR MDD

- Core Zone
- Buffer Zone
- Transition Area
- different valid zonations exist

The zonation shown on this map reflects the current status of nomination documents of the five countries, except for some small areas on the Croatian-Serbian border. There, two valid official zonations exist that differ from each other and can therefore not be correctly displayed. Those areas are marked in a separate color on the map.

Hungary, Croatia, Serbia: Existing (Transboundary) Biosphere Reserve  
 Slovenia: Nomination for Biosphere Reserve submitted, decision of UNESCO expected in June 2018  
 Austria: Nomination for Biosphere Reserve under preparation, submission to UNESCO expected in 2018





**Largest & best preserved floodplains and floodplain forests along the Danube**



**Highly dynamic river stretches &  
long river continuum**

**Highest density of breeding pairs of white-tailed eagle in Continental Europe (more than 130 pairs)**





Habitat for **highly threatened migrating fish species** like Danube salmon & second most important **fish spawning area** in Danube Basin



High diversity of different cultures and customs

Unique area for  
recreation and fun







80% of former **floodplains** lost in last 100 years



**Straightening and narrowing** of the river bed, gravel and sand extraction, and **hydropower plants** influence the habitats



Challenging **political, economic and social** framework conditions



Eurostat regional yearbook 2018

- Economy and finance
- Population and social conditions **1**
  - Chapter 2: Population **1**
    - 2.1 Life expectancy at birth
    - 2.2 Mean age of women at childbirth
    - 2.3 Median age
    - 2.4 Old-age dependency ratio
    - 2.5 Total population change**

Legend Layer

**2.5 Total population change**

Crude rate of total population change, by NUTS 3 regions, 2016 (per 1 000 inhabitants, EU-28 = 2.4)

- < -6
- 6 - < 0
- 0 - < 6
- 6 - < 12
- ≥ 12
- Data not available

Note: Serbia, national data: EU-28 and United Kingdom.

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## Facts & Figures

Danube Transnational Programme

Jan 2017 – June 2019

Budget: < 2,2 Mio €

11 partners from 5 countries

12 Associated Strategic Partners

# Success factors of 5-country TBR MDD?

coherent management practices



Intensive collaboration among managers

→ core goals of coop MDD!



support of the local population



Political support and agreements

# Transboundary Cooperation Programme

 **Interreg**   
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2018

**Guidelines for a dynamic river corridor**  
Part of the Transboundary Cooperation Programme  
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Mura-Drava-Danube



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CONCEPT OF TRANSBOUNDARY LEARNING  
NETWORK OF RIVERSCOOL<sup>®</sup> (TLN CONCEPT)



**RIVER SCOOOL**

Project Lead: MDD  
2014-2020-23

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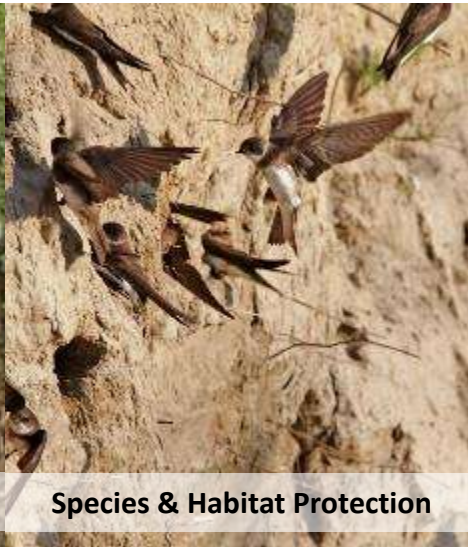
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# Guidelines for a dynamic river corridor



Cooperation



Species & Habitat Protection



River Management



Fish Management

Forest Management



Meadows and Agriculture



Game Management



Visitor Management

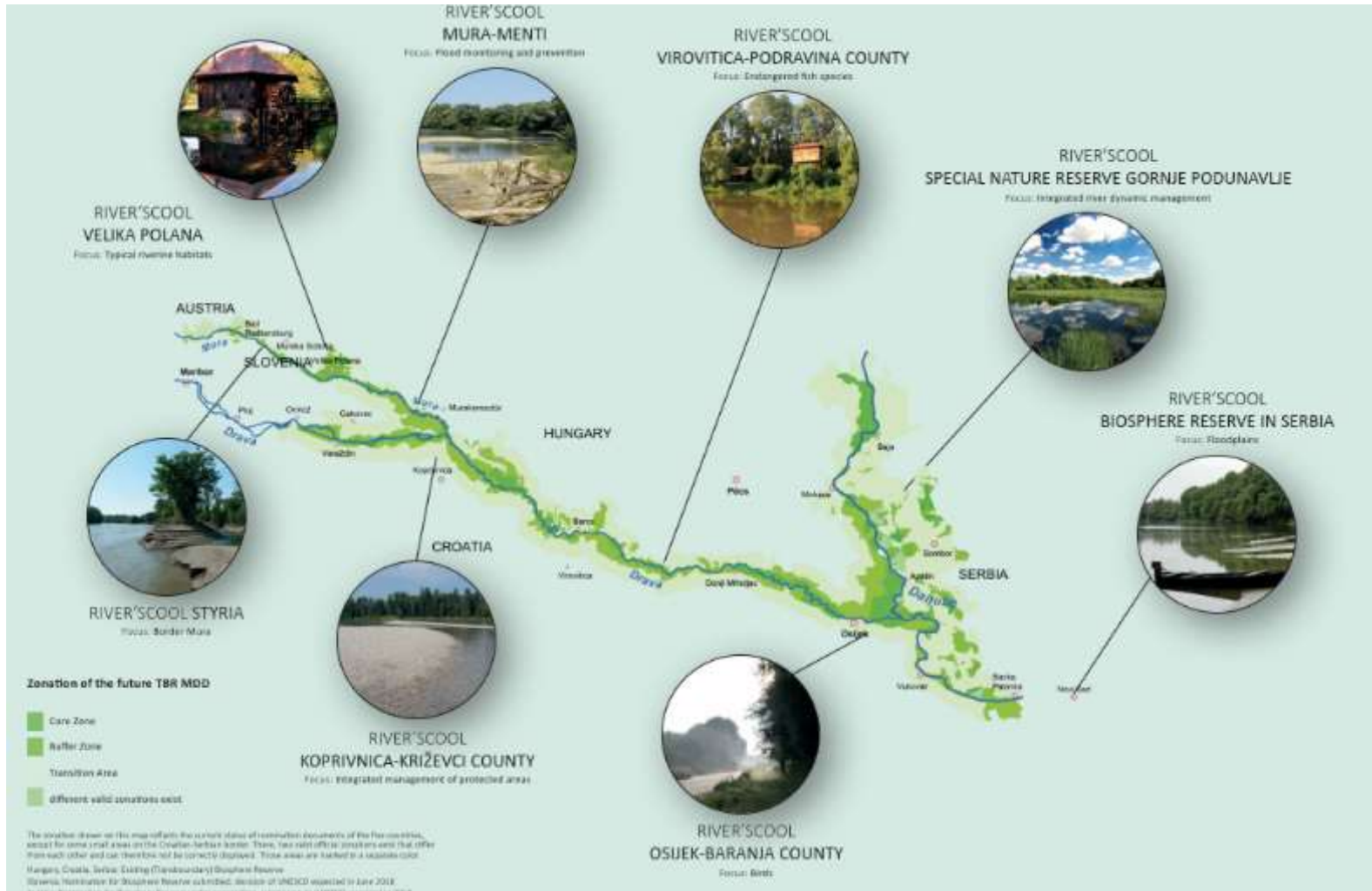


Spatial planning





# Transboundary Learning Network



# Transboundary MDD Action Plan



Cooperation & Communication



Species & Habitat protection



Research & Education

Sustainable Use



Strategic Planning



# Local pilot actions for implementation




# Anchoring our results



Follow-up projects

Cooperation with other projects

5-country Coordination Board

An aerial photograph of a river with a prominent sandbar. The water is a deep teal color, and the sandbar is a light tan color. The surrounding area is covered in dense, lush green forest. The text is overlaid on a semi-transparent white rounded rectangle at the bottom of the image.

**Let's celebrate the successes & cooperate on the next steps for the 5-country vision to become reality!**