

1. Screening

Theoretical background

Definition

The idea of a screening as first planning steps comes from the SEA planning procedure. In the screening the planning is fitted to the local requirements.

Scheme of the screening

In the Natura 2000 management planning the first step should be a screening defining the whole planning process (Who? How? When? Until when?) and resolving the following matters.

- Defining of the structure (modular)
- Defining the depth of investigation, deficits (e.g. survey of habitats or species)
- Defining the available data
- Fixing if participation is necessary and if yes kind and depth of participation (stakeholders, local key persons, methods, time range ...)
- Identify possible Conflicts
- Identify the focus of the investigation
- Fixing the methods
- Preparation of a timetable

Checklist

Data collection

- Is there existing base data or mappings of the area?
- Are existing plans available (e.g. National park management plan, forest plans, land use plans)?
- What is the quality of this data?
- Are there deficits in the existing data? If yes, what has to be done?
- Did you consider all information available?
- Are there local experts for species protection/environmental experts/ User group experts?
- Are aerial photos (date of photo flight, analogous or digital, scale, RGB, greyscale, colourinfrared, digital format) available?
- Are geological maps or other soil maps (scale, digital version) available?
- Is a digital elevation model (ground resolution, source: e.g. from laser scanning, digital format) available?
- Are satellite data (data of taking, sensor, ground resolution, digital format) available?
- Are there already basic maps with information on land cover and use available (for ground truthing, analogous or digital, source: e.g. terrestrial inventory)?
- Are there digital maps with different layers for land cover and use (e.g. forest mask)?
- What is the minimum ground resolution for digital data?

Participation

- Have you chosen adequate tools for the participation?
- Have you identified local key persons?
- Have you identified the state of knowledge and attitude concerning Natura 2000 of the stakeholders?
- Do you know how the site selection process was carried out in the particular area?
- Did you include stakeholders at an early stage?
- Are you elaborating your participation concept on the basis of this analysis (= results of the screening process)?

Recreation concerns

- Which kind of tourism and recreation use is important in the area?
- How important are impacts resulting of recreational use?
- Which groups and actors should participate?
- What economic importance do tourism and recreation have (for the local community)?
- Did you list all benefits recreation and tourism brings to this site?
- Did you identify all impacts recreation and tourism brings to this site?