Promoting coexistence with conflict species within the framework of the EU Nature Directives

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Habitats Directive

- Article 14.
- (1) If, in the light of the surveillance provided for in Article 11, Member States deem it necessary, they shall take measures to ensure that the taking in the wild of specimens of species of wild fauna and flora listed in Annex V as well as their exploitation is compatible with their being maintained at a favourable conservation status.
- (2) Where such measures are deemed necessary, they shall include continuation of the surveillance provided for in Article 11. Such measures may also include in particular:
- application, when specimens are taken, of hunting and fishing rules which take account of the conservation of such populations,
- establishment of a system of licences for taking specimens or of quotas

Population control

Country		Bear population		Hunting quota		
Sweden		3000		312		
Croatia		1500		11	0	
Slovenia		500		65		
Slovakia		1000		30	30	
Finland		1500		12	120	
Romania	omania		6500-7000		0	
	Hunting quota -	2014	Hunting quota - 2015		Hunting quota - 2016	
Romania	435		421		0	





Human safety and well-being

Human safety should be considered a priority.

- Limited to few species (bear, wolf)
- Role of the LRAs in prevention activities
- Funding, training and resources for preventing risks





Economic damages

- Acces to EU funds to reduce the risk of damages:
- European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD): Finland, Croatia, Greece, Spain, Sweden
- Natura 2000 network
- Reducing practical and administrative obstacles



Game management-Traditional agriculture

- Traditional farming practices in reducing conflicts less developed regions
- Improvement and conservation of biodiversity
- Actors of game management (hunters, gamekeepers, foresters)





Research

- Objective analysis fundamental basis for allocation of resources
- Data collection
- Involvement of all relevant stakeholders at local and regional level
- EU funding for research projects



If the situation will not change, local people will certainly take the law into their own hands.





Thank you for the attention!