

A chance along the river Tisza

1.2. Restoration of pasture land



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*An initiative to bring harmony between nature and man,
for a sustainable economy:*



What is the objective of this booklet?

It presents the Biodiversity Micro Fund, the achieved results and the plans for further operation. The very favourable reception of the Fund has had already urges us to continue this initiative which is unique in Hungary. For this we need financial resources. We hope this booklet will help to raise the awareness of businesses and institutions which accept our aims and wish to participate as financial supporters.

Who is this booklet aimed at?

We have written this booklet for farmers searching new opportunities, municipalities, environmentalists, scientists and experts of institutions willing to cooperate in the initiative and also to give financial support. For its partners the Fund offers opportunities to communicate the social and environmental responsibility our partners take.

What is the objective of the Micro Grant Fund?

The Micro Grant Fund wishes to encourage and introduce economic examples that implement the sustainable co-existence of human and river: meet the specific demands of the land, increase biological diversity and promote the livelihoods of people of these areas. In brief: it supports sustainable farming projects that are small-scale but nevertheless can be great catalyzers of local social, economic development and environmental effects.

How does it operate?

The Micro Fund has been financed by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the Global Environment Facility (GEF) and the Hungarian Ministry of Environment and Water Affairs so far. Professional quality is assured by the Tisza Biodiversity Project which has been established by the financier institutions. The technical implementor is the Ökotárs Alapítvány (Partnership Foundation). The procedure of the selection of applications and the control of project implementation is presented in the diagram on page 10.

Reception in the media and among stakeholders

Despite the fact that the total amount of support is relatively low, the Fund has raised the extreme interest of farmers. People who are in a bad situation but are willing and able to help themselves (and also others) were given development support. The review of the Alliance for the Living Tisza entitled *Tiszavölgy* (Tisza Valley) gives quarterly reports on the results of the applications. The operation of the Micro Grant Fund contains great potential for media interest in Hungary as well as abroad.

5.3. Shop of Local Products from The Tisza Valley



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Biodiversity Micro Grant Fund

– Report and prospects

- Many a little makes a mickle:
small calls for applications, great help to the farmers
- The Micro Grant Fund is a tool for nature-friendly rural development
- An optimal possibility for sponsors to communicate the environmental
and social responsibility they take
- We seek partners to pursue a successful programme

Alliance for the Living Tisza, 2008.

1.1.
Products from the banks of the Tisza



1.3.
Creation of a room for making plum jam at Danos' House



4.1. Establishment of an On-Farm Multi-Purpose Oil Plant



2.1. Creation of a wetland habitat and fish pond in the Archeological Park from the *Árpád* era



3.1.
Revitalization and utilization of the oxbows and wetlands above the Tisza Lake

2.3.
Establishment of a habitat and promotion of the extensive maintenance of hayfields



2.2. Converting a garden into a grazing field, the restoration and sustainable management of a flood plain meadow



3.2.
Development and monitoring of flood plain fish spawning-ground



3.3. Introduction of extensive grazing on flood plain areas of marginal lands

5.1.
Establishment of a flood plain tree nursery in Nagykőrű



4.3.
Planning locally managed water association(s)



6.1.
Grazing animal husbandry for sustainability



6.3.
Establishment of an organic apicultural site in the neighbourhood of the National Park



5.2. Reconstruction of the main elements of the *Anyita* pond and landscape rehabilitation

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