

Living Danube Partnership — Drava River Side-Arms Restoration (Croatia)

PES & Nature-Based Solutions · Good practice · Croatia

Quality score: 53/100

Evidence strength: Observational / pre–post

Summary

Coca-Cola Foundation and WWF-CEE co-financed the reconnection of 14.5 river km of Drava side-arms in Croatia's Mura-Drava-Danube Biosphere Reserve (2015-2024), part of a six-country, \$4.1M partnership that restored 5,462 ha and replenished 13.45M m³ of water.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Carbon — sequestration / storage, evidenced	0/3
Biodiversity — conservation / improvement, evidenced	2/3
Water & soil — retention, infiltration, erosion control	3/3
Fire resilience — risk reduction, evidenced	0/3
Governance, certification & transferability	3/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-07-04

[WWF Central & Eastern Europe / The Coca-Cola Foundation / Croatian Waters \(Hrvatske vode\) / ICPDR](#) — accessed 2026-07-04

[WWF-CEE: Danube Day 2021 — the Living Danube Partnership has brought wetlands back to life](#) — accessed 2026-07-04

[ICPDR Danube Watch 1/2021: The Power of Partnership — the Living Danube Partnership](#) — accessed 2026-07-04

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