

Detailed Final Report

For the objective no.1:

We recruit volunteers both from the local community (kids from the local school and adults, from Mayor Office) and from the Iasi city (students in Biology and Geology Departments of the University). During the field work we use the opportunity to teach ecology classes to the kids from local school. We designed and printed diverse informative materials in order to use them for the local information points. These materials were organised as exhibitions presented in three villages (Popricani, Probota, Victoria). They were presented and show up for 10 days at the local Major Offices and after that they were installed and donated to the local schools. This way they will be used for teaching ecology and nature protection classes for the local kids. The materials provide basic information on the protected areas with general images and details on some of the protected species. We organised in collaboration with the County Governor (prefect) and the Environmental Agency a special meeting dedicated to the Water Day 22 of March. For this event we invite and have as participants the representatives of all the public and state institutions having responsibilities for the protection of the aquatic reserves and the environmental NGOs.

For the objective no.2:

We are in train to obtain eggs and (hoping) fingerlings from the *Umbra krameri* fish specimens. Any way we were able to maintain them more than 1 year in captivity with only 2 casualties, which is also an important step for better understanding their ecological needs.

For the objective no.3:

AquaTerra purchased an electro fisher, digital camera, waders and other small equipments necessary for the "Living Waters" and future projects. Using this equipment we are in train of realising the first scientific survey of the fish fauna in these protected areas. We recruit more than 50 volunteers for this project and sign partnership contracts with four state institutions, 3 with local administration 3 with local schools and 3 with other NGOs.