Dam Removal Montenegro

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Agenda

- Introduction
- How we made it happen!
- Lessons learnt
- Q&A





Introduction

- Rivers in MNE managed in 2 ways
- 3 barriers on 14 km long
 Vezišnica River
- Illegally built in 2013 by a private person
- Purpose: to divert the
 water in the planned fish ponds





How we made it happen! (1)

- 2 main pillars of the implementation of DR/Free-flowing Rivers Initiative: (i) lobbying and (ii) field work
- Excellent support and collaboration with the Eco-Team NGO





How we made it happen! (2)

- Financial support secured (with the help of WWF NL & TNC)
- 3 dams on the Vezišnica River removed in Oct 2021
- DR work on Vezišnica River lasted 9 months





Lessons learnt

- 1. When there is will and support, there is also a way to implement dam removal
- 2. Clear communication with the local community and everybody involved is a key
- 3. Understanding of benefits that DR creates is important
- 4. Dam removal great communication and community engagement potential







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First dam removal in Western Balkans - Vezišnica River in Montenegro

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rijeka slobodnog toka

Europski parlament traži da se u plan za obnovu prirode uključi vraćanje najmanje 25.000 km rijeka u prirodno stanje vodotoka u EU-u

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Time to ask questions







Thank you!





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