

A Management Plan for the Emerald Site Danube Biosphere Reserve: Ways to Achieving Conservation Goals, and the Stakeholders' Roles and Responsibilities

Agenda

Date: October 31, 2025, 10:00-17:00 (EEST)

**Venue: PELICAN Green Tourism Complex,
54 Bogdan Khmelnytskyi St., Vylkove town, Izmail District, Odesa Oblast**

Format: in-person

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Background

This workshop is one of the nine capacity-building events organized as part of the World Bank-led activities in the framework of the EU4Environment Program sub-component 4.1: Support to protect biodiversity and natural ecosystems that aims to facilitate the establishment of the Emerald Network and to improve the management of the Emerald sites in Ukraine.

This sub-component includes technical assistance to relevant Ukrainian counterparts focused on strengthening the methodological capacities for ensuring the long-term survival of species and habitats listed in Resolutions of the Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats (Bern Convention). The work is focused on developing methodological guidelines for assessing anthropogenic (including military) impacts and methodological guidelines for preparing management plans for Emerald sites in line with the European standards and best international practices.

Objectives and Expected Results

A capacity-building workshop dedicated to presentation the Recommendations on the Management Plan for the Emerald Site Danube Biosphere Reserve and to discussion on:

- specific conservation measures to achieve conservation goals;
- stakeholders' roles and responsibilities while implementing the measures;
- coordination and cooperation mechanisms for the Emerald site management.

This event is aimed at familiarizing participants with the features of the management of the Emerald site Danube Biosphere Reserve, the assessment of anthropogenic and military impacts on Emerald sites, as well as setting conservation goals, implementing conservation measures and monitoring their results, and defining the roles and responsibilities of stakeholders.

Organizers

The workshop is organised by the World Bank jointly with the international consulting company Particip GmbH and the NGO Rewilding Ukraine, implementing activities under sub-component 4.1.

Participants

Representatives of the Odesa Regional State Administration, local authorities and self-government bodies (village heads), the State Environmental Inspectorate, the Municipal Police, the Police of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, the media, the agricultural sector - landowners and land users, farmers, land managers, hunters, and teachers.

Practical Information

The workshop will be held in the in-person format in PELICAN Green Tourism Complex, 54 Bogdan Khmelnytskyi St., Vylkove town, Izmail District, Odesa Oblast.

About EU4Environment

Since 2018, the “European Union for Environment” (EU4Environment) Action has helped the Eastern Partnership countries preserve their natural capital and increase people's environmental well-being, by supporting environment-related action, demonstrating and unlocking opportunities for greener growth, and setting mechanisms to better manage environmental risks and impacts. The programme was funded by the European Union and principally implemented over the 2019-2024 period by OECD, UNECE, UNEP, UNIDO and the World Bank. Over 2025-2026 period, the World Bank will finalise the implementation of programme's Result 4 area.

AGENDA

Time	Topics & Speakers
10:00-10:15	<i>Registration, welcome coffee</i>
	Moderator: Igor Studennikov, Project Expert; Administrative, Legal and Fundraising Officer, Rewilding Ukraine.
10:15-10:30	<i>Opening Remarks</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Igor Studennikov, Project Expert; Administrative, Legal and Fundraising Officer, Rewilding Ukraine. Matviy Ivanov, Mayor of Vylkove. Oleksandr Voloshkevich, Director, Danube Biosphere Reserve.
10:30-11:00	<i>Presentation of the Recommendations on the Management Plan for the Emerald Site Danube Biosphere Reserve.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Viktor Demchenko, Project Management Expert; Deputy Director for Research, Institute of Marine Biology, NAS of Ukraine.
11:00-11:15	<i>The Stakeholders' Role in the Management of an Emerald site.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oleksandr Voloshkevich, Director, Danube Biosphere Reserve.
11:15-13:00	<i>The Proposed Conservation and Ecological Restoration Measures to Achieve Specific Conservation Goals (Interactive Session).</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Olena Bronskova, Project Expert; Research Fellow, Danube Biosphere Reserve, NAS of Ukraine. Oleksandr Haidash, Project Expert; Research Fellow, Danube Biosphere Reserve, NAS of Ukraine.
13:00-14:00	<i>Lunch</i>
14:00-15:00	<i>Management Approaches, Financial Issues, and Coordination of Environmental Protection Measures (Interactive Session).</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Igor Studennikov, Project Expert; Administrative, Legal and Fundraising Officer, Rewilding Ukraine.
15:00-15:30	<i>Monitoring of the Status of Species and Habitats, Impacts of Factors and Conservation Goals Achieved.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Olena Bronskova, Project Expert; Research Fellow, Danube Biosphere Reserve, NAS of Ukraine. Oleksandr Haidash, Project Expert; Research Fellow, Danube Biosphere Reserve, NAS of Ukraine.
15:30-16:00	<i>The Mechanisms of Adaptive Management and Update of Conservation Measures. The Ways for Adopting, Revising and Updating the Management Plan for the Emerald site Danube Biosphere Reserve.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oleg Diakov, Project Technical Advisor; Executive Director, Rewilding Officer, Rewilding Ukraine.

16:00-16:30	<i>Time-frame and Methods of Reporting at the National and International Levels, Update of the Standard Data Form.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Viktor Demchenko, Project Management Expert; Deputy Director for Research, Institute of Marine Biology, NAS of Ukraine.
16:30-17:00	<i>Wrap up and closing remarks.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Oleksandr Voloshkevich, Director, Danube Biosphere Reserve, NAS of Ukraine.• Oleg Diakov, Project Technical Advisor; Executive Director, Rewilding Officer, Rewilding Ukraine.
