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Project

"The development of European bison meta-population in north-east Poland"

May 2014 – April 2017







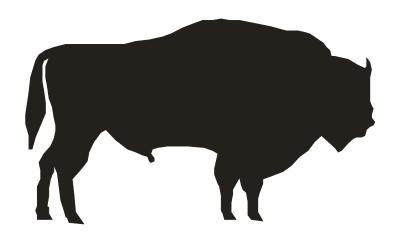
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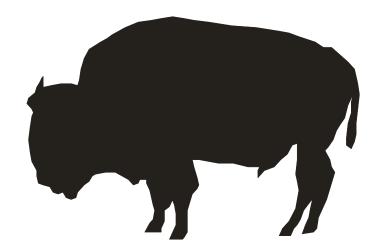
Cetartiodactyla Ruminantia Bovidae Bison

Species



European bison

Bison bonasus



American bison

Bison bison

- The largest mammal of Europe
- Sex dimorphism
- Seasonal reproduction

- The diet of this herbivore animal:
 - 90 % grasses, herbs and sedges
 - 10 % bark, branches, leaves





Mixed group (10-14 individuals) penetrates the area of 100 km² in summer and 8 km² in winter when fed Young bulls form bachelor groups (3-5 ind) and older are solitary

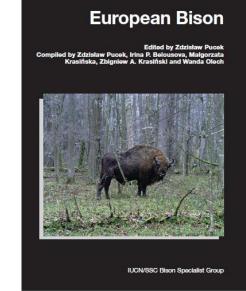






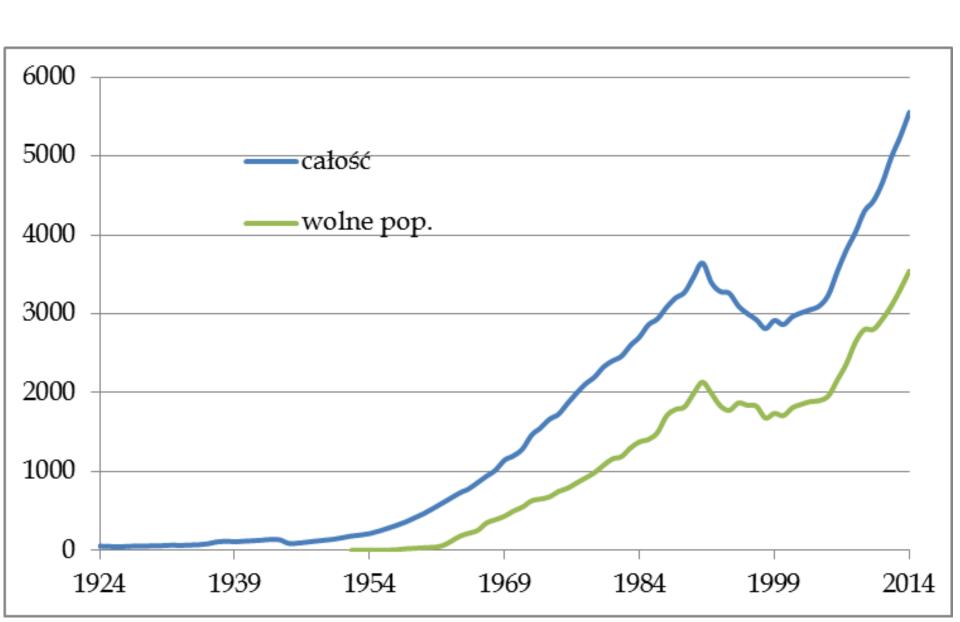


Threats defined in Action Plan

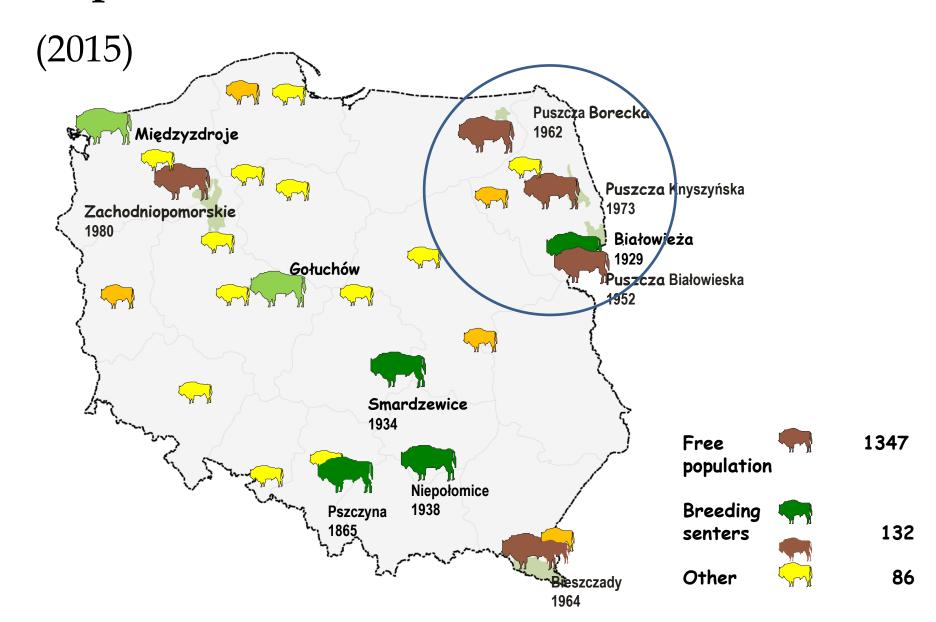


- little size and range of population
- in consequence of bottleneck limited gene pool and high inbred
- fragmentation and isolation no exchange of genetic material
- weak resistance to diseases (eg. foot and mouth disease, tuberculosis, blue tongue)
- parasites- not only specific but others characteristic of Cervidae
- conflicts with economy and low acceptance

Population of species in Europe



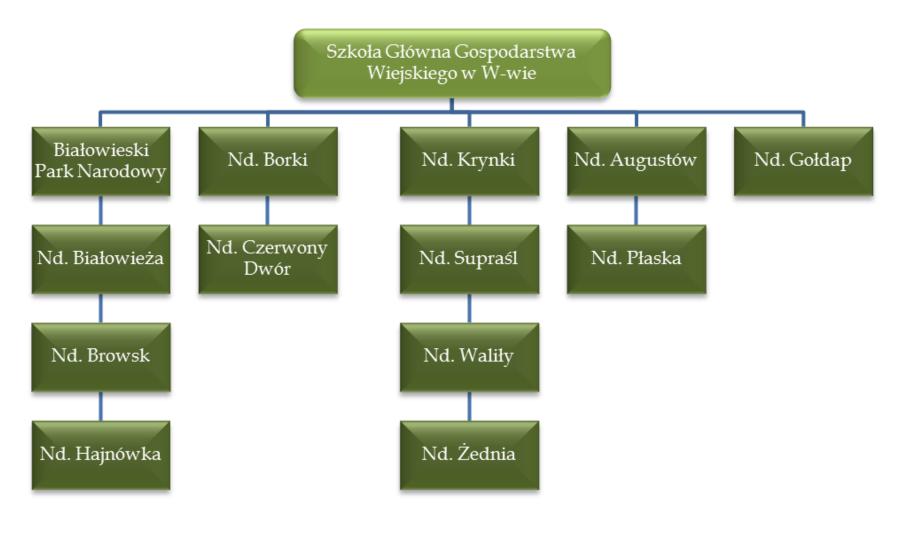
European bison in Poland



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The area of the project

The structure of Project



Białowieska Forest

Borecka Forest Knyszynska Forest Augustowska Forest Romincka Forest

Active protection of existing populations (ca. 800 animals) towards increasing the comfort of animals and capacity of forests

- meadows and pastures: cultivation, mowing, hay collection
- orchards and feeding fields
- renting the private meadows
- winter feeding
- building and rnovation of feeding ricks and water points
- cleaning the area of winter feeding









Creation of new herds

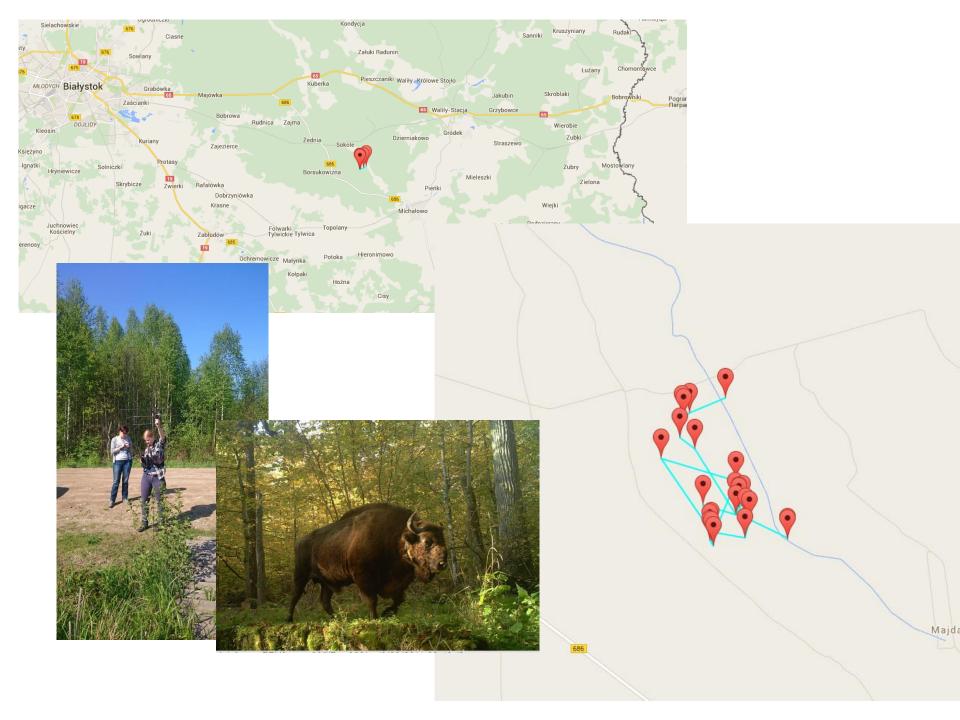
- reintroduction in Żednia forestry (preparing the environmnet, acclimatisation enclosure, transport)
- preparing area in Augustowska Forest (meadows, water place)
- detaited analysis of reintroduction possibility in Romincka Forest (nature and social condition)





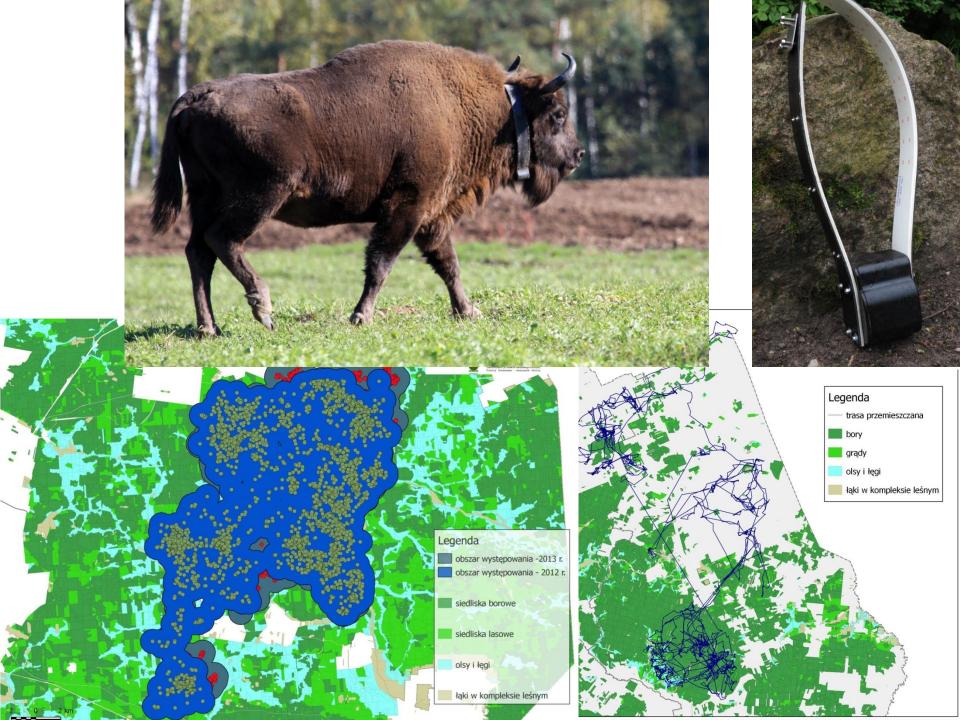






Complex monitoring of populations

- Using the GPS telemetry for information about range and preferences
- Checking the health status based on autopsy of every animal as well as coproscopy checking
- Checking the genetic status of herds using the microsatellite and MHC markers





Propagation and promotion

- European bison on line
- webpage
- workshops in every area
- conferences
- printed materials
- calendars, folders

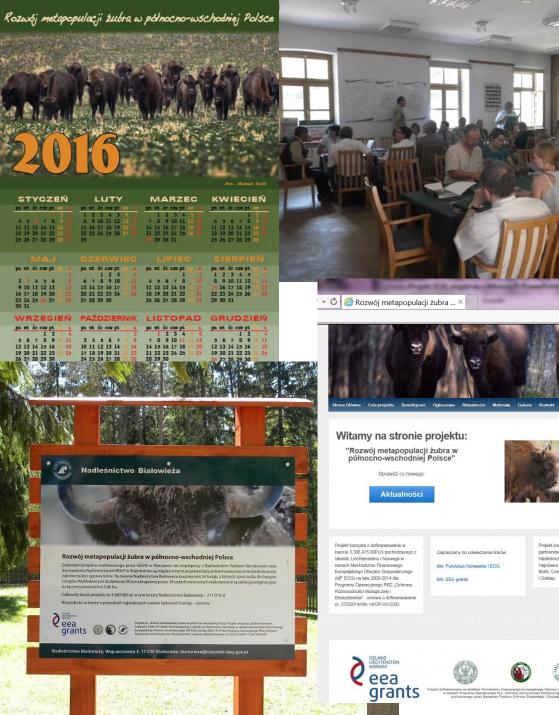
Najciekawsze sceny z życia polany:

















Projekt koordynowany jest przez SGGW w partnerstwie z Białowieskim Parkiem i Nadleśnictwami: Browsk, Białowieża, Hajnówka, Supraśl, Krynki, Waliły, Żednia, Borki, Czerwony Dwór, Augustów, Płaska





Rozwój metapopulacji zubra w północno-wschodniej Polsce

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Management and organization of project activities

- preparing financial documents
- reports
- meetings with partners
- visiting all areas

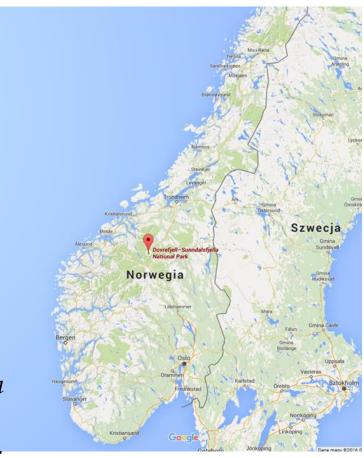


Bilateral partnership

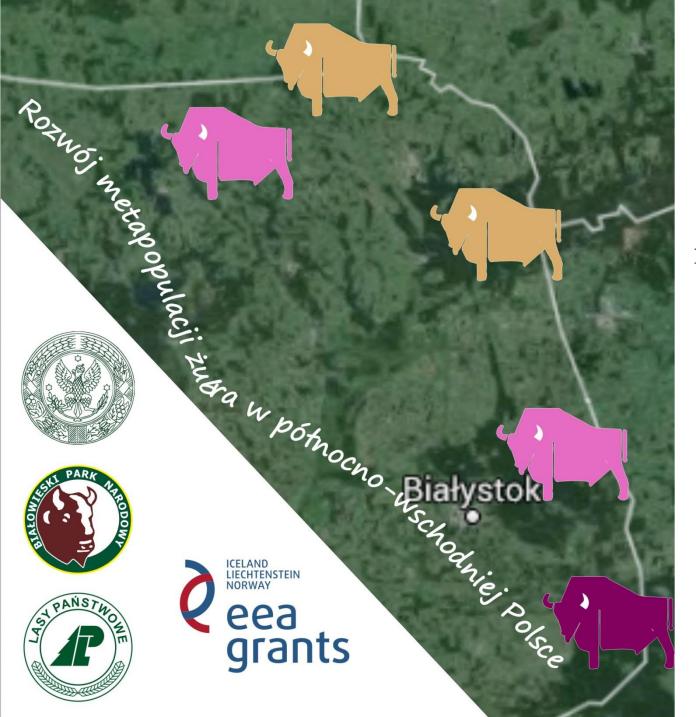
Bilateral cooperation with the National Park Dovrefjell-Sunndalsfjella in Norway

Five Polish bison specialists will take part in a study tour to Park This will take place in July this year

- Exchange of information and experience in the protection of endangered large hoofed species (muskox and E.bison) and biodiversity protection in both countries.
- Establishing contacts with institution and center of nature conservation in Norway
- The ability to know the natural heritage of Norway.







Welcome to webpage

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