

## **ODRANSKO POLJE (TUROPOLJE) (Odra Field, Turopolje)**

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The basic aim of this project is the preservation and protection of Odra Field ( a part of Turopolje) as a genetic park.

Odra Field provides now specific life conditions for flora and fauna, domestic (autochthonous, indigonus) breeds and other wildlife, which means for the, preservation of various species in situ.

Odra Field is still unpolluted and as such is inhabited by many species which as genetic sources are or will be useful in the future, particularly in foodstuff production in the traditional way (important trends in the world) in the very heart of Europe.

We hold the opinion that the preservation of such a natural habitat and the possibilities of the biological production are important on the international scale, leaning primarily upon the Convention of Biological Diversity.

The area of the Odra Field consists of:

- 4,000 hectares of pastureland (flood area, wetland),
- 5,000 hectares of woods.

Our current activities are concentrated on informing our partners and authoritative local and international institutions and their associates of various professions about the importance of Odra Field and the whole of Turopolje, in relation to other similar programs in Croatia (Lonja, Sunja and Mokro Field) and particularly to the solution of the question how to manage Odra Field in an useful way, paying particular attention to traditional agriculture and breeders who managed to keep these genetic sources up to these days.

All our activities are directed to the most important question - preservation of biological diversity, according to the current trends of the international community.

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