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Are we providing decision makers appropriate biodiversity data?

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From leaflet: “Bid-rex is about how to enhance natural value of the area by providing decision making process with appropriate biodiversity information”.

A message we would like to send here is, about importance of quality of existing data.



Ljubljana marsh area (photo: D.Tome)

We tried to define, what appropriate data should look like.

Appropriate data for decision makers should:

- 1. explain the value of the area,**
- 2. explain what is going on with the value,**
- 3. allow us to prepare plan, how to manage the area.**

Situation in Slovenia:

Many different data providers:

- NGOs – citizens science,**
 - research institutions – scientific oriented,**
 - private companies – largely money oriented**
 - governmental institutions – day to day routine.**
- they have very different knowledge, focus and aims, accordingly, the quality of biodiversity data varies greatly.**
- So, how appropriate is the data?**

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- 2. explain what is going on with the value**
- 3. allow us to retain or even enhance the value**

First!

-majority data relate to charismatic species. Do they show us truth value of the area?

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Second!

-only small part of data is collected on a continuous basis, so we have limited information what is going on with the value

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Third!

-we largely lack data, that would help us to prepare a plan how to restore high value if we find it in unfavourable condition.

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Conclusion!

-Can we expect decision makers to make right decisions about our natural treasures with information like this?

A take away message:

Appropriate and quality data is very important and it can not be substituted with improvements in data flow process between data providers and decision makers!



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Hvala!

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