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# The SAVE Projects

## Status Quo and Outlook 2009



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# Report of the commission chairperson

## Project reports SAVE Foundation and Monitoring Institute

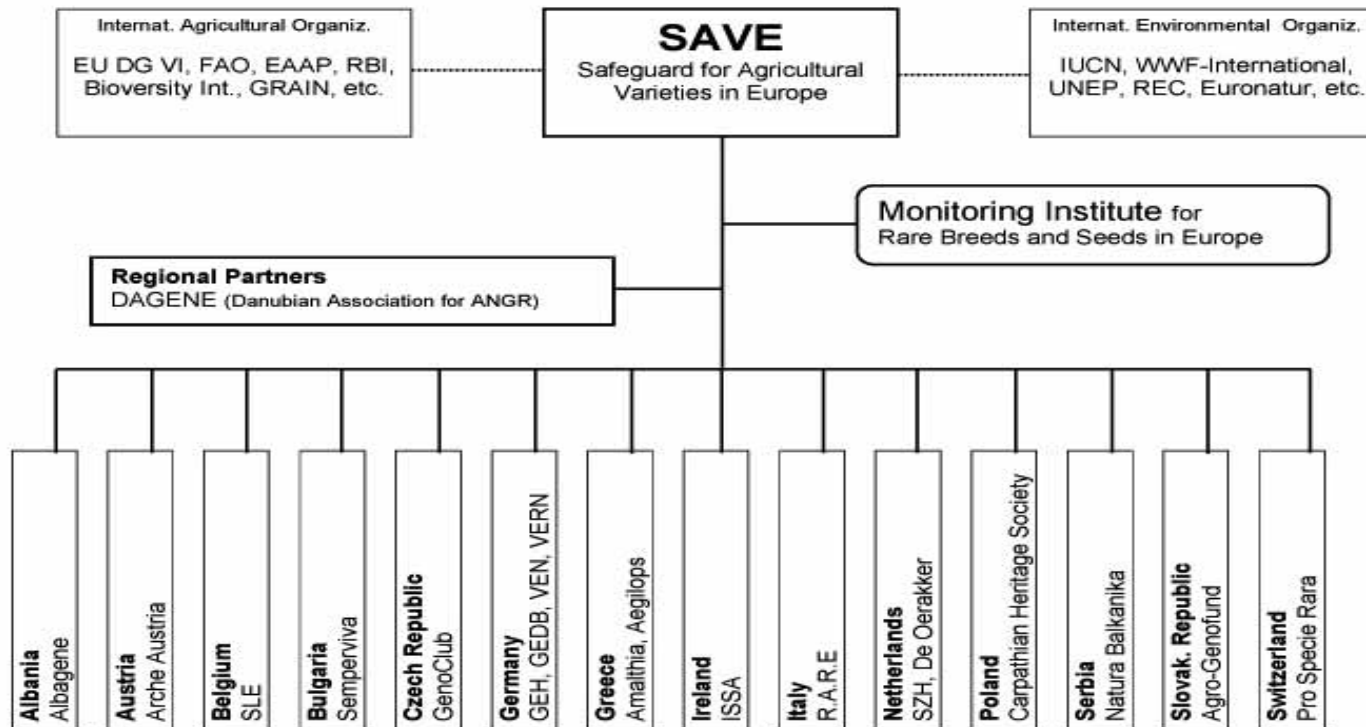


# Actual Organisation chart of SAVE Foundation



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SAVE Foundation as European Network Organization: Diagram of cooperation  
(August 2009)





# Running projects

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- Continuation of the Balkan-Network
- Endangered pig breeds in Velipoje, Albania
- Conservation of Agrobiodiversity and Management of Ecosystems in Greece
- Continuation of the project “Conservation of Agrobiodiversity in the Carpathians”
- European Livestock Breeds Ark and Rescue Net (ELBARN)
- Extension of the Arca-Net and promotion
- Feasibility study on “Documentation and use of traditional knowledge in the Alps”



# Continuation of the Balkan-Network

<http://www.agrobiodiversity.net/balkan>



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**Balkan Network** for Agrobiodiversity  
A Service of the European SAVE Foundation

**Breedatlas**

**Turopolje Pig**  
**Local names:** Turopoljska Svinja

Indigenous breed derived from Siska and Kriskopnje pig. Turopolje pigs in Austria originate from Croatia and are genetically depended on the Croatian population. Curly haired, semi-lop ears; tolerate extreme summer and winter temperatures, well adapted to wetland and marsh, ability to pass winter outdoors. Can survive with minimal diet, swim very well.

**Details:**

Country	Croatia, HR
Species	Pig
Acceptance	officially recognised
Area of distribution	C- Croatia; Turopolje and Posavina
Population size	150
Risk status	endangered
Colour	multi coloured; grey, white, yellow with 5 - 9 hand-sized black spots
Head	semi-lop ears
Weight	male: 245 kg; female: 240 kg
Height	male: 74 cm; female: 69 cm
Use	meat, bacon pig
Remarks	Association of Turopolje Pig Breeders, Croatian Agricultural Agency
Source of information	Prof. Dr. Ante Ivanković, Dept. of Animal Science and Technology, Faculty of Agriculture, Univ. Zagreb

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# Rare Breed Atlas of the Balkan

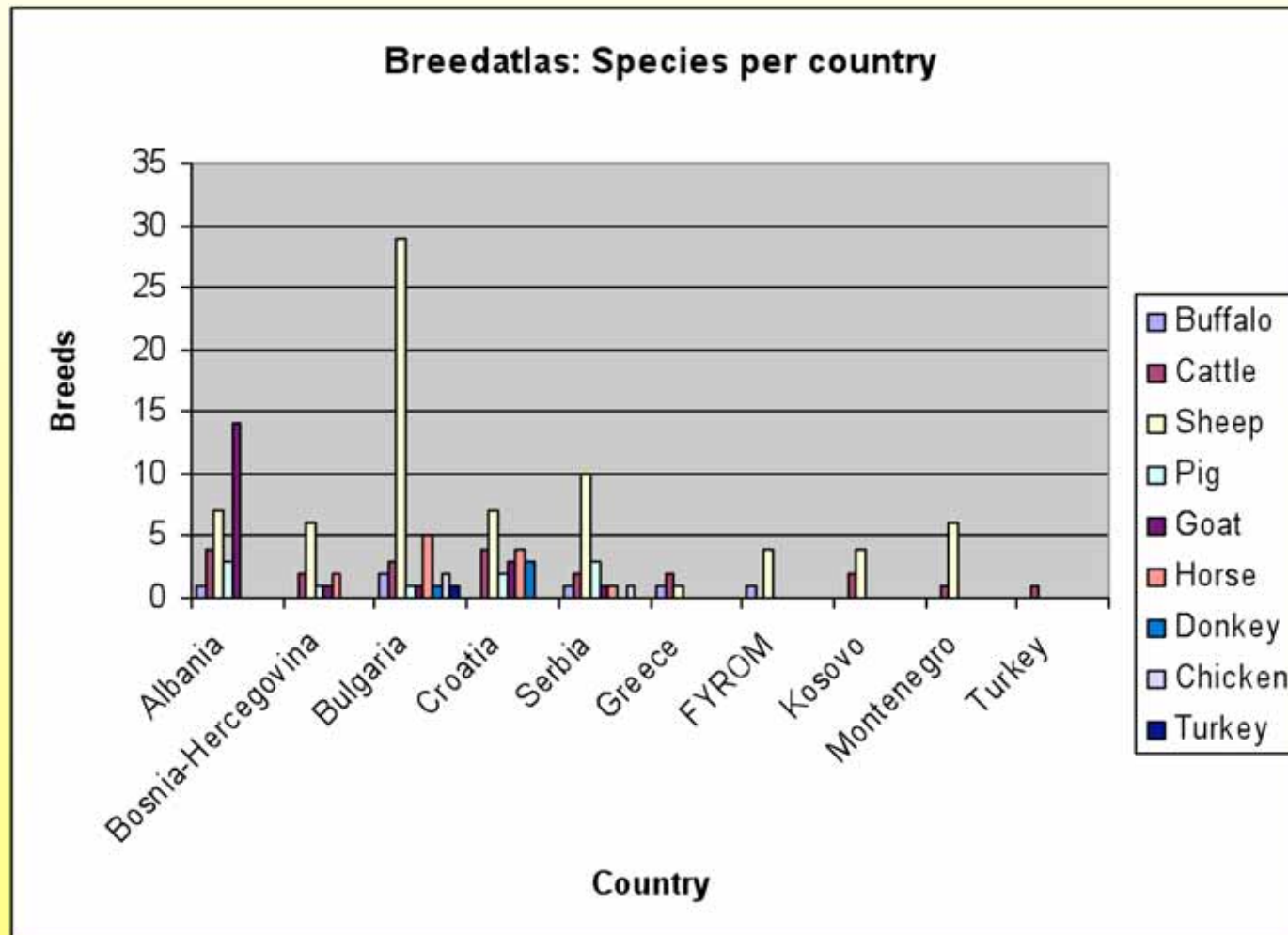
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Country	Buffalo	Cattle	Sheep	Pig	Goat	Horse	Donkey	Chicken	Turkey	Total
Albania	1	4	7	3	14					29
Bosnia-Herzegovina		2	6	1	1	2				12
Bulgaria	2	3	29	1	1	5	1	2	1	44
Croatia		4	7	2	3	4	3			23
Serbia	1	2	10	3	1	1		1		19
Greece	1	2	1							4
FYROM	1		4							5
Kosovo		2	4							6
Montenegro		1	6							7
Turkey		1								1
										150



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# Endangered pig breeds in the Bojana Buna Delta, Albania



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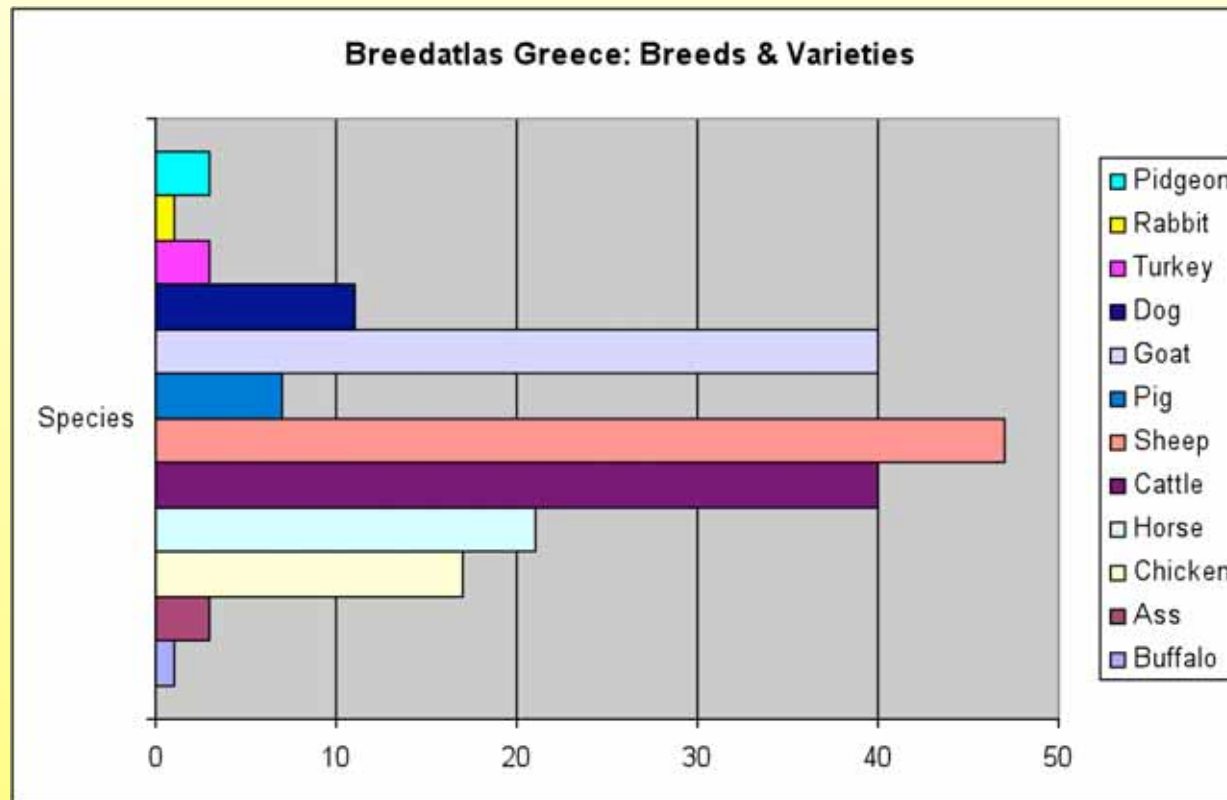
Farmers network: regional seminar at the EAD 2008 in Velipoje



# Conservation of Agrobiodiversity and Management of Ecosystems in Greece

## Breedatlas Greece

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# Conservation of Agrobiodiversity and Management of Ecosystems in Greece

## Workshop on small ruminants

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Foreseen for autumn/winter 2009/2010:

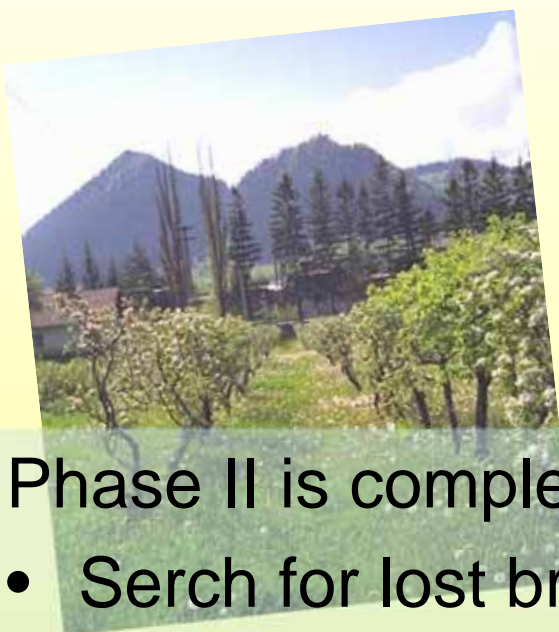
- aims and problems for conservation
- Breeding Concepts
- Herdbooks or Registers





# Continuation of the project “Conservation of Agrobiodiversity in the Carpathians”

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Phase II is completed, Phase III in preparation:

- Search for lost breeds shall be intensified
- Ark network shall be established
- Collections of fruit specimen shall be continued
- Focus on rural development and remote areas



# European Buffaloes



- Rescue Action are running in Transcarpathia
- Network of experts is developing

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## Extension of the Arca-Net and promotion linking with stakeholders and tourism

- Arca-Net offers correct but understandable background information as a complement to the information already available through international databases such as EFABIS.
- Arca-Net acts as a “tourist guide” for anyone interested in seeing interesting animals and plants
- many interesting excursions for families are on offer as well as farm holidays and educational outings for schools or a chance to see how
- traditional products are made. All Arca-Net institutions are open to the public.



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Belgium entries in Arca-Net:

- Provinciaal Domein Bokrijk
- Provinciaal Domein Puyenbroeck



# Documentation & use of Traditional Knowledge in the Alps

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Conservation and use of traditional knowledge:  
Up to now the knowledge how to work with rare breeds and varieties is going to be lost with the elder generation. If this knowledge falls into oblivion, in-situ/on farm conservation becomes difficult. The traditional “Farmer’s Knowledge” is an “Intangible Heritage” as it is protected by the UNESCO Convention for the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage



# Documentation & use of Traditional Knowledge in the Alps

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A one-Year-Feasibility study just started, which includes

- Development of an information platform
- Development of a systematic for collection of knowledge by different sources (Libraries, Internet, Museums, Persons)
- Development of categories and contents



# Risk Status of Rare Breeds



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- For determination of the endangerment of rare breeds SAVE Foundation used up to now the following definitions, which were made by FAO at the end of the 1980s:
- **Basis: Females in reproduction**
- Extinct
- <100 Critical
- Critical maintained\*
- 100-1000 Endangered
- Endangered maintained\*
- 1000-5000 Vulnerable
- Vulnerable maintained\*
- 5000-10000 Rare
- No information
- Not at risk
- \* = under a conservation programme or under observation
- In the EFABIS Database, there is no risk status comprised, population numbers are given as far as they are available.
- For monitoring efforts, clear and easy categories are needed. SAVE Foundation favours an easy four class categorisation: Critical, endangered, vulnerable (rare), not at risk.



# Projects not yet funded

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- **Animal Genetic Resources in Romania**  
(Monitoring, Networking, Conservation)
- **Extension of the Fruit Net**  
and addition of wild fruits and berries
- **Register of Synonyms of Fruit Varieties**  
Continuation of the project
- **Development of a Trademark for products of autochthonous breeds and plants**
- **Network for the management of feral populations**



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# Thank you very much for your attention and collaboration

Members of the Project Commission and the Council of Cooperation Partners will meet after lunch for a closed session