



The European Livestock Breeds Ark and Rescue Net (ELBARN) - a concept for the future

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- Short introduction to the engagement of SAVE Foundation and the SAVE Network
- An overview of the objectives and the structure of ELBARN



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Who is EURONATUR

- The European Nature Heritage Society (one of the leading nature protection organisations)
- EURONATUR was established in 1987 based in Radolfzell/Germany and pan-European working
- EURONATUR's main engagement:
 - Implementation of nature conservation and species protection projects, especially for large-scale protected areas and migratory animal species
 - Engaged especially in the European Green Belt
 - Integrating rural communities and traditional livestock
- EURONATUR is lead partner with ELBARN



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Who is SAVE Foundation

(Safeguard for Agricultural Varieties in Europe)

- SAVE is an European I-NGO
- SAVE was established in 1993 as an NGO-Network for the conservation of endangered breeds of domestic animals and cultivated plants
- SAVE is based in Konstanz/Germany with a branch in St.Gallen/Switzerland at the “Monitoring Institute for Rare Breeds and Seeds”
- SAVE is wide anchored: The Board of Directors consists of 15 directors out of 12 countries and the SAVE Network consists of 17 national partner NGOs



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SAVE's Main Activities



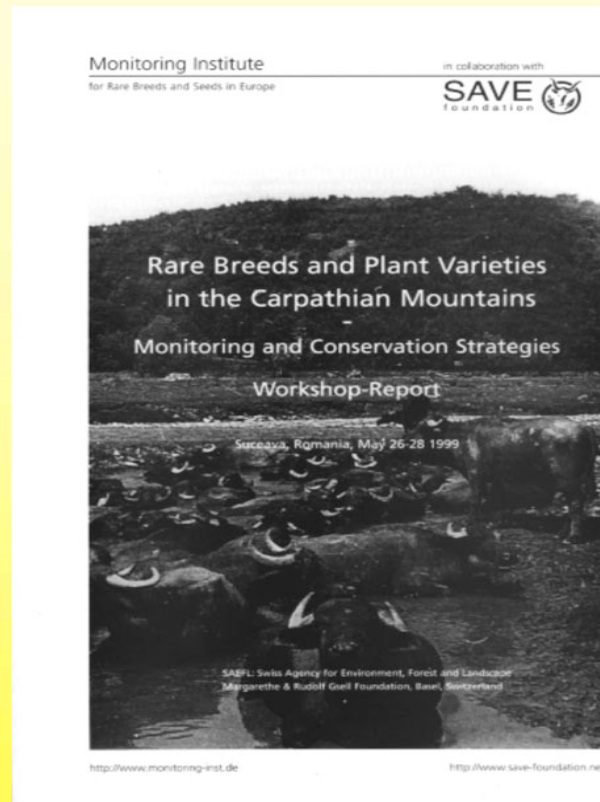
- Co-ordinating NGOs of course, but also:
- **Mapping** the former diversity (country by country, region by region)
- **Watching** the endangered breeds continuously (early warning mechanism)
- **Rescuing and conserving**, if there is a need for action (emergency response)
- **Networking** the rescue actions



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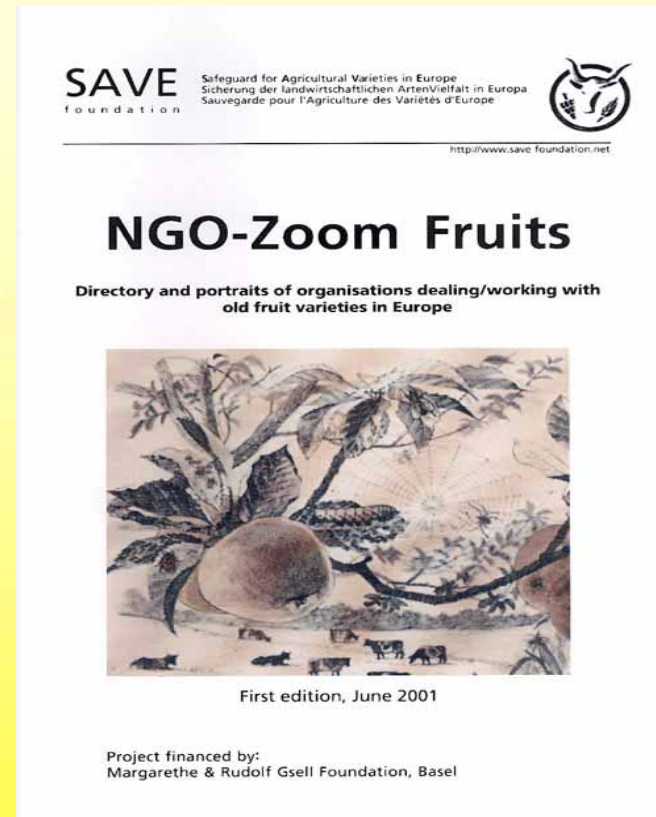
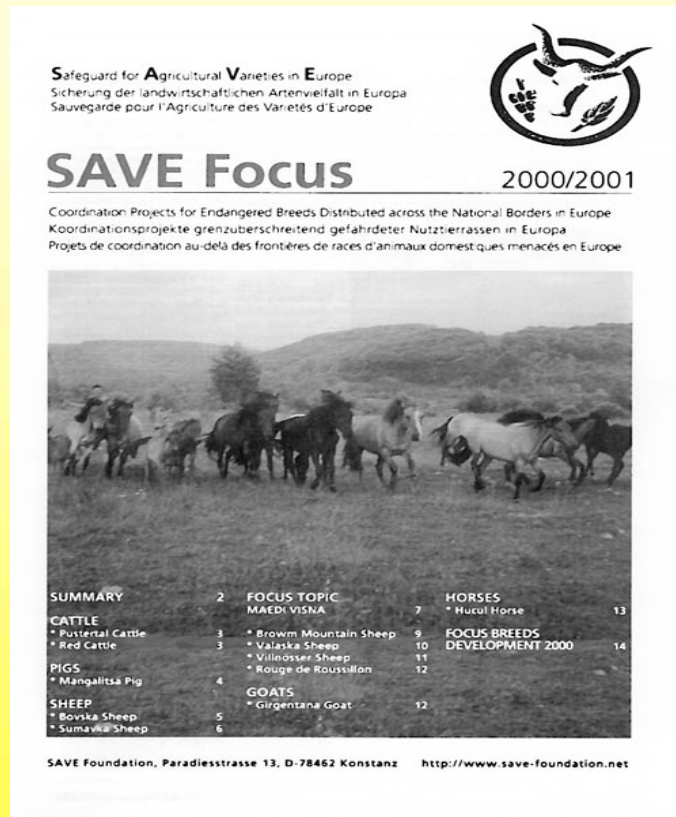
Mapping: Area-Monitoring Species-Monitoring



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Continuous Watching (contacts, databases, directories)



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Rescuing: an example



Turopolje pig in Croatia



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Rescuing: an other example



Podgorska red cattle, Poland



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Networking: an example



<http://www.arca-net.info>

- A European network of institutions showing rare breeds (and plants/trees) to the public
- A web-based online directory and travel guide for everyone interested in rare breeds
- A PR-tool for raising awareness on rare breeds



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SAVE's speciality: rediscover forgotten or missing breeds

- With ethnographical and ethnozoological clearing up SAVE is tracking down forgotten or missing breeds
- With specific search at former (or neighbouring) locations from valley to valley and from stable to stable
- Successful work is done in the Alps, the Balkans and in the Carpathians



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Forgotten or missing breeds

two spectacular findings out of all



Tatra dwarf cattle



Primitive "runner pig"



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Why ELBARN?

- In-situ conservation is often faced with danger of loosing important stock
- Ark & Rescue Centres offer space in cases of urgent displacement or disease
- ELBARN is a data base of Ark & Rescue Centres and networks them
- => ELBARN shall provide an infrastructure for the worst case - Europe wide!



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Ark and Rescue Centres

Ark and Rescue Centres will:

- Offer emergency places for endangered genetically important livestock
- Offer quarantine places for rare breeds in the event of epidemics
- Will keep core breeding groups
- And will offer breeding advice to keepers
- Will offer an opportunity for the public to see the animal genetic resources of Europe



Ark and Rescue Centres need the capacity to:

- Offer free places as needed
- Offer places suitable for the breed in question
- Be able to take over animals at short notice

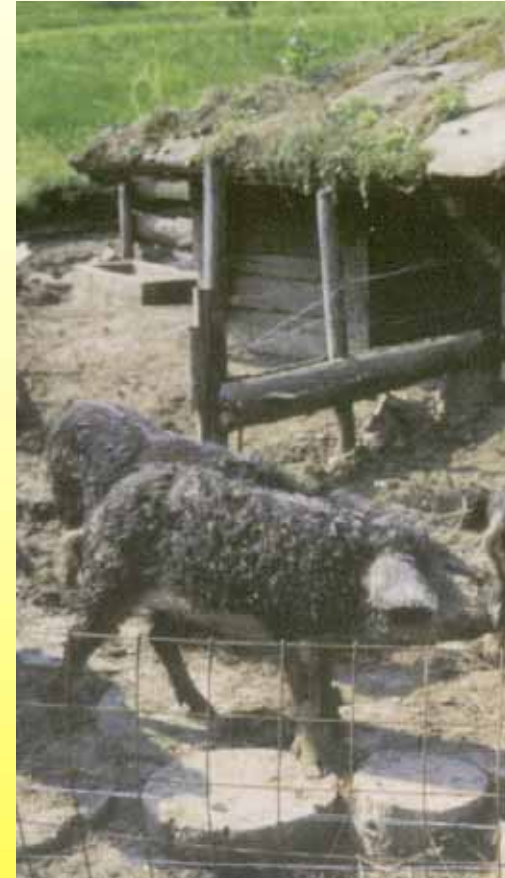


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The Objectives of ELBARN

- Identification, networking and documentation of Ark and Rescue Centres, all over Europe, in all countries!
- National/regional contact persons to coordinate Rescue actions,
- A database with easily accessible information about Rare Livestock Breeds, promotion of Rare Livestock Breeds, breeding co-ordination.
- ELBARN will not buy animals or pay for the infrastructure of Ark and Rescue Stations.

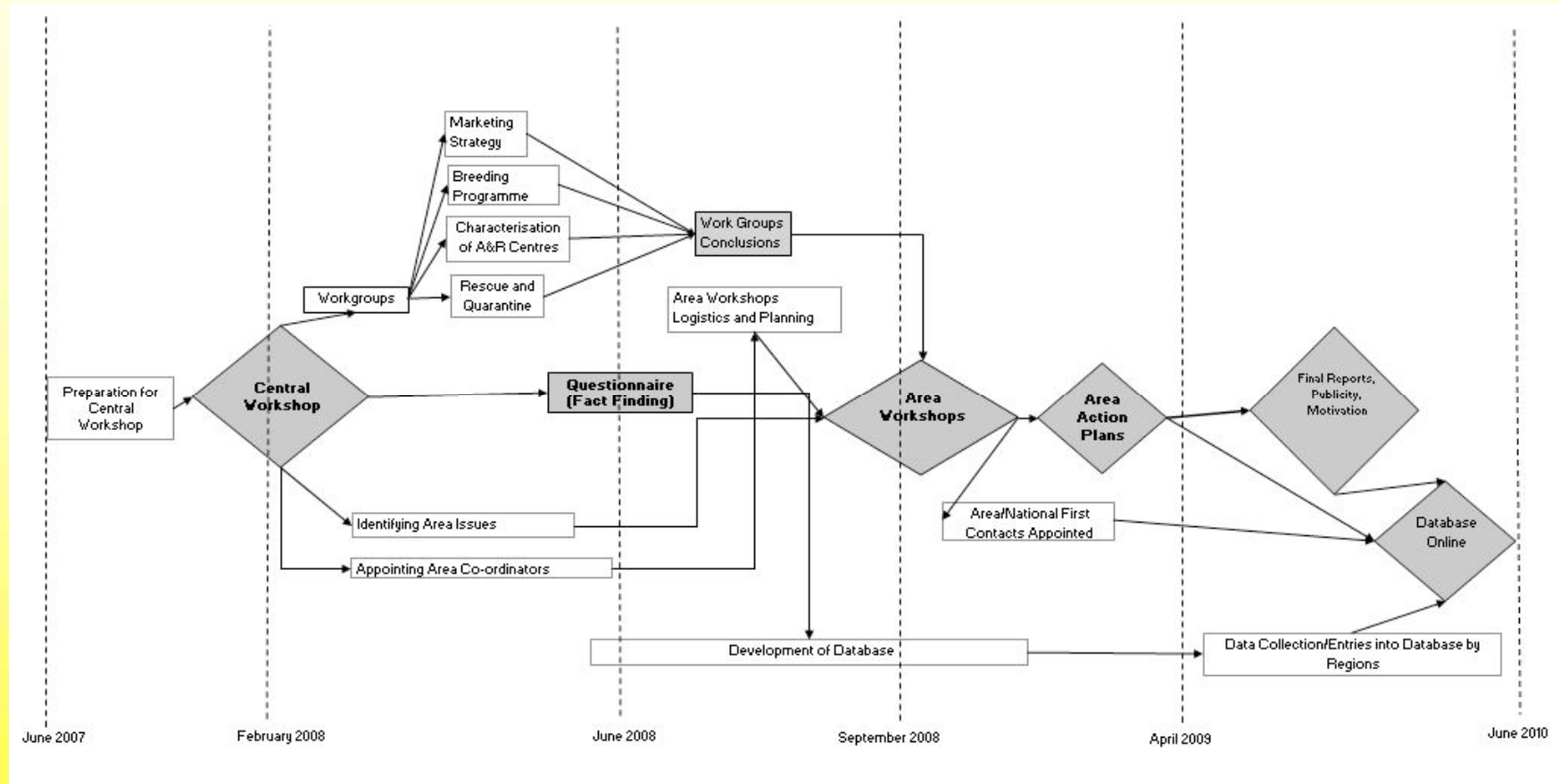


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Structure of ELBARN

ELBARN Central Workshop, Kutna Hora, February 2008



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SAVE Foundation and SAVE Network, Konstanz/Germany; www.save-foundation.net and www.agrobiodiversity.net

Milestones of ELBARN

- **Central Workshop**, February 2008
- **Transnational Working Groups** work on the four main themes: Rescue and Quarantine, Characterisation of the A&R Centres, Breeding Programmes and Marketing Strategies
- The **Database** and a **Questionnaire** will be developed
- **Area Workshops** in Spring 2009, Database will be filled up with data from the areas
- **Final Report** of the project ELBARN accompanied by press releases and other publicity for the database
- **Motivation** of national and international governments and organisations to support the continuation of ELBARN.



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Central Workshop

- At the Central Workshop (in Kutna Hora) the 'ELBARN Concept' will be drafted by international experts.
- Participants reflect all thematic areas of Ark and Rescue Centres and will so become active in modelling ELBARN. **Your** inputs here will be essential for the development and success of ELBARN.
- Each Participant has been asked to contribute a Report. From these reports transnational and thematic issues can be identified, which will later be further researched.
- At the Central Workshop, Transnational Working Groups will be formed and Area Coordinators will be appointed.
- The Transnational Working Groups will be divided to reflect the Administrative Areas and will discuss the four main themes: Rescue & Quarantine, Breeding, Characterisation and Marketing.



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Transnational Working Groups

1. Rescue and Quarantine

2. Characterisation of Ark and Rescue Centres

3. Breeding Programmes

4. Marketing Strategies



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Area Workshops

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- First Contact Appointments: Each Area or country needs to identify suitable contact persons or institutions that can be reached in cases of urgent displacement of animals.
- Discussion of National and Transnational Issues in order to produce the Area Action Plans.
- The Action Plans are tailored to the needs of each area and set out the work required to achieve the long term goal of a functioning ELBARN.



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A Concept for the Future

- Each country will have one or more Ark and Rescue Centres
- The Centres will offer free space and quarantine (if needed)
- They shall get zoo status in case of epidemics (no preventive culling)
- They will be ready to take over herds/flocks of rare breeds at short notice (within 48-72 hours)
- They will be networked and support national breeding programmes
- They will be self sustainable through marketing products, giving advice to breeders and/or being involved in tourism and landscape management.



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=> With your help ELBARN will become an important 'reinsurance' for live conservation of animal genetic resources in Europe!



Have a good
workshop!
and
thank you for
your attention!

