

Management and development of alluvial forests in the D/NL Rhine corridor

2. Workshop Project „Alluvial Forests“

January 23, 2025, Societät Emmerich, Kleiner Wall 2, 46446 Emmerich

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Item

The aim of the Alluvial Forest working group within the Interregproject “De Rijn Verbindt / Der Rhein Verbindet” (DRV) is to develop a cross-border strategy to expand the floodplain forests and create a German-Dutch floodplain forest biotope network on the Rhine. The first workshop in December 2023 focused on the theoretical basics, hydraulic framework conditions and hydronumerical modeling. The second workshop is dedicated to the questions of the expansion and management of the floodplain forests in the Rhine floodplain in the field of interests between ecology, flood protection and shipping.

After an information and exchange session with practitioners on the different approaches and experiences on waterways, we want to elaborate the various fields of action in thematic working groups and develop specific basics and approaches for a riparian forest strategy.

Concept - Programme

9:00 Doors open

9:30 Welcome and Introduction

Klaus Markgraf-Maué, NABU-Naturschutzstation Niederrhein

Bernadette Botman, Project manager Interreg-Project “De Rijn Verbindt”

9:45 The Vision – a transboundary alluvial forest habitat network

Criteria and requirements for an alluvial forest habitat network on the Rhine

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10:15 Session „Management“ of alluvial forest on the Rhine among ecological and safety demands - Practice and experience in the Dutch and the German section

John Rocks, Provincie Gelderland

Bart Beekers, Stichting ARK

Andrea Wehrmeister, Bezirksregierung Düsseldorf

Martin Wolters, WSA Rhein, Außenbezirk Emmerich

11:15 COFFEE BREAK

11:40 Look beyond our noses – Practice on important Waterways

Danube: Christian Baumgartner, Nationalpark Donau Auen

12:00 Session „Towards a Habitat Network“

The Alluvial Forest Project – Current status and next steps in the implementation of the management concept on the Lower Rhine floodplains

Verena Busch, Naturschutzzentrum im Kreis Kleve

Riparian Forest stepping stones behind the dikes

First findings of the DRV project „Inland Alluvial Forests“

Marco Tijnagel, Rijkswaterstaat

Concept „Deichschutzwald“ – An approach for forest development and safety?

Klaus Markgraf-Maué, NABU Naturschutzstation Niederrhein

12:45 LUNCH

Option walk to the Rhine

13:45 Workshops (parallel sessions, change at half time; choose two out of the three)

Workshop 1 – Elements of future concepts to integrate ecology and safety

Chair: Verena Busch

Workshop 2 – Basics and starting points for a transnational alluvial forest habitat network

Chair: Klaus Markgraf-Maué

Workshop 3 – Communication about alluvial forests, ecosystem functions, naturebased solutions

Chair: Bart Beekers

15:00 – 15:15 COFFEE BREAK

15:15 Plenary Session – Evaluation with regard to an Alluvial Forest strategy

1 Objective of a strategy alluvial forests

2 Management - Starting points and need for action

3 Habitat Network - Starting points and need for action

15:45 Wrap up and next steps

16:00 The End

After Work Drink