

Country: LITHUANIA

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Short history

- Mires used for food, medicine, constructions and etc.;
- During soviet times 70-80 % of mires effected by amelioration (mostly converted to agricultural land);
- 80 % of peat production exported to EU;

Protection

- All largest sites are nationally and internationally protected (national protected areas, SCI, SPA, Ramsar);
- National habitat inventory carried out;
- National protected species information system created;

Data supplied for the report

- 2005 map of Lithuanias wetlands and peatlands (Lithuanian geological survey);

Restoration

- All internationally protected sites are effected by drainage;
- Management plans are prepared for all protected sites;
- Restoration activities are carried out;
- Most of the sites have nature management plans;

Future plans

- Preparation of management plans;
- International cooperation (BY, RU);
- Discussions with ministry of agriculture;