

# Protected Areas Governance in Latvia



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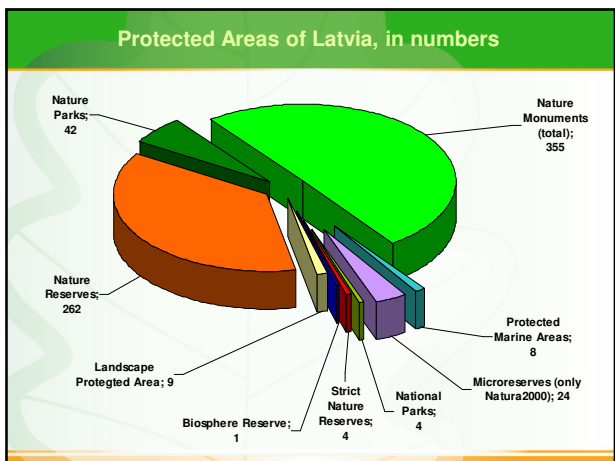
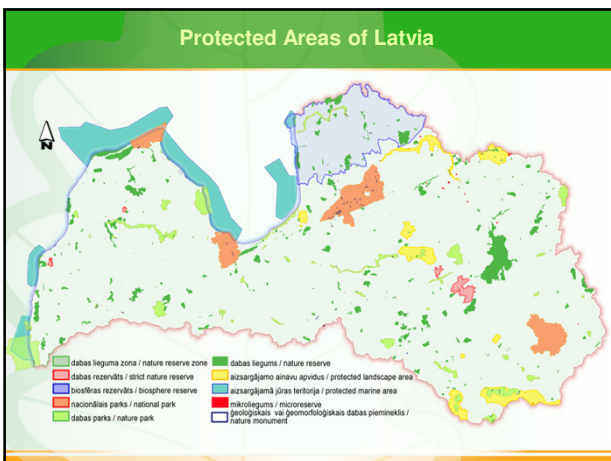
**The principles of good governance** (according to IUCN, UNDP, etc.) are legitimacy and voice, fairness, accountability, transparency, performance, effective leadership.

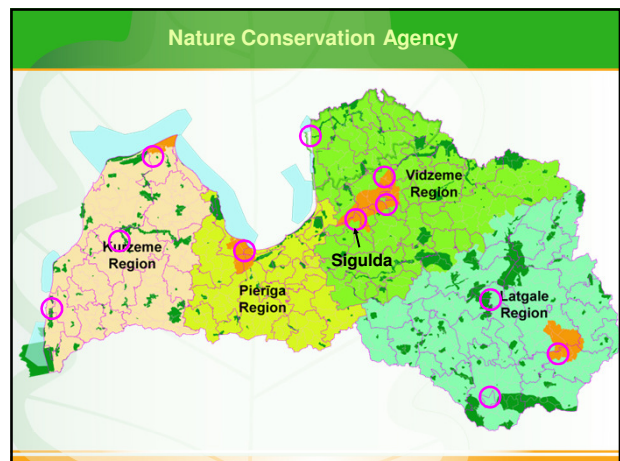
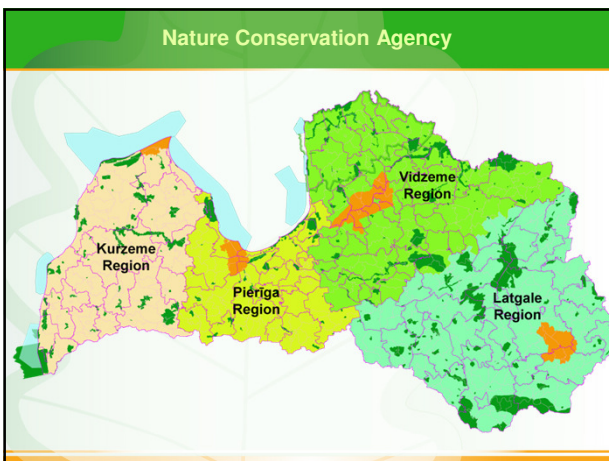
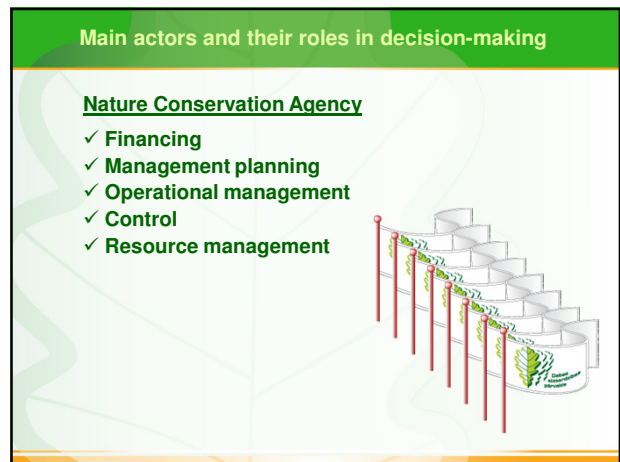
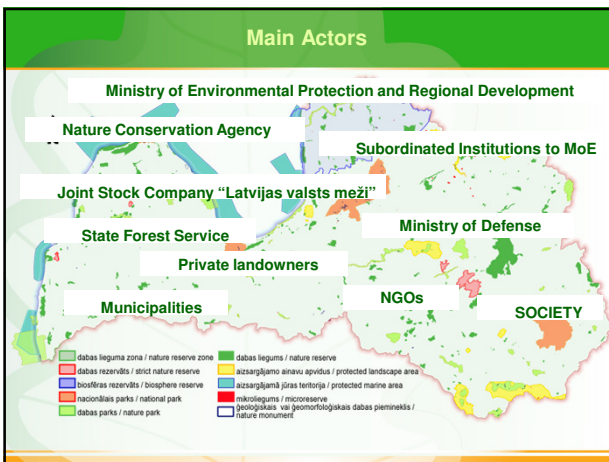
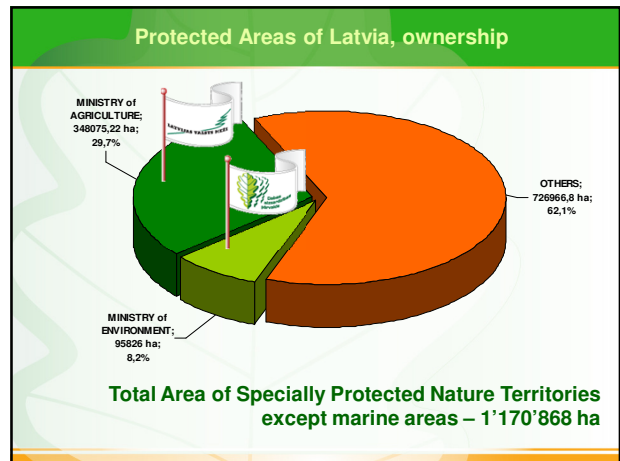
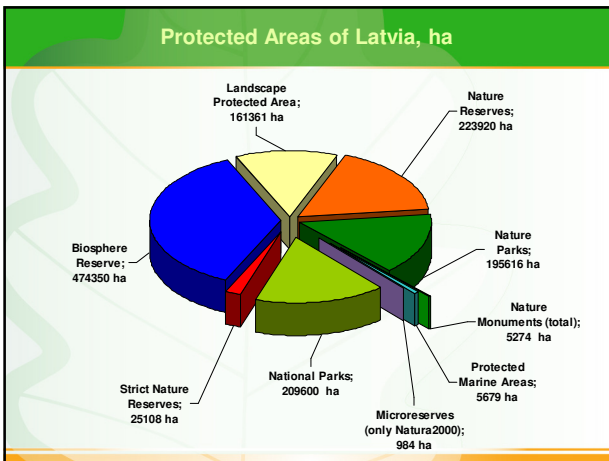
Governance concerns the interaction between the government, private sector and civil society (Borrini-Feyerabend et al., 2006) and about the role each of these types of actors play in the decision-making and management process.

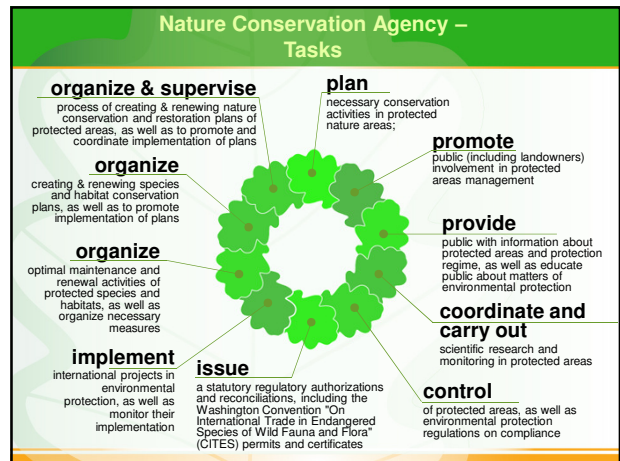
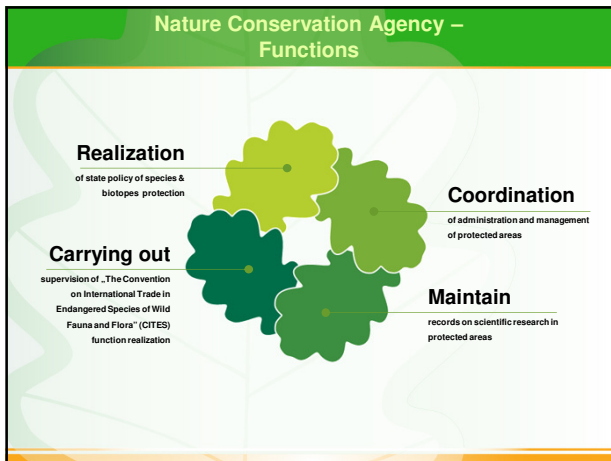
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The types of protected area governance described by the IUCN indicate **who** (in terms of state and non-state actors) **owns the power and legal responsibility** for management and decision-making, **who has the control and influence** over the management process throughout the protected area life cycle and **to what extent the non-governmental stakeholders can have the power to influence**.

**Governance types are: state, shared and private governance**







### Main actors and their roles in decision-making

**Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development**

- ✓ Designation of PA
- ✓ Approval of management plans
- ✓ Financing

### Main actors and their roles in decision-making

**Subordinated institutions to MoE and State Forest Service**

- ✓ Control

### Main actors and their roles in decision-making

**Joint Stock Company "Latvijas valsts meži" (30%)**

- ✓ Financing
- ✓ Management planning
- ✓ Operational management
- ✓ Resource management

### Main actors and their roles in decision-making

**Private landowners and Municipalities**

- ✓ Resource management
- ✓ Management planning
- ✓ Operational management

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**Ministry of Defense**

- ✓ Financing
- ✓ Management planning
- ✓ Operational management




**Main actors and their roles in decision-making**

**NGOs**



- ✓ Agreements
- ✓ Financing - projects
- ✓ Management planning
- ✓ Operational management




**Main actors and their roles in decision-making**

**Society**

- ✓ CONTROL

**Types of Cooperation for PA's governance**

- ✓ Agreement of Leasing of state owned land (incl. for extraction of natural resources)
- ✓ Participation agreement (involvement of society; without a money)
- ✓ Agreement of cooperation
- ✓ Agreement of delegation

**Examples**

**Lease of land**

Kemer NP Foundation – leasing of land – grazing and mowing of grasslands – support from State for managing of biologically valuable grasslands



**Examples II**

**Management**

Management of camping sites by river Gauja



