

# Cross Border Cooperation for Sustainable Management of Lake Areas in Kurzeme and Lithuania LAKES for FUTURE



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## Žemaitija National Park

- Park established 23 of April in 1991
- Park area – 21 720 ha
- There are 26 lakes and 65 rivers
- Two small towns and 53 villages
- There are 3 500 inhabitants



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## Park's goals are:

- to conserve the main system of lakes and forests in Žemaitija, the existing cultural heritage and restore the damaged parts;
- to carry out scientific research, data collection and regular monitoring of the Park's environment and ethnic and cultural heritage;
- to cherish the cultural traditions of Žemaitija;

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## Park's goals (2) are:

- to disseminate ideas and knowledge of environmental protection;
- to encourage traditional forms of farming;
- to promote appropriate recreation activities, and primarily cognitive tourism.

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## Lakes in Žemaitija National Park

The largest lakes (the lake of Plateliai, Ilgis and Beržoras) occupy approximately 90 percent of total water area. The bottom structure of these lakes is very complex. There are islands in all of them (7 in Plateliai, 2 in Ilgis, 1 in Beržoras).



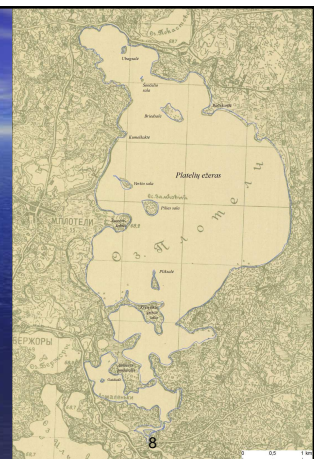
## Lake of Plateliai

Plateliai lake area is 1205 ha, the average depth is 10,5 m, the deepest place is 50 m. The average level above the sea level is 146,5 m. The length of the coast is approximately 31 kilometers.

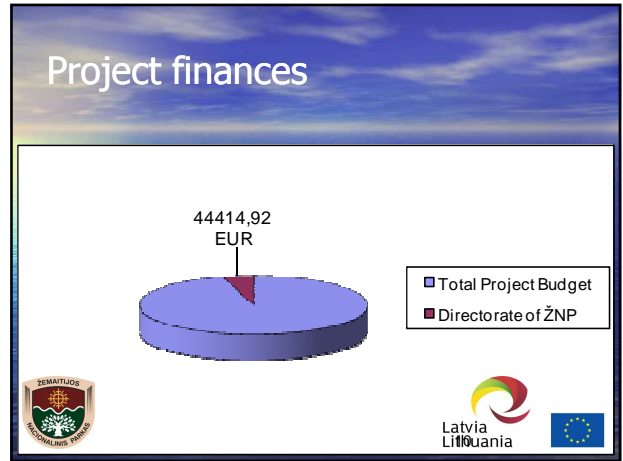
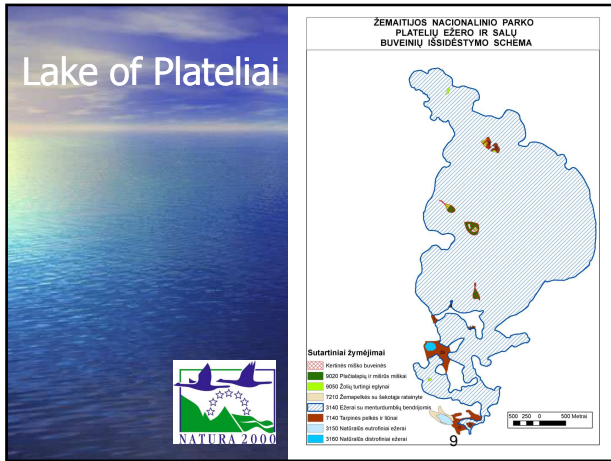


## Lake of Plateliai

1896 topographic photo



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- ## WP 1 – Management and Coordination
- Project Coordinator, Project Accountant
  - Participation in project meetings
  - First level control
  - PC (including software)

- ## WP 2 – Nature Management and Conservation
- Implementation of Plateliai Nature Management Plan – was struck.

### WP 3 – Planning, Research and Exchange of Experience

- Diving equipment, boat, GPS, sonar for monitoring
- Study visit seminar in Žemaitija National Park, travel to LV
- Lakes monitoring system



### WP 4 – Public Participation and Information

- Introducing of 'Lake Watch' – 4 local seminars
- Improving web page 'Lake Watch'
- Publication of press releases
- 2 days conference in Žemaitija National Park



Thank You!

