

## I. Stakeholders of the Lobau Biosphere Reserve

1. Federal Government (BMLFUW, BMF): They own 50% of the NP Gmbh.
2. City of Vienna through
  - (a) MA 49, forest department: They are mainly responsible for administering the Lobau BR under Dipl. Ing. Gottfried Haubenberger (staff of about 30 people, 16 of which are paid by NP Gmbh),
  - (b) MA 22, National Park and nature protection authority. This is the government agency which deals with protected areas in Vienna and hence must be consulted before making any major projects or changes.
  - (c) Shares in the NP Gmbh: The city of Vienna also owns 25% of the shares in the NP Gmbh hence it is an important stakeholder.
3. Province of NÖ: Similar to the city of Vienna's MA 22, the province of NÖ has their own National Park Authority that is responsible for protected areas in NÖ. Furthermore, they own 25% shares in the NP Gmbh. It is not yet clear whether a part of the NÖ land falls under the BR, but substantial land does fall within the NP.
4. ÖBF : largest owner of forests in Austria, and is responsible for the administration of the eastern part of the NP, i.e. the area which is not a BR. The ÖBF was privatised some years ago and there is a trend to reduce the staff. However, in the NP they will not do so since 16 salaries are paid by the NP Gmbh. The owner of the ÖBF is the Federal Ministry and hence any conflict with the ÖBF staff are sorted out through the representatives of the Federal Ministries in the NP Gmbh.
5. MA 45, Wasser Bau: This is a major stakeholder since most projects in the NP area are dealing with water. They are the major financers of projects in the area (Dotation I and II, Hochwasserschutz, etc.) worth several million Euros in the last 5 years. They are part of the BMVIT through WASSERSTRASSENDIREKTION (WSD).
6. Verband der Österreichisches Fisherei Verein (VÖAFU): A fishermen's community organised under this name. However, new licenses are not being issued and the idea is to stop fishing in this area completely.
7. International protected area network programs
  - (a) Birdlife
  - (b) Natura 2000
  - (c) Ramsar Site
8. Researchers from:
  - University of Vienna (IECB)
  - City of Vienna
  - Scientific board
  - BOKU
  - University of Veterinary
  - University of Zürich

## II. Stakeholders of the Gossenköllensee Biosphere Reserve

1. Umweltschutz Abteilung (Christian Plössnig)
2. University of Innsbruck (Prof. Psenner)
3. Ski Lift company (Mr. Haselwanter)
4. Alpen Verein (NGO) (Josef Essl)
5. Agrar Gemeinschaften
6. Community of Silz
7. Landesrat (Umwelt) (Frau Hosp)
8. Vice Landeshauptmann (Mr. Gschwendner)

## III. Stakeholders of the Gurgler Kamm Biosphere Reserve

1. **Umweltschutz Abteilung**, Tyrol: responsible for the protected areas in the region, including the BR.
2. **Tourist Industry** (Tourismusverband Obergurgl and Hochgurgl; main person Gotthard Scheiber): strongest and most important group of people, based mainly in Obergurgl; at present they have ideas to make a congress centre on top of Hohe Mut (2,600 mts) which falls within the BR. However, they are rather powerful and not much can be achieved in the area without their support.
3. **Öst. Bundesforster** (Leo Föger): They own about 50% of the land within the BR.
4. **Two Agrar Gemeinschaften** who consist of farmers and sheep herders, living outside the BR but using the BR pastures for their animals. Nearly half of the area within the BR is owned by these two communities. They own farmhouses in the BR that can be rented to tourists for holidays. This group is interested in soft tourism and are keen to develop ideas to promote such tourism in this area. They are quite frustrated since so far the big hotel owners and the tourist industry controls the local tourism and a large part of the economy.
5. **Mayor of Sölden** (Ernst Schöpf): He supports tourism in the area and is closely linked to the tourist industry.
6. **ALPEN VEREIN** (Josef Essl): An NGO working in the region by way of research and conservation programs.
7. **PROVITA ALPINA** (Hans Haid): An NGO run by Hans Haid, a local inhabitant but very involved in conservation issues and the BR in the area. He has published a lot about issues, planning for the region. He is one who is a document collector and knows very much about the history, stakeholder conflicts in the area. But a lone fighter and is usually very pro-active. Other stakeholders find him a nuisance and do not take his ideas seriously. Does not have powers to decide but he frequently writes in newspapers and gives press releases about any new development in the area to protest. He was very much responsible to inform the stakeholders, farmers etc. about the existence of a BR. Also writes to UNESCO-MAB sometimes, and is seen as one of the main supporters of the BR. Hans Haid said that he supported the Verein Naturpark Ötztal (see below) which gets some to doubt his present intentions (especially by Brigitta Erschbamer and the Alpen Verein).
8. **Verein Naturpark Ötztaler Alpen**: A new association built brought together with the most important people in the area (such as Mayor of Sölden, Gotthard Scheiber, ... list to be obtained from Hans Haid). This is financed by Umweltschutz Abteilung in Tyrol

(Plössnig). The Verein are trying to put together a new management of the entire Ruhe Gebiet which includes the BR. A new manager is being searched for. Brigitta Erschbamer doubts very much the interests of this Verein since all powerful people are involved, particularly those who are not so inclined towards conservation but towards projects such as building up a dam for making artificial snow, etc. mainly drawn up for the 10% area in the BR which is not part of the Ruhegebiet (according to law, the Ruhegebiet cannot be touched for such projects). Brigitta doubted the intentions of Hans Haid for supporting this Verein.

9. **University of Innsbruck:** Institute of Botany under Prof. Brigitta Erschbamer who has done immense research in the region. They have a research station in Obergurgl which was under Prof. Patzelt until this year and now he has retired. Patzelt, who worked in the area for a very long time did not know the existence of the BR (info by Hans Haid and Erschbamer). The research centre is being re-organised with a new name (Wissenschaftliches Universitätszentrum Obergurgl). The university is looking for a new head of the research station. Candidates are Prof. Maier and Prof. Rüdiger Kaufmann. Dr. Ruth Jochum-Gasser has been asked to be responsible for congress affairs in the research station.