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"Optimising the Governance and Management of the
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Volunteer Contributions for Biodiversity Conservation in Latvia, LIFE-IP LatViaNature

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Initiative «Let's do good for nature!»

- Implemented by Nature Conservation Agency and WWF Latvia
- Habitat management based on **expert** guidelines
- Large **variety** of works – invasive species, grasslands, veteran trees, water courses, wetlands, etc.
- Strong emphasis on **education**
- Individuals and corporate groups
- All ages
- All year round





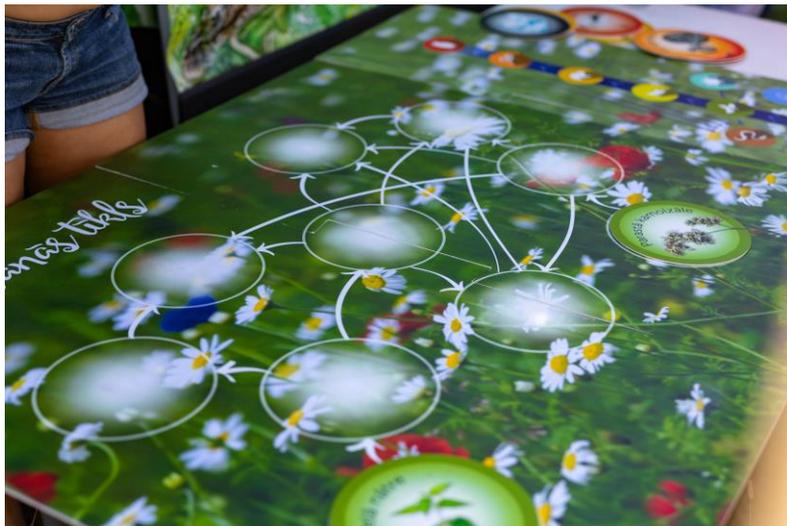


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Educational value – Mobile Nature Class

▼ A regular cargo van transformed and equipped to the needs of nature education





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LIFE-IP LatViaNature volunteer events



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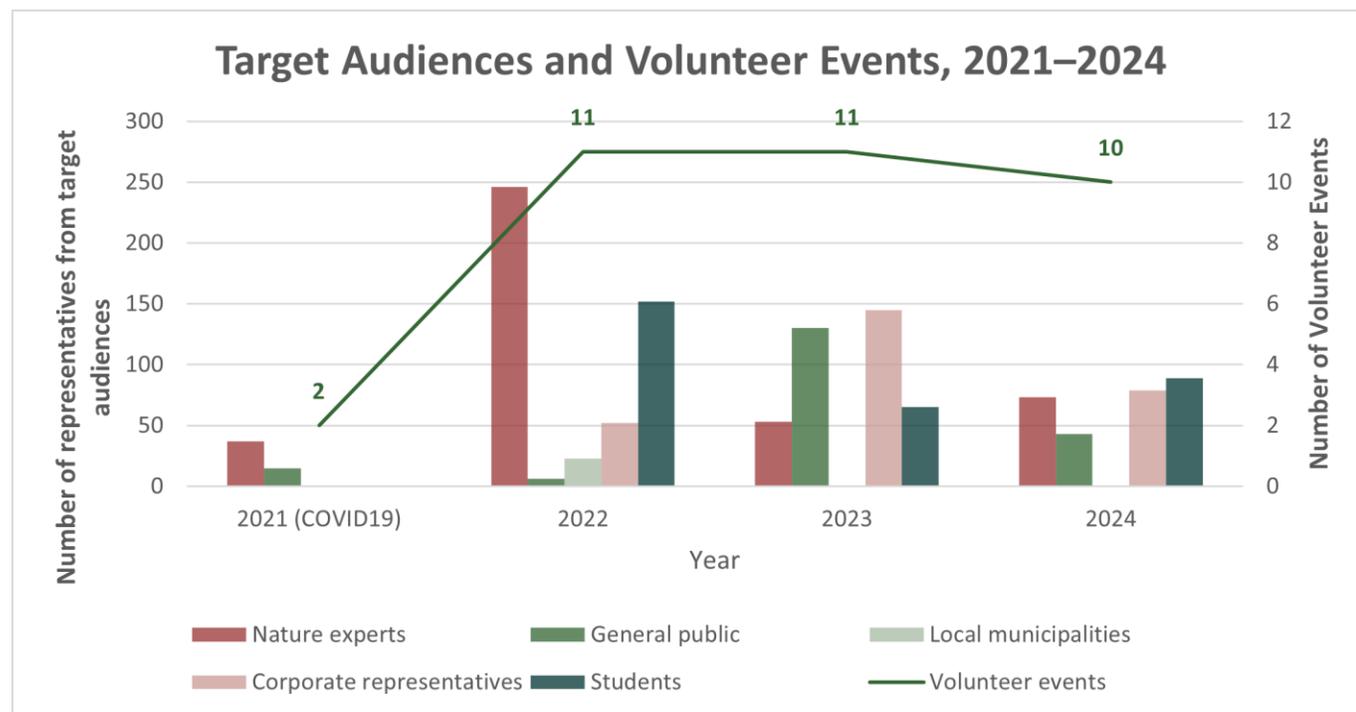
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Volunteer events in LIFE-IP LatViaNature project within “Let`s Do It for Nature” initiative (in 48 project months)

- ❖ 34 events
- ❖ 1208 participants from diverse target audiences
- ❖ Various ecosystems and habitats
- ❖ 9 Natura 2000 sites

From which:

- ❖ 22 events-invasive alien species eradication
- ❖ 684 participants from diverse target audiences





Invasive species eradicated within volunteer events

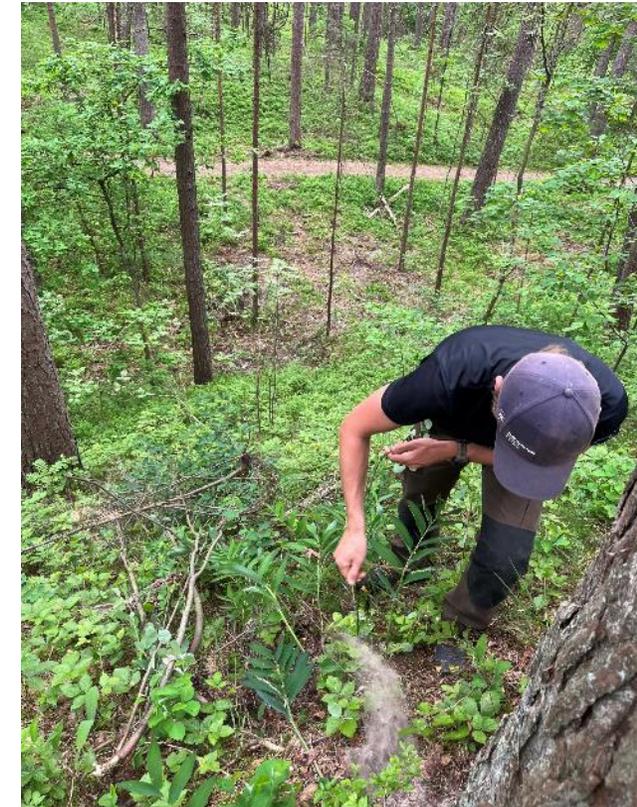
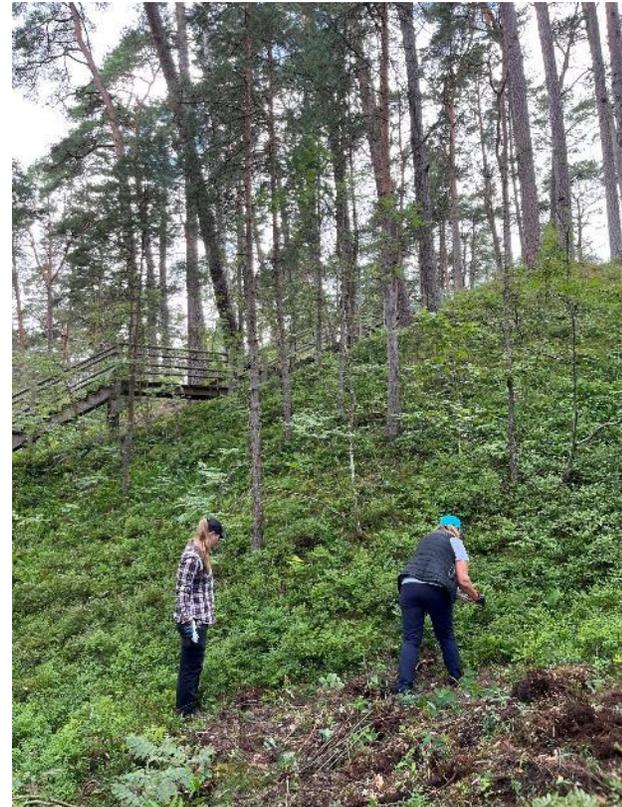
- Rugosa Rose/Japanese Rose (*Rosa Rugosa*)
- Himalayan balsam (*Impatiens glandulifera*)
- Blue lettuce (*Lactuca tatarica*)
- Many-leaved lupine (*Lupinus polyphyllus*)
- Dwarf serviceberry (*Amelanchier spicata*)
- Canadian goldenrod (*Solidago canadensis*)
- Boxelder maple (*Acer Negundo*)



▼ Volunteer activities complement the works in locations that are difficult to access

Canadian goldenrod (*Solidago canadensis*) eradication volunteer event in wooded area in Ķemeri National Park

Dwarf serviceberry (*Amelanchier spicata*) eradication volunteer event on steep slopes in Nature Park «Ragakāpa»



Spanish slug (*Arion vulgaris*) eradication volunteer events 2025

- Night volunteer event on 22 August – 40,7 kg!
- Night volunteer event on 10 September – 8,69 kg!





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Narūta

- ▼ Narūta River – 9 km long, connecting Lake Ežezers and Lake Dagda, flowing through three other lakes along its course.
- ▼ Habitat of EU importance, home to protected species such as the thick shelled river mussel *Unio crassus* and the river limpet *Ancylus fluviatilis*.
- ▼ Located within Rāzna National Park. In 2012, the first volunteer nature conservation event took place here.



What do we gain by cleaning rapids?

- ▼ Restored habitat for many species.
- ▼ Improved water quality and ecosystem health.
- ▼ A more scenic and attractive environment for visitors and local residents.
- ▼ Promotes public awareness of the importance of nature conservation.
- ▼ In the long term — an investment in preserving biodiversity.





Narūta River

- Annual volunteer event in the Narūta River
- EU habitat 3260 River rapids and natural, unaltered river stretches (1,7 km long) have been restored
- In 2024 during the Rāzna National Park Traveler Days, 46 boaters went on a 15 km long boat trip on the Narūta River, which would not have been possible without successful volunteer events
- Participants: NCA Regional Administration of Latgale, the 35th Infantry Battalion of the National Guard, Representatives of the NATO Multinational Battle Group in Latvia from the us USA, the Municipality of Krāslava County, Dagda Tourism Centre, the State Forest Service Krāslava forestry, Latgale Regional Administration of the State Environmental Service, representatives of recreation area «Ežezers» and Jaundome manor, Pasaules Dabas Fonds and LIFE-IP LatViaNature project

Rāznas Nacionālais parks
19. Jūlijs plkst. 21:55 · 🌐

Šodien ar [Dabas aizsardzības pārvalde](#) Latgales reģionālās administrācijas kolēģi, saldūdeņu eksperti Irēna Skrinda devāmies uz Obiteļa mežu Rāznas Nacionālajā parkā, lai apsektu Narūtas upi un novērtētu biotopa uzturēšanas darbu nepieciešamību.

Pēdējo gadu laikā te vairākkārt rīkotas iniciatīvas [#DaruLabuDabai](#) talkas, lai uzlabotu īpaši aizsargājama biotopa- upju straujteses un dabiski upju posmi- kvalitāti. Kopīgiem spēkiem izvākti sakritušie koki un koku sanesumi, novērsti šķēršļi ūdens caurplūdumam.

Apsēkojuma laikā redzētais priecēja eksperti. Upe čalo, tās plūdums brīvs. Ļoti bieži gultnē uz akmeņiem redzama sārtalģe Hildebrandia rivularis, sastopama arī biežā perlamutrene- īpaši aizsargājama bezmugurkaulnieku suga.

Straumes nosprostojuma likvidēšana uzlabojusi ne tikai upes kvalitāti, upe ir pieejama laivotājiem. [Rāznas Nacionālā parka Ceļotāju dienas](#) notikušais brauciens ar kajakiem tam apliecinājums. Dalībnieki izbaudīja upes burvīgo skaistumu un atzinīgi novērtēja paveikto, vienlaikus pauzot gatavību talkot, kad tas nepiešams.

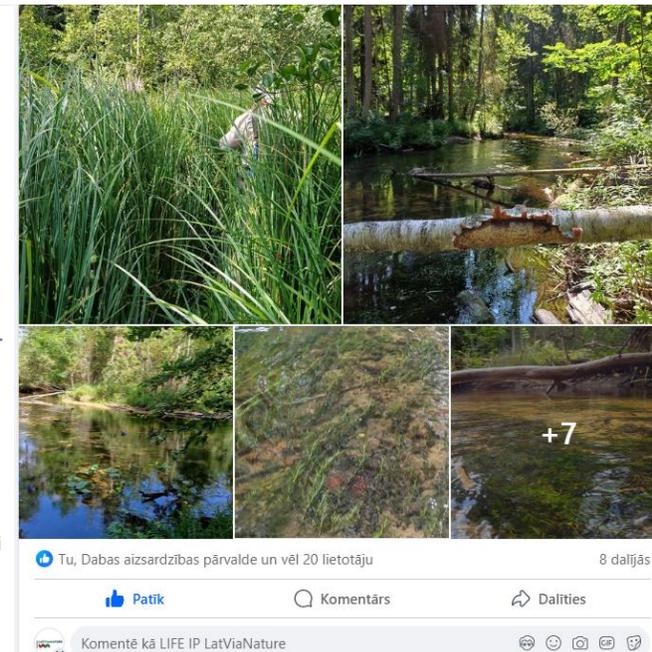
Eksperte atzina, -ir jāveic nelieli darbi, lai dažviet novērstu straumes tecējuma aizsprostojumu. Plānots, ka talka varetu notikt augusta otrajā pusē.

Sekojiēt informācijai [Rāznas Nacionālais parks](#) FB kontā!

P.s. arī Narūtas apsekojumā laikā piedzīvots saldūdeņu eksperta darbam raksturīgais- iekrišana bebra alā, brikšņi, nātres, bebru apgrauzti sprunguļi un sagāzumi ... bet arī upes čalošana, burvīgi skati, upju krastiem un pārmitrām vietām raksturīgi augi un tt.

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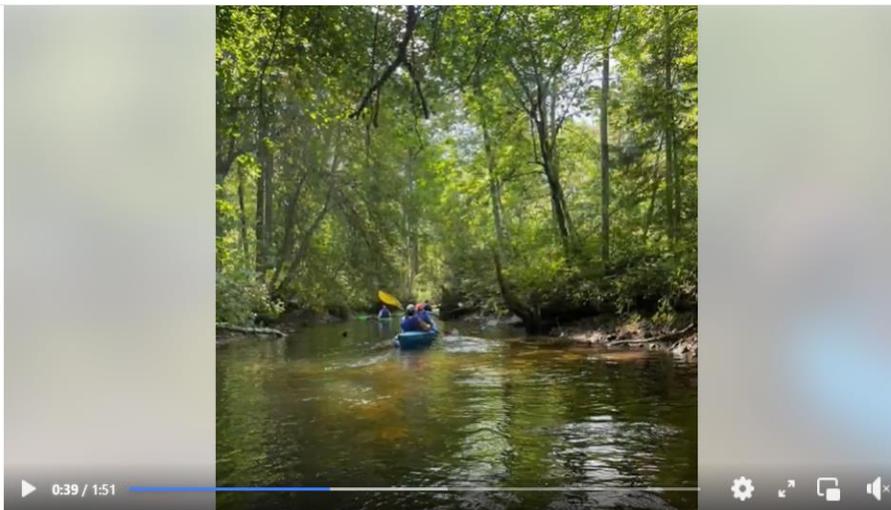
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Tu, Dabas aizsardzības pārvalde un vēl 20 lietotāju 8 dalījās

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Saule, vasara, lietus, Ežezers, 15 kilometri pa Narūtu un 46 smaidīgas dalībnieku sejas 😊😄🌈 13.jūlijā izbraucām un izbaudījām Narūtas up...

Atpūtas vieta Ežezers
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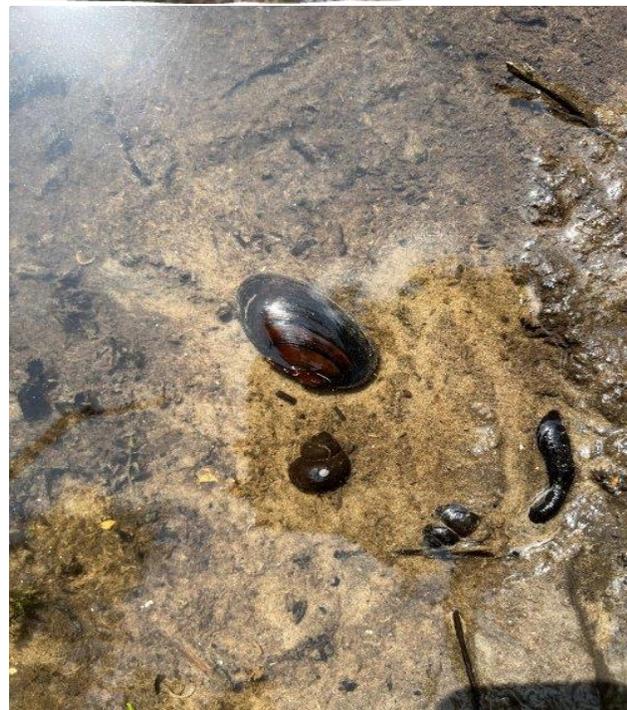
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13.jūlijā izbraucām un izbaudījām Narūtas upes likločus, ūdens priekus un burvīgo kompāniju 😊
Paldies visiem, kas piedalījās un palīdzēja organizēt! 🙏
Daudzi brauciena dalībnieki atzina, ka šī ir pirmā laivošanas pieredze un tagad āķis ir lūpā 😊😄
Mums pašiem arī āķis ir lūpā, šis maršruts noteikti tiks braukts regulāri 😊
Ja vēlies izbraukt Narūtas upi individuāli vai ģimenes, draugu lokā, dod ziņu, mēs noteikti palīdzēsim 🙏🌈
Skatīt mazāk

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Benefits





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Corporate Engagement in Environmental Volunteering

 Volunteering events are not only about nature – they are about people, corporate values, shared learning, community, and lasting impact we achieve together.



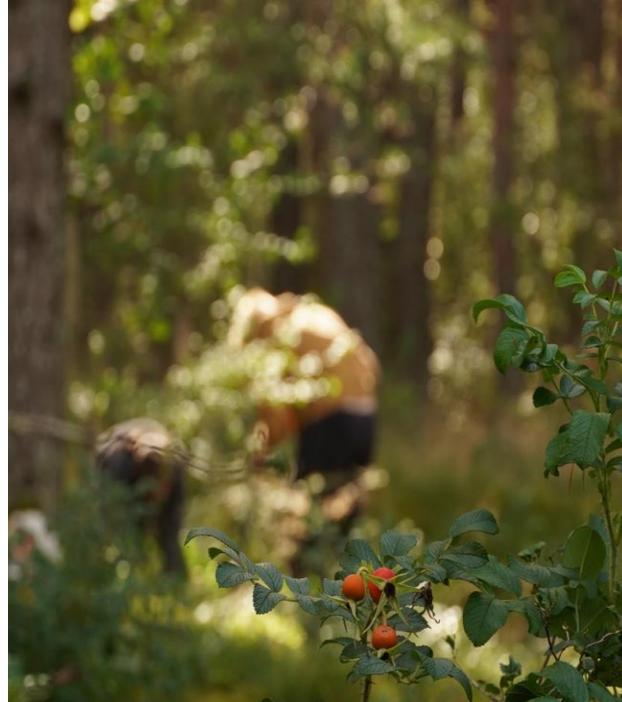
Corporate Benefits

- Strengthening positive public image
- Building team spirit and cooperation
- Corporate sustainability and ESG in practice
- Raising employee awareness and engagement in ESG



Benefits for Employees

- Direct contribution to society and nature
- Personal satisfaction and healthy outdoor activity
- Opportunity to get to know colleagues
- Sense of belonging to a socially responsible company
- Gaining knowledge and skills to share further



Benefits for Society and Nature

- Practical contribution to environmental solutions
- Setting a positive example with wider impact
- Strengthening community spirit and cross-sector cooperation
- Education and fostering sustainable partnerships in nature conservation
- Encouraging participation and responsibility in society



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