

## WHO WE ARE

- ★ The Ministry of Environment is a central state administration and inspection authority in environmental affairs in the Slovak Republic. The Ministry has the main responsibility for ensuring integrated governmental environmental and climate policies, as well as coordinating, implementing and monitoring of EU environmental policies, such as fulfillment of Target 2 of the EU Biodiversity Strategy to 2020. The Ministry works on issues concerning the climate, nature and landscape protection and conservation, biological diversity, assessment of environmental impacts, water and waste management, geological research and exploration, and international environmental cooperation.
- ★ Directorate for Nature, Biodiversity and Landscape Protection is a unit within the Ministry responsible for mapping and assessment of ecosystems and their services. On the national level, Directorate cooperates with various stakeholders involved in MAES (representatives from other ministries and state institutions, experts, academia, etc.) and coordinates Slovak MAES Working Group.

## OUR EXPERIENCE

- ★ **Nature and Biodiversity Policy:** designation, protection and management of protected areas, including Natura 2000 sites
- ★ **Nature Protection and Conservation:** monitoring, protection and management of Natura 2000 species and species protected by national legislation
- ★ **Ecosystem Services:** Coordination of the Slovak MAES Working Group and MAES related activities
- ★ **Landscape Policy:** landscape protection, green infrastructure, creation of systems of ecological stability and integrated landscape management
- ★ **Implementation of environmental conventions and International Cooperation:** EU Biodiversity Strategy, CBD, CITES, Ramsar convention, etc.
- ★ **Environmental Impact Assessment** from the perspective of nature and landscape protection
- ★ **Strategic planning and creation of national policies** in the field of nature, biodiversity and landscape protection



## WHAT WE DO IN ESMERALDA

- ★ Ministry of Environment of the Slovak Republic contributes to following work packages:
- ★ WP 2 Stakeholder network & Implementation
- ★ WP 6 Dissemination & Knowledge exchange

## WE ARE ALSO INVOLVED IN

EU MAES Working Group, IPBES, EC Coordination Group on Biodiversity and Nature (CGBN), CBD



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