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HUNGARY

TOGETHER WE SAVED CSARNA VALLEY

The Csarna Valley is an untouched forest area of 1,000 hectares in Hungary. Its rich biodiversity includes rare species such as the Eurasian lynx, the Black stork and the Eastern imperial eagle. The valley is a fine example of an unmanaged, wild area with a forest that flourishes without human disturbance.

In 2018, authorities planned to develop tourist railways in the valley, which would have dramatically affected the valley's exceptional ecosystems. The campaign that WWF Hungary launched in response quickly drew support from over 70,000 people - an unprecedented number of supporters for an environmental cause in Hungary. The sudden outpouring made the relevant authorities think twice, and convinced them to stop the project, thus preserving the valley and its natural ecosystems for future generations.

TOGETHER WE SAVED HAJÓGYÁRI ISLAND

In 2020, the Hungarian Water Management Directorate sought permission to construct flood protection infrastructure on Hajógyári Island in the Danube River in Budapest. Among other things, the project required felling at least 1000 trees from the valuable alluvial forest. This would have meant the destruction of the island's most valuable floodplain habitats and conversion of the natural river bank. WWF Hungary quickly launched a campaign against the plan. Over 10,000 people signed a petition against the project. Other environmental organisations and residents of Budapest protested. Within a week, the Hungarian Water Management Directorate withdrew its application for the project, halting the permitting procedure. With your support, we stopped the destruction of Hajógyári Island - and will safeguard other natural treasures in future as well. Together possible!



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