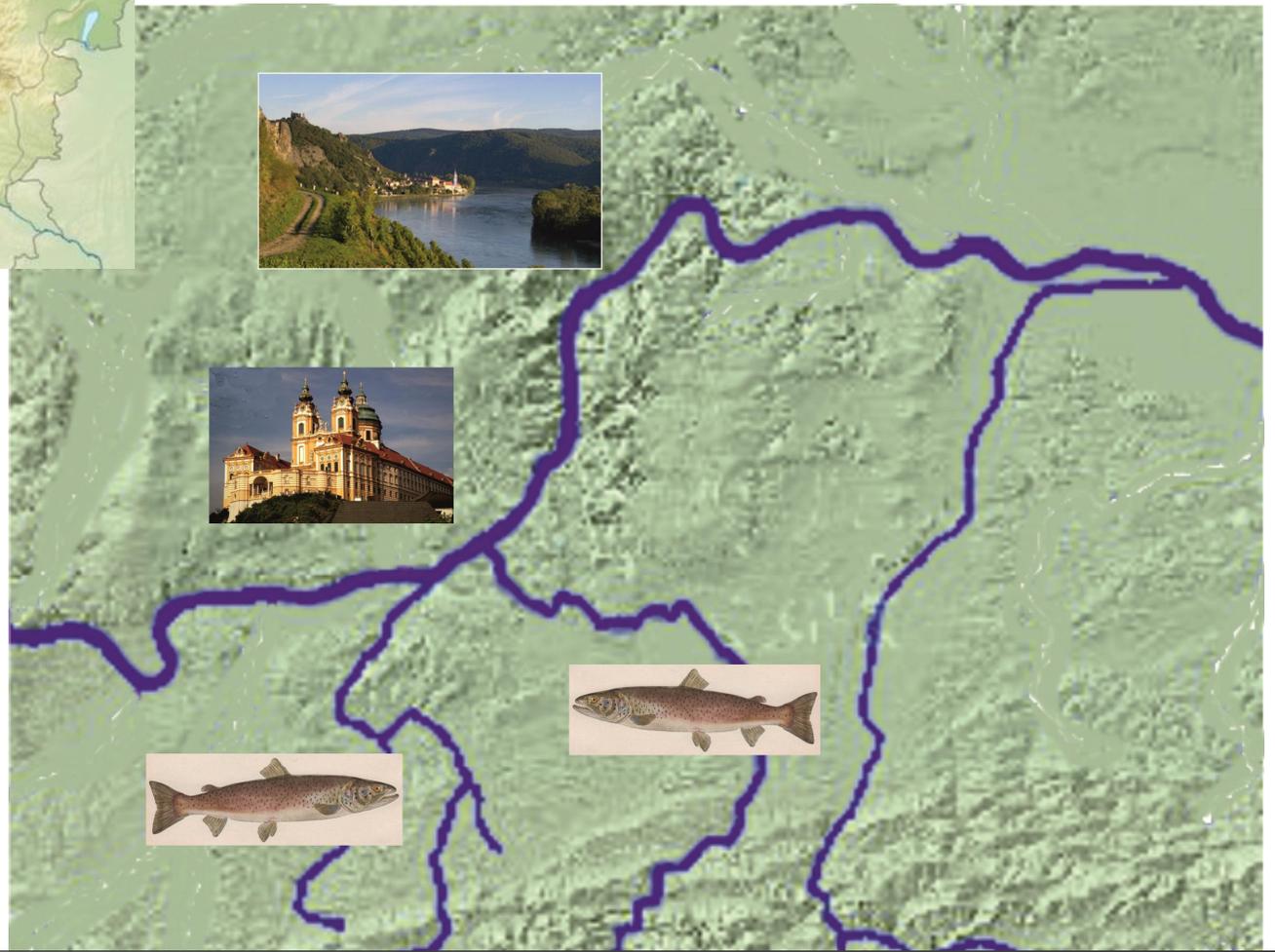


How the Danube Salmon and other freshwater species can profit from integrated, participatory river basin management in the Danube basin

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Danube Salmon in the Upper Danube basin





Specific features:

- Long-term and consistent effort:
Started 1985 with very small project
Latest step runs 2015 – 2020
- Large geographic coverage:
Danube + side arms + small tributaries
- Huge organisational & financial effort
6 LIFE projects, total of 50 mio EUR
- Last, not least:
Initiated, promoted and part-financed by
Austrian anglers !!



Integrated and multi-stakeholder approach involving

- Anglers
- Navigation sector (via donau)
- Hydropower sector
- Construction sector (gravel)
- Administration
- Farmers
- Nature conservation sector



- **ICPDR / Danube River Basin District Management Plan prioritises and promotes ecosystem restoration and trans-national cooperation**

What is the ICPDR?



ICPDR – International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River:

- coordinate sustainable and equitable water management, incl. conservation in trans-national context (EU and non-EU countries)
- EU WFD implementation
- Sturgeon as flagship species, Danube Salmon also important

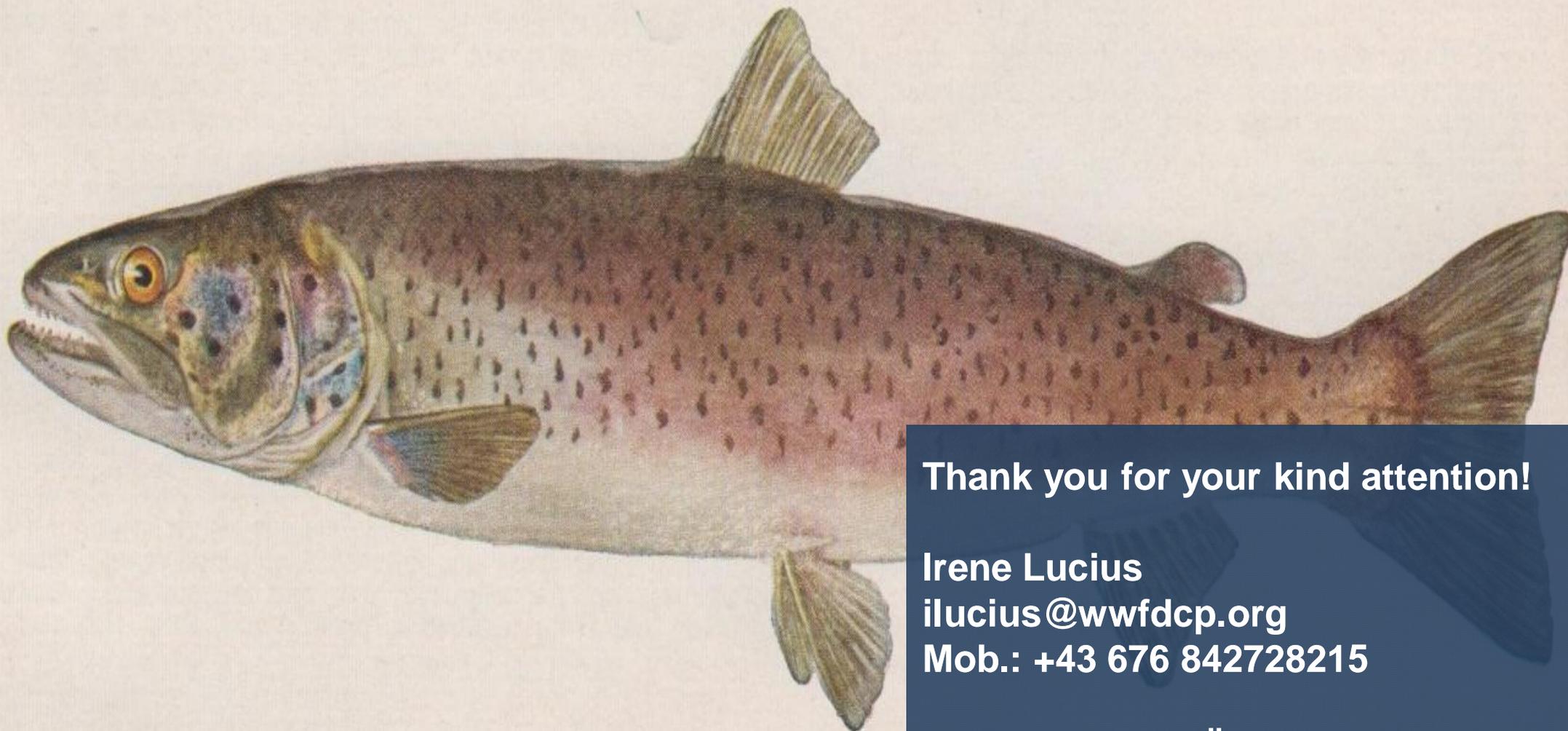
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- **Use Austrian example as model for effective stakeholder involvement**
- **Use lessons for restoration of habitat of other freshwater species, e.g. sturgeons (Danube basin flagship species)**





Thank you for your kind attention!

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