



GOOD PRACTICE

Title of the practice

Fluvial territory (Gewässerauen) concept: room for retention in riparian wetlands



Detailed description of the practice

Riparian wetlands are areas along lakes and rivers partly and mostly covered with water. These areas will serve as soil conservation and stabilization measure in which natural water is retained in wetlands through the dense undergrowth.

In order to regain these pastures/wetlands at the Rur a near-natural development concept (“Gewässerauenkonzept Rur”) was planned. Most of the riparian land is in agricultural use today. In the planning process it was discussed and agreed with the agricultural sector which areas are possible to use and which areas are impossible to use due to their agricultural importance. In addition an agreement on cooperation was concluded between the professional agricultural associations and the water board in order to avoid a disadvantageous rise of the ground water level when the concept is carried out. The agreement sets rules for the perpetuation of evidence, the compensation of disadvantages and the protection of tenants.

Evidence of success

The fluvial territory concept was established in 2002 and has since then constructively influenced the development of water management in Germany in general and at the Rur in particular.

Location of the practice

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