

Large Carnivores, Wild Ungulates and Society Working Group (WISO) of the Alpine Convention

Rok Černe (Slovenia Forest Service)

Work of WISO

- Ministry representatives - experts from 6 countries discuss management of large carnivores in the Alps
- Topics connected with ungulate management are part of the discussions



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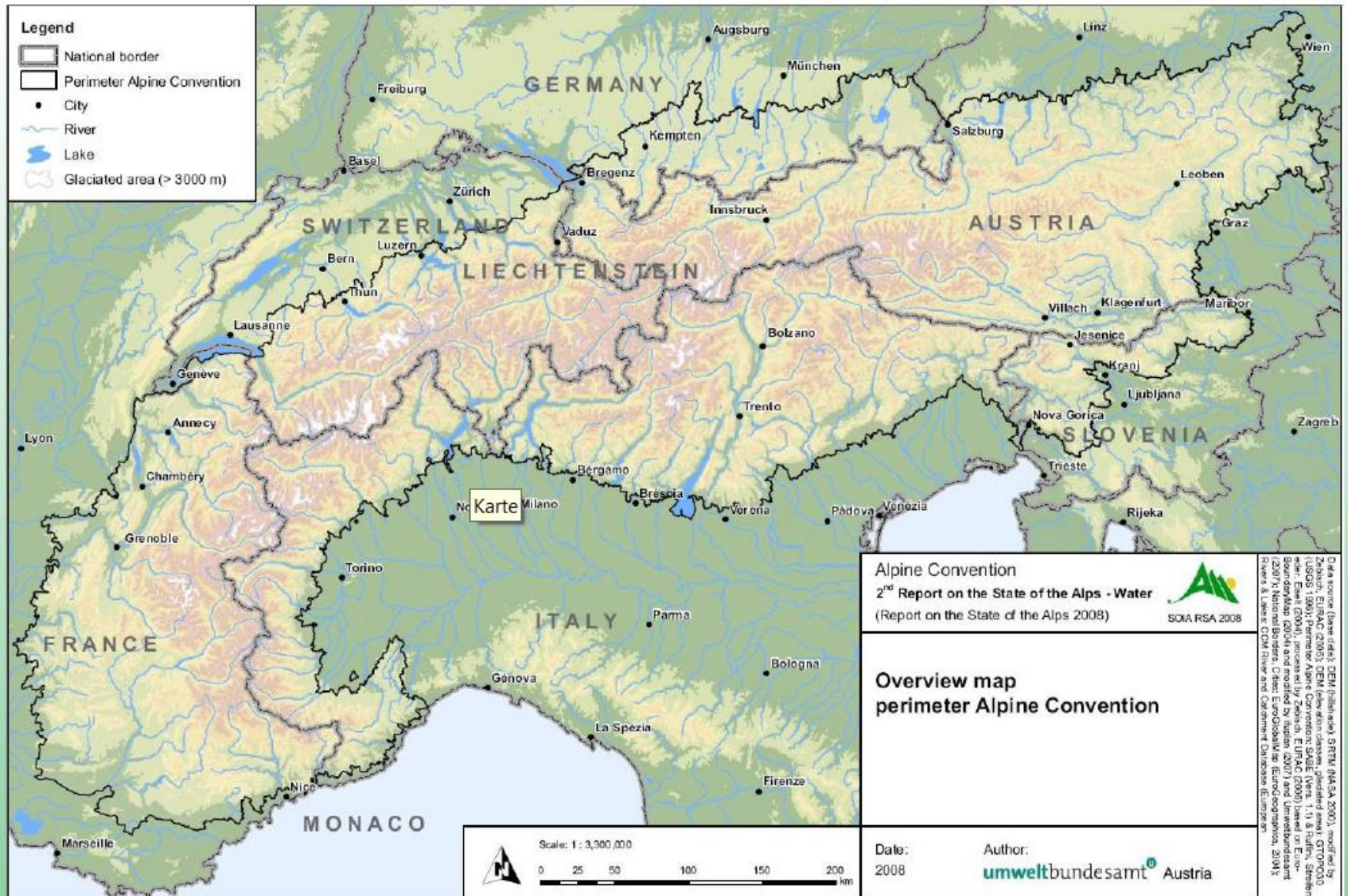


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Perimeter of the Alpine Convention



Outputs - results of WISO

- In collaboration with projects we established strategic guidelines for bear, wolf and lynx management in the Alps
- Dealing with connectivity issues
- Damage prevention
- Issues connected with wild ungulates
- Exchange of experiences



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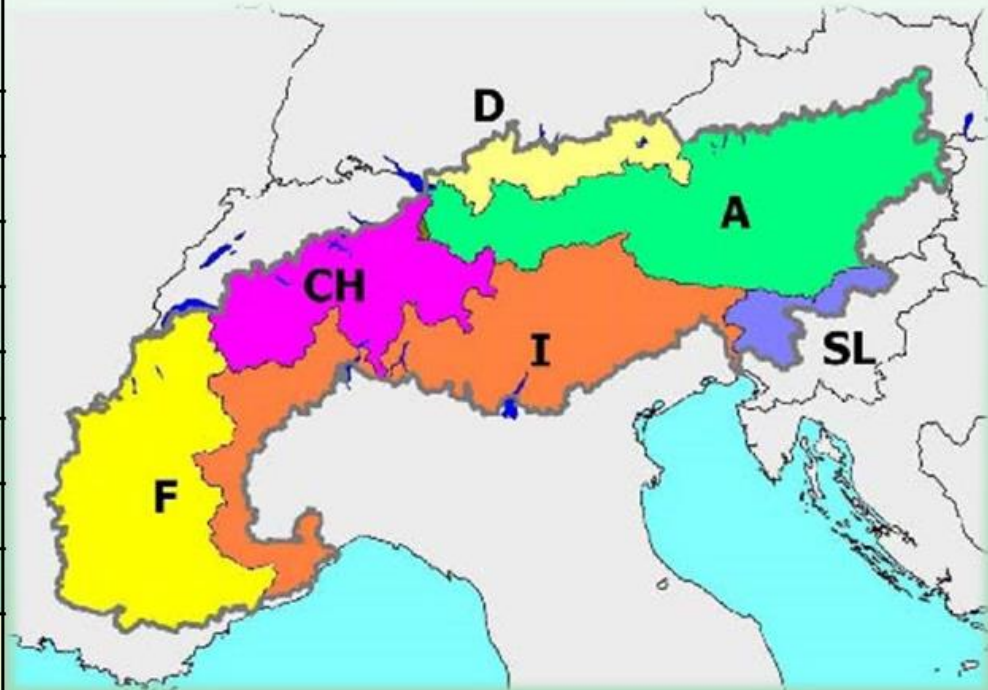
The Alpine Convention



First international treaty for the protection
and sustainable development of a
mountain range

Area and Scope of the Population of the Alpine Convention

COUNTRY	AREA	POPULATION
Italy	27.3%	30.1%
Austria	28.7%	22.9%
France	21.4%	18.5%
Switzerland	13.2%	13.3%
Germany	5.8%	10.2%
Slovenia	3.5%	4.6%
Monaco	0.001%	0.2%
Lichtenstein	0.008%	0.2%
ALPS	190,600 sq km	14.2 million



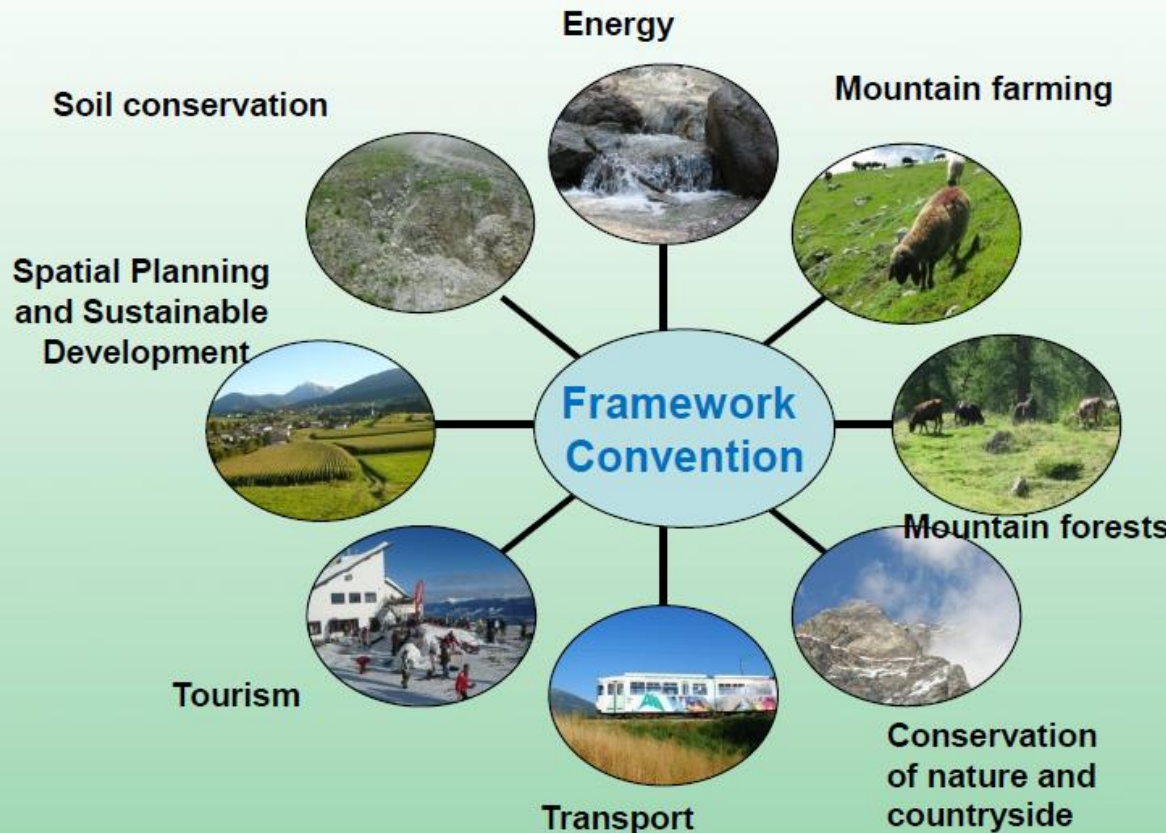
Framework Convention and its Protocols

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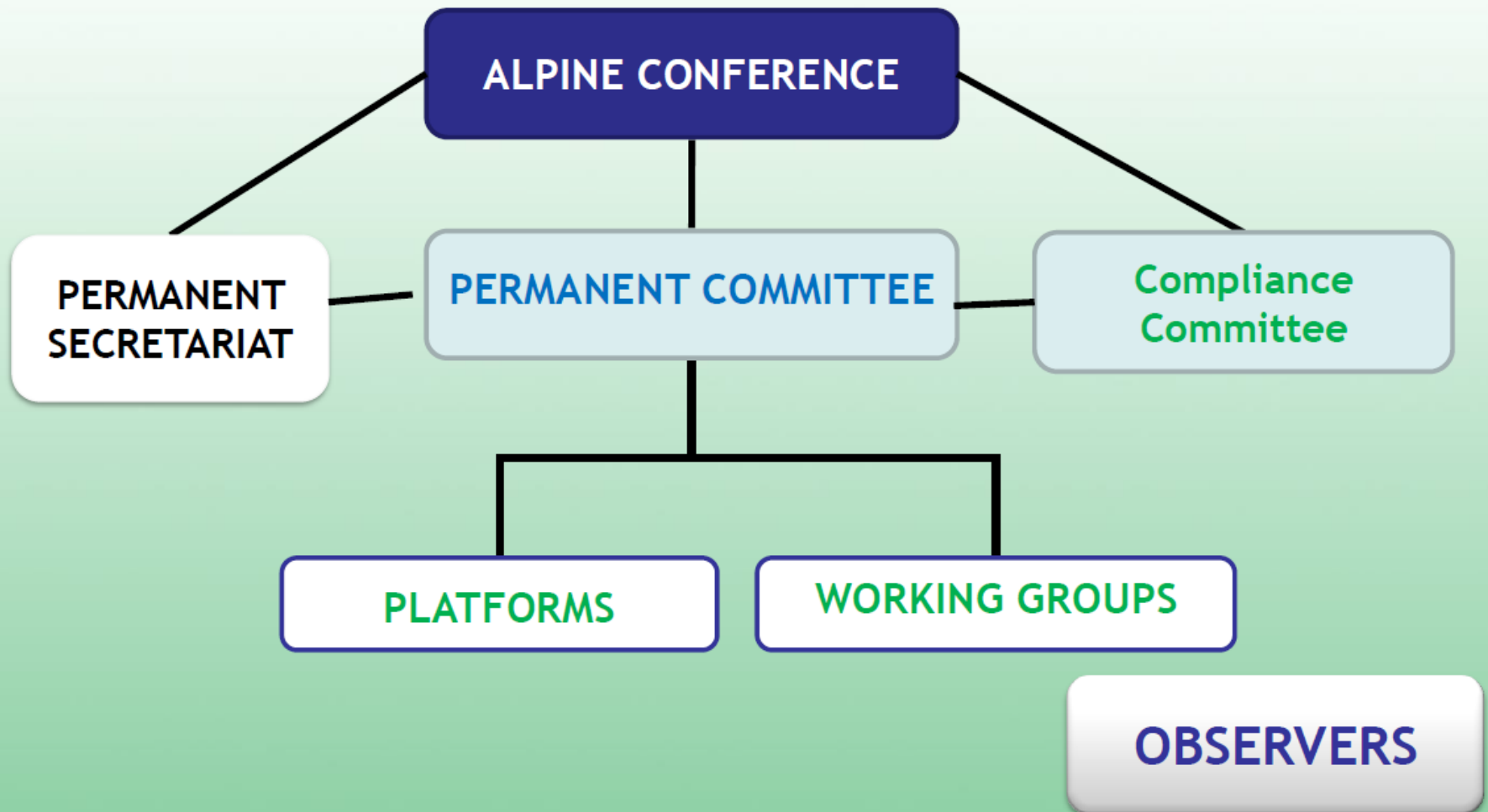
- setting basic principles and objectives
- organizing the cooperation

The Protocols regulate **concrete steps** to be taken for the protection and sustainable development of the Alps.

Signed and ratified Protocols are legally binding in the Contracting party.



Alpine Convention Organogram



Background of the WISO working group

- The WISO working group was set up by the Alpine conference in 2009.
- Members: nominated experts from the Contracting parties and Observers
- Chair: Usually member states – Currently Slovenia
- Mandates for 2 years periods

Challenges

- Mechanisms for financing concrete ideas - projects
- Implementation of the results in the member states

Concrete example



- Planned preparation of strategic guidelines for bear management in the project area
- Participation of all Alpine countries through WISO platform was insured
- Implementation into national strategic documents

Looking forward to collaborate with all of
you in the
“Dinaric - Pindos WISO working group”