

Current status of Great Bustard (*Otis tarda*) in Serbia 2019-2023



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Population – historical view

2010-2016

1 male, Σ 18-21 individuals

2017-2019

0 males, Σ 11-15 individuals



Current population

2019 – 2022

6-8 females

2023

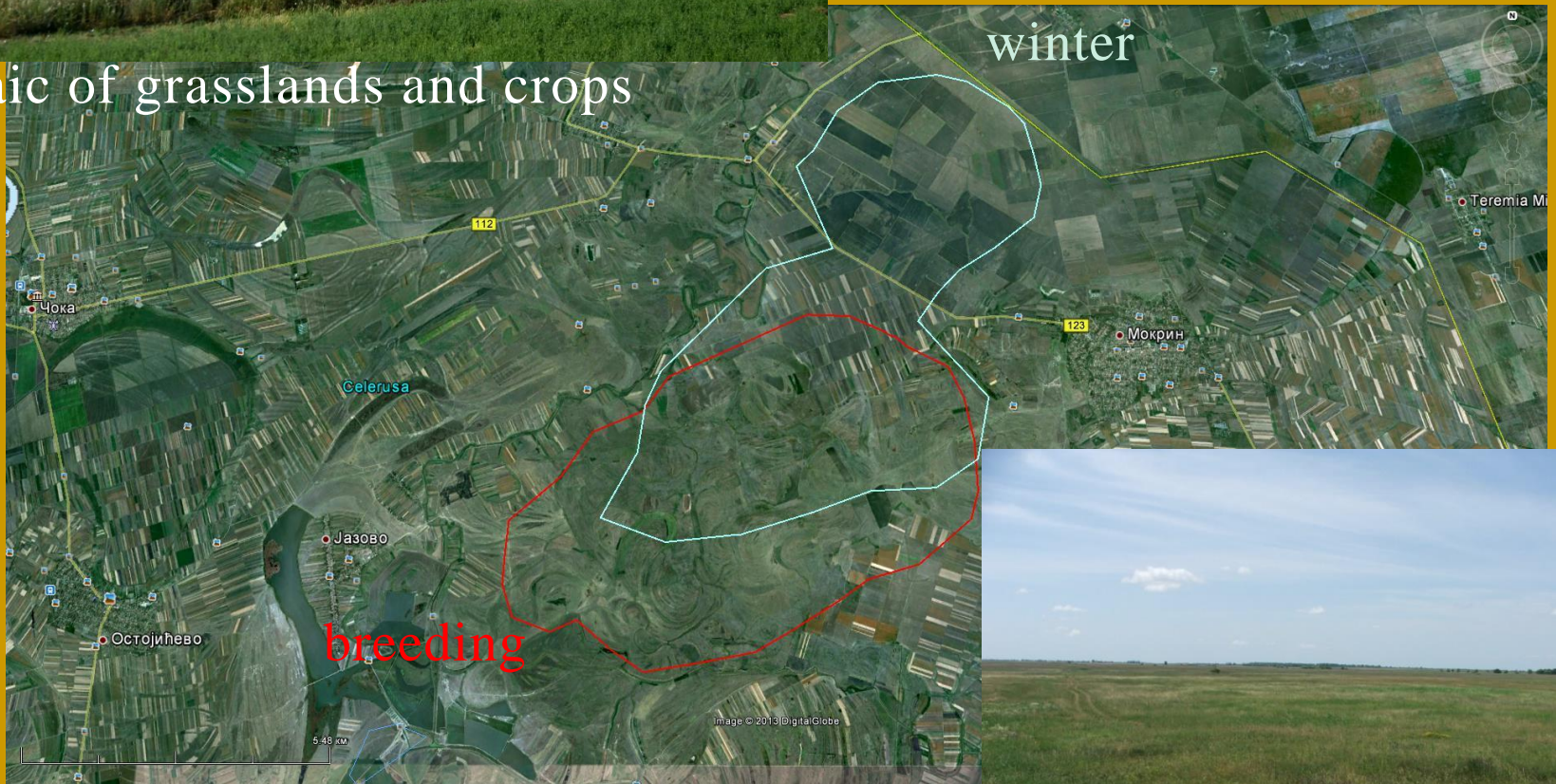
8 females + probably one immature male



Great Bustard habitats in Serbia



Mosaic of grasslands and crops



Grasslands

Protected area „Pastures of Great Bustard“ 6779 ha



Land use, mowing

- by local land users/owners
- depending on demand and grass quality (up to ¼ of grassland habitats)
- under administrative and field control



Land use, grazing

- sheep and cow, staying in the Reserve or on daily movements of herds
- under administrative and field control



Threats, predators

(jackal, fox, wild boar, hooded crow, magpie)



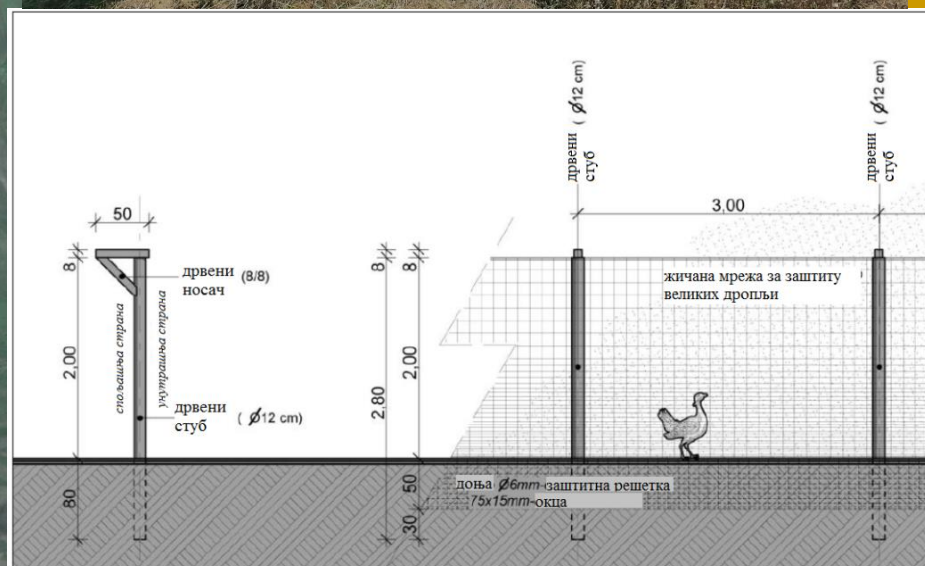
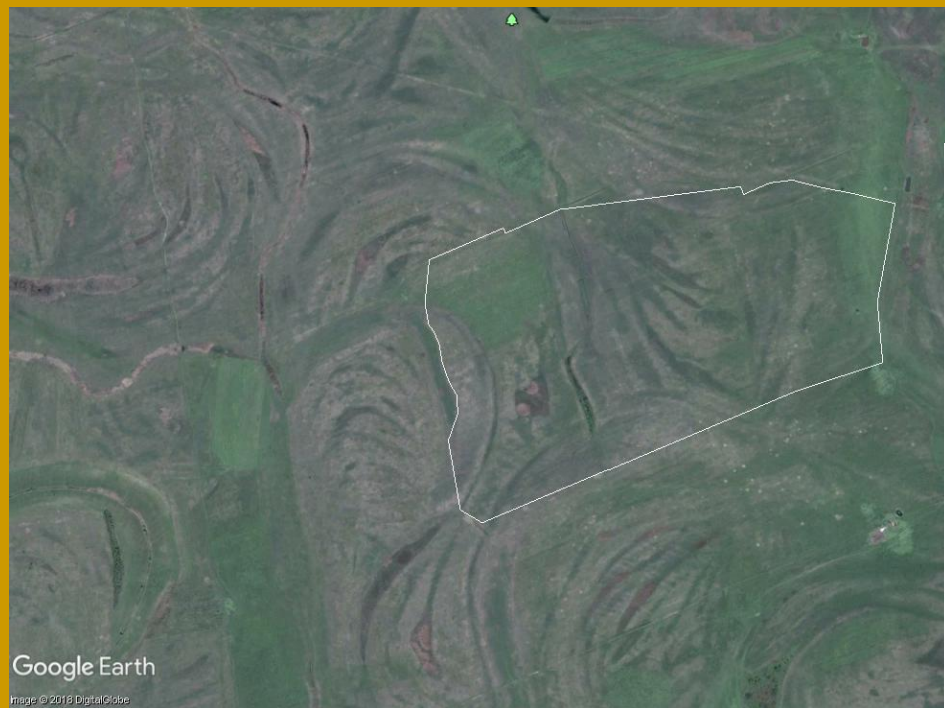
Predator control depends on protective fence and activities of local hunting associations (5), helped by fact that one of them is manager of protected area.



Protective fence for Great Bustard

Interreg - IPA CBC 
Hungary - Serbia

Built during late 2018. within Protected area
112 ha (12 ha of crops +100 ha of grasslands)



Great Bustards accepted protective fence in the first
spring and summer (2019) after its construction



Protective fence and interior habitats management and challenges



grassland mowing



crops



anti-fire maintenance



under-managed grasslands and reed

Great Bustards in Serbia – open questions

sex ratio, copulation, local cross-border migration, breeding?



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Thank you for your attention!



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