

# TOWARDS INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT OF TRANSBOUNDARY DNIESTER RIVER AND ROLE OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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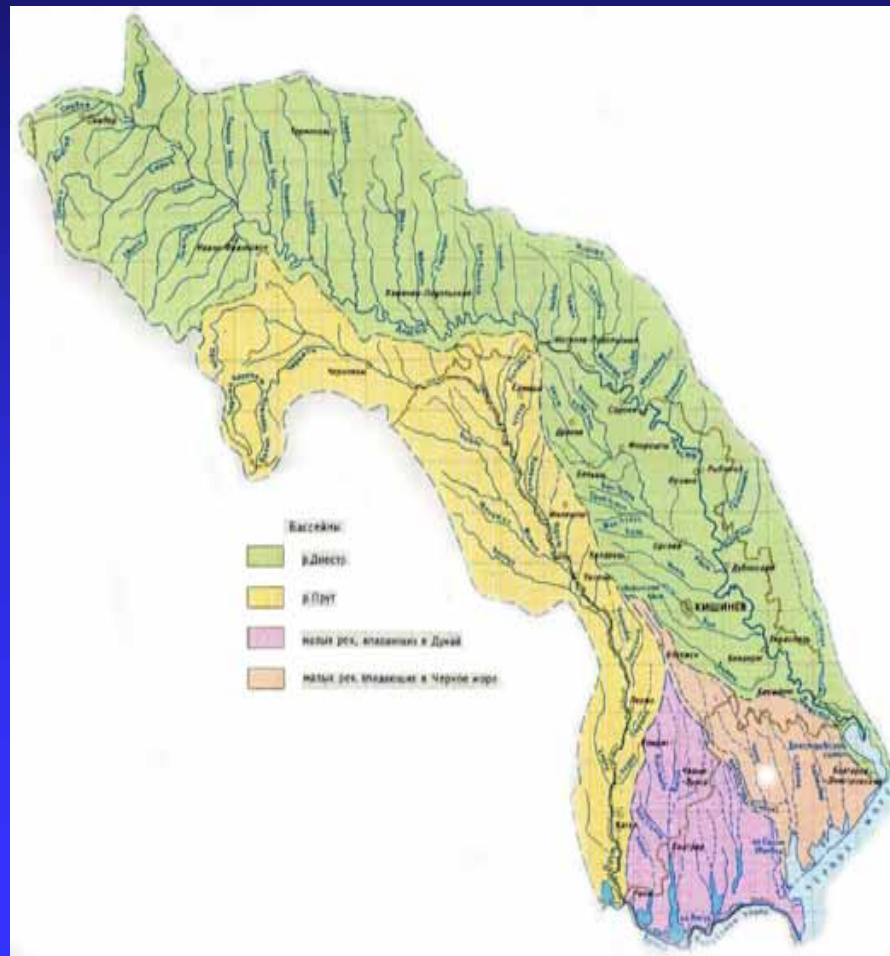
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# Where the Dniester Streams?



# Dniester and Prut Basins



**Dniester – length 1380 km**  
**Basin area - 72,100 km<sup>2</sup>**  
**Population - 8 mln, density 110/km<sup>2</sup>**  
**Discharge – about 9-10 km<sup>3</sup> per year**



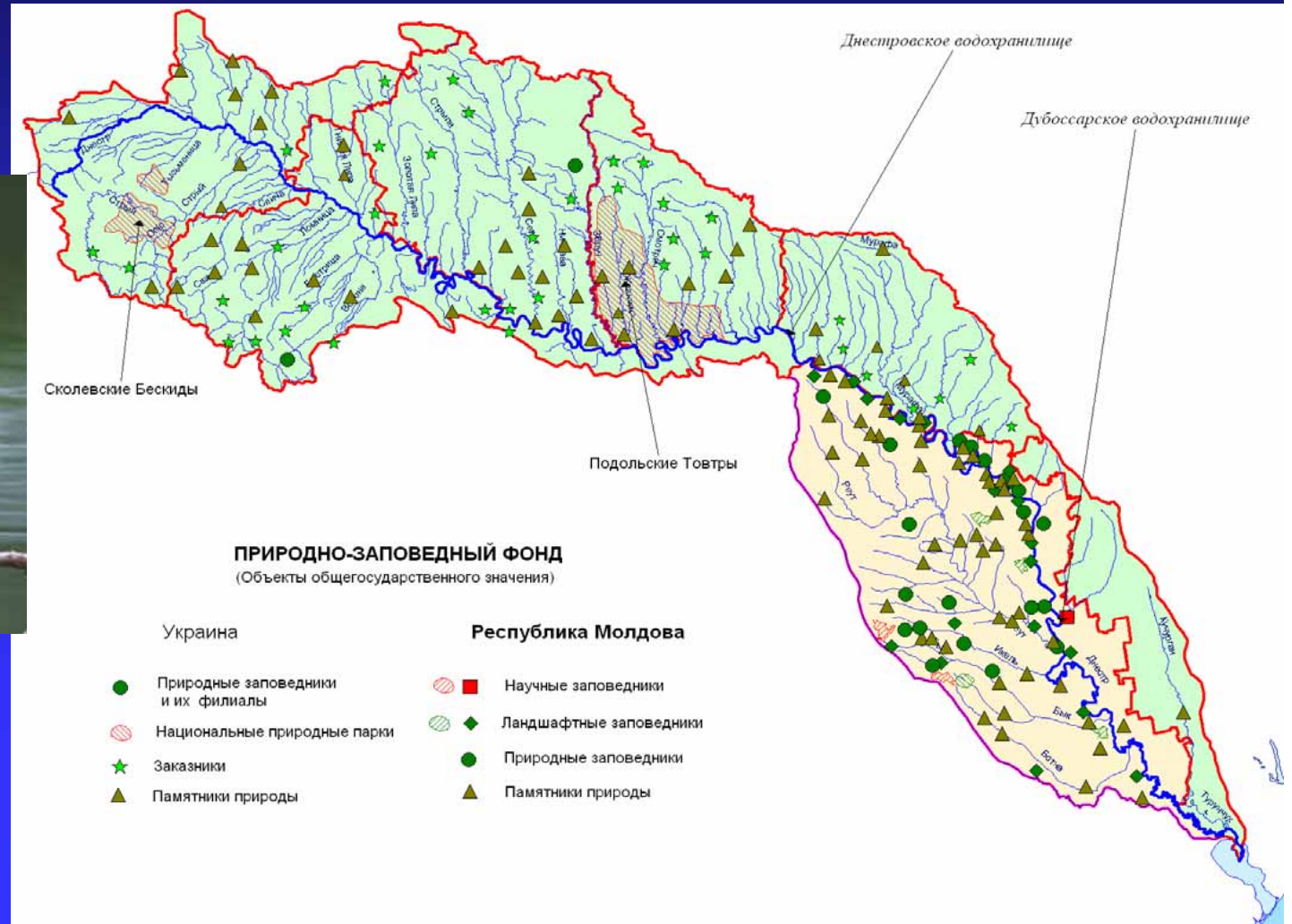
# Transdniester region of Moldova (environment is a tool and a subject for trust building)



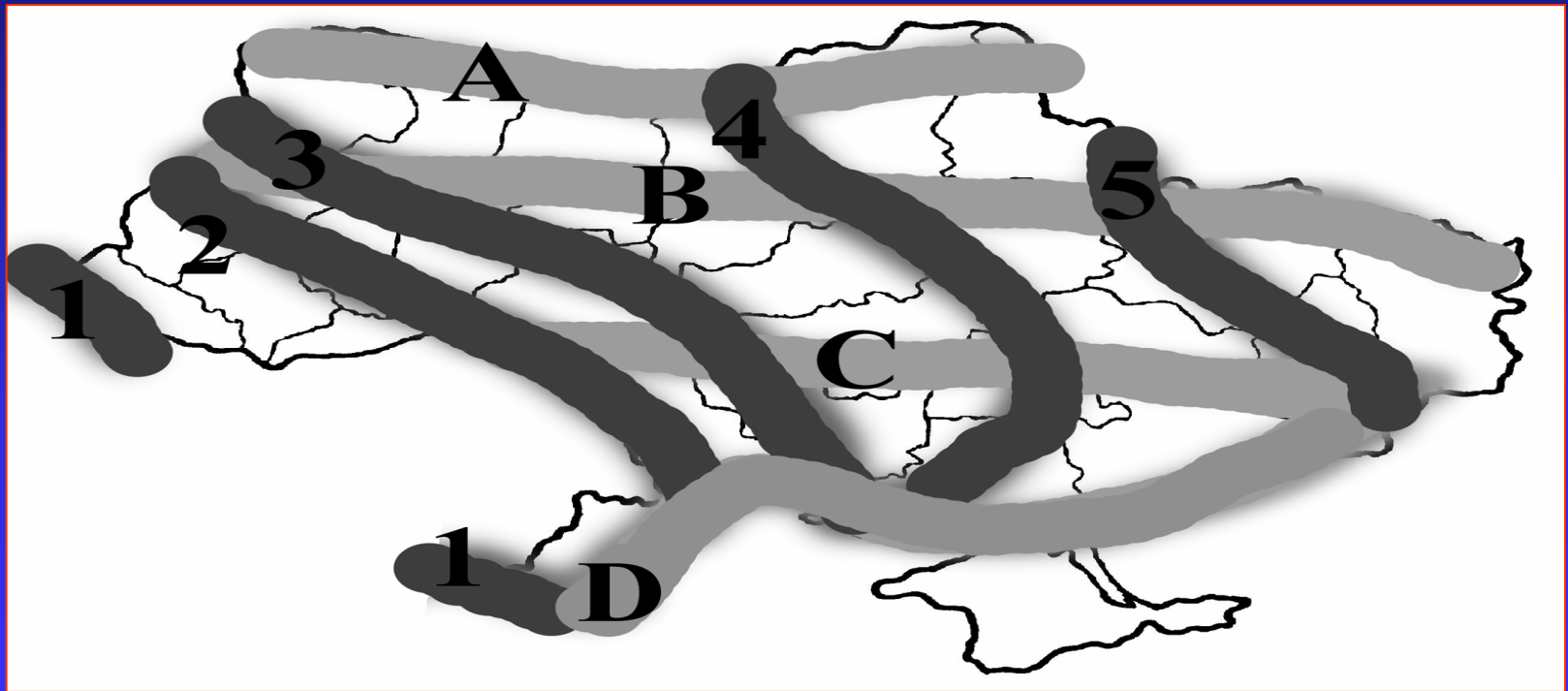
# Rich natural and multi-cultural heritage



# Protected zones in Dniester River basin



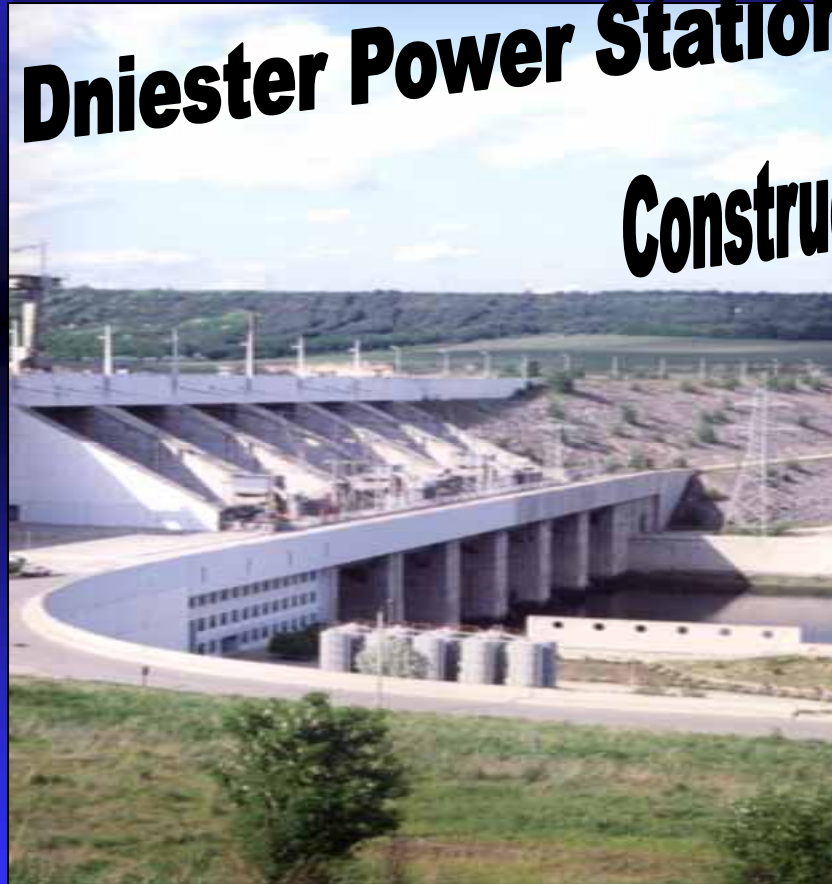
# Dniester is a Pan-European ecological corridor



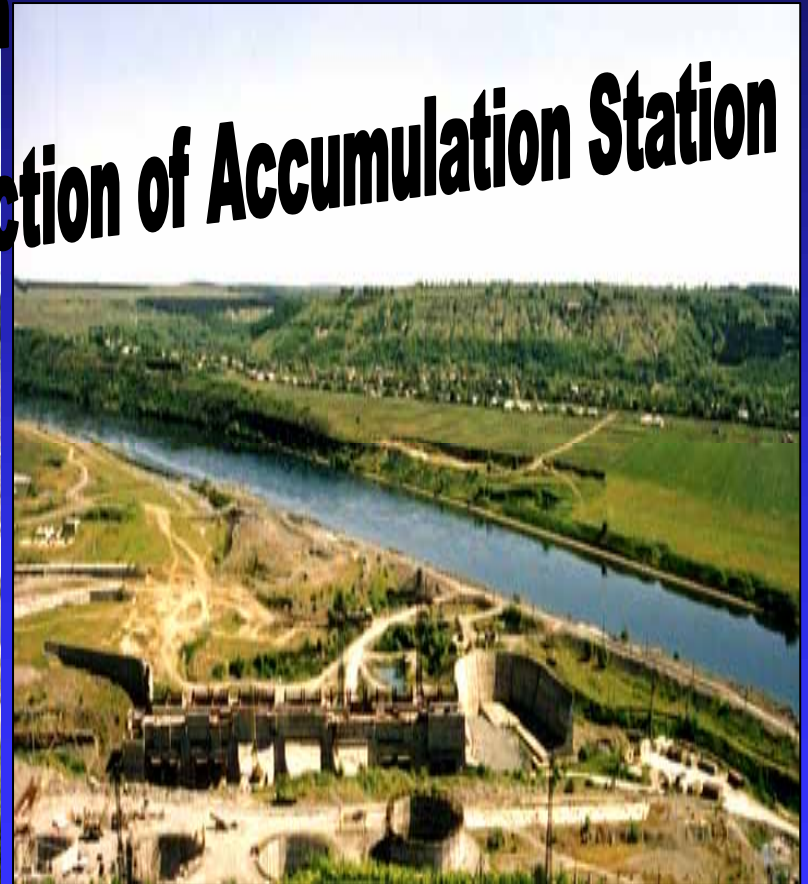


# Main problems to preserve Dniester Delta biodiversity

**Dniester Power Station**



**Construction of Accumulation Station**



# Villas construction in Lower Dniester wetlands



# Why problems accumulating?

- **Non democratic decision making in both states**
- **Old elite and new business ignore sustainable development approach**
- **Weak involvement of stakeholders others than State Water Agencies**
- **Under-estimation of ecosystem needs in water**
- **Unsustainable management of land resources – soil erosion, pollution and eutrophication of Black Sea**

**NGOs in Dniester River Basin  
appeared by own initiative of  
NGOs without special projects  
and are well developed**

**Two networks:**

- **Eco-TIRAS – 50 NGOs of Moldova,  
including Transdniester, and Ukraine**
- **Dniester Group of Ukrainian River  
Network – 23 NGOs of Ukraine**

# NGOs role

- Promotion of IRBM and multi-stakeholder approach
- Public information
- Participation in decision making
- Sharing river values
- Lobbying of legislation (river convention etc.)
- EIA for projects with risks

## Legal framework for participation

- In frames of OSCE / UNECE 'Dniester-1' and 'Dniester-2' projects participation of NGOs was very active
- Regulations on stakeholders involvement to Dniester decision making are developed and should be signed by governments on June 13
- Regulation to declare the Dniester River Day on JULY 11 is in Parliament of Moldova and we are waiting the symmetric decision of Ukraine

# Main NGOs proposals:

- Without delay to adopt new transboundary agreement developed by both countries in frames of OSCE/UNECE project with all IRBM elements, create river commission;
- To develop river-basin management plan;
- To work further on widening of network of protected areas and construction of ecological networks;
- To implement IRBM, including public participation. Etc.

# National Water Policy Dialogue, supported by UNECE and EC

- To involve stakeholders
- To make a decisions publicly with feedback from NGOs and other interesting groups
- To develop institutional structures for IRBM approach on national and transboundary levels
- To have a consensus on National Water Strategy and Water Law
- To develop public participation mechanisms



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