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### Location

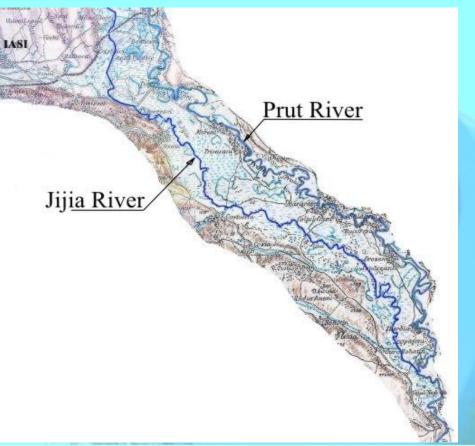
### Ciobarciu Wetland

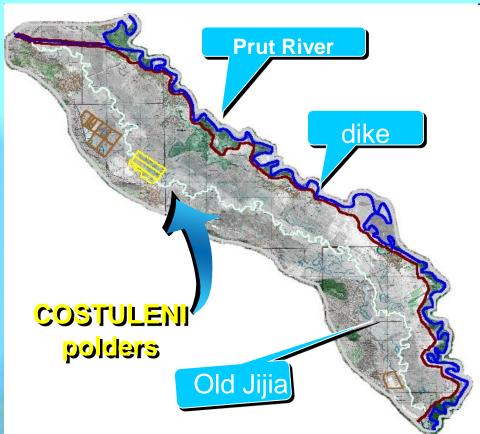




### Why is the project different?

- · A natural area is created
- A wetland is created using an existing embanked zone
- There are about 400 landowners

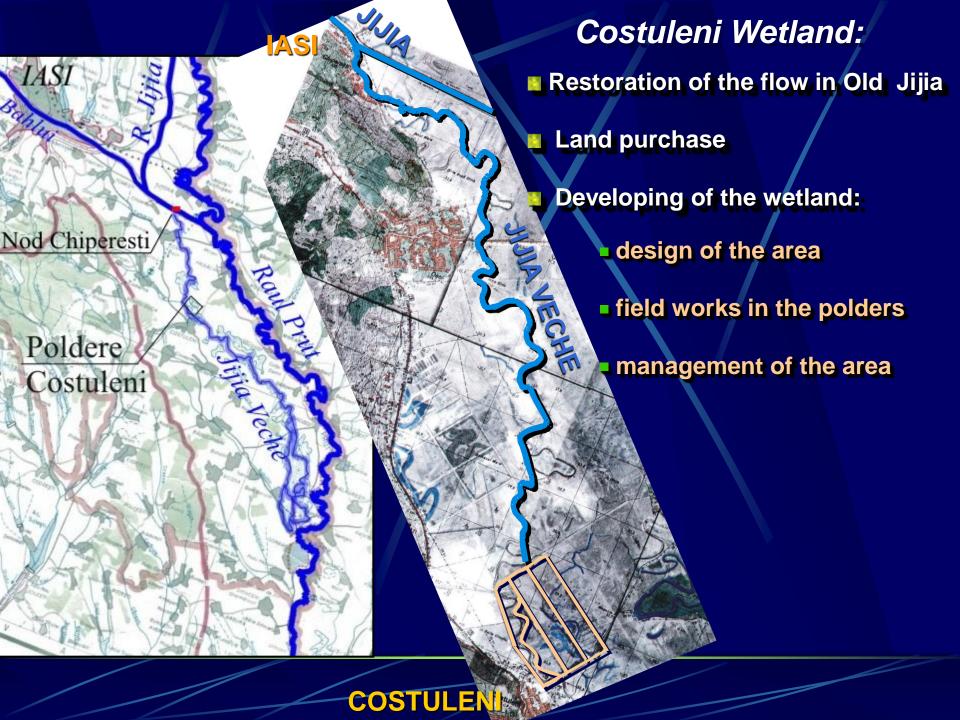






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### **Land Situation**

**Bought and concession:** 

180 Euro/ha (2005-2006)



	PRISACANI	COSTULENI	TOTAL
Purchased	125.61	3.61	129.22
Concession	5.52	0	5.52
Concession from Local Council	31.02	3.8	34.82
Not purchased	45.27	8.59	53.86
Total	207.42	16	223.42



### Involve stakeholders

Inform the county and locale authority (lasi County Council and Local

Councilors from Costuleni and

Prisacani)



Informed local people (posters, articles,













#### The Al.I.Cuza University's research on villagers' perception: the facts





54 interviews in September 2006

Village:

50% in Costuleni, 50% in Prisecani

Gender:

50% women, 50% men

Relationship to project:

1/3 selling landowners,

1/3 non-selling landowners,

1/3 non-landowners



#### **Main fact:**

70% of interviewees has no income or an income below minimum!!!!



### **Demographic data**

- The Costuleni community has 4860 inhabitants.
   Costuleni has 4 villages: Hiliţa (833 inhabitants),
   Cozia (1199 inhabitants), Covasna (1368 inhabitants) and Costuleni (1460 inhabitants).
- The Prisacani community has 3589 inhabitants in 3 villages: Prisacani (1887 inhabitants), Moreni (987 inhabitants) and Macareşti (715 inhabitants).
- The main activity is agriculture and animal breeding.



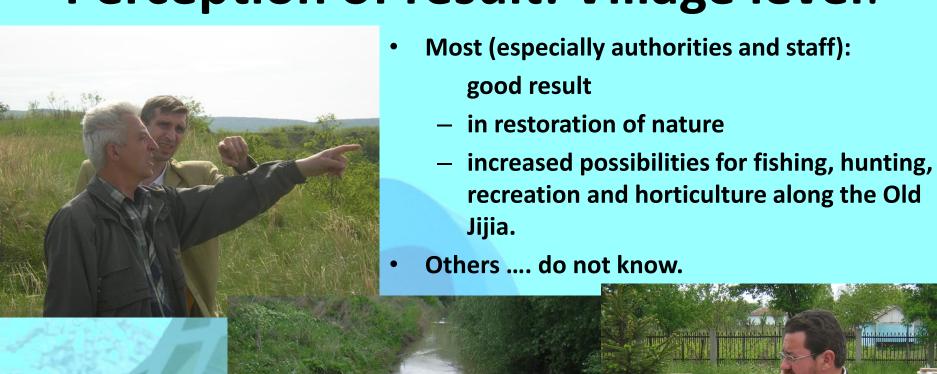
### Perception of result:

- International level: very good, but could be better.
- National level: very good: example ecological restoration and a team that knows how to do it
- County level: good example for ecological reconstruction and public participation





### Perception of result: Village level:





#### Preliminary results "Al.I.Cuza" University research of villagers' perception:

- appreciate the project (70%)
- not well informed
- sold the land because they needed money,
- but price was too low.
- did not see the effort the team made to clarify all land process.
- Some still do not know who now owns the land.





### Villagers' perception: information & involvement

How well informed?

• (very) well 40%
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• So so/not at all 56%

### Involvement in process:

<ul> <li>Not involved</li> </ul>	69%
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Involved in discussions 31%



### Villagers' perception: reasons for selling/not selling

Selling: Not selling:

28%

No answer:

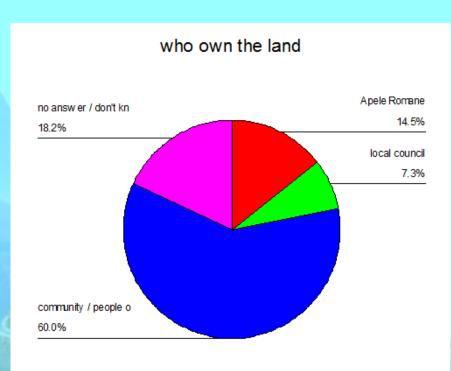
<ul> <li>Need for money</li> <li>26%</li> <li>Low price</li> </ul>	
• Village interest 20% • Preserve heritage 19	9%
<ul> <li>Poor productivity of land 8%</li> <li>Need of food for animals</li> </ul>	3%
<ul> <li>Lack of work resources 8%</li> <li>Only when swapped with other lands</li> </ul>	8%
• Get other lands 8% • Unclear legal status	6%
	31%



### Villagers' perception: land ownership

# Who owns the land in the project area?

•	Community/people of the village	60%
•	No answer/don't know	18%
•	Apele Romane	15%
•	The village council	7%





### Conclusions from the evaluation:

- Participation was an important part of the project;
- Together we have done and learned a lot!
- Participation could have been better, both at the county level and at the village level;



### Main factors for the success of the project

- Appropriate location
- Co-operation of the responsible authorities
- Involvement of the local people, especially the local authorities





### **Advice for future projects:**

Make explicit room for participation

Make a clear participation plan at the start

- Involve Romanian participation experts
- Do communicate a lot within the team and with stakeholders about participation



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### Thank you!







