

Two Projects For The Environment And Biodiversity

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Abstract

The Lowlands Project ("Progetto Valli") was born from a great idea: reconstruct a lost environment, as it used to be in ancient times - vast wetlands, marshes and reed beds, meadows and woods, populated by a great variety of plant and animal species. The aim was also to restore historical, architectural, cultural and landscape elements typical of this area.

This goal was partially attained in the 1994-1996 period (over 600 hectares reconverted to Nature), where current activities have concentrated on monitoring the species found in the area by collecting data on wildlife, in particular birds, and studying their distribution and migratory patterns.

The "Parmigiano-Reggiano Cheese and Wild Birds" project has focused on the study of dairy farms which produce the original Parmesan cheese ("Parmigiano-Reggiano" d.o.p.) according to a strict protocol and the positive effects that natural farming practices can have on bird species, especially those threatened with extinction.