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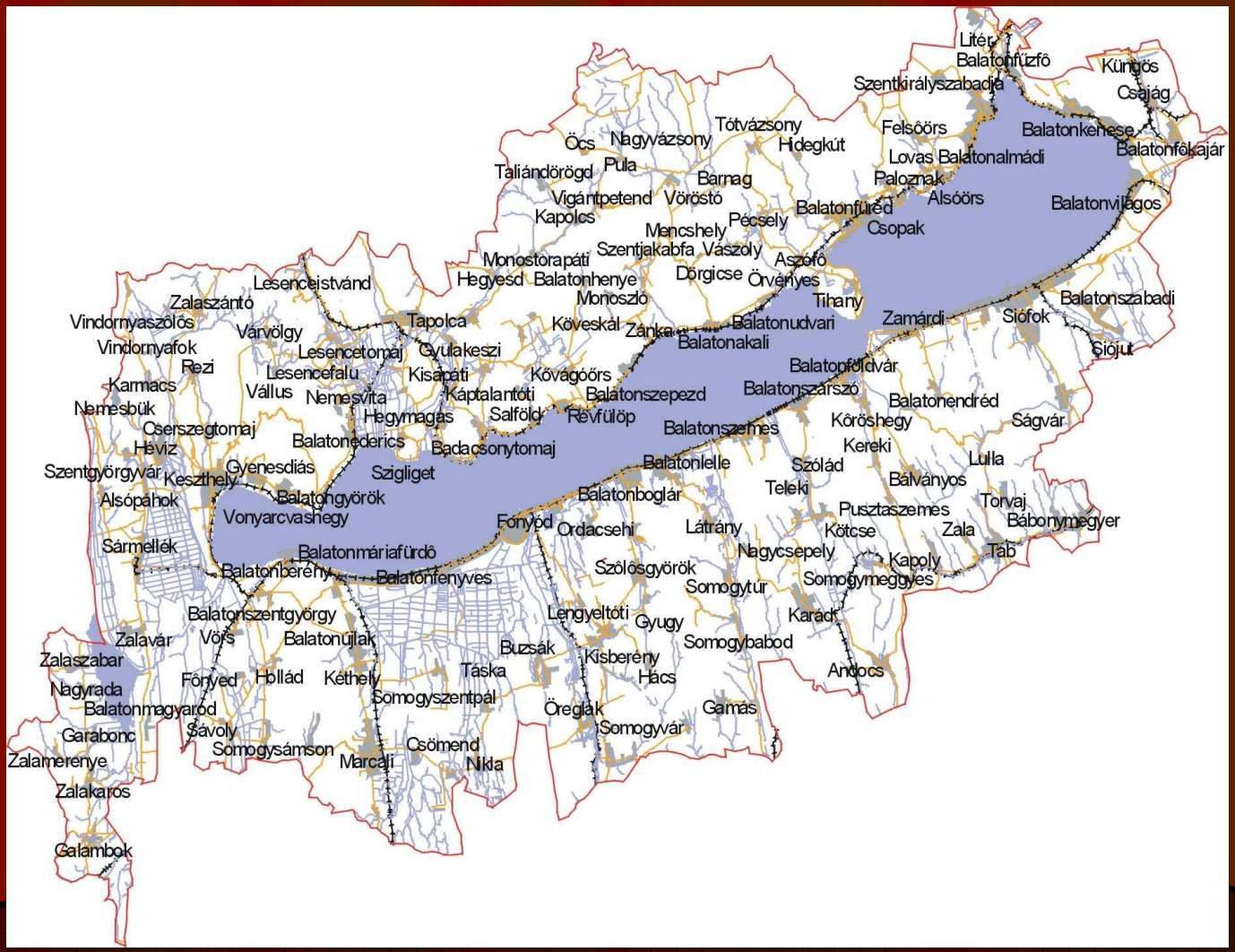

Images of our lake in summer

And winter

Association of Civil Organisations of Lake Balaton /BCSZSZ/

- FIVE YEARS' EXPERIENCE OF THE ASSOCIATIONS' ACTVITIES -

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The BCSzSz is a regional organisation, which is active on the territory of the three counties of the Lake Balaton region. It has 34 member organisations, such as, WOMEN FOR LAKE BALATON, which itself boasts up to twenty organisations in the region.The interests of an estimated 15,000 civilian actvists around Lake Balaton are reperesented by our association.

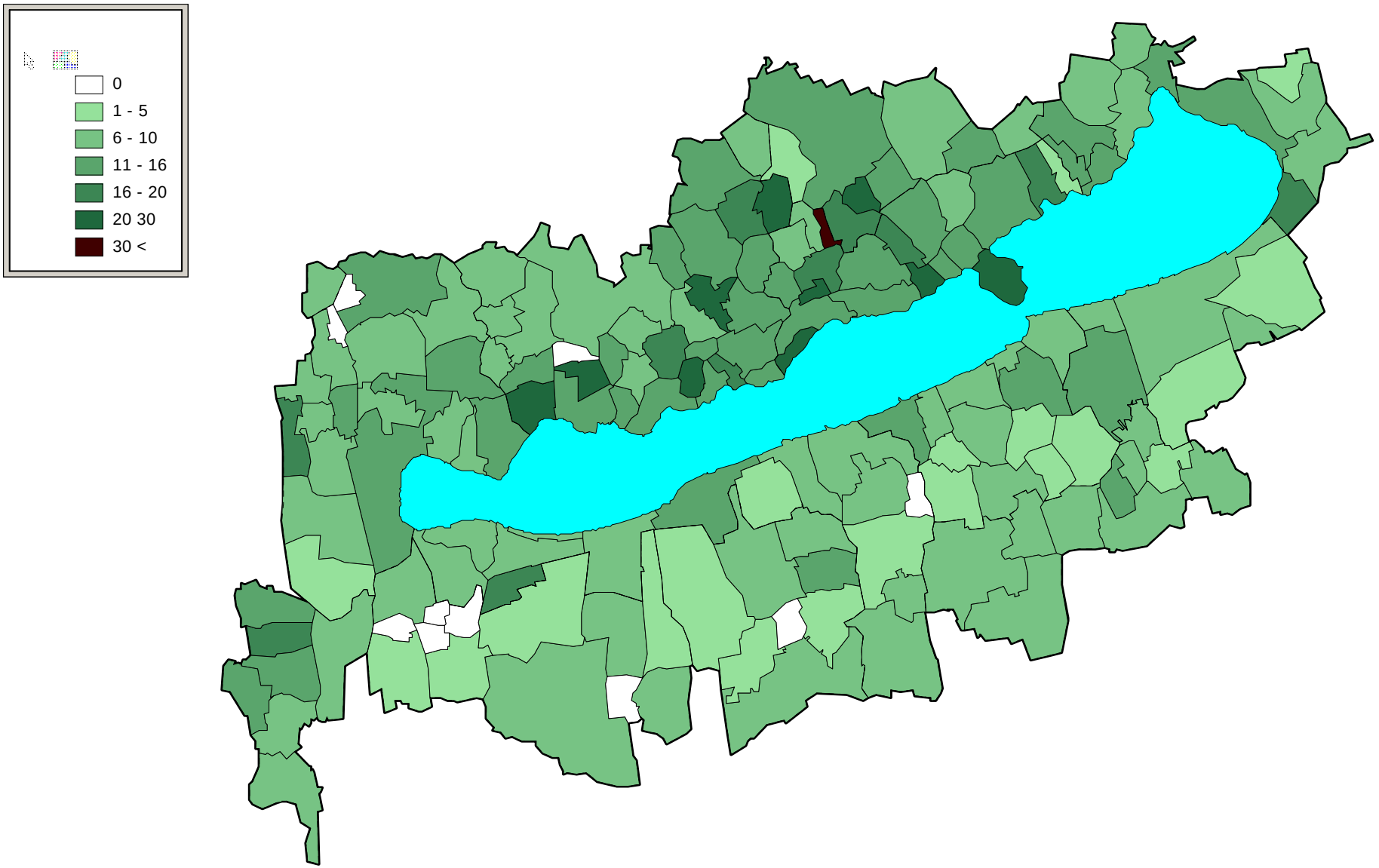
Besides representing various interests we have also undertaken actvities related to environmantal protection, nature conservation, preservation of the cultural heritage, maintaining public order, supporting toursim development and many other fields. We are entitled to participate in the activities of the Lake Balaton Development Council with a consulting role.

In order to realise our goals we organise conferences and meetings in connection with the issues of the water quality management of Lake Balaton, waste disposal, landscape rehabilitation, the protection of public order and the co-operation of anglers and commercial fishing.

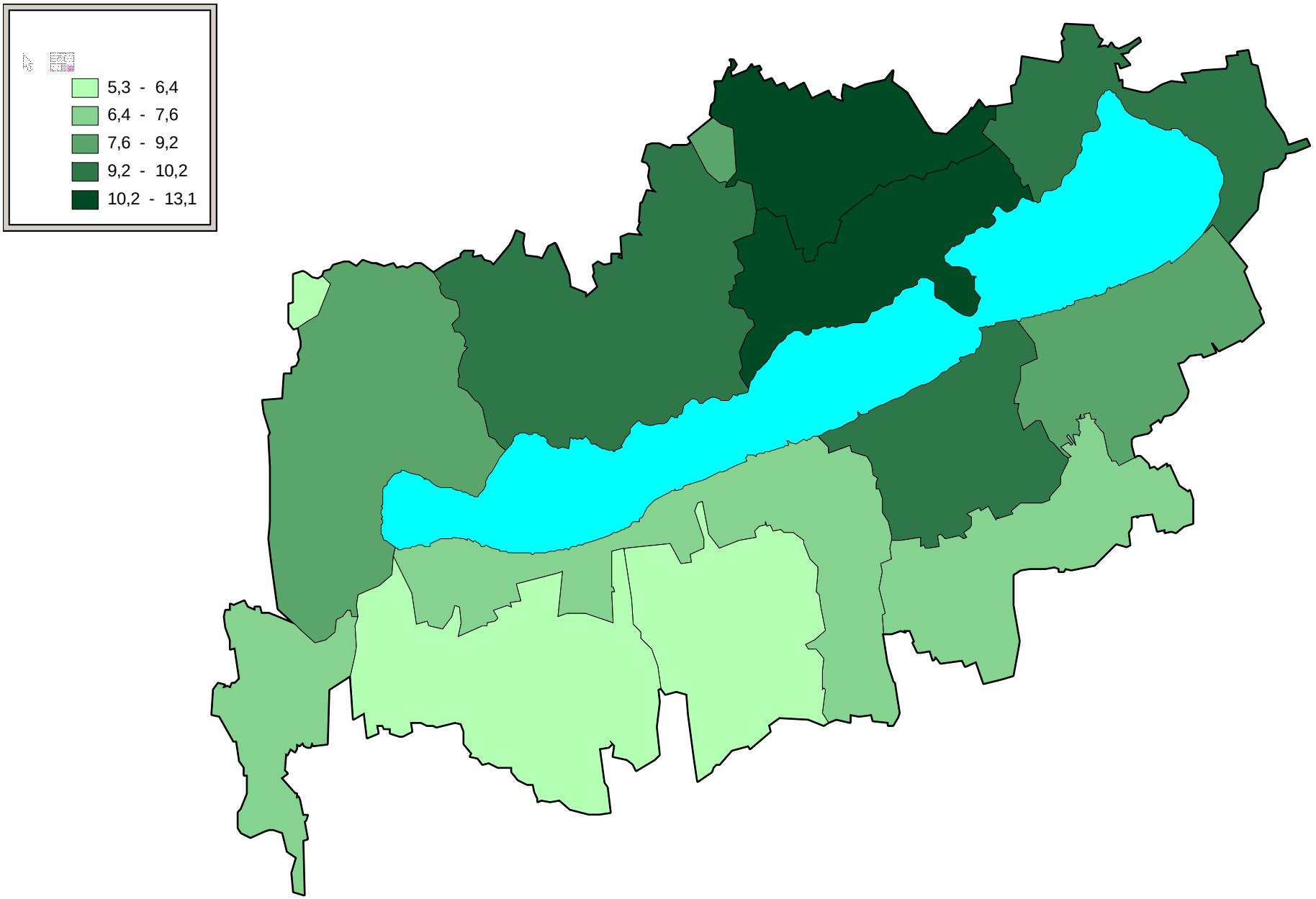
As a beneficiary we won a 370 million-HUF grant with a project for the development of sustainable tourism at Lake Balaton in the framework of LIFE program in Brussels. (Partners: Lake Balaton Development Council, ELTE University Geonardó Ltd.).

Some of our activities

Number of registered NGOs per 1,000 inhabitants in the Lake Balaton region



Number of registered NGOs per 1,000 inhabitants within the micro-regions of the Lake Balaton region



The number of member oganisations of the Association of Civil Organisations of Lake Balaton in 2006 is 34 NGOs.

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Member organisations

- Balatonfüredi Yacht Klub
- Fonyódért Egyesület
- Tramontana Yacht Club Egyesület
- Badacsonyörsi Érdekvédelmi Egyesület
- Gyenesdiási Fürdőegyesület
- Szántódi Polgárőr Egyesület
- Veszprém Megyei Falugondnokok Egyesülete
- A Nyilvánosságért és a Civil Társadalomért Alapítvány
- Nők a Balatonért Egyesület
- Balatonfőkajári Repülő Klub
- Balatonfűzfői Városvédő és Fürdőegyesület
- Badacsony Lovas Sport Club
- Forrásvíz Természetbarát Egyesület
- Gyermekkultúráért Alapítvány
- Vizimentők Balatoni Szakszolgálata Egyesület
- Magyar Szobakiadók Országos Szövetsége
- Polgárőr Egyesület Badacsonytomaj
- Somogyi Vizimentők Egyesülete
- Balatoni Borbarát Hölgyek
- Zamárdi Polgárőr Egyesület
- Révfülöpi Polgári Kör
- Fonyódi Vendévárók Közhasznú Szövetsége
- Fonyódi Vitorlás Egyesület
- Dörgicsei Leshegyi Környezetvédő Egyesület
- Tihanyi Félszigetért Környezetvédő E.
- Zamárdi Vitorlás és Vizimentő Egyesület
- Egyesület Zamárdiért
- Jó Hely Club Zamárdi
- Zamárdi Baráti Kör
- Hévízért Városvédő Egyesület

THE BEGINNINGS

- On 24 March 2001: the foundation of the association on a regional level in Balatonfenyves
- according to the initiative of the organisation of Women for Lake Balaton it happened informing the full range of NGOs
- Involvment of partners: Association of the Municipalities of Lake Balaton, Lake Balaton Development Council and Coordination Agency and the Association of the Lake Balaton Bathing Societies

Results:

Organising forums for handling conflicts within the region :

- Forum on selective waste collection (Fonyód)
- Commercial fishing – hobby anglers „friendly match” (Gyenesdiás)
- Forum on water level mamagement
- Forum on the institutional background of the region’s regional development
- Forum for an ‘Independent Balaton Region’

"Living Lakes"
project

In 2005 *agreements for co-operation* between the NGOs and the professional institutions were *prepared* : in the name of partnership and colaboration the Association of Civil Organisations of Lake Balaton invited the Limnological Research Insitute of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, the Balaton National Park and the Balaton Development Coordination Agency belonging to the Lake Balaton Development Council to actively participate in the *Living Lakes* program for the success of the Balaton project.

Round table discussions about the protection of Lake Balaton and its catchment area

Threats around Lake Balaton - as seen by the NGOs:

- Water use:
  - water pumped from Lake Balaton
  - water taken from illegal wells in the karst catchment area
  - unjustified draining of water through the Sió canal
- Continuous pollution of the catchment system (two-way contamination during pumping or during draining rain water, e.g. asbestos)
- Imperfections of selective waste collection
- Landscape degradation:
  - residental areas - forests of poles, landscape wounds
  - non-residential areas - traces of mining actvities, deforestation
- Continuous degradation of natural and cultural historical treasures/values
- No man's properties no man's lands
- 'Economic greediness'

Thank you for you attention.