

Factsheet A.2.1: WILDIsland landscape Schwalbeninsel

AT61, AT53, AT54, AT55 (Austria)

Location: Donau-Auen National Park, left bank of the Danube at river km 1888,4 - 1890,8

Responsible Partner: viadonau (in cooperation with NPDA)

Background: The island complex around the Schwalbeninsel forms one of the most impressive WILDIslands in this Danube section, with well-developed gradient of 91E0*. Due to river regulation, ongoing sediment processes limit the habitat quality, the island character gets lost.



Objective: Removal of the embankment on 2 km, removal of all infrastructure on the island and adaptation of the groynes induce large-scale river dynamics and form a highly dynamic island landscape, including natural banks and rejuvenation areas for 91E0*. Long-term non-intervention management is ensured by the conservation in the core zone of the Donau-Auen National Park.

