

Forests of the Czech Republic, s. e.

Forests of the Czech Republic, s. e., carries out the management of the specified minor watercourses and torrents as one of non-production forest functions. At present, the Forests of the Czech Republic carries out the management of more than 38 thousand km of watercourses.

Watercourse management carried out by the Forests of the Czech Republic, s. e. includes the management of non-current assets relating to watercourses, with an acquisition value of CZK 5.90 billion (in particular watercourse regulation, torrent and ravine control, flood control measures and water reservoirs). The watercourse management is carried out by six Watercourse Administrations, with territorial responsibility according to the respective river basin districts, which are methodically controlled by the Water Management Department at the Head Office of the Forests of the Czech Republic, s. e.

In 2015, the activities of the Forests of the Czech Republic in the field of water management were focused in particular on:

- remedying flood damage from the years 2013 and 2014,
- implementation of both capital investment projects and non-investment projects aimed at flood control measures, erosion control measures and also the public interest projects pursuant to Section 35 of the Forest Act,
- carrying out repairs and maintenance of property,
- preparation of documentation for the implementation of actions under the MoA subsidy programme Flood Prevention Stage III and Measures on minor Watercourses and small Water Reservoirs,
- other activities aimed at riparian stand management, revitalization of watercourses which were improperly regulated in the past, non-productive forest functions, support of endangered species, elimination of non-indigenous invasive plant species, etc.,
- keeping the Central Register of Watercourses and Water Reservoirs and inventory of assets.

The management of watercourses and the implemented measures (repairs, rehabilitation and new investments) were mainly financed from the organization's own resources and to a certain extent from grants and subsidies. As regards subsidies, the funds in question include measures carried out in the public interest pursuant to Section 35 of the Forest Act and financial resources from the state budget allocated for the programme of the Ministry of Agriculture „Support for Remedying Flood Damages to State-owned Water Management Property“ pursuant to Section 102 of the Water Act. In addition, the Forests of the Czech Republic, s. e. also used the EU funds from the "Operational Programme Environment" and the "Rural Development Programme". Measures relating to minor watercourses are also to a certain extent funded by the Regional Authorities. The activities carried out in connection with the management of watercourses are of a non-commercial nature and with regard to the overall funds expended they generate virtually no profit.

In connection with the management of watercourses, the Forests of the Czech Republic, s. e., through its organizational units, the Watercourse Administrations, disbursed in 2015 in total CZK 458.7 million, including expenditures of capital investment nature amounting to CZK 117.2 million. Its own funds used for these investments amounted to CZK 89. million. In total CZK 341.5 million, including CZK 326.1 million of own funds were used to perform the management, repairs and maintenance of fixed assets. In total CZK 47.5 million, including CZK 40.3 million of own funds were expended on remedying flood damage. The above mentioned amounts include all costs relating to the management of watercourses. Revenues

obtained for surface water abstractions to cover the management of watercourses amounted to CZK 10.7 million in 2015.