



Association
for Conservation

Information Sheet



New Virgin Forest Project, Czech Republic

Organisation - With around 200 volunteers and managing over 50 hectares of 'ecologically worthless' land, Čmelák works to prove that no land is irredeemable through practical conservation work and environmental education. The first area of land bought by Čmelák in 2004, was an ecologically unstable 40 year old pine monoculture with very little in the way of wildlife. Through clearing and replanting the first 10 hectares with over 15,000 native tree species, the aim is to demonstrate that such areas can be transformed into highly diverse mixed forests capable of supporting a wide range of wildlife, similar to the original virgin forests, within 300-400 years.

Project - The aim is to buy a minimum of 100 hectares of land to develop as virgin forest whilst involving the public and local companies in practical field work. For 2009, the objectives are:

- To buy a further 10 hectares of land to connect currently owned and managed areas
- 5 Guided visits to the current new virgin forests for experts, specialists, the general public and the media
- 10 Volunteer events involving over 200 volunteers to continue the preservation, restoration and replanting work
- Increase in fundraising work in order to acquire more land

Project nominated by Rock Point



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