

LIFE IP Atlantic Region DE

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Objectives

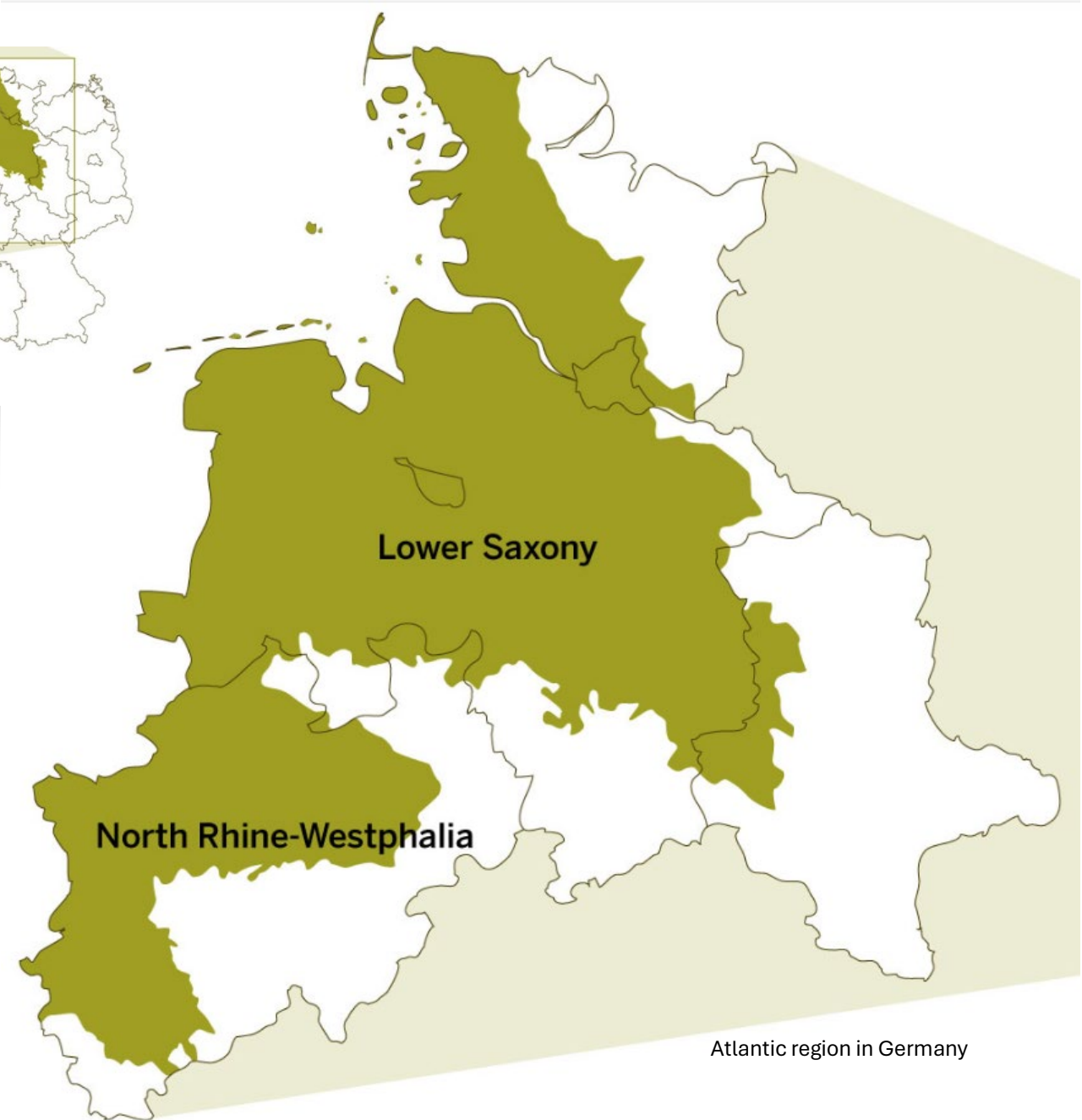


1. *Implementation of the national PAF*

- Developing a methodological approach for the Atlantic region in Germany

2. *Implementation of concrete measures*

- Focus on 15 habitat types and 10 species in the Atlantic region
 - 6 amphibian species
 - 2 reptile species



Atlantic region in Germany

III. ARC and Land Management

Concrete example: Measures for the common spadefoot in NRW

- Optimization of habitat and creation of new waterbodies
- Stabilize existing populations
- Conservation breeding and reintroduction
- Creations of further stepping stone habitats

Preliminary results

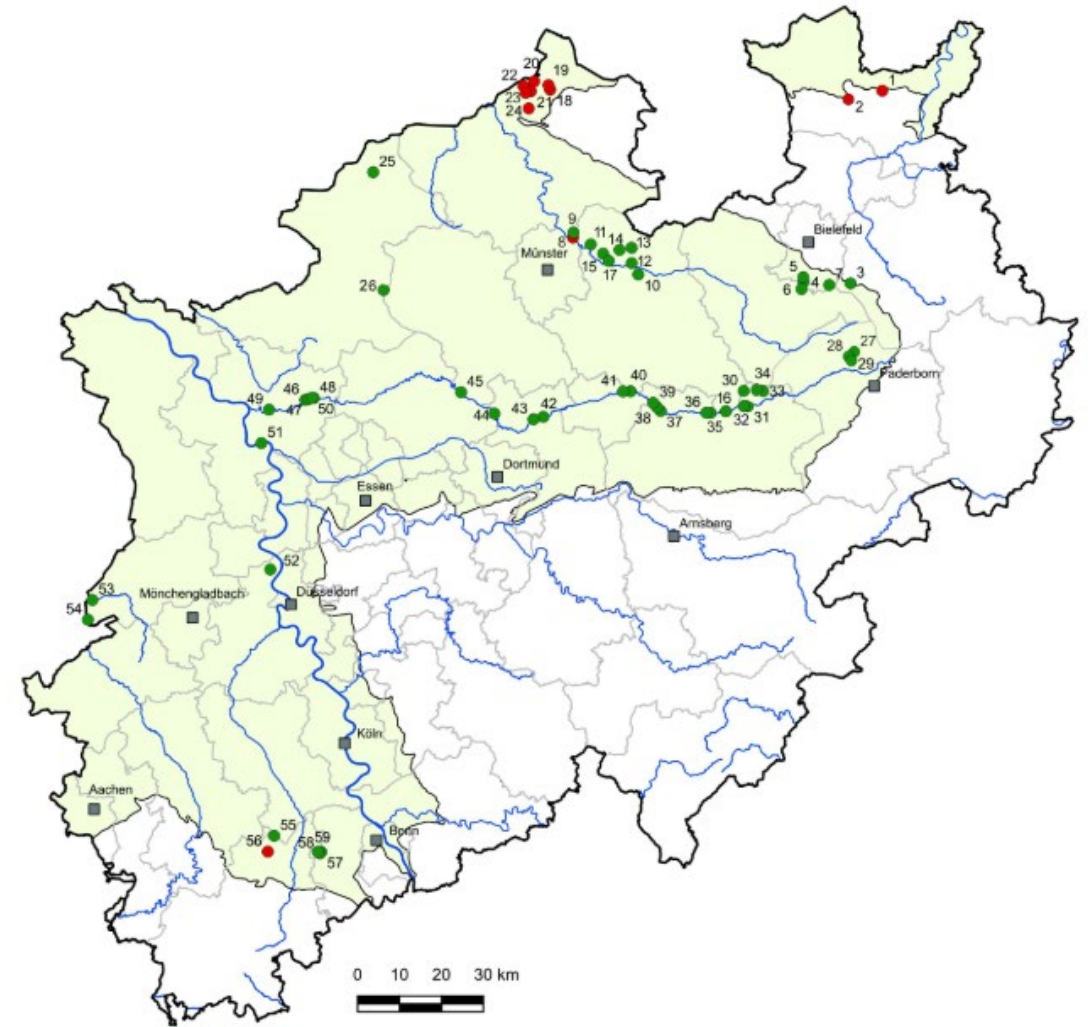
1. More than 90,000 individuals released
 2. About 1.15 million euros spent
 3. Currently 59 proven occurrences
(= increase of about 16%)
- conservation status in NRW improved



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Prospects

- Further habitat optimization and creation of additional stepping stone habitats
- Expansion to bordering districts in Lower Saxony
- Cooperation with LIFE B4B for breeding and restocking in Flanders



Key Messages to Share

- Advantage of the project: mixture of top-down and bottom-up approach
- Continuous efforts are required to scale up from single spots to a larger project area/region and to ensure impact in the long-term.
- Species protection is often more intense on personnel costs than on investment.
- First results may become visible only after the project has already ended.
- A lot of time and money is needed - in our case 12 years so far, even with the advantage of building upon achievements of a previous LIFE+ project.

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