

## Photo Documentation Activities and Milestones 1993 - 2014



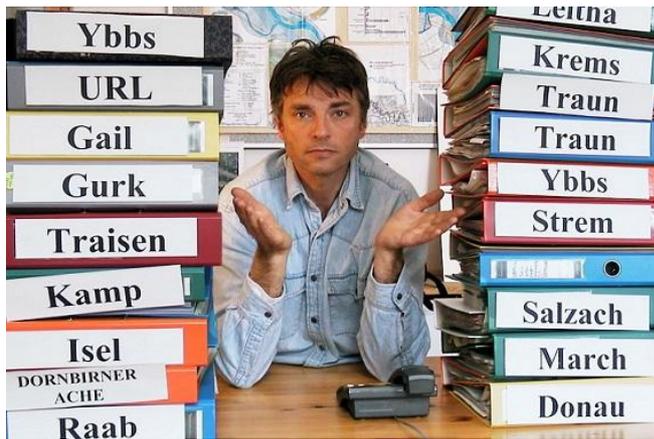
**1993** WWF Danube campaign „Save the Danube floodplains“. With Prince Phillip, president of WWF International at the time, at the Danube in Hainburg.



**1994** Since the government keeps postponing the establishment of the Donau-Auen National Park, the WWF announces the national park to open on October 26, 1996 (Austrian National Day). With the campaign “The countdown has begun”, the WWF heralds the opening of the national park in March 1994, 600 days before the announced opening. The national park opens its gates on October 27, 1996.



**1991-1996** Management of the bailed out Regelsbrunner floodplains. This includes regular discussion at monthly meetings with local fishermen in Haslau.



**1998/99** “Living Rivers“ – a campaign for the protection and restoration of Austria’s river network. Plans for the improvement of Austria’s rivers are plenty; however they are hardly ever implemented. A masterplan with no-go-areas for the construction of dams is being compiled and is supported by the minister of the environment, and the minister of agriculture. Today, several of these no-go-areas, such as the Isel, Schwarze Sulm or the Venter Ache (Kauental), are once again under pressure.



**1999/2000** “Let them live!“ campaign against illegal poisoning. Dozens of poisoned birds of prey, such as the white-tailed eagle, are being found. In the end, we are successful. Today, the eagles breed once again in Austria



**2007** Stop Ilisu: Germany, Austria and Switzerland intend to support the construction of the Ilisu Dam on the Tigris in southeastern Turkey. Companies from the three countries want to engage in business and European Banks commit to contribute EUR 450 million. 65,000 people would be affected and Hasankeyf, one of the oldest cities in the world, will sink in the reservoir.



**May 2008** Stop Ilisu campaign: In Hasankeyf with Tarkan (and Stefanie Hermsen of the Manfred-Hermsen Foundation). After the visit of the popstar, Ilisu suddenly turns into a topic of national concern in Turkey.



**May 1, 2009** Stop Ilisu protest on International Worker's Day in Vienna with Chancellor Werner Faymann.



**2009 Vienna** Sit-in at the Austrian Kontrollbank AG (ÖKB) stress the demand for withdrawal from Ilisu. On the right, ÖKB board of directors member Rudolf Scholten.

In **Juni 2009** Germany, Austria and Switzerland, as well as the European Banks and companies withdraw from the project. For the first time in the history of export industry, existing contracts are being cancelled due to environmental and social concerns. Solely the Austrian Andritz Group remains in the Ilisu business.



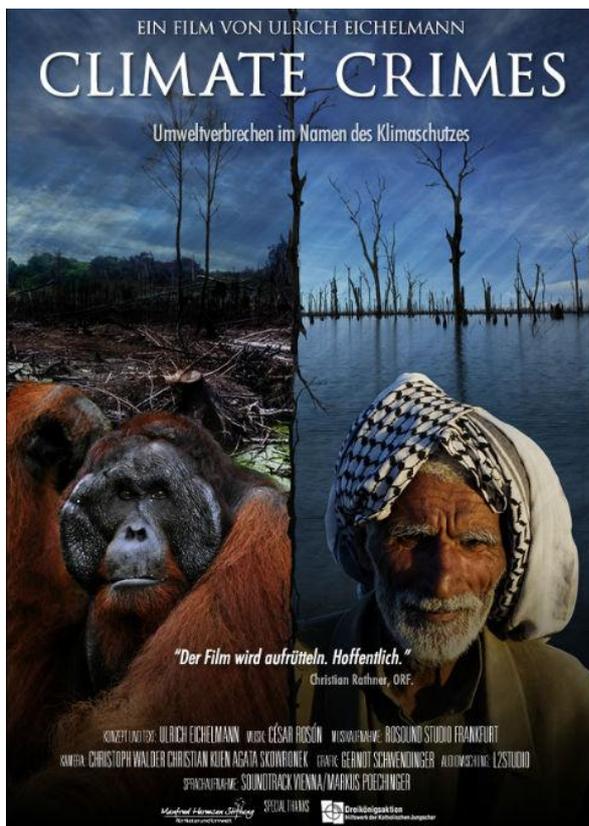
**2013.** However, Turkey insists on Ilisu and continues the construction on its own. In 2015, Hasankeyf is to be drowned in the reservoir.



**September 2010** Filming for Climate Crimes with Christoph Walder at the Xingu River in Brasil. This is where the Belo Monte, the third largest hydropower plant in the world is projected. The “clean” form of energy displaces 30,000 turtles, which lay their eggs on the islands of the rivers every year.



**2011** Climate Crimes, filming in the Mesopotamian Marshes/Iraq. The hydro-power plants in Turkey and Iran hold back the water. Large areas of the former marshes have turned into deserts.



**2012** Climate Crimes. In December the film is released and aired on TV several times. In addition it is being presented and discussed at approximately 50 events in German and Austria.



**2013** Istanbul: Launching of the initiative “Damocracy!” against the international dam hype, together with dedicated people from Amazonia, Patagonia, Kenya, USA and Turkey.



**2013** Styria/Austria: protest against the hydropower project at the Schwarze Sulm River.



**2013** “Save the Blue Heart of Europe”. Launching of a three-year campaign. The best preserved rivers of Europe are located on the Balkans. However, over 570 hydropower plants are projected, even inside national parks. In cooperation with local NGOs, Riverwatch and EuroNatur want to prevent this dam tsunami.



**2014** Vjosa/Albania: One of the key areas of the Balkan campaign. Sometimes kissing doesn't help. It remained a frog...  
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