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The wetlands had been drained for millennia. However, for over a century, many of them have been protected as nature reserves, national parks and/or Natura 2000 sites. Although most of Poland's marshes have been degraded, it's worth thinking about their restoration. This is an extremely difficult problem to solve, especially in the era of war in Ukraine, growing social polarization around the NRL, humanitarian crisis on the Poland-Belarus border as well as ecological disaster in the Oder river. That is why the World Wetlands Day 2023, celebrated annually on the initiative of the Wetlands Conservation Centre, on the anniversary of the signing of the Ramsar Convention, had a particularly extensive programme this year. In addition to annual debates, open lectures, poster presentations and field trips, in February 2023 a strictly scientific several-day conference on wetland conservation, two field trips and a number of workshops for practitioners were organized.

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