

# Danube Box

## Teacher's Handbook

- Activities in the classroom and outdoors
- Information and practical guidelines
- Worksheets and reproducible materials

For lessons in the 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> school years

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### **The Danube Box – for Danube solidarity beyond borders**

The Danube is the most international river of the world, and together with its tributaries connects more than 81 million people. This, in itself, is reason enough to think about common interests and ties and to develop teaching materials that get young people to appreciate this European river in all its facets and with all its challenges.

For the International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (ICPDR), it is not enough only to consider water-management questions. We want to enthuse people about the Danube and its tributaries and to bring each and every individual closer to it. International Danube Day on 29 June each year serves this purpose, and now we also have the Danube Box.

The development of the Danube Box was made possible by cooperating with The Coca-Cola Company, Coca-Cola HBC and the ICPDR under the framework of the “Green Danube Partnership”. Through our joint activities, we have found Coca-Cola to be an active and committed partner, and we are confident that the Danube Box will prove to be an extremely useful educational aid in many countries along the course of the Danube.

We are pleased that the Danube Box is now being given to teachers in the Danube basin and hope that the colourful diversity of the material and suggestions within it can contribute to exciting lessons about the Danube and its tributaries.

May the Danube Box promote Danube solidarity across political, cultural and linguistic borders and contribute to bonding along the Danube!

***Philip Weller***  
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### **The Danube Box – “one values and protects only what one knows”**

Water is the essential ingredient of life for every person and for every life-form on our planet. Without water, life of any kind simply would not exist.

In recognition of this, Coca-Cola HBC and The Coca-Cola Company have made a commitment to preserving water as one of our most important goals. This has led to our engagement in a wide range of initiatives in many hundreds of communities around the world. Our continuing effort to enhance awareness of the need to protect the Danube River is a flagship project that has led to the development of similar, equally important undertakings in Europe, and elsewhere.

The Danube Box was created under the auspices of the “Green Danube Partnership”, the cooperative effort between the International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (ICPDR), Coca-Cola HBC and The Coca-Cola Company. This important educational tool was inspired by the belief that “one values and protects only what one knows”, and since its introduction in 2006 it has proved to be an extremely valuable addition to the diverse “awareness-building” activities we are carrying out in many Danube countries in cooperation with the ICPDR, ministries, NGOs and educational institutions.

Through the “Green Danube Partnership” we are demonstrating our deeply held belief in the need to ensure the protection of the Danube River, and the crucial role that it plays in the everyday life of people along their banks – for the benefit of present and future generations.

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