

# Unsustainable sustainability – Allotment gardens between socialism and ecological luxury

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# Predatory x ecological luxury

(Librova, 2003)

Predatory luxury –

tends to appropriate everything rare for its own use, may seem to respect nature

Ecological luxury –

small footprint, soft technologies, reflects intrinsic values, altruism

- small scale food self-supply systems as part of sustainable localisation (Segfang, 2007)
- (allotment) gardens - sustainable – because they represent mainly de-materialised consumption (of leisure time, distance, resources), but not organic, also public space is being privatised







## Basic statistics:

- The Czech Union of Allotment and Hobby Gardeners – 260 000 members, facilities,
- Allotment gardens – up to 400 m<sup>2</sup>, shed – 16 m<sup>2</sup>,
- Brno – (400 000 inhabitants):
- 1980s – 14 000 members, 650 ha
- 2004 – 6 000 members

## Ideal goals:

- - the creation of leisure garden sites;
- - the protection of nature and environment;
- - the sustainable development in accordance with the recommendations of the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro in 1992;
- - the sensitization of children and young people for the respect of nature;
- - the support of socially weaker persons by putting garden plots at their disposal;
- - the integration of handicapped and elderly people in society by gardening and the associative life;
- - a meaningful leisure time occupation for the whole family, especially for unemployed, pensioners;
- - compensation and relaxing from a monotonous work;
- - the stimulation of family life and fellowship.

*(Office International du Coin de Terre et des Jardins Familiaux, Luxembourg, 2007)*

# Less food production









# Crop selectivity









# Leisure time





















# People

































# Animals









# Neglected space







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# Future?













Thank you

