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“Territories of the future, landscape identification and assessment: an exercise in democracy”

Nature Protection in the legislative framework in Montenegro

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Legislation

• The activity of nature protection in Montenegro is based on the:

  Law on Nature Protection ("Official Gazette of Montenegro", 51/08)


Draft Law on Amendments to the Law on Nature Protection was adopted by the Government on session held on 28 June 2012, which is now in the parliamentary procedure.

• Draft Law on National Parks
Institutional framework

- Ministry of Sustainable Development and Tourism
- Environmental Protection Agency
- Public Enterprise National Parks of Montenegro
Classification of protected areas

- Special nature reserves
- National Parks
- Regional Parks/Parks of nature
- Monuments of nature
- Protected habitat
- Landscapes of special natural characteristics (article 43)
Declaration

• Study of protection for the area

• Parliament of Montenegro

• Government of Montenegro

• Local governments

• Register of Protected Areas
Protected areas

National parks – 7.77%
- Skadar lake: 40,000 ha
- Lovcen: 6,400 ha
- Durmitor: 33,895 ha
- Biogradska Gora: 5,400 ha
- Prokletije: 16,038 ha

Monuments of Nature: 0.987%

Nature reserves: 0.047%

Landscapes of special natural characteristic: 0.025%

Territories protected by municipal decisions: 1.086%

International Designations: 17.22%

Ramsar sites: Skadar lake, Tivat salina

UNESCO: NP Durmitor with Tara

M&B UNESCO: River Tara
Management of protected areas

Public Enterprise National Parks of Montenegro
Management of protected areas

- Special Purpose Spatial Plan (SPSP)
- Management Plan for five years
- Annual management Programme
- Monitoring

- Financial resources
  - Budget of Montenegro
  - Fees for use of natural resources in protected areas
  - Donators
Natura 2000 network

• **Emerald sites** (Areas of Special Conservation Interest-ASCI)

• **Government of Montenegro**
  (December 20th 2007)

• **Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats**
  - Bern Convention (December 2011)
Natura 2000 network

- Strengthening the Capacity of State Institutions and Civil Society in Serbia and Montenegro to Harmonize National Legislation with EU Regulations in the Field of Nature Protection-commenced in March 2009
- The project of establishing NATURA 2000 network was submitted for funding to the European Commission through the IPA 2012-2013
Projects

Strengthening the System of Sustainability of Protected Areas (PAS)

- Protection studies were prepared for the establishment of the regional park „Komovi“ and „Piva“

- Prepared Draft study - Protected areas gap assessment

- Total budget is 990,000 USD
Projects

Catalyzing financial sustainability of the protected areas system in Montenegro (PAF)

- Assessment of Protected Areas Contribution System

- Fund raising strategy for PA system

- Total budget 990,000 USD
Thanks for your attention!