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##### **COMPETENT AUTHORITIES TO GRANT EXCEPTIONS:**

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Albania after the entering into force of the Stabilization and Association Agreement (SAA) Agreement in April 2008, during this biennium applied to the EU to get the candidate status.

In this context the priority as stated also in the previous biannual report continued to be the transposition of the EU *acquis* into the national legislation.

So for the first time in Albania a dedicated Law “On hunting” was elaborated and approved on 11.3.2010, no. 10253. This Law fully endorses the principles of the European Charter on Hunting and Biodiversity. A number of by-laws related to the implementation of the Bern Convention in Albania were also elaborated, such as:

- Government Decree (Decision of the Council of Ministers) “On the determination of the hunting season in the Republic of Albania”, no. 553, dated 7.7.2010;
- Government Decree (Decision of the Council of Ministers) “On the approval of the list of wild fauna species object of hunting”, no. 546, dated 7.7.2010;
- Government Decree (Decision of the Council of Ministers) “On the approval of hunting tariffs”, no. 700, dated 13.8.2010.

As regards species protection during 2010 in close collaboration with MEDASSET the action plan for the conservation of sea turtles and their habitats in Albania was drafted.

##### **EXCEPTIONS CONCERNING STRICTLY PROTECTED FLORA SPECIES (Appendix I):**

There were no exceptions made for the biennium 2009-2010 concerning strictly protected flora species in Albania.

##### **EXCEPTIONS CONCERNING FALCONRY:**

According to the provisions of the Law “On the protection of wild fauna”, no. 10006, dated 23.10.2008 and the new Law no. 10253, dated 11.3.2010 “On hunting”, falconry is not allowed in Albania.

However, this kind of hunting is never been practiced in Albania, due to the absence of tradition and conditions as well.

### **EXCEPTIONS CONCERNING PROTECTED FAUNA SPECIES (APPENDIX III):**

<u>Name of the species</u>		<u>Exceptions made</u>				
Name of species	No. of licences	No. of individuals (when practical)	Action permitted (a to f)	Reason (i to v)	Means of killing/capture	Impact on population
Protected fauna species present in Albania (PPNEA/CORA research/2009 ref.)	1	1 ind. per species	c	iv	nets	Not detrimental
Protected bat species present in Albania (Sachanowitz, K./Eurobats research project/April-July 2010)	1	1 ind. per species	c	iv	nets	Not detrimental

### **EXCEPTIONS CONCERNING THE USE OF MEANS OF CAPTURE AND KILLING SPECIFIED IN APPENDIX IV:**

According to the provisions of Law on hunting as well as Law on wild fauna protection, prohibited means of capture and killing as listed in the Bern Convention are addressed directly by the means of a separate dedicated Article stated as “prohibited means of capture and killing”.

For the biennium 2009-2010 there were no exceptions made referring to this issue.

However there have been a number of reports on the use of illegal means of capture and killing of migratory birds noted during the hunting season in Albania, mainly by foreign hunters. The Forestry Police has identified 16 such cases that were penalized by fines as determined by the Law “On hunting”.

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