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Subject: Notification on the Initiative for the protection of natural resources as public property: Kamenička Ada, Dunavac, Šodroš and Ribarsko Poluostrvo (Fisher’s Peninsula) in Novi Sad

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Institute for Nature Conservation of Vojvodina Province received your request related to the submitted document under the title: Initiative for the protection of natural resources as public property: Kamenička Ada, Dunavac, Šodroš and Ribarsko Poluostrvo (Fisher’s Peninsula) in Novi Sad. In the document, several associations of citizens/organisations supporting the respective Initiative are mentioned.

Bearing in mind the allegations in the respective document, we would like to inform you of the following:

- Part of the area of Kamenička Ada is identified as the habitat of strictly protected and protected wild species (NSA22b), as well as part of the Ribarsko Ostrvo (Fisher’s Island) (NSA22a), in accordance with the Rulebook on declaration and protection of protected and strictly protected species of plants, animals and fungi (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia*, Nos. 5/2010, 47/2011, 32/2016 and 98/2016);
- The Danube with riverbank, including Ribarsko Ostrvo, is marked as ecological corridor of international importance, in accordance with the Regulation on the Ecological Network (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia*, No. 102/2010);
- Inclusion of the area in the Ecological Network of the Republic of Serbia can be performed only by amending the Regulation on the Ecological Network (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia*, No. 102/2010), which is within the competence of the Ministry of Environmental Protection, i.e. Government of the Republic of Serbia;

- In the Study for Nature Conservation for a certain area, in accordance with the Law, only one category of three possible ones can be proposed: Category I (Area of particular interest), Category II (Area of great interest), Category III (Area of local interest). The final category shall be proposed in the Study for protection, based on a complex analysis of natural and created values of the area to be evaluated;
- Development and adoption of the act on the protection of a certain area is within the competence of the Ministry of Environmental Protection, Provincial Secretariat for Urban Planning and Environmental Protection and local self-government unit, depending on who is conducting the procedure, with regard to the proposed category of the future protected area;
- The protected area manager shall be designated in the Area Protection Act by the competent Ministry, Provincial Secretariat and local self-government unit, depending on who is conducting the procedure, and related to the proposed category of the future protected area after announcement and adoption of the protection act.

According to the Medium-term Work Plan of the Institute for Nature Conservation of Vojvodina Province for the period 2021–2030, adopted by the competent authority, the area of Kamenička Ada, Dunavac, Šodroš and Ribarsko Ostrvo, is not envisaged for the evaluation of natural values and development of a study as proposal for the protection of the area.

Furthermore, the Institute for Nature Conservation monitors, within its regular activities and in accordance with its professional and financial capacity, natural values in the area of the Autonomous Province of Vojvodina, including the mentioned area in the territory of the City of Novi Sad and applies mechanisms specified by law in order to provide protection and conservation of natural values.

Data mentioned in the Initiative will be certainly useful, although they should be submitted to the Institute in electronic form (enclosed Excel table), for verification by the Institute's experts and their inclusion in the database.

Sincerely,

Acting DIRECTOR

/s/ Nataša Sarić

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