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**Open File: 2013/01**

**Hydro power development within the territory of Mavrovo  
National Park (North Macedonia)**

**- REPORT BY THE GOVERNMENT -**

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**Update Report dated August 2025**

12 August 2025

**Open file No. 2013/1: Hydro power development within the territory of the Mavrovo National Park, the Republic of North Macedonia.**

Regarding the Decision by the Bureau of the Standing Committee of the Bern Convention dated of 15 May 2025, concerning Open file No. 2013/1: Hydro power development within the territory of the Mavrovo National Park the Republic of North Macedonia, Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning as the competent state body for monitoring the implementation of the Bern Convention, hereby inform about the following:

- The Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning, together with the competent ministries and nature protection agencies of the region, the UN Environment Programme/Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention (UNEP/SCC/Vienna Programme Office), the IUCN Cat Specialist Group, a number of non-governmental organizations and a wider expert team, have prepared a Draft Regional Strategy for the Conservation of the Balkan Lynx in its natural range.
- As the Balkan lynx is listed under the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS), a key action is the creation of a collaborative regional strategy to ensure its protection and conservation.
- The final draft will be completed by the end of September 2025.
- The Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning has only the macedonian version of the Study for the Revaluation of the Mavrovo National Park .

There is no change in the remaining activities for Open File No. 2013/1: NP Mavrovo.

Thank you in advance and best regards,

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**Update Report dated February 2025**

17 February 2025

In connection with the request of the Secretariat of the Bern Convention dated 20 December 2024 concerning No. Open file no. 2013/1: Hydro power development within the territory of the Mavrovo National Park the Republic of North Macedonia, the Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning as the competent state body for monitoring the implementation of the Bern Convention for the Republic of North Macedonia hereby inform you that:

- Study for the Revaluation of the Mavrovo National Park has been prepared in order to legally determine the proposed borders and proposed zones and their boundaries.
- There is no change in the remaining activities for Open File No. 2013/1: NP Mavrovo

Best regards,

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