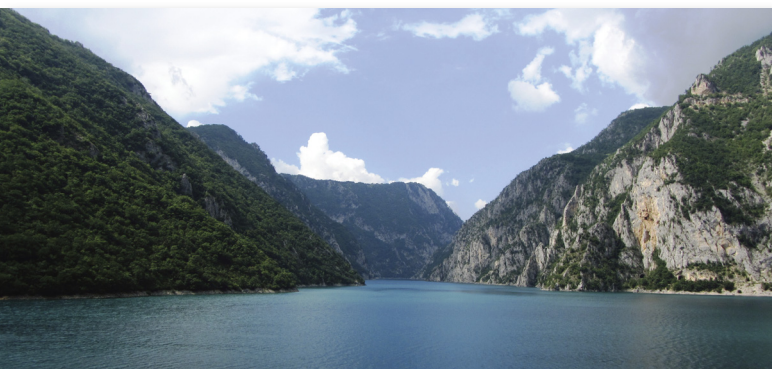


LBAP – Local Biodiversity Action Planning in the Western Balkans



Local biodiversity action plans (LBAPs) are strategic documents that bring together community interests, values and perspectives, set priorities, and identify biodiversity protection and pro-biodiversity business actions

- Duration: 2012–2013
- Donor: Finnish Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Budget: EUR 855,150

IN NUMBERS:

- 8 local communities
- 8 pilot projects
- EUR 160,000 direct investment
- 50 experts trained

GEOGRAPHICAL SCOPE

Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo*, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia

* This designation is without prejudice to position on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence

Activities

- Improving nature management practices at national level and fostering the local planning process in national structures
- Involving beneficiary municipalities in national and international development processes
- Contributing to dialogue on nature protection issues among municipalities in the Western Balkans
- Planning investments and ensuring the financial sustainability of local communities

Impacts

- Eight LBAPs approved by municipal assemblies with the participation of community and national stakeholders
- Investments made in selected priority actions

Wetlands Conservation and Restoration in Poland's Kampinos National Park



Activities

- Constructing 40 dikes and 2 km of channels against water drainage, and a 1 km dam to protect villages in the vicinity of the wetlands
- Purchasing over 120 hectares of flood-prone private land for rehabilitation
- Undertaking scientific studies to provide a basis for hydrological work
- Raising awareness among local stakeholders regarding water management
- Organising stakeholder consultations and negotiations to reduce conflicts between the interests of local communities and nature conservation objectives

Impacts

- A total of 6,000 hectares of wetlands protected against drainage
- Local agreement concerning the objectives and methods of water management in the wetlands area
- A model solution elaborated for wetlands management in the vicinity of urban areas

The rare wetland habitats and species of the Kampinos Natura 2000 site near Warsaw are threatened by falling groundwater levels, making remedial actions necessary

- Duration: 2013–2018
- Donors: EU LIFE+ Programme; Polish National Fund for Environment and Water Management
- Budget: EUR 4,314,193

IN NUMBERS:

- 5 partners
- 6,000 hectares of wetlands protected

GEOGRAPHICAL SCOPE
Poland

