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# Measures to address Progress Report 2014 recommendations Nature protection

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# Legal harmonization

- Law No. 5/2015 of 12.02.2015 “On one amendment to the Law No. 9867 of 31.01.2008 “On the rules and procedures of international trade of endangered species of wild flora and fauna”
- Decision of Council of Ministers No. 866 of 10.12.2014 “On the approval of natural habitat types, plants, animals and birds of interest for the European Union”, which approximates Directive 92/43/EEC “On natural habitat conservation, of wild flora and fauna”
- Draft Law “On some amendments and additions to Law No. 10253 of 11.3.2010 “On hunting”, is sent to CoM and later to the Parliament
- Pursuant to Law 7/2014 “On the Declaration of the Moratorium of Hunting in the Republic of Albania”, which prohibits hunting for a two years period, on July 3, 2014, the Minister of Environment approved the action plan for its implementation

# Strategic documents

- In the framework of the project “Review of the National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP) for Albania”, funded by Global Environment Facility (GEF), has finished the revision and update of the National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan for the period 2015 - 2020, which is sent for approval to the Council of Ministers
- Another GEF project “Elaboration of the action plan harmonized with the Strategic Plan of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) and the Preparation of the National Report for the Convention” is on-going. The NAP alignment is in process

# Institutional Framework

- In February 2015, the National Agency of Protected Areas (NAPA), was established by DCM No. 102 of 4.02.2015 “On the establishment, organization and functioning of the National Agency of Protected Areas and Regional Administrations of Protected Areas (RAPA)”
- Establishment of NAPA aims to protect the nature and biodiversity, through the management of protected areas network with national and international interest, collection and dissemination of information, environmental education and public awareness on protected areas, as well as to support sustainable economic activities within these areas
- Prime Minister Order No. 39 of 12.03.2015 "On approval of the structure and organigram of the National Agency of Protected Areas and Regional Administrations of Protected Areas", determines that the total number of employees of NAPA and RAPA will be 224. In total there are 12 RAPAs



# Protected Areas effectiveness

In order to provide effective protection for designated protected areas, during the reporting period are adopted five Management Plans of Protected Areas:

- Order of Minister of Environment No. 2025 of 31.12.2014 “On the approval of the Management Plan of NP Bredhi Hotoves-Dangelli”
- Order of Minister of Environment No. 2026 of 31.12.2014 “On the approval of the Management Plan of Protected Landscape Pogradec”
- Order of Minister of Environment No. 2027 of 31.12.2014 “On the approval of the Management Plan of NP Tomorri Mountain”
- Order of Minister of Environment No. 2028 of 31.12.2014 “On the approval of the Management Plan of Protected Landscape Mali me Gropa-Bize-Martanesh”
- Order of the Minister of the Environment No. 2029, dated 31.12.2014 “On the approval of the Management Plan of Natural Park Korab-Koritnik”

## **The following Management Plans for Protected areas are under drafting process:**

- National Park Shebeniku - Jabllanica in cooperation with International Unit for Nature Conservation (IUCN) and Cooperazione Italiana
- Protected Landscape Lumi Buna – Velipoja
- Alps National Park in cooperation with the project CABRA I and the project IPA ECRAN



- The first two management plans, for Shebenik-Jabllanice National Park and Lumi Buna Velipoje Protected Landscape will be approved by the end of 2015, while the Alps Management Plan is planned to be approved in 2016
- For implementation of priority activities of management plans in two Protected Areas: Llogara NP and Syri i Kalter Protected Area, are allocated 40.4 million ALL for 2015. Implementation projects have been drafted and the procedures for the implementation of activities are underway
- Pursuant to Law 7/2014 “On the Declaration of the Moratorium of Hunting in the Republic of Albania”, during the reporting period the Inspectorate Structures of Forest Police, imposed 17 fines, with a total value of 9143 Euro, as well as are seized 17 hunting guns illegally used.
- Aiming the completion of the study to identify the preliminary list of areas that meet the criteria to be declared areas of interest to the EU (Sites of Community Importance) for Albania, Natura 2000 IPA 2013 project, has started.



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