

Nature Protection WG

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Overview of key activities within the reporting period

- 2.7.2A: implementation of *three field Main Appropriate Assessments* at the pilot sites in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Serbia and Turkey (April - May 2015)
- 2.7.2C: *assessment missions* to 6 ECRAN countries (assessment of readiness for Natura 2000 establishment)
- 2.7.4: continuation of preparation of Participatory Management Plan for the future NP Alps
- 2.7.3: regional training seminar “Natura 2000 – from theory to practice” (May 2015);



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Task 2.7.2A: Pilot AA

Subtask A: Implementation of the main assessments (in the field) of the Appropriate Assessment (AA) at the pilot sites:

- Tikvesh, 11th – 13th May (former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia)
- Okanj bara and Rusanda, 27th – 29th May (Serbia)
- Lake Tuz, 20th – 22nd April (Turkey)

All main assessments carried out by STE Vlastimil Kostkan; subsequently, the document „main assessment study“ drafted for each pilot assessment



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Task 2.7.2C: Assessment of readiness of ECRAN countries for Natura 2000 establishment

Natura 2000 STE Michael Hošek continued his missions to particular ECRAN countries to follow up his work on assessment on readiness for Natura 2000 establishment:

- KO, February 2 – 6: 2nd mission; interviewing the main stakeholders; focus on capacity building
- ME, March 2 – 6: 2nd mission; interviewing the main stakeholders; focus on capacity building
- RS, April 26 – 30: 2nd mission; interviewing the main stakeholders; focus on capacity building
- TR, June 14 – 19: 1st mission; gathering basic data for compiling the 1st draft of assessment report



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- AL, August 31 – September 3: 2nd mission; interviewing the main stakeholders; focus on capacity building
- former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, September 14 – 18: 2nd mission; interviewing the main stakeholders; focus on capacity building
- KO, September 27 – October 1: 3rd (final) mission to discuss the draft of the assessment report and assist competent authority in preparation of ToR for future implementation project for Natura 2000



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Task 2.7.3: Design and delivery of Regional Awareness Raising Programme

The first event held in May 2015:

Regional seminar “Natura 2000 – from theory to practice”

- venue: region of southern Moravia (SE Czech Republic) as there are numerous Natura 2000 sites in overlap with national protected areas

Day 1: Protected Landscape Area Pálava and surroundings

- three SCIs according to the Habitats Directive)
- two adjacent Special Protection Areas (according to the Birds Directive)

Day 2: National Park Podyjí (also a SPA and a SCI)



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Aim of the seminar: to present the management of Natura 2000 sites overlapping with national protected areas in practice

Presenters: local managers of protected areas, a member of the Czech Ornithological Society

Co-organisers of the event (free of charge, as their voluntary contribution to the ECRAN project):

***Czech national section of EUROPARC Federation
Czech Ornithological Society.***



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Task 2.7.4: Participatory Management Plan

ECRAN STE and TAIEX expert Sissi Samec continued her activities

Stakeholder consultation meetings:

- Valbona (July) ~ 30 participants, outcome: improvements of the draft zoning of the park area
- Vermosh – Tamara (September) ~ 30 participants, outcome: better involvement of local people into the zoning process

ECRAN seen as the first historical opportunity for local people to really decide about their own area



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Task 2.7.5: Regional cooperation among protected areas

- Preparation and delivery of regional workshop on Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), Podgorica, Montenegro, 02 – 04 June 2015.
- Main focus:
 - General requirements under CITES and the EU wildlife trade regulations
 - Scientific requirements under these regulations and tasks of scientific authorities
 - Controls by enforcement agencies.
- CITES Management Authority, CITES Scientific Authorities and CITES Enforcement Authorities.



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Planning for the next period

- Task 2.7.1: Annual Meeting in January or February 2016
- Task 2.7.2:
 - Country assessments for the readiness for Natura 2000 establishment – gradual completion of assessment reports for all ECRAN Beneficiaries
- Task 2.7.3:
 - Regional seminar on protected areas (Istanbul, 2nd – 3rd December 2015)
 - Two regional seminars to be held till September 2016 (topics to be proposed by the Beneficiaries and approved at the Annual Meeting)



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Planning for the next period

- Task 2.7.4:
 - A larger 'planning meeting' for 70 participants scheduled for November (in fact, already successfully realized)
 - Preliminary results will be presented at the ECRAN regional seminar on protected areas (Istanbul, 2nd – 3rd December 2015)
 - final consultation workshop to be held in spring 2016



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Planning for the next period

- Task 2.7.5
 - Workshop on timber regulation implementation
 - To be organized in cooperation with EC Technical Unit
 - Tentatively Feb – March 2016, Turkey



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Main impacts

- ☺ Task 2.7.2 A: the main appropriate assessment resulted in main assesment studies to be used as background documents during the 2nd round of AA workshops in October 2015.
- ☺ Task 2.7.2 C: evaluated as very useful by most ECRAN stakeholders as it assists them in realistic estimation of time/capacities/resources needed for Natura 2000 establishment.



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- ☺ Task 2.7.4: highly positive feedback from both the local people of the Alps area and Ministry of Environment in Tirana: for many inhabitants this is historically the first opportunity to get informed about Government's intentions and to be involved in such kind of strategic planning



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