



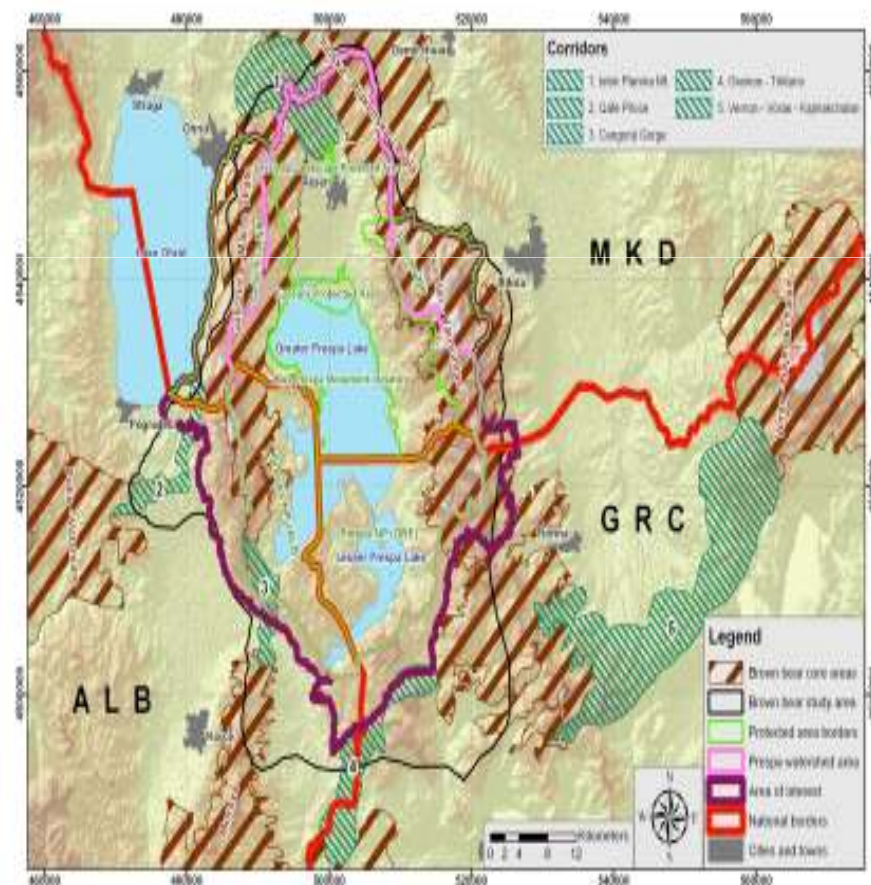
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Integrated Ecosystem Management in the Prespa Lakes Basin - Transboundary Project



Sharing Lesson's Learned and Best Practices

- * Important sustainable development issues for the local communities that the project helped address
- * Important interventions at policy level
- * Challenges and achievements from the transboundary perspective



Sustainable development and local context

- * 33 applicants were assisted with the principles of grant applications, and several implemented pilot demonstrations of small-scale projects addressing improvements in forest ecosystem management; information and public awareness; improvements in the fishery sector; and clean-up and waste management improvements
- * The farmers are organized in associations and assisted with grants for improvement; by end of the project there are four new operational associations;

Sustainable development and local context con't

- * Establishment of a nursery for endemic and autochthon tree species and the collection of seeds and seedlings
- * Introduction of marketing and packing standards – customer oriented and cost effective (apple and honey)
- * Promotion of drip irrigation in Proger and Tren area
- * Establishment of a greenhouse in Shuec village

Important interventions at policy level

- * **Establishment of the Prespa National Park Management Committee**
- * **Development and Implementation of Local Environmental Action Plans in Ligenas and Proger communes**
- * **4 sectoral analysis are produced in close cooperation w Ministry of Environment incorporating ecosystem health priorities into Water, Agriculture, Forest, and Fishery law aligning with EU requirements**

Important interventions at policy level con't

- * **Developed species and habitats conservation plan are under implementation**
- * **Developed monitoring system is implemented through pilot monitoring activities. Further national monitoring activities implemented through local NGO during 2010-2011.**

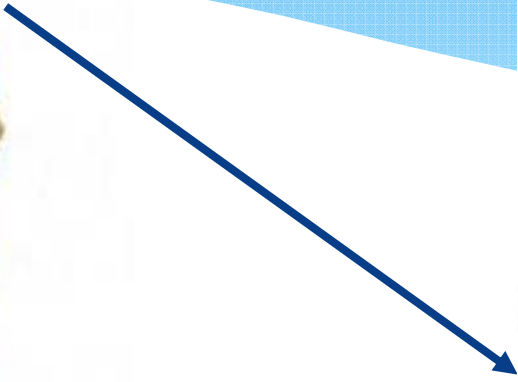
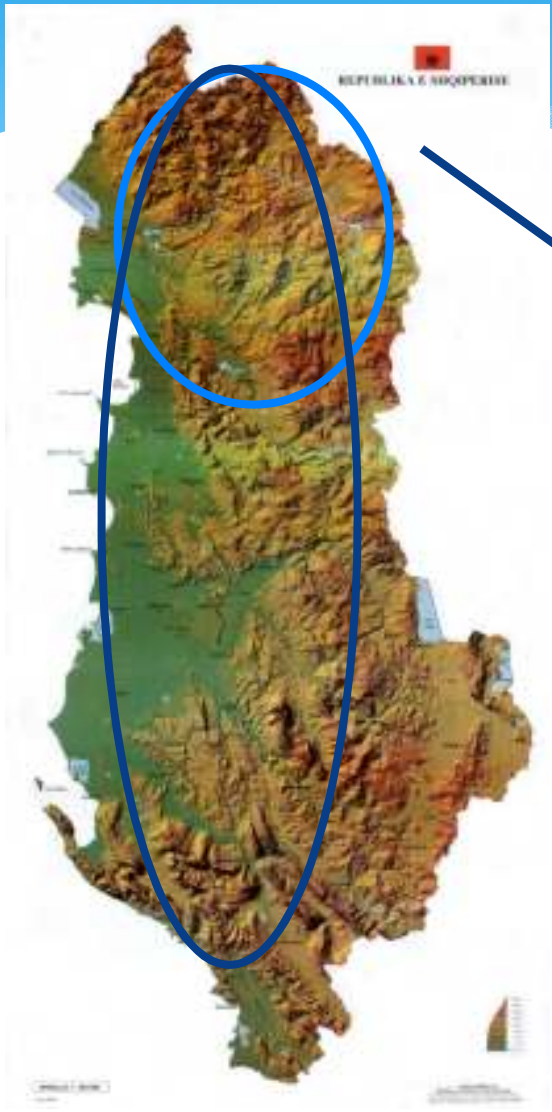


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”Identification and Implementation of Adaptation measures in Drini-Mati River Deltas” project

Project Boundaries



Situation in the Drini Mati River Deltas ecosystems and communities

- * **The area is subject of significant erosion, inundation and inland intrusion of saline water, with socio-economic consequences**
- * **Rapid urbanisation, illegal settlements poorly waste management are critical threats hampering ability of the ecosystem to adapt**

Communities and Ecosystem based adaptation

- * **Broad and extensive involvement of stakeholders 14 different institutions in the regions and communes and many more individuals**
- * **Risks in the area identified and prioritized through a highly participatory process**
- * **3 communes in the DMRD zone have prepared adaptation plans**
- * **Adaptation measures/actions are included in the Concept of Regional Development of Lezha for 2010-2015**

Communities and Ecosystem based adaptation

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- * **CC adaptation measures are integrated into the Management Plan of Kune-Vain Protected Area**
- * **Through on the job training local specialists turned adaptation measures in 11 Project Fiches subject to multi donor support**
- * **The ecosystem monitoring programme, developed in the frame of the Drini Mati project for the pilot area, is integrated into the National Monitoring Programme for Environment**

Lessons learned and best practices

- * Increased awareness and participation of local actors throughout the process achieved a sense of empowerment and ownership to take further action**
- * The project triggered a transformational change towards longer term adaptation processes in the target coastal region and broader providing for policy orientation (at the local and central level)**

Lessons learned and best practices

- * **Synergies created with other initiatives ensured higher impact such as coordination with:**
 - EU environment monitoring project;
 - WB Disaster Risk Mitigation project;
 - IUCN Protected Areas Management project;
 - GIZ regional development assistance.

Ecosystem Restoration - Dune Planting

Dune planting with *Ammophila arenaria* (sand grass) is carried out in a pilot area in Vain as a site demonstration of measures to combat sand dune erosion from sea-level rise



THANK YOU

Inception Meeting “Enabling Transboundary Cooperation
and Integrated Water Resources Management in the
Extended Drin River Basin”

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