

BEAR in Mind: Bringing environmental actions for the biodiversity protection across the borders

PROJECT OVERVIEW		
Programme:	CBC BiH-MNE 2014-2020	
Call for Proposals:	2nd	
Project title:	BEAR in Mind: Bringing environmental actions for the biodiversity protection across the borders	
Thematic priority:	Protecting the environment, promoting climate change adaption and mitigation, risk prevention and management	
Project budget:	Total contract amount (€):	Contracted amount EU (€):
	€ 434,287.85	€ 369,144.68
Beneficiaries of funds:	Lead applicant:	Co-applicants:
	Centre for Protection and Research of birds (CIZIP)	Nature park „Piva“ Ornithological society „Nase ptice“ Public enterprise National Parks of Montenegro Association for environmental protection and sustainable development „Nasa bastina“
Location of the action:	Montenegro	Bosnia and Herzegovina
	National Park Durmitor, Nature Park Piva, Municipality Plužine and Municipality Žabljak.	National Park Sutjeska and Nature Park Blidinje, Municipalities: Posušje, Jablanica, Konjic, Kalinovik, Foča
Target groups:	Federal Ministry of Environment and Tourism, Ministry of sustainable development and tourism, Environmental Protection Agency, Protected area administration, municipalities, environmental NGOs, local population, hunting organizations.	
Commencement date and project duration:	15 November 2019 – 15 May 2022 (30 months)	
Overall objective:	Decreasing biodiversity threats within protected areas across borders of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Montenegro.	
Specific objective(s) or project purpose:	SO 1: Increasing capacities of nature protection institutions and organizations to reduce biodiversity threats SO 2: Development and pilot implementation of species management plans in line with EU Directives SO 3: Raising awareness of local and national population on the benefits of higher environmental protection standards implementation	
Expected results:	R1: Increased capacities of nature protection institutions and organizations to reduce biodiversity threats R2: Developed and launched pilot implementation of species management plans in line with EU Directives	

	<p>R3: Awareness raised of local and national population on benefits of higher environmental protection standards implementation</p>
<p>Planned activities:</p>	<p>A1. Conducting analyses of biodiversity threats in protected areas across the border A2. Implementing a capacity building programme for PA administration and environmental NGOs to conduct biodiversity monitoring of threatened species/habitats A3. Equipping PA and environmental NGOs with technical equipment for biodiversity monitoring A4. Developing of at least 4 species management plans in line with EU Directives A5. Developing at least 10 threatened species monitoring protocols in line with EU Directives A6. Launching the implementation of at least two species management plans and 10 species monitoring protocols A7. Developing joint raising awareness campaign based on charismatic and threatened species like bears, capercaillies, woodpeckers, eagles A8. Establishing partnership with formal MoU signing on biodiversity protection with hunting association and forestry sector/logging companies A9. Implementing pilot actions for local population to reduce biodiversity conflict while promoting benefits of higher environmental protection standards</p>