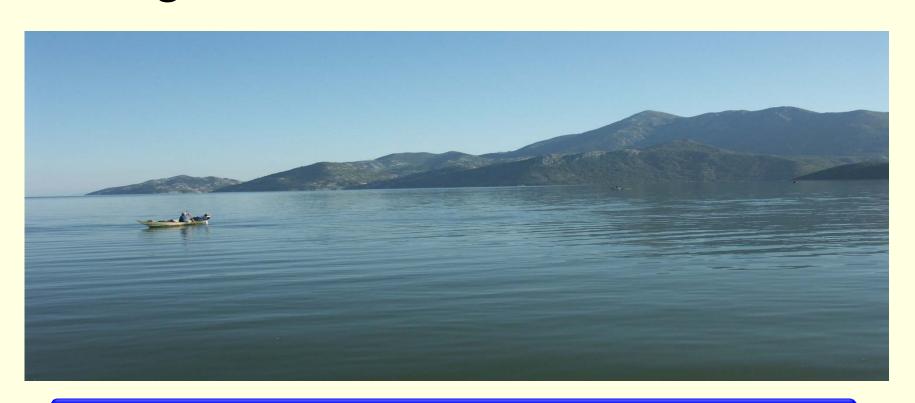
Trans-boundary Cooperation through Management of Shared Natural Resources



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Site Description

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National Park since 1983. (MN)
IUCN IV Cat. 2005 (AL)
Ramsar Site since 1995. (MN)
Ramsar Site since 2006 (AL)

Area:

■ 370 km² - summer

■ 540 km² - winter

■ 475 km² - average

Shoreline - 168 km

Depth: 5 - 9 m, max=60m (Radus ey





PROJECT GOAL

To enhance cooperation between neighboring countries through management of shared natural resource







PROJECT OBJECTIVES

- Establish cooperation in management and protection of key trans-boundary sites
- Establish of local organizations and cross-border exchanges between local organizations and people in the interest of managing shared resources
- Promotion of technical networks on regional level



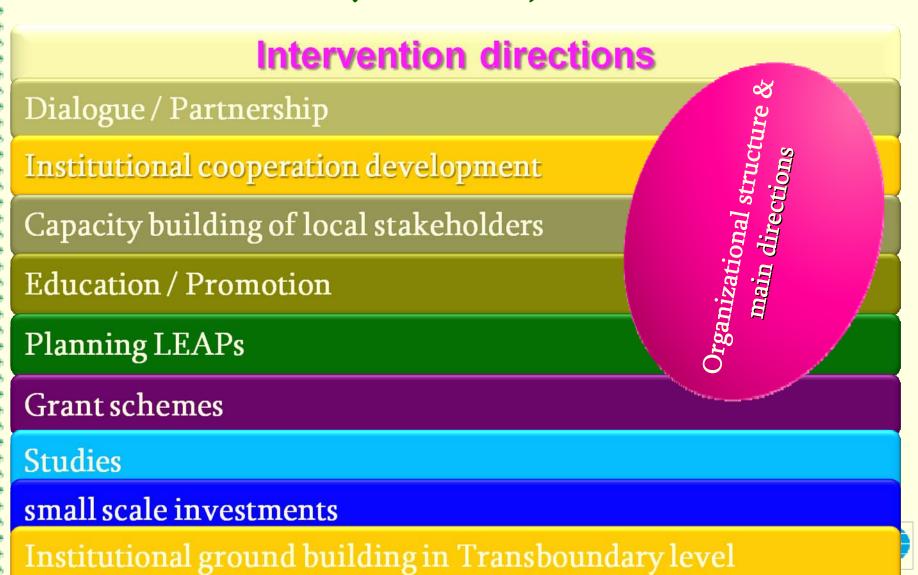








- Stability Pact » REReP
- October 2000 March 2009
- Head Office-Country Offices-Project Offices



MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS / CHANGES

- Bilateral cooperation between MNE-AL significantly improved on all levels (project involved many stakeholder groups)
- Capacities of local stakeholders enhanced (proven through their everyday work and implementation of other international projects)
- Civil society organizations in the region strengthened (new NGOs established and trained)
- Cooperation between different sectors within the country improved, e.g. local authorities, CSOs, national authorities
- Interest in SHkodra Lake significantly raised on both national and international level (comparing with start-up).
- LEAPS for different Municipalities and communes prepared and small scale investment implemented
- Transboundary Platform for dialogue and cooperation established. (TFLS)





DIALOGUE / PARTNERSHIP

- □ Shkodra Lake Forum neutral platform for cross-border dialogue and partnership.
- ☐ MoU signed between Ministries Of Environment MNE-AL (May 2003)
- □ Protection of AL part of Shkodra Lake Nov 2005 (national level) / Feb 2006 (International level)
- ☐ Declaration on Day of the Lake June 2006 every third weekend of June
- ☐ Declaration on Skadar/Shkodra Lake Forum
- □ Statement of Cooperation signed between Municipalities of Cetinje (MNE) and Shkodra (AL) April 2005





DIRECTIONS

2. CAPACITY BUILDING

- Workshops / trainings more then 10 specific workshops organized and more then 200 people trained on different topics, e.g. Vision and its realization, Objective Oriented Planning, Writing project proposals (national & cooperative), WS for teachers, Media Training, LEAP, Cross-border biomonitoring, Natura 2002 ...
- ☐ Technical Support for NP Lake Shkodra, University of Shkodra, REA, RDE, Agency for Buna Drini Rivers Administration) field equipment for guard service, terrain vehicle, office equipment ...
- Exchange of Experiences field visits to several cross-border lakes and different protected areas (Ohrid Lake, Peipsi Lake, Lake Constance, protected areas in Bulgaria, Switzerland, Italy)





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3. EDUCATION / PROMOTION

☐ Small Grants Programme – national and cross-border level – more then 20 organizations received small grants for different activities in the region ■ Numerous activities with educational institutions: slide presentations, field trips, concerts, cleaning actions, art/literary competitions etc. – more then 300 children involved in different activities ☐ Celebrations – the Fairs of handcrafting/traditional products from the region; Day of the Lake; Ramsar Day; widely attended by both national and international authorities, institutions and guests ■ Bulletins (3L – one/year, local newsletter – every 2 months, for more then three years ☐ Information sharing/dissemination: numerous publications, CDs, promotion materials ...





Multi Stakeholders Approach

- MoE representative
- Forum of Shkodra Lake. 2001
- Municipalities of AL-MNE
- University of Shkod` & Podgor`
- REA, AoB-DB, DoF, DoFA,
- Institute for Nature Protection
- National Park of LS
- Environment Experts
- Education Sector
- Centre for research and birds protection
- NPOs
- Experts and researchers

Operational performance







Follow up

"Strengthening the Institutional Ground for Continued Trans-boundary Cooperation Shkodra Lake Region"

- Shkodra lake FORUM in AL & MNE mandated as independent organizations
- Statement of Cooperation signed 2nd FEB` 2008
- Strategic Action Plan in transboundary level developed
- Working directions defined
- Operational phase of a new transboundary body





