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## List of projects involving business sector in sustainability field and their summary results

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## Presentation outline

- Information about projects' implemented by INCA
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## Information about projects' implemented by INCA

- SINCE its establishment, INCA has carried out a number of activities and projects (so far more than 70 contracts realized), some of them more collaborative with other organizations. Key partners are: European Union, WWF, IUCN, Global Environment Fund (GEF), UNDP, World Bank, Regional Environmental Center (REC), UNEP/MAP, Ministry of Environment, Embassy USA, UNICEF, Council of Europe, EBRD, SNV, etc. Most of the projects are implemented within the territory of Albania. Many projects are also implemented along the borders (Montenegro, Macedonia and Greece, Italy).





# List of the projects

Shteti	Emri i Projektit	Klienti/Mbështetësi Financiar	Viti(et)
Shqipëria	Manaxhimi dhe vleresimi i ujrave të mbrojtur në tranzicion - TWRReference Net	Interreg III B-CADSES - EU	2004-2006
Shqipëria	Kontribut për implementimin e Strategjisë Pan-Europiane për Diversitetin Biologjik dhe Pejsazhor (PEBLDS) nëpërmjet Rrjetit Ekologjik Pan-European	Këshilli i Europës	2004-2006
Shqipëria	Konferenca Kombëtare për Ekosistemet Malore	Ministria e Mjedisit, SDC	4-6 Nëntor 2004
Shqipëria	Krijimi i database-it dhe hartës GIS për monumentet e natyrës, me botimin e udhezimit përkatës.	Ministria e Mjedisit	2004
Shqipëria	Përgatitja dhe botimi i fjalorit për terminologjinë mjedisore	Fondi Global i Mjedisit/Programi i Zhvillimit të Kombeve të Bashkuara (GEF/UNDP)	2005

## More projects

Shqipëria	Forcimi i kapaciteteve të Shoqërisë Civile për të advokuar mbi menaxhimin e qëndrueshëm të burimeve natyrore në Shqipëri	Programi IPA i BE për mbështetjen e Shoqërisë Civile	Maj 2018-Dhjetor 2020
Shqipëria	Mbrojtja e Deltës së lumit Buna	IUCN/MAVA	Janar 2018-Qeshor 2020
Shqipëria	Aksione komunitare për Zonat e Mbrojtura	CELIM/Agjencia Italiane për bashkëpunim dhe Zhvillim	Mars 2018-Mars 2020
Shqipëria	Nga Mali në Det	CEPF	Janar 2019-Janar 2021
Rajonal	BlueLand	IPA CBC Itali-Shqipëri-Mal i Zi	Mars 2018-Dhjetor 2021
Rajonal	Safe Shark	WWF Itali/MAVA	2018-2021
Rajonal	MPA-Network	Interreg Mediterranean	Nëntor 2019-Nëntor 2022





## Information about projects' implemented by INCA

- Lately, one of INCA's key fields of work is the support to better understanding and application of circular economy, particularly at the green and blue environment (green and blue economy), as a relevant tool to ensure biodiversity conservation and effective management of natural resources, while simultaneously supporting the economic development at local and national level.



## From Mountain to the sea

- The goal of the project is to ensure the long-term conservation of marine species and habitats in the Vlora region with particular emphasis on halting or significantly reducing unsustainable development and marine coastal water abstraction.
- In order to address these threats, knowledge and awareness, capacity development and site-based measures, as well as improved governance for the site, will be implemented through the stakeholder engagement and CSOs participation





## Buna Delta protection project

- The goal of the project is to ensure the long-term conservation of species and habitats in the BRVPL with particular emphasis on halting or significantly reducing unsustainable development and water abstraction.
- Through this project was expected that damaged wetlands and coastal habitats will be restored. In order to address socio-economic issues and human well-being, sustainable tourism and land use practices were introduced and promoted. The objective was to link local economic activities with preserved coastal and wetland habitats.
- A set of measures and incentives to local stakeholders for sustainable land use and tourism activities were developed and applied. Governance and stakeholder engagement mechanisms will be designed so as to support effective management of the area and address the development and land use threats.



### Solutions for the long term

The community solutions brought together people's need for a secure livelihood and activities that improve the protection and management of the natural environment. The sustainability of existing activities was improved, resulting in reduced negative environmental impacts, such as in agriculture and tourism.

Other initiatives directly improved the biodiversity values, through restoration and protection. The process increased the capacity of the Buna community to develop and implement their own future projects, continuing their contribution to the conservation of the protected landscape.

The institutional solution focused on securing a suitable governance structure and building the capacity of managers.

Through training and study, the capacity and capability of the management staff is improved, and they have received additional equipment to perform their work to a higher standard. The staff involved in the public visitation of the protected landscape can provide a better experience to visitors, resulting in increased interest and positive tourism in the area.

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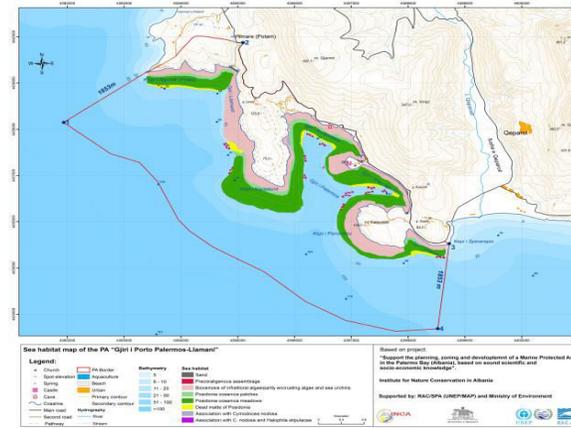


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## BLUE LAND

Participatory model for the sustainable management of marine and coastal resources and for cross border habitats, biodiversity and ecosystem services safeguard.

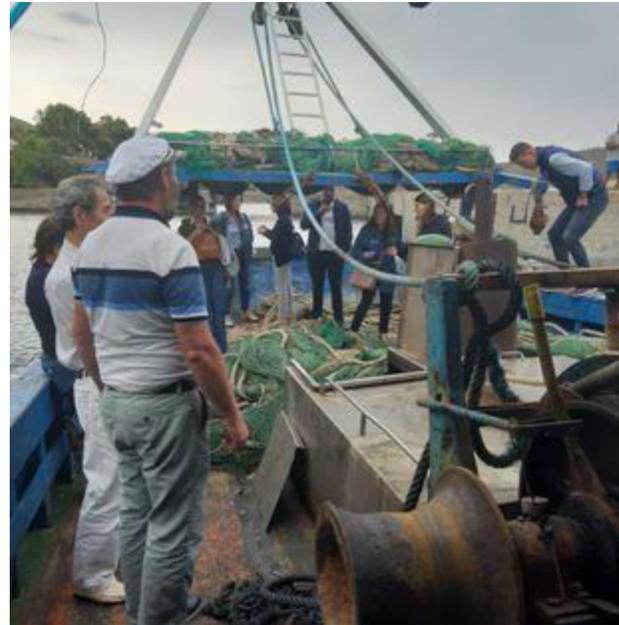
- Common model for participatory management and monitoring of biodiversity and ecosystem services in selected marine coastal areas (BLUE LANDS)
- New ICT products for monitoring and information activities
- Activation of BLUE LAND pilot initiatives in Italy, Albania, Montenegro



## MPA NETWORKS

### TOGETHER WE WORK TO BOOST THE EFFECTIVENESS OF MARINE PROTECTED AREAS

- The MPA NETWORKS project is focused on providing sustainable solutions to challenges requiring an approach that goes beyond MPA boundaries. These challenges include the global question of management effectiveness, and more specifically the management of Small-Scale Fisheries in MPAs, the conservation of mobile species and the development of sustainable financing mechanisms for MPAs.
- In Albania, MPA NETWORKS is implemented by INCA, with the pilot project entitled: **Sustainable Artisanal and Recreational Fishing in The Karaburun-Sazan Marine Protected Area.**
- INCA as part of this network is playing a leading role in improving the conditions for artisanal fishing and its management, disseminating best practices through the creation of a fishing monitoring system, in collaboration with fishermen and scientific researchers.



## Sustainable Economic Activities in Mediterranean Marine Protected Areas, Karaburun-Sazan MPA

- The project aimed at supporting the Karaburun-Sazan National Marine Park to reach a phase of operational and financial self-sufficiency and become an exemplary model of coastal tourism management, where marine and coastal biodiversity features and ecosystem functions are maintained, social equity and benefit sharing ensured and tourism fully contributes to local development and MPA financing. The project goals were:
  - to support the emergence of an empowered Albanian conservation community (including nature conservation practitioners, civil society organizations (CSOs), NGOs, universities and public administrations) capable to contribute and benefit from the participatory planning and management of economic activities (with a special focus on tourism) in the Vlora region;
  - to support the development of a sustainable tourism management plan for the Karaburun-Sazan National Marine Park and surrounding area, the advancement of more sustainable practices within the tourism sector in the Vlora region and specifically the Orikum municipality and the intensification of the local nature-based tourism offer associated to the Karaburun-Sazan National Marine Park and the Llogara National Park.
- The main achievements of this project include the contributions for improving management, promotion of the Karaburun-Sazan MPA as a tourist destination through the development of a Sustainable tourism Strategy and improving capacities of the conservation community, working very closely with local actors.





## CO-SEED: Civil Society Acts for Environmentally Sound Socio-Economic Development

- By 2025 natural resources in the five countries: Institute for Nature Conservation in Albania, Udruga Dinarica, Bosnia and Herzegovina, WWF Adria, Croatia, Green Home, Montenegro, Bird Protection and Study Society of Serbia and WWW-Turkey, are managed more sustainably thanks to improved regulatory framework and more participatory and transparent decision-making processes which involve a vibrant group of civil society organisations and increased attention of the media on the topic, with benefits for society at large



## Photovoltaic energy supply as back up for three National park centers

Evaluation of the natural resources of the ZM for their promotion as areas for the use of renewable energies

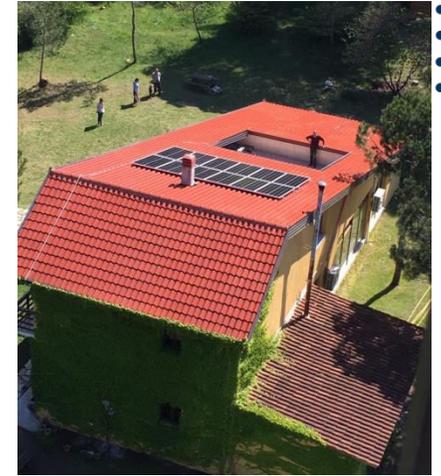
- Evaluation of the values of natural resources that provide PA in the service of reducing CO2 emissions in mitigating the impacts of climate change
- Promotion of ecosystem services in the service of climate change mitigation and adaptation based on these services

Using solar energy to power visitor centers

- Designing projects for the installation of solar panels for the Divjakë-Karavasta, Llogara and Theth PAs
- Implementation of panel installation projects and monitoring of their operation

Promoting the coexistence of natural values with alternative energy sources as part of the use of natural resources for sustainable development

- Meeting tables for the promotion of the use of alternative/renewable energies to reduce CO2 emissions as part of the implementation of mitigation measures against climate change in the three MPs Divjakë-Karavasta, Llogara and Theth
- Promotion of mitigation and adaptation measures within the Divjakë-Karavasta, Llogara and Theth MPs based on ecosystem services.





## Strengthen wetland management in Balkans for the conservation of Dalmatian Pelican

- A3.4: Organize training for the management staff of the Park Administration of the Divjake – Karavasta National Park
- Activity A4.1: Organize training of fishermen on sustainable fishing in Park area
- Activity A4.2: Training and supporting of farmers, management authorities and relevant agriculture stakeholders for introduction of organic farming in the Park area





**Sustainable economy** should be based on **natural resources**





Thank you for your attention

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