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SAVING NATURE FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

KICK-OFF MEETING
INSTITUTE FOR NATURE
CONSERVATION IN ALBANIA

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Tirana*

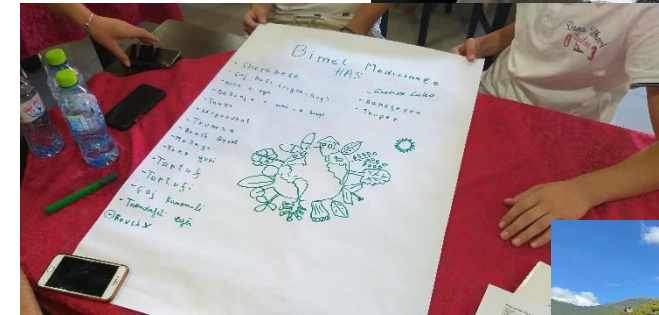


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About INCA

- **The Institute of Nature Conservation in Albania – INCA** is a Non-Governmental and non-profitable organization (NGO), established in July 2000, and registered as a charity by the District Court of Tirana in 16 July 2004, by decision nr. 1087.
- The INCA's main goal is to facilitate and help the professional capacity building through training and participatory approach, safeguard of environment, conservation of the natural environment treasures and rural development in the country, protection of flora and fauna, the assessment of biodiversity, the management of protected areas, river basin management, raising awareness of the public and policy and decision makers, and undertaking conservation measures when possible and appropriate to protect species and their critical habitats.





Main objectives and activities

- Are related to the:
 - Conservation of the natural environment;
 - Sustainable use of natural resources and rural development;
 - The assessment and monitoring of biodiversity elements, ecosystems and ecosystem services;
 - Developing flood protection and climate change management plans;
 - Training for the environmental education and other capacity building activities;
 - Development of management plans (protected areas, coastal zone, forest area, tourism plan);
 - Development of river basin management plan;
 - Elaboration socio-economic baseline and feasibility studies in multi-disciplinary teams;
 - Participatory buffer and support zone management integrating communities in socio-economic development measures;
 - Strengthen national protected area systems.



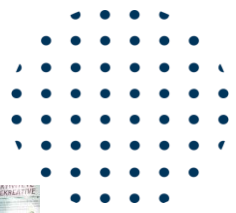


Our main fields of work

- **Participatory planning and management of PAs** (e.g. strategic and operational planning, baseline surveys, feasibility studies, legal framework assessments and development, annual re-views, logistical support, stakeholder dialogues, participatory management planning of long-term and short terms plans and strategies, donor coordination and fund raising measures, etc.)
- **Efficient project management and implementation** (e.g. local implementation plans, sustainable management of infrastructure and equipment, managing disposition funds, training activities, workshops, capacity building, stakeholders analysis and dialogs, awareness and information campaigns, study visits, etc.)
- **Strengthening the Governmental capacities** in central and local level insuring multilateral Institutional and transboundary coordination and cooperation including public relations and aware-ness raising activities
- **Socio-economic rural development and income-generating activities** (e.g. ecotourism strategies, infrastructure and product development, cooperation with adjacent communities, conflict management, capacity development for local operators, etc.)
- **Strengthening PA systems and its effective management** including wetlands and marine sites (e.g. establishing and improving PA administration, upscaling PA experience to system level, upgrading financial and business management systems, preparing funding applications, financial sustain-ability strategies, establishment of monitoring schemes, etc.)



INCA highly active in nature protected area planning & management



- Regarding Natural Resources Management and marine
- Regarding tourism development
- **Regarding environmental education and awareness**
- Regarding CSOs/NGOs engagement in advocacy and lobby activities for nature protection and conservation
- **Regarding CSOs/NGOs engagement in climate changes activities for nature protection and conservation**



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INCA National relationships



- From 2012 INCA has established and is dealing the first network of NGOs related to the nature protection with 15 organizations distributed in all the country territory. The network “Nature Protection” is established and is functioning through different initiatives and advocacy campaigns.
- The network on “Green 27+” is created with other CSOs/NGOs in national level to support the integration process, especially on chapter 27 of acquis for environment and climate change issues.
- The national network on “Supporting the Natura 2000 process” is created with CSOs/NGOs that have in their focus nature protection and conservation issues and not only.



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INCA International and regional relationships

- As a member of International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)
- Represent the World Wild Fund for Nature (WWF) in Albania
- Since December 2008, INCA is also member of the Global Water Forum (GWF)
- From the last two years INCA has a Partnership and collaboration agreement signed with Mareamico (Italy)
- Working with many organizations and institutions from the EU countries, Western Balkan countries and other.
- Since 2016 INCA is membership of MedPAN network.





INCA's role in project

Work Package 5: Quality Control and Monitoring Work (QCM) Plan

- *T5.1 Develop Quality Assurance (QA) mechanisms and agree on the procedures*
This task comprises activities related to the development of quality control and monitoring mechanisms. The quality control mechanisms will be carried out for all activities and deliverables.
- *T5.3 Develop inter project Coaching*
One of the quality mechanism to be used within this project is the organization inter project coaching meetings as a means for external evaluation. The purpose of inter project coaching meetings/discussions is to share ideas, discuss complementarities and eventually review activities. The NGOs leads of this WP will contact the members of running and/or completed projects in a similar field in order to use their accumulated expertise and to undertake a peer review. This activity organized by the Lead Beneficiary of this WP will serve as an assessment, improving the quality of project outcomes.





INCA's role in project

Work Package 6: Dissemination and exploitation

T6.3 Promotion through the press release and other communication materials

This task is dedicated to the promotion of the project results through the press release and other communication materials.

INCA will benefit from the project as it will be partner and participate in activities that will be implemented during the project implementation.



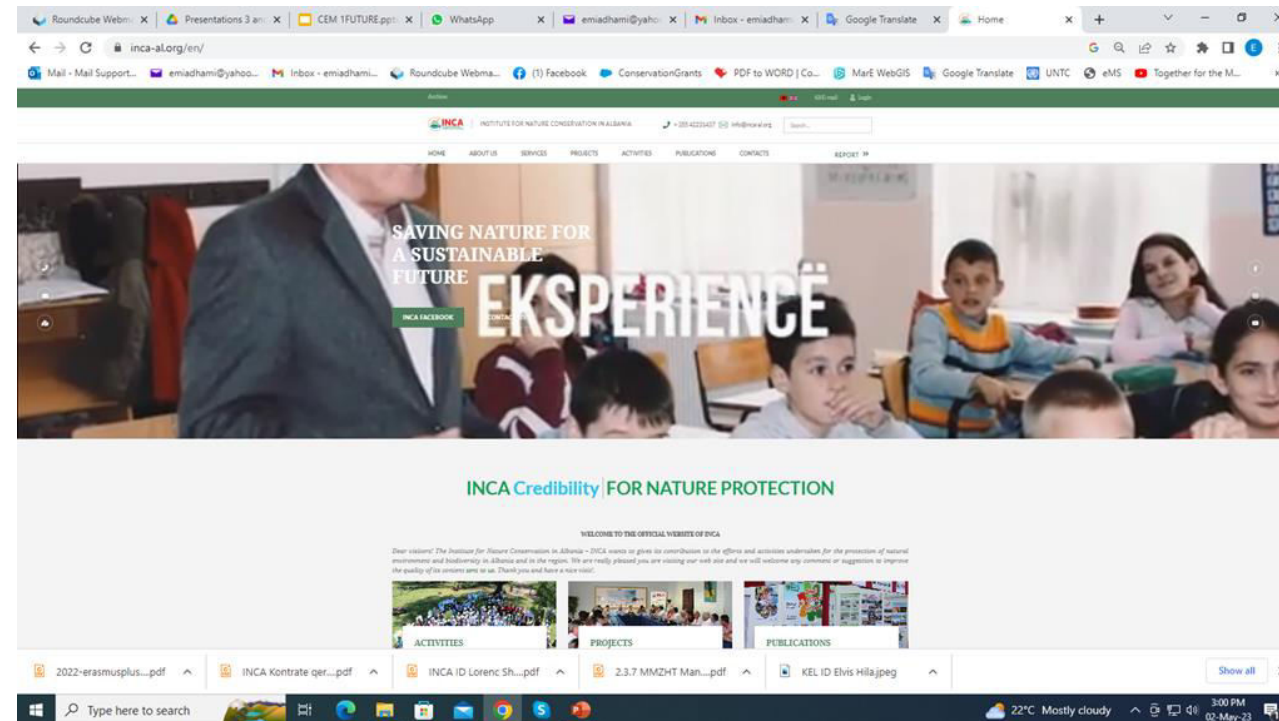


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