UNEP biodiversity projects and activities in Western Balkan's

REGIONAL WORKSHOP FOR CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE AND WESTERN ASIA ON THE CLEARING-HOUSE MECHANISM

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UNEP presence in the Western Balkans

- UNEP hosts the Secretariat of 2 regional conventions relevant for the region: the Barcelona Convention and the Carpathian Convention
- Since 2009 strong local presence in the Western Balkans, opening of country presence in Sarajevo and Belgrade.
 Presence of local consultants in FYR of Macedonia, Montenegro;
- Establishment of local presence in Kosovo* and Albania currently under development;
- UNEP's comparative advantage combination of national, regional and global approach



Rio Conventions and the Western Balkans

UNEP is assisting, with the support of the Global Environmental Facility – GEF and the Green Climate Fund – GCF, Western Balkan countries in the implementation of several projects focusing on the protection of Biodiversity, Sustainable Land Management and Mitigation / Adaptation to Climate Change



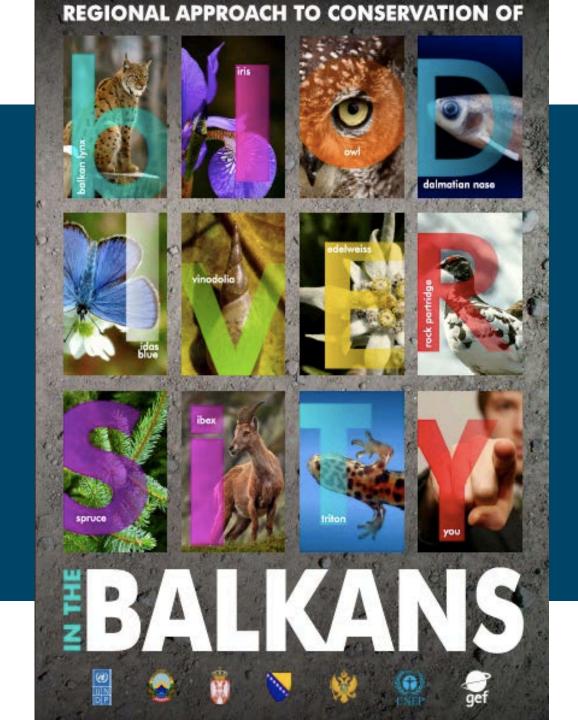


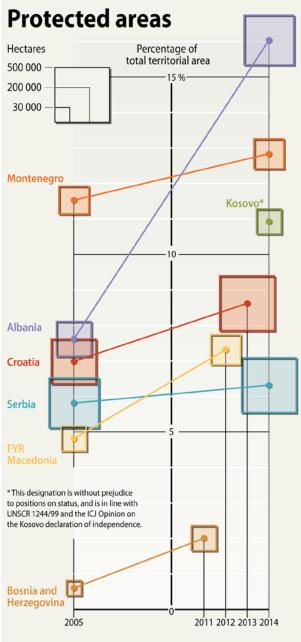












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Biodiversity in FYR of Macedonia

Current project: "Achieving Biodiversity
Conservation through Creation and Effective
Management of Protected Areas and
Mainstreaming Biodiversity into Land Use Planning"

- Project Goal: To support the expansion of national protected areas system and enabling capacity conditions for effective management and mainstreaming of biodiversity conservation into production landscape.
- Funded by Global Environment Facility
- Project Duration: 48 months







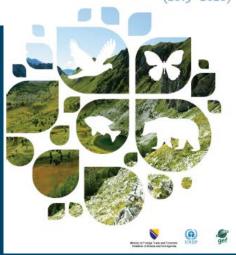
Biodiversity in Bosnia and Herzegovina

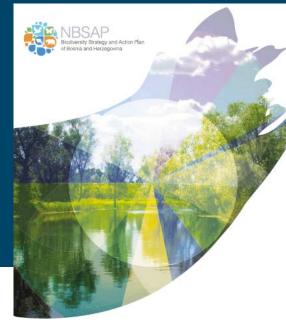
 The project "Support to Bosnia and Herzegovina for the Revision of the National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs) and Development of Fifth National Report to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)"

January 2013 – December 2014

Strategy and Action Plan for Protection of Biological Diversity in Bosnia and Herzegovina

(2015 - 2020)





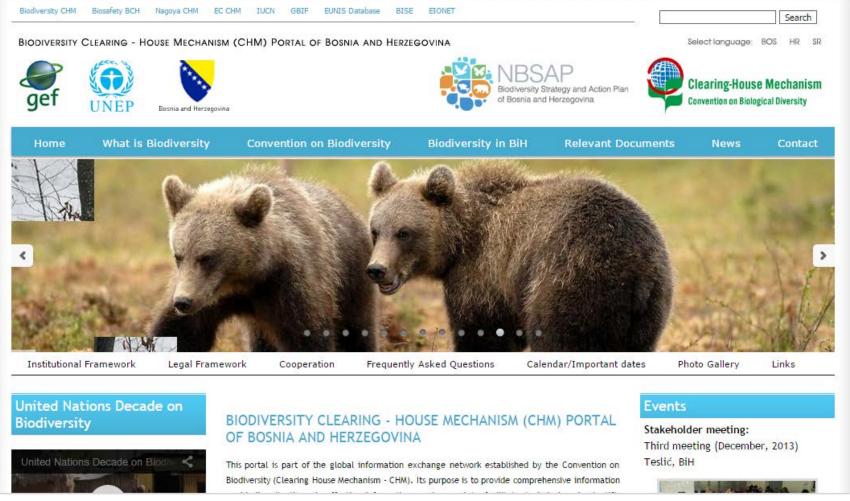






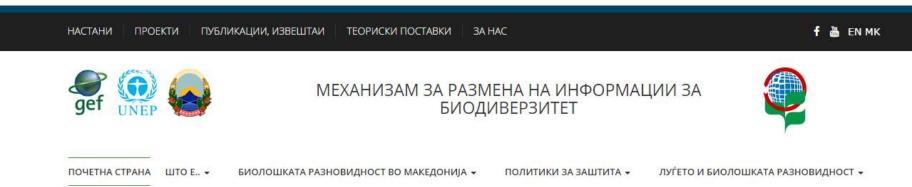
the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity of Bosnia and Herzegovina

http://www.bih-chm-cbd.ba/





http://biodiverzitet-chm.mk/







Nagoya Protocol in Bosnia and Herzegovina

- Project title: "Global support for the ratification and entry into force of the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit Sharing (ABS)"
 - September 2013 end 2014
 - aimed to provide support to speed up the efforts towards the ratification of the Nagoya Protocol.
 - funded through the Nagoya Protocol Implementation Fund (NPIF),
 - Scoping Study for Evaluating the Implications of Acceding to and Implementing



Biodiversity projects under development

- Nagoya protocol implementation in Serbia (under development)
- Establishment of Coastal and Marine Protected areas in Montenegro (under development)
- Achieving biodiversity conservation through expansion of the protected area network in BiH (PPG phase)





Nagoya Protocol in Serbia



- Project title: "Improving Biodiversity Conservation and Provision of Ecosystem Services through Promotion of Shared Benefits in Serbia"
 - To be financed by the GEF, national allocation for Serbia (GEF-6 STAR), Focal Area: Biodiversity
 - Expected duration 36 months,
- Main project objective: To build capacities for effective management of biodiversity in Republic of Serbia thorough implementation of Nagoya Protocol and improving effectiveness of protected areas.



Establishment of Coastal and Marine Protected Areas in Montenegro



- Project title: "Promoting Protected Areas Management through Integrated Marine and Coastal Ecosystems Protection in the Coastal Area of Montenegro"
- to be submitted for GEF funding in June 2016 as a part of the Montenegro's GEF-6 STAR allocation (biodiversity focal area) in the amount of €1,7 million.





Achieving biodiversity conservation through expansion of the PA network in BIH



- Project title: "Achieving Biodiversity Conservation through Creation, Effective Management and Spatial Designation of Protected Areas and Capacity Building"
 - currently in PPG phase











- Component 1. Establishment and effective management of protected areas and biological diversity
- Component 2. Management and Effectiveness of the National PA System
- Component 3. Biodiversity Monitoring



Land Management in Albania



- Project Title: "Promoting Sustainable Land Management (SLM)
 in Albania through Integrated Restoration of Ecosystems"
- Project Goal: to build institutional and technical capacities and promote sustainable land management practices in Albania through integrated ecosystems restoration and conservation.
- Funded by Global Environment Facility





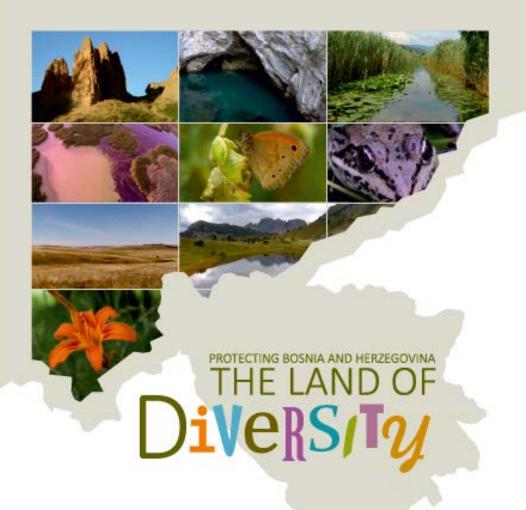
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Environment and Security Initiative – Transforming risks into cooperation in SEE

- Priority 1: Management and reduction of trans-boundary risks from hazardous activities (Mining "Hot Spots" and water pollution in SEE)
- Priority 2: Management of shared natural resources (feasibility studies in 4 transboundary mountain areas in SEE)
- Priority 3: Participatory and informed decision making and implementation processes
- Priority 4: Climate change adaptation for reducing security risks in SEE





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Thank you



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