



UNDP GEF Prespa Regional

*Project – progress update with an
emphasis on the transboundary
support*



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The Prespa Regional Project (<http://prespa.iwlearn.org/>)



- Five year project (Sep 2006 – Sep 2011)
- Integrated ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation in the Prespa Lakes Basin.
- Mainstreaming environmental mgt principles into productive sectors
- Funded by GEF; implemented by UNDP in Albania and FYR of Macedonia
- Project staff based in Tirana, Korcha, Resen and Skopje
- Greece – TB Officer of GR Prespa Mgt Body is the focal point (parallel financing).





Main TB Components of the Prespa Regional Project



- Transboundary Monitoring System Development (in collaboration with SPP/TdV) (Outcome 3)
- Tri-lateral Governance: PPCC institutional maturation process and formalizing tri-lateral cooperation (Outcome 4)
- TB Water Management in the Prespa Lakes Basin (Outcome 4 and cross cutting)
- TB Communications (Cross cutting)
- TB Habitat and Species Conservation Planning (Outcome 3 & 4)
- TB Fish and Fisheries Management in the Prespa Park (Outcome 4)
- TB Tourism development in Prespa Park (Outcome 3 & 4)
- TB diagnostic analysis (TDA) and Strategic Action Programme (SAP) for Prespa. (Outcome 4 and cross cutting)





Transboundary Monitoring System for Prespa Park



- Key output – a trilaterally endorsed and functioning TB Monitoring System
- Parallel finance (600,000 Euro) for technical support from Greek side.
- UNDP developed MoU with Greek NGO, SPP through endorsement of the POC.
- TB Monitoring and Conservation Working Group established and operational since October 2007.
- 3 MCWG meetings held to review and endorse various stages of the process.

Preparatory phase complete (technical report available) and expert study phase initiated.





TB Governance - process to formalize PPCC tri-lateral cooperation



- Initiated in August 2007 and first report completed in Dec 2007.
- Consultant report - outlines current situation with recommendations on the way forward to formalize tri-lateral cooperation
- National level consultations have been conducted in three States – at different paces.
- Discussed at the trilaterally at a special session during 11th PPCC meeting in Nov 2008.
- The GEF project will support implementation of recommendations.

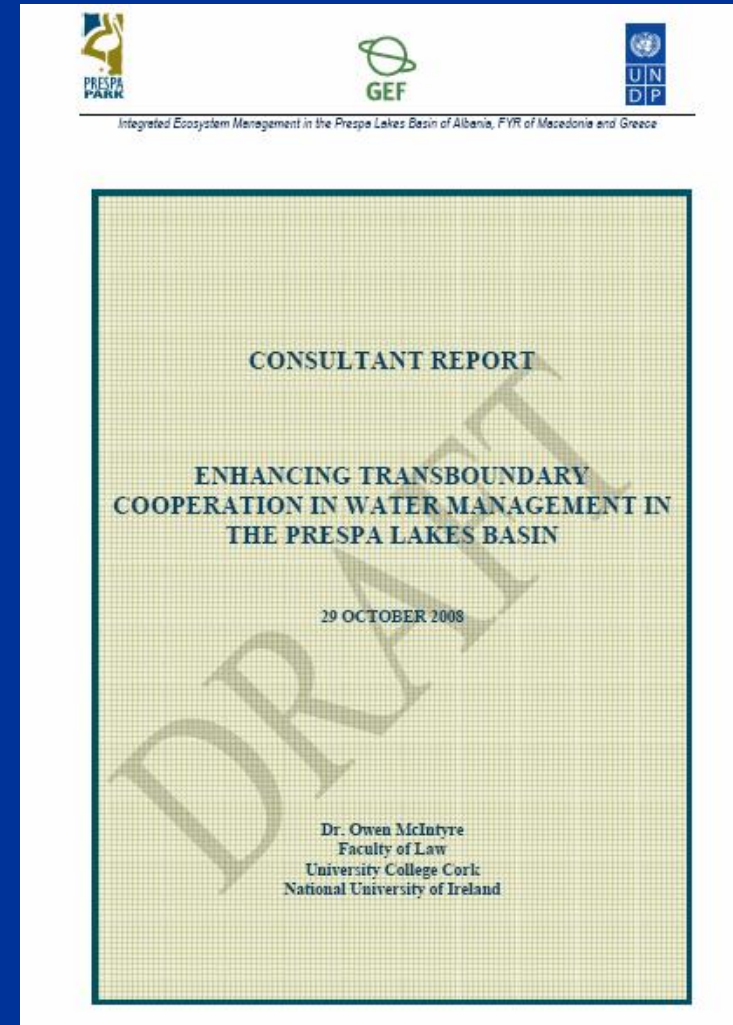




TB Water Management



- Initial assessment completed
- ToR for TB Water Mgt Working Group tabled and discussed at PPCC meeting (Nov 08)
- Process and next steps outlined.
- Target dated for States to finalise ToR, establish and convene TB Water Mgt working group agreed upon.
- UNDP-GEF will support the initial operations of the WG.





Transboundary diagnostic analysis and a Strategic Action Programme for Prespa Park

- Key outcome - a tri-laterally endorsed Strategic Action Programme for Prespa Park.
- Project revisits existing SAP and implements a TDA as a precursor to the SAP.
- TDA: The purpose - to assess the relative importance of environmental disturbances and threats to international waters and identify preventative actions.
- 1 year process initiated in Sept 2008. Schedule outlined and presented and forums including PPCC meeting on 21 Nov 08.
- Team inception workshop – 24 November 2008, Skopje.





TB communication support to Prespa Park Process



- Cross cutting component.
- Effective communication, visibility and ownership of PP Process - critical for transboundary cooperation.
- CEPA Strategy for the PPCC complete.
- PPCC website (database integrated) - to be launched in Nov 2008.
- Stakeholders 'trained' in website management.
- UNDP-GEF Project website established.
- Production of printed communication material in progress.
- Visibility strategy for Prespa Park - being established.
- TB information exchange on selected thematic issues conducted



World Wetland Day 2009 & PP 9th Anniversary – concept proposal presented & discussed at PPCC, Nov 2008



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Our vision is Prespa lakes basin managed jointly by the three countries, for preservation of natural and cultural heritage and wellbeing of its peoples. Our mission is to offer ways to restore and keep this balance.

Prespa - Wetland of International Importance



A particular combination of the Mediterranean and Continental climate, different rock types, isolation on high altitude, together with the longevity of 12 million years have rendered Lakes Macro and Micro Prespa a globally unique flora and fauna.

Around the two tectonic lakes - among the oldest on Earth - rich biodiversity has developed: the number of species per square kilometer in some cases compares to biodiversity

found in whole countries of the size of Germany.

A shelter for over 90 species of migratory birds, Prespa Lakes are also home to tens of species that have been officially registered as critically endangered or vulnerable.



NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRESPA PARK COORDINATION COMMITTEE TO REVIEW PROGRESS

November 8, 2008 - Eleventh Regular Meeting of the Prespa Park Coordination Committee (PPCC) will be held in Pyli, Prespa, Greece, on 21-22 November 2008.

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LOCAL PRODUCERS AND BUSINESSES MEET IN KORÇA, RESEN

September 27, Korça, Albania - First Prespa Anribusiness fair in



Transboundary Habitat and Species Conservation Planning



- Prespa – a global treasure for biodiversity of species and habitats
- Efforts in TB cooperation in the conservation of Species and habitats limited.
- Need consensus amongst 3 States on priority species and habitats of conservation concern
- Process for developing species and habitat conservation plans including priority conservation actions initiated. Work expected to start in a few weeks.





TB Fish and Fisheries



Management in the Prespa Park

- Fisheries management practices and habitat modifications - a cause for concern.
- Past practices - impacted several endemic fish populations.
- Detrimental impacts of non-indigenous species uncertain.
- Three States – Same lake but differing level guidelines policies and practices but closed season agreed.
- Enforcement and monitoring – sporadic.
- Project supporting – strengthening sustainable fish and fisheries management
- Transboundary Fish and Fisheries consultation meeting scheduled for 27th November 2008 in Korcha, Albania





Transboundary Tourism development in Prespa Park



- Preliminary assessment completed
- Tri-lateral tourism development stakeholder consultation meeting organised on October 24th 2008.
- Development of tourism strategy and action plan expected to be initiated in Jan 2009





National highlights - Albania



- **Local Environment Action Plans (LEAPs)**
 - Completed and printed. Currently supporting implementation
 - **Fisheries**
 - Capacity building of OFM – training, equipment, study tours and establishment of new association of Micro Prespa
 - **Agriculture**
 - Supporting establishment of Agrometrological Monitoring Stations (AMS)
 - Agro-business fair
 - **Analysis on economic values of Albanian Prespa Ecosystems (separate presentation)**
 - **Communication and Public Awareness**
 - Production of information material, websites for communes, production of Green-Packs for school teachers
 - **Protected Areas**
 - Regular monitoring through METT.
- Six small grant project supported**
- **Partnership – cooperation with SIDA project in assisting Liqenas commune on waste management**





National highlights – FYR Macedonia



- **WWTP Nakolec**
 - Technical documentation completed
 - Works will start by the end of November
- **Natural Capital Resource Center**
 - Location and content of the NCRC is near completion.
- **Environmental monitoring system**
 - The pesticides residues monitoring equipment is expected to be installed and put into operation in the Public Health Institute by mid November.
- **Spatial planning**
 - New ‘ecosystem oriented’ spatial planning methodology for Resen
- **Pesticide waste management**
 - Study for established of management system for pesticide packaging underway.
- **Integrated pollution prevention and control**
 - Evaluation of the environmental impacts of the existing industry and the benefits of the establishment of the IPPC system at local level.
 - Municipal authorities will soon issue their first integrated environmental permit.
- **Forestry, Fisheries, Agriculture support activities underway as well**





Thank You



Please following websites (under construction)
established by the project for more info:

- <http://test.prespapark.org> (PPCC website)
- <http://prespa.iwlearn.org> (Project website)

