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Biodiversity and Marine Protection in Montenegro

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Natura 2000

- The process of mapping habitats and species
- “Handbook for identification of habitat types of Montenegro“
- new IPA III project

CBD

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- An underwater photograph showing a vibrant green seagrass bed in the foreground, with several small fish swimming in the clear blue water above. The image is positioned on the left side of the slide, partially overlapping the white background.
- GEF Early Action Support Project (EAS), UNEP
 - Lessons learned from the last round of updating NBSAPs
 - Implementation of the Convention



GEF 7 project I

- Project title: *Biodiversity Mainstreaming into Sectoral Policies and Practices and Strengthened Protection of Biodiversity Hot-Spots in Montenegro*
- Project focus: **Key Biodiversity Areas (KBA)**
- Project is financed by the Global Environment Facility (GEF) in the amount of \$ 3,278,995
- Implementation period: March 2023 – March 2027
- Execution modality – Full NIM

GEF 7 project II

Component 1 - Protection of valuable and/or vulnerable biodiversity within the KBAs and biodiversity corridors

Outcome 1: Capacity of the existing and newly established national protected areas strengthened to better address the key threats to globally significant biodiversity

Outcome 2: Biodiversity conservation arrangements in place for the hot-spots outside the PAs

Component 2: BD mainstreaming into sectoral policies and practices

Outcome 3: BD conservation considerations mainstreamed for sustainable tourism development

Outcome 4: BD conservation considerations mainstreamed into forestry policies and practices around KBAs

Outcome 5: BD conservation considerations mainstreamed into agricultural policies and practices around KBAs

ICZM in Montenegro



- Montenegro has ratified Barcelona Convention (2007) and the ICZM Protocol (2012)
- National Strategy for Integrated Coastal Zone Management of Montenegro (2015)



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ICZM in Montenegro

- Last year, a report on the implementation of the NSICZM for the period from 2018-2022 was prepared.
- Based on this report, during this year, the strategy action plan will be revised.
- With the support of UNEP/MAP and the GEF MedProgramme, several projects are being implemented:
 - Integrated coastal zone management plan for the area of Boka Kotorska
 - Management of coastal aquifers in Bojana river basin
 - Reduction of pollution from harmful chemicals and wastes in Mediterranean hotspots (Risan and Tivat ports).

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Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD, 2008/56/EC)

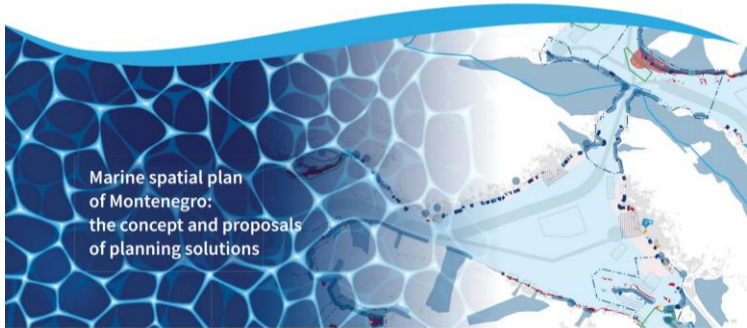
- IPA project "Support to the implementation and monitoring of water management in Montenegro", four documents within the framework of the Strategy were prepared.
- After obtaining the final opinion of the EC, a Strategy containing these documents will be finalized.
- The Strategy will enable monitoring of the state of the marine environment and the implementation of measures to maintain the good status of the marine environment (GES).



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in the Adriatic through marine spatial planning

**Marine spatial plan
of Montenegro:
the concept and proposals
of planning solutions**



MPAs in Montenegro

Nature parks:

- Platamuni 1.087,13ha
- Katič 2.744,93 ha
- Stari Ulcinj 929,16 ha

Total area: 4.764,7 ha

Habitats: biocenoses of seagrass meadows (*Posidonia oceanica*) , marine caves and corraligenius assemblages

Protected species: *Cymodocea nodosa*, *Cystoseira amentacea*, *Cladocora caespitosa*, *Centrostephanus longispinus*, *Lithophaga lithophaga*, *Scyllarus arctus*, *Axinella canabina*, *Spongia lamella*, *Paliurus elephas* etc.



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Protection regimes and fishing

- 2 levels of protection:
protection zone II
protection zone III

II zone - fishing limitations

- Fishing is allowed only with floating longlines and fishing gear that do not come into contact with the seabed

III zone – all kinds of fishing are allowed in line with fishing permits

- Not enough data

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Conclusions

- Continue research and data collection
- Coordination
- Management structures
- For the first time, maritime spatial plan will be part of the Spatial plan of Montenegro until 2040
- the National Council for Sustainable Development established a Working group for integrated management of the coastal area, which will deal with the most important issues in the field of marine and coastal environmental protection.



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