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IMPROVING THE MANAGEMENT OF PROTECTED AREAS

Status of the project activities by 30th November 2019



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Reporting Period	Status of the project activities by 30 th November 2019									
Donor	EU, UNDP									
Country	Republic of N. Macedonia									
Project Title	Improving the Management of Protected Areas									
Project ID (Atlas Award ID) Outputs (Atlas Project ID and Description) Strategic Plan and/or CPD Outcomes	00090466 00096220 - Improving the Management of Protected Areas 4. By 2020, individuals, the private sector and state institutions base their actions on the principles of sustainable development, and communities are more resilient to disasters and environmental risks. Indicative output: 4.2 Public and private actors have improved capacities to implement, monitor and evaluate policies related to environment, climate change and nature protection.									
Implementing Partner(s)	Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning									
Project Start Date	01 July 2017									
Project End Date	31 May 2020									
2019 Annual Work Plan Budget	\$US 2,283,402.05									
Total resources required	\$US 4,804,390.00									
Revenue received	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>UNDP TRAC:</td> <td>\$US 335,190.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>EU:</td> <td>\$ 4,469,200.00 (4,000,000.00 EURO)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Government:</td> <td>-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>In-Kind:</td> <td>-</td> </tr> </table>	UNDP TRAC:	\$US 335,190.00	EU:	\$ 4,469,200.00 (4,000,000.00 EURO)	Government:	-	In-Kind:	-	
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Contingency	\$US 69,767.00									
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1.Grantee: Balkan Foundation for Sustainable Development – BFS, Skopje		Project title: SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF PLANT NATURAL RESOURCES IN THE PRESVA REGION		
Outputs	Completed Activities	Ongoing and Planned Activities	To be completed by:	Potential Risks
1. Digital map of targeted plant species developed	1. Botanical expeditions 2. Mapping of presence of wild flora species 3. Digital map of targeted plant species of 18000 ha prepared			
Biopotential and quality of commercial wild flora species assessed and quotas for each wild flora species proposed	1. Biopotential monitoring and quotas defined 2. GIS of the species distribution prepared 3. Assessment of biopotential of commercial wild flora species prepared			
Ethnobotanical survey carried out	1. Survey and Interviews conducted 2. Summary report of the ethnobotanical survey prepared			
Manual for sustainable use of wild plant species developed	Manual for sustainable use of wild plant species prepared			

Increased knowledge of Protected Areas managers, inspectors, rangers, collectors, students and other relevant stakeholders	Training workshops for sustainable use of wild plant species carried out			
Implemented awareness raising campaign	Info days and trainings organized for all interested collectors that live in the vicinity of the National Park "Pelister" on topics related to sustainable collection and use of other forest products in the Pelister region.			

Grant category: Small grant

Status of the project: COMPLETED

Total funds spent: 3,544,850 MKD

2.Grantee: Public Institution Galicica National Park, Ohrid		PROJECT TITLE: IMPROVEMENT OF THE MANAGEMENT EFFECTIVENESS IN GALICICA NATIONAL PARK		
Outputs	Completed Activities	Ongoing and Planned Activities	To be completed by:	Potential Risks
Arboretum established	1. Concept and ToR for design of the arboretum developed 2. Arboretum design and dendrological study prepared	1. Construction of an Arboretum	April 2020 if additional funding for this activity is approved	Some of the contracts for the key activities costed more than initially estimated. The total funds spent by NP "Galica" (USD 335,646) is on the upper limit planned for the big grants Therefore, the extent of the activities related to the construction of the arboretum will depend on the availability of the overall remaining project budget, and prioritization of activities across all grants.
Capacity for improving the management of grassland mountain ecosystems increased through successive reintroduction of a Red Deer	1. Study for the reintroduction of a Red Deer (Cervus elaphus) completed 2. Technical documentation for the construction of a Reproductive	Delivery of the deer herd to the National Park	The deer herd should be delivered by end of December.	The deer has to be captured from the wild, and the right composition of the herd should be ensured (24 female and 6 male individuals).

	<p>Management Centre within boundaries of the Protected Area Galicica National Park prepared.</p> <p>3. Construction of the Red Deer Reproductive Management Center completed</p> <p>4. Red Deer breeding herd procured</p>			This might cause some delays
Long-term Monitoring Programme reviewed and updated	<p>1. Current National Park's Biodiversity Long-term Monitoring Programme reviewed</p> <p>2. Equipment for the rangers and for monitoring purchased (photo traps, binoculars, thermal cameras, fire fighting equipment)</p> <p>3. Regular monitoring of species and habitats</p> <p>4. Updated Long-term Biodiversity Monitoring Programme</p>			
Communication and visibility	1. Communication and visibility plan prepared			

	2. Regular communication sharing about the activities through the new web page, media statements, etc.)			
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Grant category: Big grant

Status of the project: Ongoing

Total funds spent: 18, 695,482 MKD (USD 335,646)

Pending: 1) Delivery of the deer herd; **2)** Construction of the Arboretum.

3. GRANTEE: SPELEOLOGICAL CLUB "KORABI", GOSTIVAR		PROJECT TITLE: EMPOWERING LOCAL ACTORS TO EXPLORE, RESEARCH AND CONSERVE NATURAL HERITAGE OF CAVE UBAVICA		
Outputs	Completed Activities	Ongoing and Planned Activities	To be completed by:	Potential Risks
Training Speleologist Center established and functional	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Training Speleologist Center in the village of Vrootok, Gostivar established 2. Local action group established and a plan for monitoring and conservation of the Cave Ubavica developed 3. Necessary speleological equipment purchased (helmets, ropes, lights, carabiners, gloves, shoes, harness, bags, suites...) 4. Thematic trainings conducted 			
Data collected, and Inventory/ Reports compiled	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Scientific explorations for species and habitats conducted 2. Scientific explorations of geodiversity and geological conducted 			
Virtual tour for educational purposes developed	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 3D scanning carried out And 3D virtual model prepared 2. Educational and promotional materials prepared 			

Re-proclamation of the Cave Ubavica as a nature rarity initiated	1.Prepared expert analysis and Inventory of species and habitats prepared 2.Prepared expert analysis and inventory for geodiversity and geological heritage 3. Prepared assessment of the water quality in the cave	Finalization of the documentation needed for re-proclamation of the Cave Ubavica and submission to relevant authorities	December 2019	None
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Grant category: Small grant

Status of the project: Ongoing

Total funds allocated: 3,793,135 MKD

Pending: 1) Finalization of the documentation needed for re-proclamation of the Cave Ubavica

4. GRANTEE: CEPROSARD, SKOPJE		PROJECT TITLE: SUPPORT FOR IMPROVED MANAGEMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES IN THE NATIONAL PARK PELISTER		
Outputs	Completed Activities	Ongoing and Planned Activities	To be completed by:	Potential Risks
Monitoring system of large carnivores established	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Monitoring system established and trainings for the National Park staff conducted 2. Regular monitoring of large carnivores established 3. Two (2) feeding grounds for large carnivores installed 			
Potential for nature-based tourism in the NP Pelister improved	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Construction and installment of tourist infrastructure (biking and hiking trails) completed 2. Promotional materials prepared 			
Potential of the ecosystem services of the fresh-water in the National Park assessed	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Analysis of the mechanisms for payment of ecosystem services of fresh water in the National Park Pelister carried out 2. Feasibility study for WATER as an ecosystem service for the National Park Pelister completed 			

Grant category: Small grant

Status of the project: COMPLETED

Total funds spent: 3,910,346 MKD

5. GRANTEE: TIKVESIJA, KAVADARCI		PROJECT TITLE: PROTECTING AND PROMOTING BIODIVERSITY OF KOZUF MOUNTAIN AND DRENOVO GORGE		
Outputs	Completed Activities	Ongoing and Planned Activities	To be completed by:	Potential Risks
<p>Population of chamois, bear, wolf, roe deer, foxes, wild boar in Kozuf mountain identified;</p> <p>Population of rock partridge, wild pigeon, turtle doves, and falcons in Drenovo's gorge identified</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Two (2) watchtowers and feeding grounds constructed 2. Monitoring equipment installed 3. Storage place for keeping of food, equipment and fire protection supplies constructed 4 Info boards installed 			
<p>Population on chamois, rock partridge and wood pigeon increased due to improved protection</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Food for birds during the winter time secured from the sunflower fields 2. Sunflower fields harvested 3. Mapping of habitats 			
<p>Capacities of the key stakeholders about sustainable use of natural resources increased</p>	<p>Involvement of local population in the sustainable management of natural resources of the mountain and training of the local population</p>			

	<p>on sustainable collection of Other Forest Products</p> <p>Design and print of brochure for the natural values of Kozuf mountain</p>			
<p>Visibility and long-term sustainability of the Kozuf and Drenovo Gorge increased</p>	<p>1. Website management www.kozufmountain.mk</p> <p>2.Design of visitors' programs/tours</p>			

Grant category: Small grant

Status of the project: COMPLETED

Total funds spent: 4,221,003 MKD

6. GRANTEE: URSUS SPELEOS, SKOPJE		PROJECT TITLE: ENSURING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT TO NATURE PROTECTION IN THE NATURAL MONUMENT "SLATINSKI IZVOR"		
Outputs	Completed Activities	Ongoing and Planned Activities	To be completed by:	Potential Risks
Natural recharge of the cave „Slatinski Izvor” restored by construction of a new multifunctional system for supply of water to the cave while at the same time providing sufficient water for water supply of the nearby village, irrigation and fire protection				<p>The grantee informed UNDP that they must cancel this activity because the local population did not agree to have a water supply system only for part of the village, and the NGO could not mobilize additional funding to complete the water supply for the entire village.</p> <p>The grantee requested reallocation of funds (US\$ 34.000 for preparation of an inventory of the species and habitats of the protected area, and procurement of a terrain vehicle</p> <p>According to UNDP rules for management of Grant Agreements with NGOs, unspent funding due to cancelation of activities could be reallocated only with approval of the Project Board.</p> <p>More information is provided in the “Risk and Issues Brief”</p>
Erosion prevented through reforestation of the protected area	Two (2) ha have been reforested			

Monitoring of ground and surface water, and precipitation established	1.Purchased, installed and fully functional monitoring equipment. 2.Regular monitoring established			
Regular monitoring and fire protection of the protected area established and security in the cave improved	Necessary equipment for monitoring of caves (meteorological station, water markers, bat detectors...) purchased and installed			
Tourist offer improved through construction of a small-scale infrastructure	1.Designs for small scale infrastructure prepared 2 Construction of visitors' infrastructure completed (hiking trails, fence and small bridge that lead to the cave)			
Promotion of the protected area through development of promotional materials	Promotional brochures designed and printed			
Improved waste management in the protected area	Waste management equipment purchased and placed on several locations within the protected area			

Grant category: Small grant

Status of the project: Ongoing

Total funds allocated: 4,572,649 MKD

Issues: Request for reallocation of funds in the amount of US\$. 34,000.

7. GRANTEE: NATURA NOVA, STRUMICA		PROJECT TITLE: BIODIVERSITY PROTECTION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF MOUNTAIN BELASICA REGION THROUGH BRANDED OTHER FOREST PRODUCTS - OFP		
Outputs	Completed Activities	Ongoing and Planned Activities	To be completed by:	Potential Risks
Prerequisites for establishment of a pilot-system for sustainable use of other forest products (OFPs) created	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Other Forest Products (OFPs) mapped and an Inventory and digital maps of OFPs created 2. A value chain/market analysis of potential OFPs conducted 			
OFPs from the Mountain Belasica with origin and geographic designation registered	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Studies (Elaborates) drafted in accordance with the State Office for industrial Property (SOIP) regulations for OFP brand certificates 2. Visual identity for branded OFPs from Mt. Belasica designed 3. Visual identity for final products designed 4. Regular monitoring of the established system for sustainable use of OFPs conducted 5. Organized collective purchase of the products by the processors, and determination of specific quantity of the selected three Other Forest Products (OFPs) (chestnut, blueberry and Boletus edulis- fungi) organized 6. Packaging and processing of OFPs organized 7. Transfer of brand ownership to the Municipality of Strumica upon obtaining consent from the State Office for industrial Property, and 			

	regular assistance and monitoring of the processes			
Improved capacity of the key project beneficiaries for sustainable OFP management	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Training materials developed 2. Trainings for relevant administrative, control and monitoring staff organized 3. Capacity building workshops for collectors (associations of collectors) and processors of OFPs organized 			
Increased economic opportunities for OFP suppliers and sellers created by promotion and marketing	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Promotional material designed 2. Promotion events (fairs) for stakeholders organized 			

Grant category: Small grant

Status of the project: COMPLETED

Total funds spent: 2,850,000 MKD

8. GRANTEE: MILIEUKONTAKT MACEDONIA, SKOPJE		PROJECT TITLE: CONSERVATION OF BIODIVERSITY IN THE MOUNTAIN GRAZING AREAS OF SHARA		
Outputs	Completed Activities	Ongoing and Planned Activities	To be completed by:	Potential Risks
Management Plan for Shara Mountain Pastures developed	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Biodiversity of pasture habitats mapped 2. Survey of farmers to reveal: area of pastures coverage; quality of pastures; intensity of pastures uses carried out; 3. Overlay mapping of biodiversity versus over and under grazed areas completed; 4. Stock density and rotational grazing plan developed; 5. Forage and other pasture plants harvesting plan prepared; 6. Investment plan for priority pastures restoration developed. 	-	-	-
Pilot Investment programme for priority pastures` restoration	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cleanup of shrublands completed 2. Plant composition improved 3. Construction of small infrastructure (eg. water ponds) completed 			
Market Development	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Stakeholder analysis carried out and networking capabilities improved; 2. Local Products` Branding Strategy developed; 3. Technical Support for Local Brands` Development and Promotion provided 4. Marketing Strategy developed 5. Promotion of agro-eco-tourism products (local products, ecotours, agro-tours) 			

Communication, education and public awareness raising	Promotional video developed			
Capacity building programme for pasture management	1. Manual for sustainable pastures management prepared and workshops conducted 2. Website developed (www.pasista.mk)			

Grant category: Small grant

Status of the project: COMPLETED

Total funds spent: 4,480,258 MKD

9. GRANTEE: SCOUT GROUP KRSTE JON, STRUGA		MONITORING, PROTECTION AND SUSTAINABLE USE OF REED BELT OF THE OHRID LAKE		
Outputs	Completed activities	Ongoing and Future activities	To be completed by:	Potential risks
Monitoring Plan for sustainable use of the reed belt ecosystem	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Initial analyses of the current situation carried out and the key challenges of the ecosystem determined; 2. GIS map of the targeted area prepared; 3. Plan for monitoring, protection and sustainable use of the reed belt ecosystem prepared; 4. The key monitoring and protection activities of the Plan carried out; 5. Clean-up activities of the reed belt and the shoreline area carried out 			
Improved monitoring, protection and revitalization of the reed belt and spawning ground for fish	Bi-monthly monitoring of the reed belt and the shoreline is conducted twice per month			
Capacity building program for monitoring and sustainable use of the reed belt ecosystem	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Training for local administration and institutions carried out; 2. Educational workshops carried out; 3. Monitoring equipment purchased (1 motor boat, 1 GPS instrument, 2 cameras, 1 go-pro underwater camera, 1 binoculars 1 measuring instruments , 1 generator, and small hand tools). 			
Improved capacities for monitoring, protection and sustainable use of	Info Center for reed belt monitoring and education opened within the facilities of the Scout Camp			

the reed belt ecosystem through inter-institutional cooperation				
Promotion, sustainable tourism and environmental practices in the reed belt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Equipment purchased, (kayaks, monitoring boat, bikes) 2. f Promotional materials developed 3. Viral videos developed 			

Grant category: Small grant

Status of the project: COMPLETED

Total funds spent: 4,790,844 MKD

10. GRANTEE: KOCKA – TRAINING INSTITUTE, SKOPJE		PROJECT TITLE: NATIONAL ATLAS OF PROTECTED AREAS - NATURE.MK		
Outputs	Completed Activities	Ongoing and Planned Activities	To be completed by:	Potential Risks
Improved public awareness and image of the national protected areas	1. Visual identity for each protected area and the Master Communication and Visibility Plan developed; 2. Web platform and Mobile App platform developed and maintained; 3. Content of the Atlas created (360 photos, promotional videos, interviews with local key-figures and inhabitants in PA, TV - short reportage and guest appearances)			None
Positive change in the local economy and increased possibilities for socioeconomic benefits for the local citizens	1. Marking and branding of number of important protected areas with signs and characteristic logos completed; 2. Web shop and defining offer with local stakeholders and producers, (Special requirements, Quality control etc.)	Promotional campaign	December 2019	None

Grant category: Small grant

Status of the project: Ongoing

Total funds allocated: 4,425,000 MKD

Pending: Promotional campaign

Issues: Management of the Web Portal, MoU to be signed by MoEPP and the CSO.

11. GRANTEE: IZVOR, KRATOVO		PROJECT TITLE: SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT, PROTECTION AND PROMOTION OF THE MONUMENT OF NATURE - KUKLICA, KRATOVO		
Outputs	Completed Activities	Ongoing and Planned Activities	To be completed by:	Potential Risks
Field research for natural values and socio-economic status of local inhabitants	1. Valorization study of the geodiversity of the protected area developed; 2. Socio-economic study completed.			
Local inhabitants educated about sustainable tourism	Number of meetings and educational workshops with stakeholders organized			
Visitor Centre and small visitor infrastructure	1.Visitor Center constructed and supporting infrastructure established 2. Informative signs put in place 3. Video monitoring system installed			
Natural and cultural value of Kuklica protected area promoted	Promotional materials and souvenirs developed			

Grant category: Small grant

Status of the project: COMPLETED

Total funds spent: 4,025,543 MKD

12. GRANTEE: EKO SVEST, SKOPJE		PROJECT TITLE: ESTABLISHING A MONITORING AND MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR THE VEVCHANI SPRINGS MONUMENT OF NATURE		
Outputs	Completed Activities	Ongoing and Planned Activities	To be completed by:	Potential Risks
Established ranger service	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Potential rangers identified and engaged by the municipality 2. Trainings on management of protected areas for municipal authorities carried out; 3. Equipment for rangers procured 4. Rangers training conducted 			
Established monitoring and management practices	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Local Council of experts established; 2 Local Council of stakeholders established. 3. Monitoring Toolkit prepared 4. Targeted training for monitoring for the rangers carried out 5. Study for the Biopotential of the protected area prepared 			
Raised awareness of local population and visitors	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Film screening and debates on sustainable management of natural resources for the locals carried out; 2. Protected area promoted thorough different communication channels, web and social media 3. Promotional materials, and purchased equipment for the Info Center designed and printed 4. Tourist infrastructure (informative signs and gazebos) installed 5. Informative trainings for collectors of other forest products carried out 			

Grant category: Small grant

Status of the project: COMPLETED

Total funds spent: 3,848,000 MKD

Note: The employment of the rangers by the Municipality must be approved by the Ministry of Finance due to financial implications. The certification process is not part of the project activities and there are no financial implications for the project

13. GRANTEE: EKO TURIZAM 2016, OHRID		PROJECT TITLE: IMPROVING THE MANAGEMENT AND SUSTAINABLE USE OF THE BELCHISHKO BLATO (SINI VIROI)		
Outputs	Completed Activities	Ongoing and Planned Activities	To be completed by:	Potential Risks
Small infrastructure in support of sustainable tourism developed	Small infrastructure (Gazebo, info signs and watch tower were) installed			
Monitoring and assessment of the key species/habitats/birds in Belchishta Wetland	1. Key habitats and species within the protected area identified 2. Regular monitoring established			
Ecosystem Services through Sustainable tourism and recreation development in Belchishta Wetland	1. Study for Eco-system services developed 2. Study on socio-economic importance of Belchishko Wetland developed			
Public Awareness and Education	1. Targeted trainings on management of protected areas carried out 2. Video clip and web site for promotion of the protected area prepared 3. Promotional materials prepared			

Grant category: Small grant

Status of the project: COMPLETED

Total funds spent: 2,808,965 MKD

14. GRANTEE: BLUE PROJECT, OHRID		PROJECT TITLE: FROM CHALLENGE TO SOLUTION – PROTECTION AND PROMOTION FOR SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY		
Outputs	Completed Activities	Ongoing and Planned Activities	To be completed by:	Potential Risks
Geodiversity and geology inventory	Inventory of geodiversity i.e. geological heritage elements prepared			
Small visitors' infrastructure	Infrastructure installed: informative signs, gazebos, fence and road signs			
Strengthened capacity and raised level of knowledge of all key stakeholders	Training modules developed and several trainings for the local stakeholders carried out			
Created conditions for future income generation through identification, design and promotion of local authentic products	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Stakeholder assessment carried out 2. Local authentic products designed 3. Virtual scientific classroom established 4. Local authentic products promoted 			
Raised public awareness through development and dissemination of promotional materials	Integrated touristic offer promoted			

Grant category: Small grant

Status of the project: COMPLETED

Total funds spent: 3,504,840 MKD

15. GRANTEE: ASSOCIATION FOR LOCAL NAD RURAL DEVELOPEMNT, MAVROVO -ROSTUSE		PROJECT TITLE: ENABLING ENVIRONMENT FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT THROUGH VALORIZING AND PROTECTING NATURAL RESOURCES IN MAVROVO - ROSTUSHE		
Outputs	Completed Activities	Ongoing and Planned Activities	To be completed by:	Potential Risks
Improved capacity of the local stakeholders	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Targeted workshops and trainings organized based on the women interest and habits related to collection of other forest products, development of entrepreneurship and communication skills and rules and regulation for wild herbs and mushrooms collection and honey producers 2. Training for women and youth on collection and packaging of wild herbs, forest fruits and mushrooms conducted 3. Training for organic honey production conducted 4. Study visit in Albania organized 5. Training/couching for development of entrepreneurship and marketing skills organized 6. Local products fair in Mavrovo organized 			
Establishment of new legal entity (rural woman cooperative) and capacity building on entrepreneurship and marketing;	Rural women association established			

Tools and equipment for wild herb collectors and honey producers	Equipment for honey producers, and hand tools for herb collectors purchased			
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Grant category: Small grant

Status of the project: COMPLETED

Total funds spent: 3,731,225 MKD

16. GRANTEE: COR ELIPSA, KUMANOVO		PROJECT TITLE: GORGE BISLIMSKA KLISURA - THE CANYON OF NATURE		
Outputs	Completed Activities	Ongoing and Planned Activities	To be completed by:	Potential Risks
Nature values and geo diversity in Canyon Bislim	1.Habitats mapped, and geo referenced 2.Inventory of the natural values and geo diversity in Bislim Canyon prepared 3.ValORIZATION study of Bislimska klisura prepared			
Local Economic Development	1. Technical documentation for purchasing and installation of small tourist infrastructure prepared 2. Stakeholder meetings organized 3. Local stakeholder analysis and assessment of the possibilities for local rural development prepared 4. Training for local population on service provision conducted 5. Education/training of stakeholders on eco-tourism conducted 6.Small tourist infrastructure in the village of Pchinja at the entrance gate of Bislim Canyon installed (Informative signs, gazebo – open classroom, small signs, alpine climbing routes, waste bins)			
Communication and Visibility	1. Web site for the natural values of the Bislim Canyon designed (www.bislimskaklisura.mk) 2. Nature-based tourism packages developed	1. Promotion of nature-based tourism packages 2. Preparation of a Video for the natural values of Bislim Canyon	December 2019 December 2019	None None

Grant category: Small grant

Status of the project: Ongoing

Pending: 1) Promotional activities; 2) Preparation of a video

Total funds allocated: 3,991,520 MKD

17. GRANTEE: MUNICIPALITY OF PRILEP		PROJECT TITLE: PROTECT & ACT - MARKOVI KULI		
Outputs	Completed Activities	Ongoing and Planned Activities	To be completed by:	Potential Risks
Established active management of the protected area	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Inventory and database of the most significant features of the biogeographical area created; 2. Cooperation protocol for the management of the protected area between the Municipality and the Institute for old Slavic Culture for future cooperation signed; 3. Program for monitoring of the geomorphological values developed 4. Waste management system for the protected area organized 			
Increased capacities and resources for management and protection of the protected area	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Necessary equipment purchased for monitoring of the site, such as total station for cadaster data and drone for air monitoring. 2. IT equipment for better data management purchased. 3. GIS and 3D model of the area prepared 4. Video monitoring system of the protected area installed 			
Improved visitor infrastructure and signalization	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Logo for the Monument of Nature "Markovi Kuli" created 2. Promotional video prepared 3. Illumination of the location completed 4. Key access road to the protected area reconstructed 5. Informative and tourism infrastructure installed 	Development of promotional, informative and educational materials, including a website	February 2020	None

Grant category: Small grant

Status of the project: Ongoing

Pending: Development of promotional, informative and educational materials, and a website

Total funds allocated: 4,630,452 MKD

18. GRANTEE: MUNICIPALITY OF KAVADARCI		PROJECT TITLE: CREATION OF SUSTAINABLE PROTECTED AREA TIKVESH		
Outputs	Completed Activities	Ongoing and Planned Activities	To be completed by:	Potential Risks
Raised public awareness for the natural values of the PA Tikvesh	Design for the visitors' infrastructure for sustainable protection and tourism in the PA Tikvesh prepared by the Municipality of Kavadarci	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Installment of small infrastructure for sustainable protection and tourism in PA Tikvesh (bird watch point, fence, info signs) 2. Development of promotional materials 3. Monitoring of the important species of birds, and improvement of the feeding grounds. 4. Update of the Valorization Study and Zoning 	<p>January 2020</p> <p>March 2020</p>	None
Developed sustainable tourism, recreation products and services		Design and organization of scientific, recreational and promotional tourist visits for bird watching	March 2020	None

Grant category: Small grant

Status of the project: Ongoing

Issues: This is one of the critical projects that faced delays.

Total funds allocated: 2,930,432 MKD; **Total fund spent:** 2,416,043MKD

19. GRANTEE: MUNICIPALITY OF OHRID, STRUGA AND DEBRCA		PROJECT TITLE: QUALITY OF WATER MANAGEMENT OF THE TRIBUTARIES OF OHRID LAKE		
Outputs	Completed Activities	Ongoing and Planned Activities	To be completed by:	Potential Risks
Determination of the hydro-geological status of the Rivers Drim and Sateska	1. Geodetic survey of the Drim River conducted 2. Geodetic survey of the Sateska River conducted 3. Geo-mechanical investigations of Sateska River conducted 4. Hydro-geological investigations of the Sateska River conducted	Hydraulic modeling and preparation of the technical documentation	December 2019	Company is contracted and final document is expected to be ready by the end of December.
Mitigation of risks for the Ohrid Lake from the sediment of Sateska River	-	1. Design and construction of a new diversion facility on the Sateska River; 2. Design and construction of a sediment tank at the old riverbed of the Sateska River (TBC); 3. Implementation of anti-erosion measures in the river basin of Sateska (TBC)	May 2020	The scope of the activities that will be realized within this project will depend on the estimated costing that will be determined by the detailed technical documentation, as well as the actual financial offers of the bidders that will win the tenders.

Grant category: Big grant

Status of the project: Ongoing

Note: The activities which will not be realized within this project will be part of the regional Drini River project

Total funds allocated: 11,629,380 MKD; **Total fund spent:** 2,499,760 MKD

20. GRANTEE: JASEN – MULTY PURPOSE PROTECTED AREA		PROJECT TITLE: PROTECTION OF NATURAL VALUES OF MULTIPURPOSE AREA "JASEN" THROUGH CAPACITATING THE MANAGEMENT FOR ALTERNATIVE SOURCES OF FINANCING		
Outputs	Completed Activities	Ongoing and Planned Activities	To be completed by:	Potential Risks
Adrenaline Park "Kula"	1. Hiking trail designed 2. Technical design for the Cave entrance, walk path and small tourist infrastructure prepared; 3. Technical design for the reconstruction of the Kula Info Center prepared.	Construction of a cave entrance, walk path and small tourist infrastructure	April 2020	Implementation of the proposed activities requires consent from the Ministry of Defense. This caused delays in the implementation. Additional delays are foreseen due to weather conditions in winter. Therefore, it is proposed to postpone this activity till April 2020
Educational and awareness activities		1. Designing a webpage 2. Developing a natural values promo video 3. Development of promo tours	April 2020	None
Established monitoring system	Monitoring and surveillance equipment procured and installed	1. Development of a Forest Fire Fighting Plan 2. Conducting targeted trainings for the protected areas staff	March 2020	None
Cave Rescue Team established	Equipment for cave rescue purchased	1. Conducting training for cave guides 2. Conducting cave rescue trainings	March 2020	None

Grant category: Big grant

Status of the project: Ongoing

Issues: This is one of the critical projects that require attention and close collaboration with the Ministry of Defense. However, it is expected that all planned activities will be timely realized by the end of the project

Total funds allocated: 11,629,380 MKD; **Total fund spent:** 5,987,917 MKD

21. GRANTEE: NATIONAL PARK PELISTER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY		PROJECT TITLE: STRENGTHENING THE NATIONAL PARK PELISTER ADMINISTRATION		
Outputs	Completed Activities	Ongoing and Planned Activities	To be completed by:	Potential Risks
Improved capacity of the National Park administration for monitoring and conservation of nature	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Monitoring of habitats and species established 2. Monitoring training for park rangers carried out; 3. Monitoring equipment purchased and installed 			
Improved capacity of the National Park administration for fire fighting	Fire-fighting equipment (personal equipment such as metal brooms, water canisters, etc.) purchased	Development of a Fire Fighting Plan and purchase of additional equipment (special fire-fighting vehicle)	March 2020	<p>Some of the contracts for the key activities costed more than initially estimated.</p> <p>The total funds spent by NP "Pelister" (USD US\$265,341) is on the upper limit planned for the big grants</p> <p>Therefore, the extent of the activities related to the firefighting vehicle will depend on the availability of the overall remaining</p>

				project budget, and prioritization of activities across all grants.
Improved availability of public information about the NP Pelister	Design and print of brochures for the National Park			
Improved Tourism infrastructure	Technical design for hiking and biking trails prepared Hiking and biking trails and installation of information signs constructed			
Arboretum established	Technical design of an Arboretum prepared Arboretum constructed			

Grant category: Big grant

Status of the project: Ongoing

Pending: Development of a Fire Fighting Plan and purchase of additional equipment (special fire-fighting vehicle)

Total funds allocated: 14,779,493 MKD; **Total fund spent:** 14,779,493 MKD

22. GRANTEE: NATIONAL PARK MAVROVO MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY		PROJECT TITLE: RIBNICA CENTER - STRENGTHENING THE NATIONAL PARK MAVROVO ADMINISTRATION		
Outputs	Completed Activities	Ongoing and Planned Activities	To be completed by:	Potential Risks
Increased population of deer	Equipment for the deer repro center purchased and a fence around the center installed			
Increased population of salmon	Technical design of Krivi most hatchery prepared	Construction of the Krivi most hatchery	December 2019	Construction activities are ongoing but further delays might occur due to unfavorable weather conditions such as early snow in the mountain. In this case, the construction could be completed by end of April 2020
Monitoring and protection of burned area	Monitoring equipment such as binoculars, vehicles, photo-traps and fire protection equipment purchased			
Protection of virgin forest	Expert support the process for application of Dlaboka reka – Primeval Beech Forest as the UNESCO site provided	Conducting follow up actions as part of the process based on the feedback received from the UNESCO commission	February 2020	The final submission date is February 2020.
Reconstruction of Ribnica Center as added touristic offer for Park`s visitors	Technical design of the Ribnica house prepared Rangers house in village of Ribnica reconstructed			
Improved road access to the villages in Ribnica region as	Tractor with additional equipment for maintenance of the mountain roads purchased			

touristic potential throughout the year				
Markings of tourist-recreational paths		Installation of informative signs and nature-based tourism infrastructure (bike service points, informative signs and rest areas)	March 2020	None
GAP analysis of the potential for nature- based tourism activities in NP Mavrovo		Conducting a study for the nature- based tourism as an ecosystem service in NP Mavrovo	February 2020	None
Promotion and awareness raising		Conducting communication, education and public awareness in NP Mavrovo	March 2020	None
Mapping of selected species on the territory of the National Park Mavrovo		Conducting a Study of the biopotentials of other forest products	April 2020	None

Grant category: Big grant

Status of the project: Ongoing

Pending: Several pending activities which is expected to be completed latest by April 2020

Total funds allocated: 17,276,301 MKD; **Total fund spent:** 14,450,752MKD

23. GRANTEE: MUNICIPALITY OF RESEN		PROJECT TITLE: SUSTAINABLE FUTURE OF THE PRESPA LAKE MONUMENT OF NATURE AND NATURE PARK "EZERANI"		
Outputs	Completed Activities	Ongoing and Planned Activities	To be completed by:	Potential Risks
Established inventory database for habitats and species according to the national legislation and EU birds and habitats directive and NATURA 2000	Monitoring protocols developed WEBGIS software for the natural values of the Nature Park Ezerani and the Prespa Lake developed			
Improved management of habitats and ecosystems	1. Equipment for monitoring purchased 2. Equipment for firefighting purchased 3. Necessary IT equipment purchased	1. Marking the water line borders of Nature Park Ezerani 2. Revitalization of the degraded habitats	March 2020 April 2020	Possible delays are expected because of administrative procedures with port captains There is a need to coordinate this activity with the support provided by PONT
Environmental friendly tourism development	Visitor infrastructure in NP Ezerani (micro info center, watch tower, bird watching tower, info board, waste bins) constructed	1. Procurement of necessary equipment for the nature-based tourism (kayaks and bicycles)	March 2019	The scope/extent of these activities shall be decided upon prioritization exercise for the remaining project budget
Citizens monitoring		Conducting targeted trainings for citizens monitoring in cooperation with the Municipality of Resen	March 2019	Possible delays until December 2019 in the process of trainings for basic water monitoring or other media
Improved capacities of the municipal administration for PA management	Capacity building trainings conducted			

	Waste management system improved through procurement of large 7m3 containers for the villages			
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Grant category: Big grant

Status of the project: Ongoing

Pending: Several pending activities which is expected to be completed latest by April 2020

Total funds allocated: 11,629,380 MKD; **Total fund spent:** 9,083,834 MKD

24. GRANTEE: MUNICIPALITY OF DOJRAN		PROJECT TITLE: RESTORATION OF DOJRAN LAKE ECOSYSTEM		
Outputs	Completed Activities	Ongoing and Planned Activities	To be completed by:	Potential Risks
Improved capacities of the municipality of Dojran for the management of the protected area "Dojran Lake"		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Re-Construction of an educational info center – 3 houses 2. Construction of two new bird watchtowers 3. Reconstruction of part of the pedestrian trail around the Lake 	May 2020	Very weak capacity of the municipal administration and lack of human resources are delaying the project activities and are jeopardizing the sustainability.

Grant category: Big grant

Status of the project: Ongoing

Pending: Very weak capacity of the municipal administration and lack of human resources caused severe delays the implementation of the project. Therefore, the scope of the project has been reduced to the activities which can be implemented by mid-May 2020.

Total funds allocated: 11,629,380 MKD; **Total fund spent:** 502,302 MKD

25. GRANTEE: CITY OF SKOPJE		PROJECT TITLE: PROTECTION OF NATURAL TREASURE AND LANDSCAPING THE VODNO – SARAJ – MATKA COMPLEX		
Outputs	Completed Activities	Ongoing and Planned Activities	To be completed by:	Potential Risks
Sustainable management of protected areas Matka and Vodno	1.Draft zoning for the Matka Monument of Nature prepared 2. Valorization study, habitats, species, zones, socio-economic impact on Vodno Mountain completed	Establishment of a management authority, technical support and procurement of necessary equipment	May 2020	Conflicting interests of different entities which are at the same time potential management authorities are slowing down the process of re-proclamation of the protected areas. Moreover, the negotiation process is highly politized.
Established monitoring programme		Development and implementation of a short-term monitoring programme	May 2020	Political misunderstanding for establishment of management authority, is impacting the establishment of a monitoring programme.
Improved management of Matka		Development of a Visitor Management Plan and a Waste Management Plan	May 2020	The same as above
Improved Fire-fighting		Development of a Fire- fighting Programme and purchase of necessary equipment	May 2020	The same as above
Touristic offer		Development of a Road of Caves as a touristic offer	January 2020	Same as above
Nature based tourism infrastructure		1.Procurement of necessary technical equipment for the management authority	May 2020	Same as above

		established by the City of Skopje. 2.Design and construction of nature-based infrastructure such as fence, hiking and biking trails.		
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Grant category: Big grant

Status of the project: Ongoing

Issues: This is one of the critical projects that require attention of the Project Board and decision how to move forward.

Total funds allocated: 11,629,380 MKD; **Total fund spent:** 2,202,656 MKD

SMALL-SCALE WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES

BENEFICIARY: MUNICIPALITY OF VEVCANI		CONSTRUCTION OF A WASTE WATER TREATMNT FACILITY (WWTF)		
Outputs	Completed Activities	Ongoing and Planned Activities	To be completed by:	Potential Risks
Improved management of waste water in the Municipality of Vevcani/ VEVCHANI SPRINGS MONUMENT OF NATURE	<p>Feasibility assessment carried out and Technical documentation for construction of the waste water treatment facility prepared</p> <p>Construction company contracted</p>	Construction of the Waste Water Treatment Facility	December 2019	Possible delays in the construction due to bad weather conditions.

BENEFICIARY: MUNICIPALITY OF BITOLA		CONSTRUCTION OF A WASTE WATER TREATMNT FACILITY (WWTF) FOR THE VILLAGES OF TRNOVO AND MAGAREVO		
Outputs	Completed Activities	Ongoing and Planned Activities	To be completed by:	Potential Risks
Improved management of waste water in the villages in the vicinity of the National Park Pelister	<p>Feasibility assessment carried out and Technical documentation for construction of the waste water treatment facility prepared</p> <p>Construction company contracted</p>	Construction of the Waste Water Treatment Facility	December 2019	Possible delays in the construction due to bad weather conditions