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Country: Albania (AL)

Policy environment: An enabling environment is in place to ensure people's participation in policy formulation and the national decision making process

Policy and institutional framework: Policies developed and implemented that support the achievement of the MDGs


Policy implementation: NSSED and other national development plans adequately reflect issues related to gender and minority equality, decentralization, environment and other issues related to MDGs.

Responsible authority (Country): Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Water Administration (MoEFWA)

Cooperating partners: MoEPP-MK
Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning – Greece
Society for the Protection of Prespa (NGO)

Programme Period: 2005-2009
Programme Component: AL-Prespa component of project
Project Title: Integrated Ecosystem Management in the Prespa
Lakes Basin of Albania, FYR-Macedonia and Greece
Appraisal: _____
MNS: \$2,000,000
Project duration: 5 years
Management instrument: NEX_

Total budget:	3,775,500
Allocated resources	
• GEF	1,050,500
• UNDP-AL	150,000
• UNDP-Regional	110,000
• Government (MoEFWM)	120,000
• KfW	2,000,000
In kind contributions	
• MoA	150,000
• (REC)	160,000
• GEF/SGP	35,000

Agreed by MoEFWM:  Lufter Xhuveli 25 Sept. 2006
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Resident Representative

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Governments of Albania and FYR-Macedonia

United Nations Development Programme

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“Integrated Ecosystem Management in the Prespa Lakes Basin of Albania, FYR-Macedonia and Greece”

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Atlas Award ID:

Brief Description

The project objective is to catalyse the adoption and implementation of ecosystem management interventions in the Prespa Lakes Basin of Albania, FYR-Macedonia, and Greece that integrate ecological, economic, and social goals with the aim of conserving globally significant biodiversity and conserving and reducing pollution of the trans-boundary lakes and their contributing waters.

The health of the Prespa Basin ecosystem can only be conserved and maintained by changing productive sector practices within the Prespa Basin. Although the Prime Ministers of Albania, Greece and FYR-Macedonia recently declared the Prespa Basin a symbolic trans-boundary protected area, it is not and very much of a productive landscape, where people live and work and surround the ecosystem around them.

The project strategy is to mainstream ecosystem management objectives and priorities into productive sector practices and policies. The project is designed to strengthen capacity for restoring ecosystem health and conserving biodiversity first at the national level in Albania and FYR-Macedonia in Prespa by piloting ecosystem-oriented approaches to spatial planning, water use management, agriculture, forest and fishery management, and conservation and protected area management.

Building on the strengthened national-level foundation in the Prespa Basin, the project is designed to strengthen ongoing trans-boundary cooperation in resource management and conservation by empowering the existing trans-boundary institution and piloting trans-boundary management and conservation activities. Finally, the project will produce and secure funding for a Strategic Action Programme endorsed at the highest levels of Government within the trans-boundary state.