



## **Annual Progress Report**

**Project number:** 00050102

**Project title:** Integrated Ecosystem Management in the Prespa Lakes  
Basin of Albania, Macedonia and Greece

**Period covered:** 01 January – 31 December 2006

**Source of Funds:** GEF

**Execution Modality:** DEX

**Currency:** \$US

### **Project Performance - Implementation issues:**

There were major postponements in the start up of the DEX component of the project that were caused by two main reasons: late signature of the project document and delays in the selection of the project staff in Albania, as well as problems in the selection of the International Trans-boundary Advisor that is responsible for management of the trans-boundary (DEX) component of the project.



Financial Report

**Budget Revision:**  
**Source of Funds:**  
**Currency:** USD

Financial status as per Date/Month/Year (in U.S. Dollars)

	Period Amount:	Total	Year-to-Date	Available
		Budget:	Exp:	Budget:
(j) Opening Balance:	1,630,100.00	1,630,100.00	30,099.70	1,600,000.30
(k) Advance Received:	0			
(l) Available Funds:	1,630,100.00			
		<b>01/01 2006-31/12/2006 Budget</b>	<b>01/01 2006-31/12/2006 Expenditures</b>	<b>01/01 2006-31/12/2006 Available Budget</b>
<u>Expenditures by Sub-line:</u>				
<u>Description</u>	<b>CMBL</b>			
International Consultants	71200	8000.00	8759.71	-759.71
Local consultants	71300	0.00	0.00	0.00
Travel	71600	0.00	1185.09	-1185.09
Contractual Services - Companies	72100	10000.00	14115.54	-4115.54
Equipment and Furniture	72200	25000.00	0.00	25000.00
Hospitality	72700	0.00	5724.45	-5724.45
Professional Services	74100	0.00	0.00	0.00
Audio Visual & Print production	74200	0.00	261.65	-261.65
Miscellaneous Expenses	74500	7250.00	53.26	7196.74
		<b>50,250.00</b>	<b>30,099.70</b>	<b>20,150.30</b>
	<b>1,600,000.30</b>			
(o) Outstanding Obligations:	0			
(p) Planned Expenditures:	0			
(q) Total Requirements:	0			
° Less Closing Balance:				
(s) Advance Requested:	0			



Delivery rate for the past period is 59.89%

**Description on project status:**

The project document was signed in April 2006 in Skopje, Macedonia in the presence of the Prime Minister of Macedonia, the Minister of Environment and Physical Planning, UNDP Resident Representative, Mayor of the Municipality of Resen, and representatives of other national institutions, NGOs and media.

Two round of the announcements and selection procedures for the International Trans-boundary Adviser (ITA) were unsuccessful. The first time, the references check for the best ranked candidate indicated that he would not be an appropriate candidate due to the problems with his previous assignments, and the second time the selected candidate withdrawn his acceptance of the offer in the final phase of the negotiations. However, at the end of December 2006, the ITA was selected and he'll assume his duties in April 2007.

In November 2006, ninth regular meeting of the Prespa Park Coordination Committee (PPCC) took place in Korcha, Albania. Among the other topics on the agenda of the meeting, presentations on the management arrangements and monitoring and evaluation procedures for the project were made, and detailed overview of the project outcomes/outputs/activities and indicators was given by the international consultant who developed the project proposal.

The project offices for the trans-boundary unit that are hosted in the municipal building were reconstructed.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anita Kodzoman', is written over the printed name.

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