



Project: UNEP/GEF/SP-MED-LME-Sub-component 1.2. ICZM
Activity: "ICZM Plan for the transboundary demo area Buna/Bojana (Albania and Montenegro)

Subject: Mission in Albania, March 17-18, 2010

Split, March 21, 2010

Mission Report

Objectives. The mission was organised in order to:

- a) present and discuss the conceptual details, implementation arrangements, workplan and present status of preparation of:
 - the Buna-Bojana TB ICZM Plan, and
 - Albanian National ICZM Strategies and National Action Plans;
- b) agree on institutional, implementation and communication arrangements and inform on involvement of partners (GWP MED, UNESCO Aquifers, RAC SPA, METAP);
- c) agree on priority issues and potential activities to be included in the ICZM Plan; and
- d) perform a field visit to the Plan area.

The mission was preceded by PAP/RAC informative letters presenting the essentials of LME SP and of the ICZM Sub-component; proposing a high-level meeting, in particular: (i) Information on policy and operational issues of the Buna-Bojana Transboundary (TB) ICZM Plan, (ii) Information on the preparation of National ICZM Strategies and NAPs, (iii) Workplan, and (iv) Initial meeting - Tentative Programme. In addition, the Initial Reference Document prepared by Mr. Zamir Dedej for the Albanian side of the Buna/Bojana and the Initial Reference Document prepared by Ms. Aleksandra Ivanovic for the Montenegrin side have been provided to the GEF Focal Point, Mr. Pellumb Abeshi.

Attendance:

PAP/RAC:

Mr. Marko Prem, PAP/RAC Director a. i.
Mr. Arsen Pavasovic, PAP/RAC consultant; and
Ms. Daria Povh Skugor, PAP/RAC Programme Officer

Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Water Management, Tirana:

Mr. Pellumb Abeshi, (Prof. Dr.), GEF Focal Point; General Director of the Policies;
Mr. Nihat Dragoshi, Head of Protected Areas and National Parks Department; and
Mr. Redi Balduni, Director of Environment Protection.

Dates and venue. The mission started on March 16; arrival in Tirana on the same day; working days March 17 - 18; departure and arrival in Split on March 19.

The Working Meeting was held in the premises of the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Water Management on March 17; the field visit was on March 18.

Major mission results:

1. A detailed exchange of updated information. PAP/RAC made a detailed presentation on the project procedure, time frame, workplan, project area, main issues, potential activities, relevance and implications of the transboundary character of the project. Finally, particular attention was given to the importance of the Investment Portfolio, to be submitted to the WB components for support. Information on activities and projects in the Plan area was provided by the representatives of the Ministry of Environment.

2. The Ministry representatives agreed in principle with the concept, objectives and implementation agreements to make part of the Plan, as presented in the respective Information. Priority issues were confirmed as proposed, namely: solid waste; water quality ; waste water; erosion, and flooding. The need for identification and procedures for establishment of the MPA was pointed out, as well as the preparation of a PAs Pilot Management Plan. A number of initiatives to be taken into consideration were mentioned by the Ministry representatives, including: the new IUCN project for the Buna river, currently updated and to be implemented in the next 3 years; the World Bank project "Integrated Coastal Zone Management and Clean-up Project for Albania"; other national projects establishing the administration system for solid waste (landfill close to Buna river); GEF-financed UNDP project "Identification of adaptation response measures in the Drini - Mati River Deltas in Albania"; EU CARDS Project "Environmental Legislation and Planning in Albania (ELPA)"; GEF/WB project Lake Skadar/Shkodra Integrated Ecosystem Management Project (LSIEMP).

3. Both sides agreed on the need to define the Plan area on both sides, taking into account the administrative borders. As proposed by Montenegrin authorities, the Plan area in Montenegro will include the municipalities of Bar and Ulcinj. As regards the Albanian part, the municipalities of Ana e Malit, Berdice, Dajc, Velipoje and Bushat were proposed by the document prepared by Mr. Dedej which was accepted as tentative, the details to be defined when elaborating the Plan Outline. In addition, PAP representatives explained the wider Shkodra area to be included as an external Plan area due to its impact on the Buna watershed (WRM and pollution in particular).

4. Due to the identification of the Buna/Bojana estuary as highly vulnerable to impacts of climate change, the need was confirmed for that issue to be included in the Plan.

5. Since the establishment of the MPA has already been envisaged by the responsible national authorities of Montenegro and Albania, the involvement and assistance of SPA/RAC is considered necessary. The importance of the water management and of the aquifers in the project area calls for active participation and for actions by GWP Med and Aquifers UNESCO, as envisaged by the Project document.

6. Preparation of the ICZM National Strategy and NAPs was discussed, their context, timing and process of elaboration. PAP/RAC representatives explained the steps in their preparation, pointing out the preparation of the Outline for the National ICZM Strategy and NAPs which are to be developed this year, while the National Strategy is to be launched in December 2010, where only 2 countries got the opportunity to develop this document within this project, namely Albania and Algeria.

7. The PAP representatives mentioned the need to nominate a candidate for the National Consultant to act as the National Team Leader for the Plan, as well as a National Consultant for Spatial Planning.

8. Finally, as the first practical action, the Initial Operational Meeting of Partners, Albanian and Montenegrin responsible national authorities and consultants was mentioned, tentatively scheduled for end June.

9. A visit was made to the National Institute for the Protection of Nature. Mr. Z. Dedej, the author of the Initial Reference Document, nominated by Mr. P. Abeshi, presented the activities of the Institute and the details of the field visit planned for the next day. Also, findings and recommendations from his Document were discussed and compared with the findings of the respective counterpart document prepared by the Montenegrin expert.

10. A short and unplanned meeting was held with the representatives of the IUCN's new project to be launched at the Buna river. A brief exchange of information on the two projects was organised with Mr. P. Grigoriev, Regional Programme Co-ordinator, Ms. C. Van Ham, European Programme Officer, Mr. A. Guillet, Referee for the Environment from the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and 2 more representatives of the same institution.

11. On March 18 the members of the mission performed a visit to the Albanian part of the Plan area, accompanied by Mr. Dedej. The field visit was considered most useful, the above conclusion confirmed on the spot, with a number of details noted, to be used during the initial phase of the Plan preparation.

12. As immediate follow-up activities the following were agreed on:

- (i) PAP/RAC to contact the Partners (UNESCO-IHP, GWP MED and RAC SPA) again, consult the Project Management and keep the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Water Management informed,
- (ii) PAP/RAC to finalise the ToRs for the individual experts and send them to Mr. Abeshi, Albanian GEF Focal Point, who should propose the key national consultants prior to the Operational Meeting scheduled for end June, and
- (iii) other issues, if any, will be discussed and considered as appropriate.

Information on policy and operational issues of the Buna-Bojana Transboundary (Tb) ICZM Plan is provided as **Annex I** to this report.

Information on preparation of National ICZM Strategies (NICZMS) and National Action Plans (NAPs) is provided as **Annex II** to this report.

Workplan for a) ICZM Plan and b) National ICZM Strategies and NAPs is provided as **Annex III** to this report.

The programme is provided as **Annex IV**.

Acknowledgements.

The overall mission, accommodation, working sessions and field visit were organised in an efficient and productive way, with the achieved results meeting the set objectives.

The PAP/RAC representatives wish to express their gratitude to Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Water Management for the assistance provided, cooperation and hospitality, and in particular to Mr. P. Abeshi for the organisation of and support to the mission, as well as to Mr. Z. Dedej for his assistance during the mission and organisation of the field visit.

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Annex I

INFORMATION ON POLICY AND OPERATIONAL ISSUES OF THE BUNA-BOJANA TRANSBOUNDARY (TB) ICZM PLAN

Within the PDF B phase of the LME project and the hitherto completed Project Inception phase a number of ICZM Plan relevant documents and information were consulted:

- (i) national (Albanian and Montenegrin) reference documents;
- (ii) PAP/RAC: CAMP Durrës - Vlore documents, Mne feasibility studies;
- (iii) MED POL: Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis for the Mediterranean Sea (TBDA), 2005;
- (iv) SAP/BIO: Albanian and Montenegrin National Reports, Inv. Portfolios and NAPs; also National Overviews on impacts of climate change on Biodiversity;
- (v) relevant implemented and/or on-going international projects;
- (vi) consultations on involvement of UNESCO, Global Water Programme (GWP), RAC/SPA; and
- (vii) Initial documents for the Buna-Bojana ICZM Plan, by Mr. Dedej and by Ms. Ivanovic.

I. The Buna-Bojana TB ICZM Plan: Concept, objectives and implementation scheme

1. The UNEP/GEF/SP-MED-LME Project was developed by its PDF B Phase during the 2005-2006 period; its structure, objectives and activities discussed and agreed upon with beneficiary countries; approved by the UNEP Project Approval Group in 2006 and by GEF CEO in April 2008. The implementation phase started in 2009. with the First Strategic Partnership Coordination Group Meeting held in Athens on September 17-19. 2009. The first Project Steering Committee Meeting and the Inception Workshop were held on February 17.-19. 2010 in Budva, Montenegro. The Inception Workshop approved all the ICZM activities and the respective Workplan and Budget. Instructions, recommendations and deadlines for immediate start and implementation of all the activities were agreed upon.

2. One of key activities of the LME 1.2. ICZM Sub-component is the Buna/Bojana TB ICZM Plan, to be implemented by Albanian and Montenegrin institutions and experts, under the overall responsibility and organization of PAP/RAC. In addition, GWP MED, UNESCO, and RAC-SPA will participate, dealing with Water Resources (WRM) and Aquifer Management.

3. The Plan design will take into consideration the results of relevant on-going and/or implemented projects, looking for synergy, and avoiding of overlapping/ repetition.

4. Following the strategic orientation of the MED-LME Project, the Plan will be focused at:

- (i) implementation of the adopted MED ICZM Protocol,
- (ii) sustainable WRM and biodiversity conservation, within the ICZM context,
- (iii) strengthening PAs management, and identification and procedure for MPAs establishment;
- (iv) outlines for sustainable development of key economic sectors,
- (v) preparation of a synthesis TB ICZM plan; and
- (vi) preparation of Investment Portfolios, addressed at the Project WB Investment Component.

5. Such orientation will be applied in a flexible way in accordance with: the conditions and needs of the Plan area; national priorities, and by giving preference to actions of a TB nature.

6. The Plan will be implemented through following phases:

- (i) the on-going Initial phase; to define and agree upon the activities to be implemented, the Plan area, and details of implementation arrangements
- (ii) drafting, presentation and approval of the Plan Outline and Operational Programme
- (iii) implementation of the Operational Programme: drafting the ICZM Plan,
- (iv) presentation of the draft ICZM Plan at the Final Presentation Conference, finalizing the Plan,
- (v) coordination/harmonization meetings.

7. The following actions pertaining to the Initial phase were implemented so far:
- (i) updating of relevant sections of Project documents;
 - (ii) establishing communication and contacts with national authorities, GWP and UNESCO;
 - (iii) preparing ToRs for initial documents;
 - (iv) nomination by national authorities of consultants to prepare the initial documents,
 - (v) policy meeting with UNESCO and GWP Med, consultations with RAC/SPA and MEDPOL,
 - (vi) initial policy and operational meeting with Montenegro national authorities, and
 - (viii) completion of initial documents prepared by respective national consultants.

8. All Project details relevant for the TB ICZM Plan are available as presented in the LME Project Documents, mailed by the Project Management Unit prior the Inception Workshop.

9. The adopted Workplan for the Buna ICZM Plan is presented as Annex to this Information.

II. The institutional and implementation arrangements of the LME Med Project

1. As envisaged by the LME Med Project document, the established arrangements at Project level are: the Project Steering Committee, the Project Management Unit (PMU) located in MED Unit - Athens, Implementing Agencies for respective components and Sub-components (in case of Component 1. UNESCO-Aquifers, GWP Med and PAP/RAC, for Sub-component 1.2. ICZM PAP/RAC, assisted by UNESCO-Aquifers, GWP Med and RAC/SPA).

2. At Project level, the responsible national authority for each beneficiary country is the authorized National Ministry/Agency through the respective GEF NFP. At component/sub-component level, NFPs for respective Implementing Agency should also be involved.

3. For the ICZM sub-component, the authorized national authority is expected to nominate an Operational Focal Point, with tasks to be discussed and agreed at initial meetings and defined in a respective Tasks description.

4. Due to the transboundary nature of the Buna-Bojana ICZM Plan, as part of implementation arrangements a small co-ordination group is proposed to be established, to include responsible from implementing agencies, the Albanian and Montenegrin Operational FPs, and heads of national consultants' teams. The tasks and functioning of this group will be discussed at initial meetings, to be finalized in a Tasks description.

5. For the implementation of individual Plan activities international and national consultants (or companies) will be committed by PAP/RAC or other implementing Agency, in agreement with the NFP for GEF, following the standard GEF / UNEP Rules of procedure.

III. The Buna Plan actions needing a transboundary approach: opportunities and benefits

1. Eco-systems, ecosystem functioning, impacts on critical areas, biodiversity and water resources do not recognize political or administrative borders. In areas situated along borders, national in particular, problem-solving of a wide number of issues require specific political, socio-economic and environment related harmonization, co-ordination and co-operation approaches. In such cases for a sustainable management transboundary (TB) actions, programmes and projects are indispensable. But, even within favourable political, economic and human resources related conditions, such policies are not easy to conceive, formulate into actions and implement. Nevertheless, in most cases a TB approach was confirmed as successful, cost-efficient and beneficial for bordering counties and areas. Therefore, GEF and UNEP policy objectives and strategies attach particular importance and provide support to TB issues, programmes and projects. Consequently, the present LME project, includes a number of TB actions, the Buna-Bojana ICZM Plan as one of them.

2. Within the Buna-Bojana ICZM Plan, issues where a TB approach is indispensable relate to:

- (i) impacts of Skadar lake area and those of Drini-Drim watershed,

- (ii) water resource management (WRM) and Aquifer management,
- (iii) Buna-Bojana riverbed and coastline erosion and flood control,
- (iv) Improved management and harmonized protection of PAs, at TB level
- (v) sustainable development, harmonized management/protection of the Buna-Bojana estuary
- (vi) management and efficient abatement of liquid waste induced coastal and marine pollution,
- (vii) sustainable, but profitable management of transboundary ecosystems and resources,
- (viii) pollution monitoring, through harmonized design and with standardized equipment
- (ix) design for a harmonized LW treatment system through a harmonized investment programme, and supported funding)
- (x) adaptation measures for area level impacts of climate change,
- (xi) local transport of people and goods, and communication,
- (xii) preparation of a cost effective and efficient ICZM Plan for bordering areas.

3. In addition, the Buna ICZM Plan provides opportunities for:

- (i) improvement of the present level of resource management, BD protection and conservation,
- (ii) identification and establishment process for new MPAs
- (iii) harmonized eco-tourism programmes based on key natural resources and PAs/MPAs from both sides of the border (to include co-funded provision of facilities and equipment)
- (iv) design of harmonized scientific/research programmes (to include co-funded provision of standardized equipment and facilities),
- (vii) harmonized PAs and MPAs management plans,
- (viii) unified actions on capacity building and public awareness raising, and final/most important
- (ix) preparation of harmonized TB specific Investment Portfolios.

IV. Defining the Buna-Bojana TB ICZM Plan area

1. When defining for the Plan area, a number of elements had to be taken into account:

- (i) eco-systems, biodiversity, water resources, aquifers, coastal and marine areas,
- (ii) impacts from adjacent areas: Shkodra-Skadar lake, Drini-Drim watershed inputs, Buna-Bojana watershed, land-based sources of pollution - LBSP, impacts of climate change),
- (iii) critical endangered areas: wetlands, relict forest areas, ground water and watershed areas,
- (iv) socio-economic, administrative conditions, and statistical data sources.

2. Furthermore, due to the transboundary nature of the Plan, transboundary linkages and interactions had to be identified, analyzed and evaluated. Finally, national and local needs and interests of both countries and areas have to be discussed, analyzed and harmonized, looking for synergies and benefits, within the objectives and goals set up by the Project and by the Plan.

3. Documents prepared by two national experts elaborated the key issues relevant for national parts of the assumed Plan area, identifying: critical ecosystems; endangered biodiversity; aquifer and water resource management problems; also of key economic activities. TB aspects were identified and commented. Actions to be included in the Plan design were identified and analyzed, also options for national areas to be included in the Plan area. Problems were identified, concerning inclusion of the Shkodra-Skadar lake wider area and Drini-Drim watershed, and of respective impacts on the Buna-Bojana watershed, estuary, adjacent coastal/marine (c/m) areas and socio-economic activities.

4. Based on the above, a tentative option for the Plan area might be as follows:

- (i) the "working" Plan area: the Buna Bojana watershed, the c/m areas of Bar, Ulcinj, the Buna-Bojana estuary and adjacent islands, the protected area and the c/m area of Shkoder county (administratively municipalities of Ana e Malit, Berdice, Dajc, Velipoje and Bushat).
- (ii) the "external" Plan area: the Shkodra-Skadar lake, and the adjacent in-flow area of Drini-Drim river into Buna-Bojana, as the wider (northern) area, with actions limited to identification and evaluation of impacts on and linkages with the working Plan area.

5. It is understood that at initial meetings the Plan area will be discussed in a preliminary way only, the final decision to be made within the preparation of the Plan Outline.

IV. Activities to be taken into consideration for the Buna-Bojana TB ICZM Plan

1. The Project document and the Inception Workshop defined the key activities as follows:

- (i) Aquifer Management Plan; to be implemented by UNESCO-Aquifers
 - (ii) WRM Plan; to be implemented by GWP Med
 - (iii) ICZM Plan, firstly the Outline and Operational programme, secondly the ICZM Plan, to include among others the study on impacts of climate change, activities on co-ordination, harmonization and presentation of results; to be implemented by PAP/RAC
- Activities under (i) and (ii) above will be implemented in co-ordination with PAP/RAC, the results will be integrated in the ICZM Plan.

2. Taking into account the point 1. above and the initial activities hitherto implemented, a wider list of activities to be considered for the ICZM Plan is presented below:

- (i) Capacity building, to include major stakeholders involved in management and protection of habitats, wetlands, WRM, PAs and MPAs; transboundary approach (TB A)
- (ii) awareness raising of general public on: BD conservation, sustainable resource management, alternative livelihood sources, and resulting benefits; parallel approach (Par. A)
- (iii) management plans for critical habitats and c/m areas, including adaptation measures for impacts of climate change (TB A)
- (iv) Buna-Bojana riverbed erosion protection study/plan, flooding protection study/plan (TB A)
- (v) protection of estuary and beaches (Velipoje) from unsustainable, mostly illegal development and exploitation - analysis and recommendations (Par. A),
- (vi) coastal erosion phenomena, study and measures (TB A)
- (vii) hot spots: LW pollution abatement: Buna and marine areas, programme, Investment Portfolio (Par. A)
- (viii) monitoring, national (and TB if practically possible), design through ICZM Plan; equipment and capacity building supported through Investment Portfolio (Par. A) ? (TB A) ?
- (ix) PAs, management plans, including eco-tourism and research programmes, also infrastructure and public information, supported through Investment Portfolio (Par. A)
- (x) management plans for new MPAs, Investment Portfolio, for facilities (Par. A)
- (xi) key industrial activities (agriculture, fisheries, tourism), outlines for sustainable development plans, integrated into the Synthesized ICZM Plan (Par. A),
- (xii) tourism, TB Carrying Capacity Assessment (CCA) (? Par. A?)
- (xiii) improving local transport/communication: study, Investment Portfolio for detailed study (TB)
- (xiv) legislation, and in particular law enforcement, also if possible comparative analysis of legal aspects of harmonization - linking the protection regulations at TB level, linkage with EU legislation (Par. A) / (TB Apr.)

The list is open-ended, tentative, to be discussed and prioritized at the Tirana meeting, to be finalized by the Outline.

Annexes (mailed separately):

- (i) Workplan for a. ICZM Plan and b. National ICZM Strategies and NAPs.
- (ii) Tentative maps of Plan area, prepared by two national consultants
- (iii) Initial documents prepared by respective national consultants (Mr. Dedej, Ms. Ivanovic).

Annex II

INFORMATION ON PREPARATION OF NATIONAL ICZM STRATEGIES (NICZMS) AND NATIONAL ACTION PLANS (NAPs)

I. NICZMS and NAPs objectives

The overall objective of the ICZM sub-component of the project is creation of a favorable environment for the ratification and implementation of the ICZM protocol for the Mediterranean.

Activity 1.2.1 "Support activities in preparation of National ICZM Strategies and National Action Plans" of LME in particular aims to assist countries in fulfillment of the request of the article 18 of the ICZM Protocol for the Mediterranean. Article 18 invites all Mediterranean countries to formulate a national strategy for ICZM, as well as coastal implementation plans and programs consistent with the common regional framework.

II. NICZMS and NAPs benefits

Benefits expected for the actively involved countries, in this case Albania and Algeria, are in opportunity to formulate National ICZM Strategy and National Action Plans among the first countries in Mediterranean. Out of project countries, up to the end of 2009, only Montenegro and Egypt drafted the text of these documents with the assistance of PAP/RAC.

Preparation of the ICZM Strategies and NAPs within the LME Project could improve participation in the coastal resources' management decision-making, increase level of internal financing of coastal management initiatives, prompt coastal local administrative units to prepare and adopt coastal management plans, help introduce new integrated coastal management tools and techniques and increase public awareness on the coastal areas problems.

In addition, these activities will secure following benefits for the two actively involved countries:

- capacity building;
- assessment of past and current coastal management related documents, activities, initiatives and policies;
- identifying needed strategies to be included in national policies and strategies;
- upgrading of the level of ICZM issues and activities on the national policy agenda;
- upgrading ability to deal with the ICZM related legislative and institutional strengthening; and
- assistance in prioritizing investment needs which are to be presented to the World Bank component of Strategic Partnership, ex Investment Portfolio, currently Sustainable Med, for future financing.

Having in mind Albanian efforts to approve the ICZM Protocol for the Mediterranean by the National Parliament, it is expected that the opportunity to participate in this activity will contribute to this process, as well as to the future implementation of the Protocol.

Finally, preparation of NICZMS and NAPs has been recommended by the EU through a Communication from the Commission and the Recommendation of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the implementation of ICZM in Europe in May 2002.

III. NICZMS and NAPs Workplan

1.2.1 Support activities in preparation of National ICZM Strategies and National Action Plans

Within this project PAP/RAC will co-ordinate preparation of an Outline for preparation of ICZM strategies and National Action Plans. A team composed of international ICZM experts, in cooperation with national authorities of all eligible countries, will develop the Outline in order to support and assist Mediterranean countries in formulating their national strategies and plans. The draft Outline will be finalized by September 2010, and presented at the regional workshop which is to be held in Morocco, in October 2010. At the workshop the Outline will be discussed and confirmed by country candidates for preparation of ICZM NAPs. Albanian GEF focal point,

together with other GEF focal points from the project countries, will be invited to nominate country representatives for this workshop.

1.2.1.2 Support to preparation of ICZM Strategies and NAPs in two selected countries

Within this activity two countries will have the opportunity to develop National ICZM Strategy (NICZMS) and National Action Plans (NAPs). The national strategy, based on an analysis of the existing situation, shall set the objectives, determine priorities with an indication of the reasons, identify coastal ecosystems needing management, as well as all relevant actors and processes, enumerate the measures to be taken and their cost as well as the institutional instruments and legal and financial means available, and set an implementation schedule.

The formulation of these documents will be launched after the adoption of the Outline at the regional workshop. An Inception meeting to launch preparation of Albanian NICZMS and NAPs is planned for December 2010. Country contribution is expected in organizing the Inception meeting and other needed meetings in development of the NICZMS and NAPs through a participatory approach. The team composed of international and national ICZM experts will be secured by PAP/RAC (selected following the standard GEF / UNEP Rules of procedure), while the MoU with the counterpart Ministry will be discussed, agreed upon and signed in order to provide for implementation of the participatory approach and broad involvement of stakeholders in building a consensus on NICZMS and NAPs and sharing the respective costs.

Draft of Albanian NICZMS and NAPs is to be formulated and agreed upon by September 2012 and presented at the National Conference to the national authorities and all other relevant stakeholders for adoption in November 2012. The National Conference on draft NAPs is to secure broad consensus and successful implementation of the coastal management aiming to achieve sustainable coastal development. Within NAP proposals for financing for the World Bank's project component "Sustainable Med" are to be defined, and submitted. Experience of this project will be distributed to other participating countries for information/ replication.

This activity will build upon preceding and current activities, in particular:

- (i) PAP/RAC: CAMP Albania (1993 – 1995)
- (ii) PAP/RAC and Dobin Milus International: Coastal Zone Management Plan for the North and the South Regions of Albania (1995 – 1996).
- (iii) SAP/BIO: Albanian and Montenegrin National Reports, Inv. Portfolios and NAPs; and National Overviews on impacts of climate change on Biodiversity;
- (iv) already formulated NICZMS and NAPs (Montenegro, Egypt, Spain, Germany, Portugal, France, Ireland, etc.);
- (v) ICZM Protocol for the Mediterranean (2008);
- (vi) Communication from the Commission and the Recommendation of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the implementation of ICZM in Europe (2002)
- (vii) Project "Environmental Legislation and Planning in Albania (ELPA)".

Documents related to other national c/m areas will be consulted, once provided by MOE.

Annex III

WORKPLAN FOR A) ICZM PLAN AND B) NATIONAL ICZM STRATEGIES AND NAPS

1.2 Integrated Coastal Zone Management													
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014							
1.2.1 Support activities in preparation of National ICZM Strategies and NAPS													
1.2.1.1 Strengthening the role of ICZM as a policy framework for WRM and BP					Regional training course								
1.2.1.2 Support to the preparation of National ICZM Strategies and NAPS		Identifying consultants, contacting host countries											
		Preparing draft Outline for Nat. ICZM Strategy and Annot. Cont.											
		Regional Workshop											
		Final Outline and Annot. Cont.											
		National inception meeting											
			Draft national document										
					National conference								
						National ICZM Strategy							
1.2.1.3 Harm. nat. instit. arrangements & legislation with ICZM Protocol				Regional workshop									
1.2.1.5 Improved integ. planning & use of ICZM methodologies and tools												Final Reg. W	
1.2.2 Application of ICZM approach, tools, and techniques in demo areas													
1.2.2.1 ICZM Plans to demonstrate ICZM approach, tools and techniques in selected areas													
a) ICZM Plan in TB demo area of high environmental sensitivity (Montenegro and Albania)		Identifying consultants, contacting host countries											
		Preparing Draft Outline and Programme											
		Meetings with authorities											
		Joint inception meeting											
		1 st Harm. Meeting											
		Adopting Outline/Programme											
		Draft ICZM Plan											
				Meeting to apply integrative method. framework									
				Vulnerability assess. of climate change impacts in pilot area									
				Meeting on VA and adaptation strategies									
						2 nd Harm.Meeting							
								Presentation conference					
								Final ICZM Plan					

Annex IV

The Programme

1. The objectives of the meeting are:

- (i) to present and discuss the present status of implementation, conceptual details and implementation arrangements for:
 - the Buna-Bojana TB ICZM Plan, and
 - preparation of Albanian National ICZM Strategies and National Action Plans;
- (ii) other details related to the LME Strategic Partnership Project Component 1.2. on ICZM, finally
- (iii) other related issues proposed by the host Ministry.

2. Topics for the Meeting Agenda, tentative:

2.1. Introduction

- Introductory addresses (Ministry, Mr. Prem), presentation of Participants,
- Agenda adoption, comments, proposals, questions ... (Chair)

2.2. Short presentation of GEF LME Strategic Partnership Project and of the ICZM sub-component (PAP/RAC); questions/ answers if needed (Chair and others)

2.3. The Buna-Bojana TB ICZM Plan:

- a. short presentation, arrangements, activities, plan area, benefits, open questions, the respective info document distributed to the participants in advance (PAP/RAC);
- b. short comments and open issues, by the national consultant
- c. national/local interests and preferences, in details (Chair, Ministry, other participants);
- d. need for nomination of Operational Focal Point for Plan implementation (PAP/RAC) ;
- e. Workplan and immediate follow-up actions (PAP/RAC)
- f. final discussion, statements and recommendations (Chair, Ministry)

2.4. The Albanian National ICZM Strategy and NAPs

- a. a short presentation, arrangements, activities, plan area, benefits, open questions, the respective info document distributed to the participants in advance (PAP/RAC);
- b. in details: national and local interests and preferences (Chair, Ministry and other participants);
- d. need for nomination of Operational Focal Point for the activity (PAP/RAC) ;
- e. Workplan and immediate follow-up actions (PAP/RAC)
- f. Discussion, final statements and recommendations (Chair, Ministry, other participants)

2.5. Conclusions, closing statements, closure (Chair, PAP/RAC)

3. Field visit:

Since the PAP/RAC participants arrived by car, on March 18th a visit to Shkodra administration and to the Albanian coastal side of the Plan area was performed. The PAP/RAC participants were accompanied by one representative of the Ministry and by the author of the Initial Reference Document.

The programme of field visit: March 18. - early departure from Tirana, arrival in Shkodra, visit to the County, field visit, departure for Croatia by 16 h.