

Memorandum of Understanding
for
the establishment of the Albanian NGOs Working Group for
Natura 2000

The Institute for Nature Conservation in Albania (INCA), in partnership with WWF Mediterranean Programme (WWF MedPO), within the project “*Protect Biodiversity - Empower Albanian NGOs for Promoting Natura 2000*”, establishes the Albanian NGOs Working Group for NATURA 2000 (the Working Group).

INCA and WWF MedPO invite Albanian NGOs to become members of this Working Group.

Article I
OBJECTIVES OF THE WORKING GROUP

The objectives of the Working Group are:

- a) To support, in association with other conservation actors, the work towards the designation of sites in Albania within the ecological network Natura 2000
- b) To support biodiversity conservation as a tool to promote economic, social, cultural and scientific development of local communities

Article II
MEMBERSHIP

The Members of the Working Group are non-governmental organisations, registered in the Republic of Albania, active in the field of biodiversity and nature conservation, and sustainable development.

The Members of the Working Group act on voluntary basis.

The Members of the Working Group respect religious, gender, ethnic and other diversities; they act in accordance with tolerance and non-discriminatory principles

The Members of the Working Group act as a one entity in public, in accordance with Working Group’s objectives.

The Working Group takes decisions by majority in public ballot, with the presence of the majority of its Members.

Article III
WORKING GROUP’S SECRETARIAT

Working Group’s Secretariat is based in INCA’s premises, Rruga Islam Alla, Pall. IVEA, Kati I, Tirana.

Article IV
RIGHTS OF THE WORKING GROUP'S MEMBERS

The rights of each Member are:

- To develop and implement new project ideas in accordance with the Working Group objectives, and
- To be timely and regularly informed about work and plans of the Working Group.

Article V
OBLIGATIONS OF THE WORKING GROUP'S MEMBERS

The obligations of each Member are:

- To pursue Working Group's objectives and work to implement its decisions
- To care for Working Group's reputation when running its own activities, and
- To act professionally when running activities on behalf of the Working Group.

Article VI
RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE SECRETARIAT

The rights and obligations of the Secretariat are:

- To ensure regular communication of Working Group's Members
- To ensure regular meetings of Working Group's Members
- To propose new project ideas in accordance with the Working Group objectives, and
- To inform about relevant events in the country and in the region as to ensure effective exchange of data/information about Natura 2000.

Article VII
ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

The Rules and Procedures of the Working Group will be agreed upon and added in this document as Annex 1.

Article VIII
TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

The membership is terminated if:

- a Member decides so
- the activities of a Member is in conflict with the Working Group's objectives

SIGNATORIES

On behalf of **INCA -- the Institute of Nature Conservation in Albania**, I agree to be a member of the Albania NGOs Working Group for NATURA 2000

Official Representative _____

Date: _____ -

On behalf of **WWF – World Wide Fund For Nature** I agree to be a member of the
Albanian NGOs Working Group for NATURA 2000

Official Representative _____

Date: _____ -

On behalf of **Association for Protection of Aquatic Wildlife of Albania (APAWA)** I agree
to be a member of the Albanian NGOs Working Group for NATURA 2000

Official Representative _____

Date: _____ -

On behalf of **The Albanian Society for the Protection of Birds and Mammals (ASPBM)** I
agree to be a member of the Albanian NGOs Working Group for NATURA 2000

Official Representative _____

Date: _____ -

On behalf of **ILIRIA Association** I agree to be a member of the Albanian NGOs Working
Group for NATURA 2000

Official Representative _____

Date: _____ -

On behalf of **The National Communal Forest User Association (NCFUA)** I agree to be a
member of the Albanian NGOs Working Group for NATURA 2000

Official Representative _____

Date: _____ -

On behalf of **National Association of Forest Specialist (NAFS)** I agree to be a member of
the Albanian NGOs Working Group for NATURA 2000

Official Representative _____

Date: _____ -

On behalf of **Regional Environmental Centre (REC)** I agree to be a member of the
Albanian NGOs Working Group for NATURA 2000

Official Representative _____

Date: _____ -

On behalf of **Transboundary Lake Skadar Forum (TLSF)** I agree to be a member of the
Albanian NGOs Working Group for NATURA 2000

Official Representative _____

Date: _____

On behalf of **EKOLEVIZJA group** I agree to be a member of the Albanian NGOs Working
Group for NATURA 2000

Official Representative _____

Date: _____

On behalf of **The Protection and Preservation of Natural Environment Association
(PPNEA)** I agree to be a member of the Albanian NGOs Working Group for NATURA 2000

Official Representative _____

Date: _____

On behalf of **ECAT – Tirana** I agree to be a member of the Albanian NGOs Working Group
for NATURA 2000

Official Representative _____

Date: _____

On behalf of **National Hunters federation** I agree to be a member of the Albanian NGOs
Working Group for NATURA 2000

Official Representative _____

Date: _____