





PROTECTION OF EUROPEAN ROLLERS IN VOJVODINA

Nature Lovers' Association "Riparia", Subotica

The aim of the project is to preserve and increase the population of the strictly protected bird species of Coracias garrulus – European roller in Vojvodina. It has been planned to install 200 artificial nesting hollows and raise awareness among the managers of protected areas and decision-makers pertaining to the importance of the protection of biodiversity. During the project, video footage will be recorded, while education of the public through lectures and conferences has also been planned.

IMPROVEMENT OF THE PROTECTION OF RARE AND ENDANGERED BIRD SPECIES AS THE NATURAL WEALTH OF THE NATIONAL PARK OF TARA

"Centre for Biodiversity Research" association, Novi Sad

The project is aimed at protecting and increasing the populations of the Eurasian pigmy owl (Glaucidum passerinum) and boreal owl (Aegolius funereus), which are among the strictly protected species, on the territory of the Tara National Park. The association plans to improve the conditions in their habitat by installing artificial nesting hollows, mapping the territory of these endangered species, tracking and marking populations of migratory birds, as well as offering recommendations for the improvement of the management plan for the National Park of Tara.

PRESERVATION OF MUDMINNOW'S HABITAT

Sport Fishermen's Association "Deliblato Lake", Deliblato

The main aim of the project is to improve the habitat of Umbra Krameria – a European mudminnow in the Special Natural Reserve of "Kraljevac". This is the endemic fish species in the Danube basin, the population of which has decreased by more than 30% in the last 10 years. The Special Natural Reserve of "Kraljevac" represents the ultimate refuge for many species, and especially the mudminnow. It has been planned within this project to identify as many locations in the reserve as possible where this species can be found, as well as to find and mark the locations that are outside the reserve's borders, so as to draw attention to this fish and preserve their habitat as much as possible. The activities would include education and raising awareness of the local population since the locations where these protected species live are located in the vicinity of arable land, and since they have not been explored and marked, the local population is unaware of their importance.















AVIARIES FOR URGENT CARE OF THE PROTECTED BIRD SPECIES IN SOUTHWEST SERBIA

Citizens' Association "Jadovnik – An Intact Natural Oasis", Prijepolje

The main goal of the project is to secure an adequate location for urgent care for, rehabilitation and return to nature of injured birds, as well as birds unable to live independently in nature. The intervention will be implemented in the vicinity of the protected areas in Southwest Serbia and near the Montenegrin border. The envisaged urgency care centre to be established through the project activities will have aviaries (enclosed facilities for birds) where birds will be taken care of and rehabilitated, together with auxiliary facilities for veterinarian exams and interventions.

LANDSKAPING AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROTECTED AREA OF THE KARLOVAC DUNAVAC

"Vojvodina Environmental Movement" association, Sremski Karlovci

This project deals with landscaping and development of the protected area of the Karlovac Dunavac and the Special Nature Reserve of "Kovilj-Petrovaradin Marshes" through rehabilitation and minimising of negative impacts on the degraded habitats in the Karlovac Dunavac. The key activities in realisation of the project include landscaping and protection of the locales and habitats in the Karlovac Dunavac and its vicinity, tracking and recording of the Karlovac Dunavac and Žigur special kind of biodiversity, and promotion of positive influences and creation of new values in the field, by organising public events.

CITIZENS FOR NATURE PROTECTION – A DIALOGUE FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF PROTECTED NATURE AREAS' MANAGEMENT

Environmental Centre "Habitat", Vršac

The aim of the project is to improve the protection of nature in Serbia by increasing the capacities of the public to participate in the creation and monitoring of the regulations and public policies in the field of environmental protection on all levels (national, provincial, and local). This will be attained by analysing the state of implementation of the Law on the Protection of Nature and Law on Incentives in Agriculture, through a dialogue with decision-makers, workshops with the civil sector and journalists, as well as different media activities. Special attention will be dedicated to the work of the nature guarding service, marking borders, improvement of natural values, emphasising the importance of ecosystems, and implementation of the agro-environmental measure in the municipalities that have protected areas and habitats.















IMPROVED WATER MANAGEMENT IN THE SPECIAL NATURE RESERVE OF "OKANJ MARSH"

"Environment Protection Association Okanj – Elemir", Elemir

The project aims to preserve and improve the habitats of many strictly protected and protected wildlife species, as well as to preserve the wetland in the Special Nature Reserve of "Okanj Marsh". These measures include improved water management in the region, regulation and cleaning of the canal and banks, as well as building trails along the canal. It is expected that the project would enable harmonisation of the needs of farming, animal husbandry, and hunting, with the obligation of preserving nature, all this in order to preserve the habitats of the protected and strictly protected species.

AGRO-BIODIVERSITY PARK – FROM THE BALKAN MOUNTAINS TO THE JERMA CANYON

"Sustainable Development Forum" association, Dimitrovgrad

The area of the municipality of Dimitrovgrad is one of the main habitats of the autochthonous species in Serbia. Even though the Municipal Council adopted the declaration of an agro-biodiversity park on the territory of the municipality, not a single institutional step has been made to this very day to implement this decision. The project has the goal of designing and establishing a network of farming households – "Guardians" of autochthonous breeds and presentation of the Agro-Biodiversity Park spreading from the Nature Park of the Balkan Mountains to the Special Nature Reserve of the Jerma. Five piloting farms will be selected for which adequate video presentations will be made, appropriate info-boards installed and these will be included in the local tourist offer. The crown of the project will be the event titled "Walking the Pastures of the Balkan Mountains with Old Breeds".

LET'S STEPPE TOGETHER: A NEW CHAPTER IN THE REVIVAL OF FRUŠKA GORA STEPPE HABITATS

"Serbian Association for the Protection and Studying of Birds", Novi Sad

The main aim of the project is to improve the protection of the habitats and return of the critically endangered nesting population of the eastern imperial eagle (Aquila heliaca) on the territory of the National Park of Fruška Gora. The planned steps in realising the project include tours of the known habitats of the European ground squirrel (Spermophilus citellus) and estimation of its population while implementing socio-economic analysis concerning the attitudes of the local population pertaining to the importance of the habitats for biodiversity. Additionally, selection and cleaning of the priority pastures will be realised with the local population and volunteers, thus increasing the project's visibility.















IMPROVEMENT OF COHABITATION OF PEOPLE AND BIG BEASTS

"World Wildlife Fund Adria-Serbia" association, Belgrade

The project has the goal of contributing to the cohabitation of local populations and big beasts on the territory of the Special Nature Reserve of "Uvac", or the National Park of "Tara". This will be achieved through prevention measures and education of the population, so as to decrease the mortality rate of the protected species of big beasts, primarily wolves and bears, caused by conflicts between people and beasts. The planned prevention measures include installing protective electrical fences in the two pilot locations where incidents involving big beasts, such as losses in cattle and damages to apiaries, have been recorded.

MONITORING OF THE NESTING COLONY OF BEE-EATERS ON THE TERRITORY OF THE LANDSCAPE OF OUTSTANDING FEATURES OF "ISLANDS AND CLIFFS NEAR SLANKAMEN"

Ekolespark Association, Stari Slankamen

The goal of the project is to preserve biodiversity through monitoring and expert analysis of the strictly protected European population of the bee-eater (Merops apiaster) bird species, preservation of their habitat, and presentation of the Protected Landscape of Outstanding Features of "Islands and Cliffs near Slankamen". The preservation of the habitat and population will be implemented through the involvement of the local population in the nature preservation processes, with the active participation of natural resources managers, and their acquaintance with the importance of the preservation of species, biodiversity, as well as geo-diversity. In this way, it is expected for the management capacities to improve.

TOGETHER TOWARDS LESS FIRES IN THE LANDSCAPES OF OUTSTANDING FEATURES – PILOT ACTION "STOLOVI"

"New Way" Association, Kraljevo

The goal of the project is to create preconditions to decrease the frequency of fires in the Landscape of Outstanding Features of "Stolovi". The idea behind the project is to develop a solution for forest fires in the target area, based on the analysis of similar approaches applied in different places. A visit will be organised to the Visitors' Centre for Fire Detection and Reporting in the settlement of "Studenica", a part of the Nature Park of "Golija", serving as a good practice example in fire protection, so as to analyse causes of fires, current conditions, consequences and application of protection measures. Additionally, an action plan will be made, containing fire protection measures, and an educational workshop realised in the field of fire protection and fighting.















IMPLEMENTATION OF EARLY FIRE DETECTION MEASURES IN THE HIGH-RISK AREA OF OUTSTANDING BIOLOGICAL VALUE – THE NATURE MONUMENT OF "LALINAČKA SLATINA"

"Biological Association Dr Sava Petrović", Niš

The main goal of the project is to make long-term improvements in achieving the protection of the natural value and climate resilience of the Nature Monument of "Lalinačka Slatina", through establishing a system of early detection of fires and suppression of their catastrophic consequences on biodiversity. This will first involve preliminary research and inspection of the terrain, followed by the installation of the fire monitoring and detection system.







