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E-newsletter for the WWF project "Dinaric Arc Parks" aimed at creating a platform of protected areas from Slovenia to Albania, capacity building for the employees in parks and branding of Dinarides.  
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## Study tour through national parks of Kosovo\* and Macedonia

WWF organized a study tour under the Dinaric Arc Parks project for more than 30 employees of the protected areas in Dinaric Arc region in the middle of June. They have visited national parks in Kosovo\* and Macedonia. The purpose of the journey was to visit all 3 national parks of Macedonia and the oldest national park in Kosovo\* and to get familiar with the management practices of those sites and protected area management system in each country. Study tour lasted for five days. After Slovenia, where different group of stakeholders visited all the Slovenian parks, this was the second study tour in the region within the Dinaric Arc Parks project.

## Dinaric Arc Parks study tour to Provence

About 20 people employed in National Parks and Nature Parks in Dinaric Arc region gathered in Provence, France in May for a study tour organized by WWF. Each day of the study tour they visited one of the parks in Provence that has European Charter for Sustainable Tourism: regional nature parks Luberon, Camargue and Verdon. By getting familiar with the managing practices of those parks, the representatives of certain parks from Dinaric Arc region learned how and what to do in order to get the charter for their park as soon as possible.

## Identifying values and benefits of national parks in Macedonia

Dinaric Arc Parks project team organized workshops for the assessment of values and benefits (PA-BAT) in the national parks of Macedonia. Three workshops were organized in Mavrovo NP, Galičica NP and Pelister NP. Alongside with the Macedonian parks, benefits of parks in Croatia, Montenegro and Bosnia and Herzegovina were also estimated. After the summer break workshops will continue in Kosovo\*, Slovenia and Serbia.

## Hutovo Blato Day

On the occasion of Hutovo Blato Day, WWF started the process of assessment of the services of Hutovo Blato by using the methodology of Protected Area Benefits Assessment Tool (PA-BAT). As a part of Hutovo Blato Day celebration, management of the Nature Park presented activities in the promotion of eco-tourism, primarily the offer of bird watching.

## Medvednica NP formed stakeholders Forum for European Charter for Sustainable Tourism

Nature Park Medvednica started the process of getting Europarc's Charter for Sustainable Tourism (ECST). They established a forum of all stakeholders related to the park during a workshop organized this June. The next workshop is scheduled for the fall this year.

## ASSESSING CONSERVATION PRACTICES IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

### FRUŠKA GORA NP OPENS FIRST ECO CAMP

### ALBANIAN PART OF PRESPIA LAKE DECLARED A RAMSAR SITE

### ORGANIC FOOD FESTIVAL IN PODSREDA CASTLE

### EKOBIS ECOLOGICAL FAIR IN BIHAĆ

### THE EDUCATIONAL UNDERWATER TRAIL IN BRIJUNI NP

### INTERNATIONAL MOUNTAINEER'S COMPETITION IN THE NATIONAL PARK TARA

### DRINA, THE WORLD UNDISCOVERED

### CYCLING TRAILS IN THE MEDVEDNICA NP

### NEW VISITOR CENTER IN STARA PLANINA NP

### HIKING TRAILS OF HEALTH THROUGH NATIONAL PARK ĐERDAP

### NORTHERN VELEBIT NP CELEBRATES THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF PREMUŽIĆ PATH

### PELISTER – A SUMMER SCHEME WITH NUMEROUS VISITS

### EUROPEAN DAY OF PARKS IN KOZARA NATIONAL PARK

### FIRST EVER AMAZON OF EUROPE DAY KICKED OFF

### FSC CERTIFICATION OF MORE THAN 56,000 HECTARES OF FORESTS IN TUZLA CANTON



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