

2014-2024 | Management Plan Prespa National Park in Albania

Table 20: Logical Framework for Actions according the Management Plan for the Prespa Prespa National Parkin Albania (see Compendium of the Management Plan, 2013, pp 192ff)

	Management Objective	Action / Measure	Means of verification/ Indicator	Monitoring method	Result	
					2014-2015	2015-2016
Core Zones	Rehabilitate natural condition of forest ecosystems	Keep human activities out	x x x	Old beech and oak tree stands untouched, natural revitalization by offshoots	Trees marked and registered, control every three years	Natural regeneration of Forest ecosystem
	Stabilize the woodpecker population	Keep human activities out	x x	Amount of breeding pairs of Black woodpecker (<i>Dryocopus martius</i>)	Counting the breeding pairs annually	Stable population or increasing
	Improve habitat quality for wildlife by stopping hunting	Block Access Road/Paths	x x	No hunting	Wildlife cameras	No poachers pictured
	Conserve the mushrooms populations for the future generations	Provide licenses to mushroom collectors	x x x	Number of registered mushroom collectors	Registration of collectors	Disturbance by mushroom collector is low
	Conserve the medicinal plants future generations	Provide licenses to medicinal plant collectors	x x x	Number of registered medicinal plant collectors	Registration of collectors	Disturbance by medicinal plant collectors is low
	Research on natural regeneration of forest and grassland ecosystems without human alteration	Encourage national and international researchers to observe the rehabilitation of the ecosystems	x x	Scientific publications	Published results	Increased knowledge of ecosystems and their recovery
	No grazing in the core zones	Stop grazing	x x	No livestock in the core zone	Wildlife cameras	No livestock in the core zones
	Inform inhabitants and visitors about the park, its restrictions and possibilities	Place info-tables and sign post to mark the boundaries of the core zone	x x x	Number of placed Info-tables and sign posts	Counting and controlling	Everybody respects the core zones
	Protect the cultural and natural assets of the island by restriction of the access on the island only to the chapel of St Mary.	Place and maintain a floating landing pontoon. Prepare and maintain a walking path from the landing platform to the chapel	x x x	Landing platform in place and in proper shape	Annual control	Natural regeneration on the island is enhanced and widely undisturbed
	Avoid disturbance to the rest of the island	Place info-tables and sign boards to keep visitors on the marked path	x			

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				2014-2015	2015-2018
Restricted Fishery Zones^s	Restrict catching of fish to allow undisturbed reproduction and spawning of the fish population (Fehler! Verweisquelle konnte nicht gefunden werden.) , except the border area at the Lesser Prespa, where the fishing ban shall pertain all the year around.	Ban fishing activities temporal (April - May) and spatial according to the restricted zones (Fehler! Verweisquelle konnte nicht gefunden werden.) , except the border area at the Lesser Prespa, where the fishing ban shall pertain all the year around.	x	x	No fishing during the fishing ban period and the designated areas
	Improve habitat quality by stopping hunting	Control in and outgoing traffic at the entry/exit points of the NP	x	x	No hunting detectable
	Recover overused coppice forests to forests of full grown trees	Reduce the use for firewood by substitution of biomass, supply more efficient heating systems in the houses	x	x	Phasing out of the firewood harvest within five to ten years from the state forest parcels of the PNP. No firewood cut anymore in the buffer zones after ten years
	Reduce firewood consumption	Better insulation of houses			
	Recover forests of buffer zone	Reduce the use of grazing ground for livestock Reduce the lopping of trees for production of winter fodder for livestock	x	x	Phasing out the use of forests of the buffer zone as grazing ground for livestock. No grazing of livestock in the state forests of the buffer zone after ten years
	Provide ecologically balanced pastures for the livestock	Balance the number of livestock with the given surface of pastures	x	x	The number of livestock units in the National Park is
				Registration of livestock per registration	Balanced number of livestock units with

compare Table 45 in the Compendium of the management plan of the Prespa National Park pp 194ff and compare Figure 122

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			surface of pastures (about 4000 ha)	GIS analysis	Protection on soils as agricultural production sites for the current and future generations
Agricultural Areas	Provide food supply for the local population	(0.5 to 0.7 livestock units per hectare) Apply ecological standards for production by avoiding harmful pesticides and artificial fertilizers	x x	The turnover in production of goods is stabilized and prices for individual goods have been increased	Improved income for local producers with support from the PNP administration. Improved support from local population to the Park.
Support measures for local population	Stabilize and improve the living conditions for the human inhabitants of the park	Provide a marketing organization to bring products form local producers to the markets. Support beekeeping Support the fishermen Support the collectors of medicinal plants, mushrooms and berries. Prepare a special label for products of the National Park	x x	Hiking, riding, biking trails and related maps are produced Visitor center set up increasing number of visitors The number of guests staying overnight in the PNP is increasing	Maps and info-material Registration
	Increase attractiveness for visitors	Create infrastructure in the PNP to allow visitors to experience nature. Identify and mark hiking trails, biking and riding trails. Provide information for visitors in a visitor center Implement info points in the park where visitors get information about recreation possibilities	x x		Increasing numbers of visitors are improving the livelihood of the local population.
	Train local people to become a nature guide	Select appropriate people from the PNP's area and train them as nature guides. Provide a certificate as recognized nature guide of the Prespa PNP	x x	Several people are trained and have received a certificate 'Prespa Nature Guide'	Guides are offering services to visitors and are able to inform about the biodiversity of the park and the culture

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				Urgent	Medium
Special elements for conservation					
CAVES	Protect habitat quality of caves for cave dwelling fauna and flora and conserve the cultural heritage of caves	Block access to main caves especially the Treni cave	X	Access effectively blocked not visitors without permit of the NPA is visiting the caves	Control annually the construction to block the caves
Reed bed Micro Prespa	Protect the reed belt of the Micro Prespa lake along the border of Greece to improve habitat quality for breeding birds	Keep any disturbance off especially during the breeding season	X	No disturbance Breeding birds start to breed	Pelecanus crispus and P. onocrotalus start to breed Heros start to breed
	Improve the Micro Prespa for fishing	Remove parts of the reed in summer to open water surface	X	Open water space increased for fishing activities	GIS analysis
		Open corridors in the reed to allow fishermen to access the open water surface	X	Open corridors exist and allow fishermen to access the open waters of the lake	Increased open water space for better habitat quality for fish stock
Harvesting Reed	Harvest reed as substitute for firewood	Follow the prepared management plan for harvesting reed during the winter season (January to March), restrict the harvest to about 180 tons per year and follow a rotation system for the harvesting	X	Amount of annually harvested reed. Application of rotation harvest pattern	Mapping of harvested reed plots, GIS analysis
Aquatic ecosystems	Protection from contamination with harmful substances	Awareness raising and education of the local population	X	No pollution	Abiotic parameters of the
				Clean waters	

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				Urgent	Mid term
2014-2015	2015-2018	2018-2023			
(lakes, rivers, ponds)	Protection of the lakes from organic pollution from the households and agricultural production	Education and awareness raising Construction of collection systems and sewage water treatment plants for selected villages. Construction of isolated septic tanks for individual houses	X	No organic pollution of aquatic ecosystems	aquatic ecosystems
	Inform and educate about the Fauna and Flora of the lakes	Place underwater cameras in the lake and transmit the pictures to the visitor center	X	Awareness improved	Measuring of organic parameters
Species conservation and rehabilitation programme	Stabilize and increase populations of rare and endangered species living in the PNP	Raise awareness and educate local population and visitors about the special values of species	X	Awareness improved	School classes are using the information to inform about aquatic ecosystems their services and fauna and flora
	Stabilize the population of songbirds	Place nest boxes around the urban areas. Place observation cameras in the nest boxes and transmit the picture to the visitor center	X	Nest boxes for birds are placed	Underwater cameras are in place
	White Stork recovery	Place artificial platforms in villages around both lakes in order to provide breeding conditions for White storks	X	Breeding platforms are placed	Underwater cameras are in place

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				Urgent Immediate	2014-2015
CULTURAL ASSETS	Protect the cultural heritage	Provide an exhibition in the visitor center for the excavated artefacts	X	Exhibition is in place	Exhibition is available for inhabitants and visitors
	Protect hermitages and Christian Assets	Support to the conservation of these cultural assets	X	Hermitages, chapels are protected and attractive for visitors	No vandalism is occurring
ALIEN INVASIVE SPECIES	Remove species from the park's territory. Ailanthus altissima	Eradicate the species everywhere where it grows immediately	X	Removed plants	No Ailanthus altissima growing in the Park