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Dinaric Arc Ecoregion Project

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Dinaric Arc – biodiversity hotspot

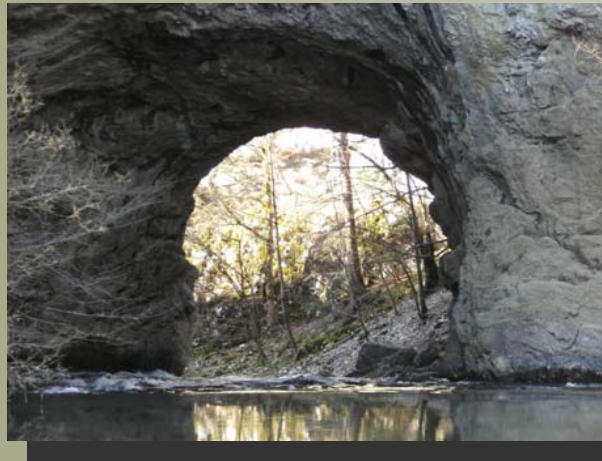
- ▶ One of the largest continuous forested areas in Europe



- ▶ One of the few areas with all four species of large carnivores

Dinaric Arc – biodiversity hotspot

- ▶ Areal of the largest troglomorphic animal in the world



- ▶ The largest network of subterranean rivers and lakes in Europe

Dinaric Arc Ecoregion

Dinaric Arc Ecoregion:

- ▶ Dinaric Mountains
- ▶ Dalmatian coast
- ▶ Adriatic Sea

- ▶ 100,000 km²



Towards the DAE project

1995: meeting with potential partners called by WWF
MedPo

1995: establishing platform of cooperation Dinaric Arc
Initiative (currently 8 organisations)

1996: workshop on Implementation of the CBD PoWPA

2006: DAE project is approved

2007- 2011: duration of the project

Dinaric Arc Ecoregion Project

- ▶ **Lead partner:** World Wildlife Fund (WWF)
- ▶ **Countries involved:** Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Macedonia, Montenegro, Albania, (Serbia)
- ▶ **Project leader:** Stella Šatalić, WWF MedPo
- ▶ **Regional scientific coordinator:** Andrej Sovinc

- ▶ **National scientific coordinator:** Leon Kebe
- ▶ **National project coordinator:** Jana Kus Veenvliet

Relation to the CBD

Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)



Programme of work on protected areas (PoWPA)



**Reccomended activities for the CBD Parties to ensure
for establishment and maintenance of PA**



**DAE project capacity building for implementation of
the PoWPA**

Project goal and objectives

Project goal:

- ▶ Enabling conditions for the implementation of the PoWPA

Project objectives:

- ▶ Carry out PA gap-analysis
- ▶ Prepare and implement capacity building plan for implementation of PoWPA
- ▶ Increase political support for PoWPA

“Big Win” for Dinaric Arc

- ▶ Establishment of new PAs
- ▶ Enlargement of existing PAs
- ▶ PA business planning
- ▶ PA management planning effectiveness
- ▶ Transboundary cooperation



Summary of Slovenian “Big Win” commitments

1. Promotion of regional cooperation to achieve transboundary sustainable management of the Balkan ecoregions
2. Providing technical assistance to the countries of the Dinaric Arc region
3. Increasing the protected area network in the Slovenian part of the Dinaric region for 2,5 percent
4. Development of transboundary cooperation between relevant protected areas

Summary of Slovenian “Big Win” commitments

5. Promotion of new types of protected areas governance (private – public)
6. Linking protection of the Alpine Convention region with the Dinaric Arc Ecoregion
7. Researching further the vulnerability of karst hydrological systems
8. Awareness raising campaigns to demonstrate benefits of protected areas for local inhabitants



Thank you !