

Environmental Impact Assessment for improving walking trails in Vjosë - Narte KBA

1. Trail 1: Fitore - Salinas

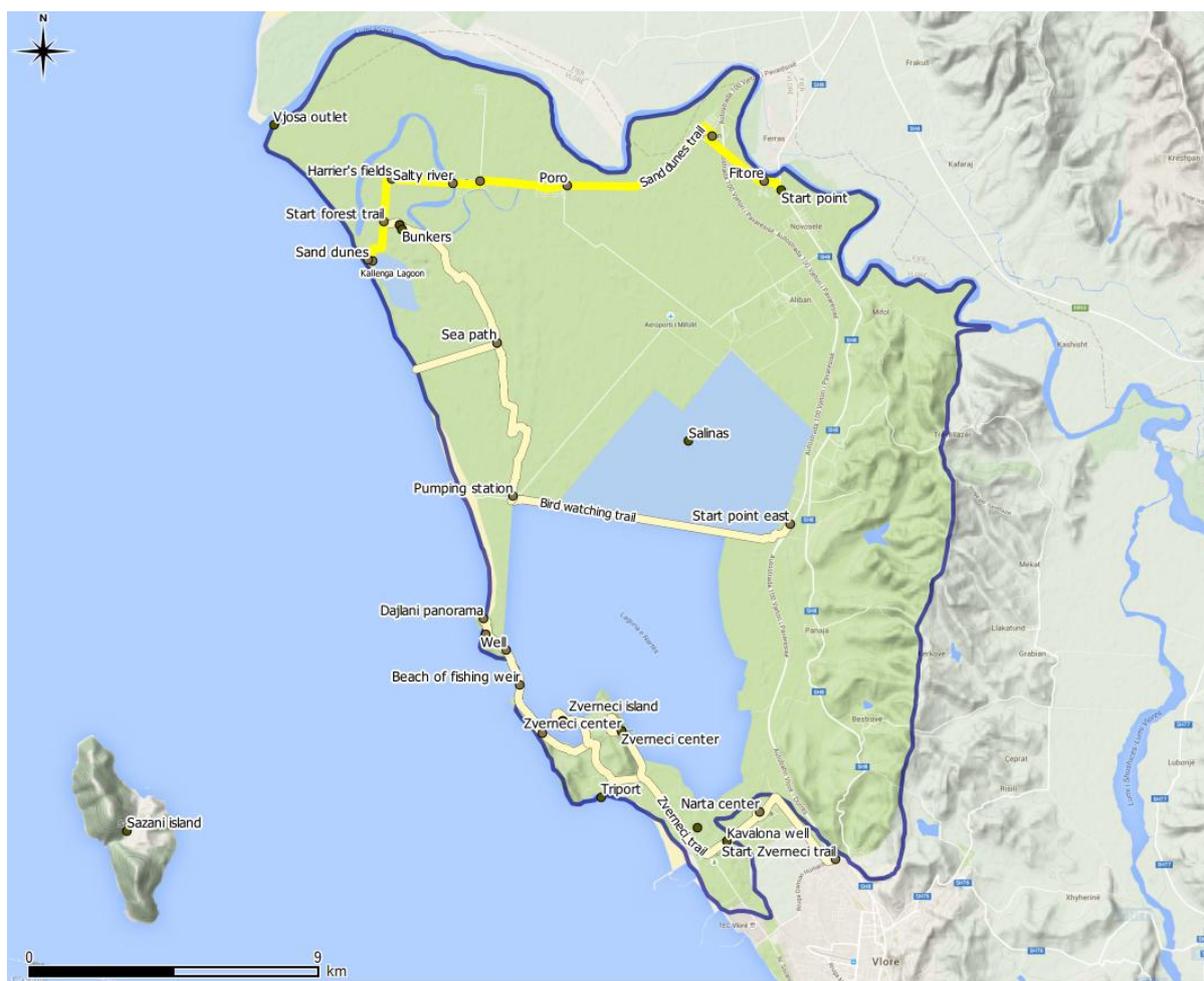
This trail has a total length of 26 km and it is divided in three segments as bellow:

- 1) Sand dunes segment – 12 km (Map 1)
- 2) Forest segment – 8 km (Map 2)
- 3) Salinas segment – 6 km (Map 3)

1.1. General Description for Segment 1 (sand dunes) of the Trail 1.

This trail has a total length of 12 km and connects the national road Fier – Vlorë with the Sand dunes site, situated in the north-western side of the area as shown in the picture (1). This trail goes through several villages including named: Fitore, Poro, and Delisuf.

The road along almost all this segment is asphalted and accessible by any kind of car. Only the short sector “Start forest trail – Sand dunes” is not asphalted but the road is open and accessible by any kind of car, until the reaching the coast.



Map 1. Segment 1 trail 1 Narte

1.1.1. The interventions that will be carried out in this segment are:

- a) Placement of 1 big information tables table (100 x 120 cm) as shown in Fig1.
- b) Placement of 2 small information tables (60 x 70 cm)
- c) Placement of several small tables indicating direction (Fig2.)
- d) Ink signs, which will be put in existing trees or stones along the trail.



Fig1. Illustration of the big tables



Fig 2. Small tables indicating directions



Fig 3. Bird watching hide

1.1.2. Photos from Segment 1



1.2. General Description for Segment 2 (forest trail) of the Trail 1.

This segment has a length of 8 km and passes through the “Poro” forest, reaching the embankment dividing the Narta Lagoon with the Salinas. . This is an already open trail accessible by any kind of car along the summer when it is dry.

1.2.1. The interventions that will be carried out in this segment are:

- Placement of 1 small information tables (60 x 70 cm)
- Placement of several small tables indicating direction (**Fig 2**)
- Placement of several tables “protect forest from fire”
- Ink signs, which will be put in existing trees or stones along the trail.

1.2.2. Photos from the trail



Map 2. Segment_2_trail_1_Narte

2. Trail 2: Vlorë – Zvërnec

This trail has a total length of 17 km. It starts from the northern entrance point of Vloora city and passes through Narta village, continues through “Soda” pine forest, reaching Zverneci village to end in the wild beaches in the western side of the lagoon.

This trail might be divided in three segments:

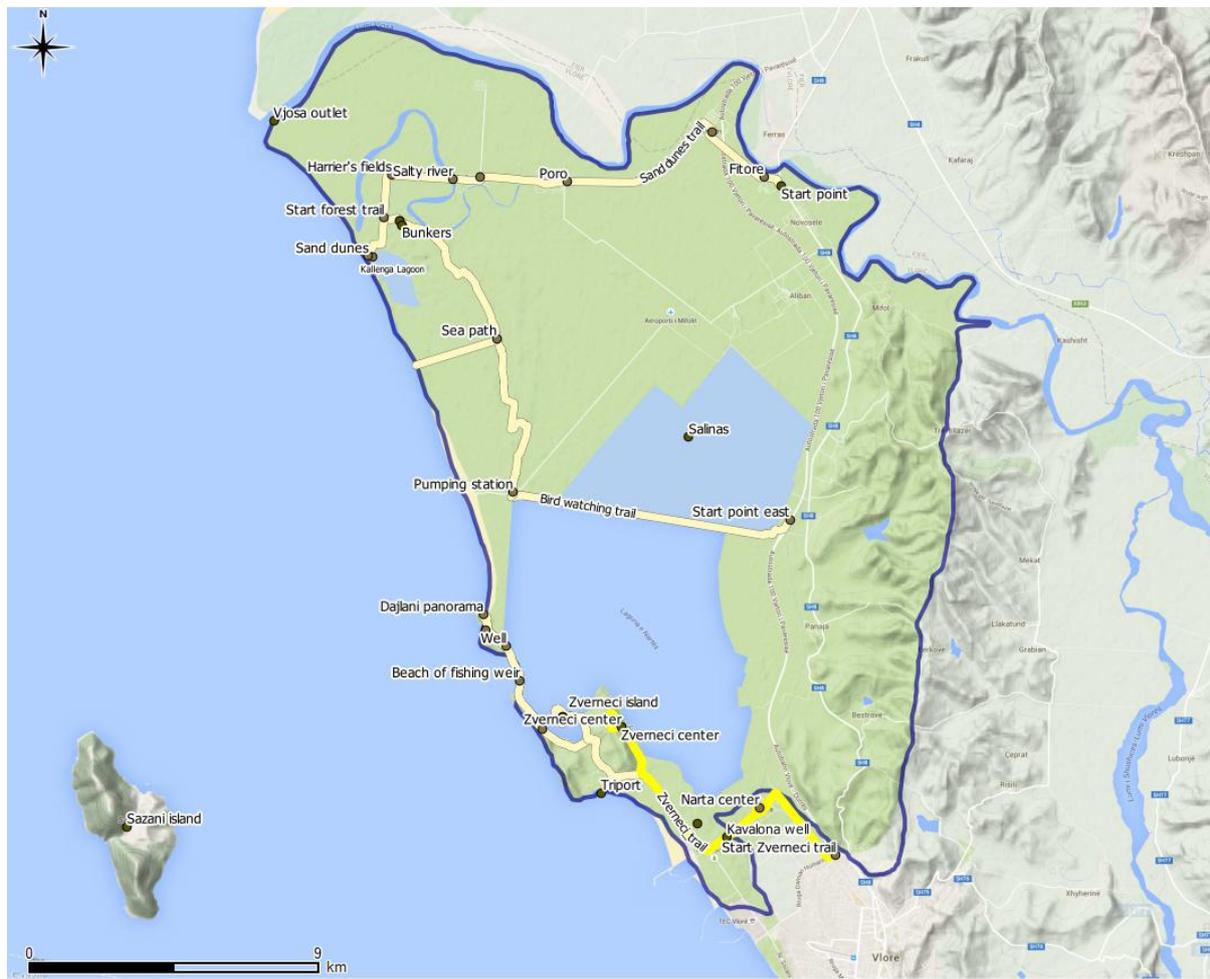
- 1) *Zverneci panorama – 9 km (Map 4)*
- 2) *Zverneci Island – 3.5 km (Map 5)*
- 3) *Zverneci wild beaches – 4.5 km (Map 6)*

2.1. General Description for Segment 1 (Zverneci panorama) of the Trail 2.

This segment is 9 km long. It passes through Narta village, Soda forest, until reaching the Zverneci panorama. The road is entirely asphalted until the destination, and accessible by any car.

2.1.1. The interventions that will be carried out in this segment are:

- a) *Placement of 1 big information table (100 x 120 cm) as shown fig 1.*
- b) *Placement of 2 small information tables (60 x 70 cm)*
- c) *Placement of several small tables indicating direction (fig 2)*
- d) *Ink signs, which will be put in existing trees or stones along the trail.*



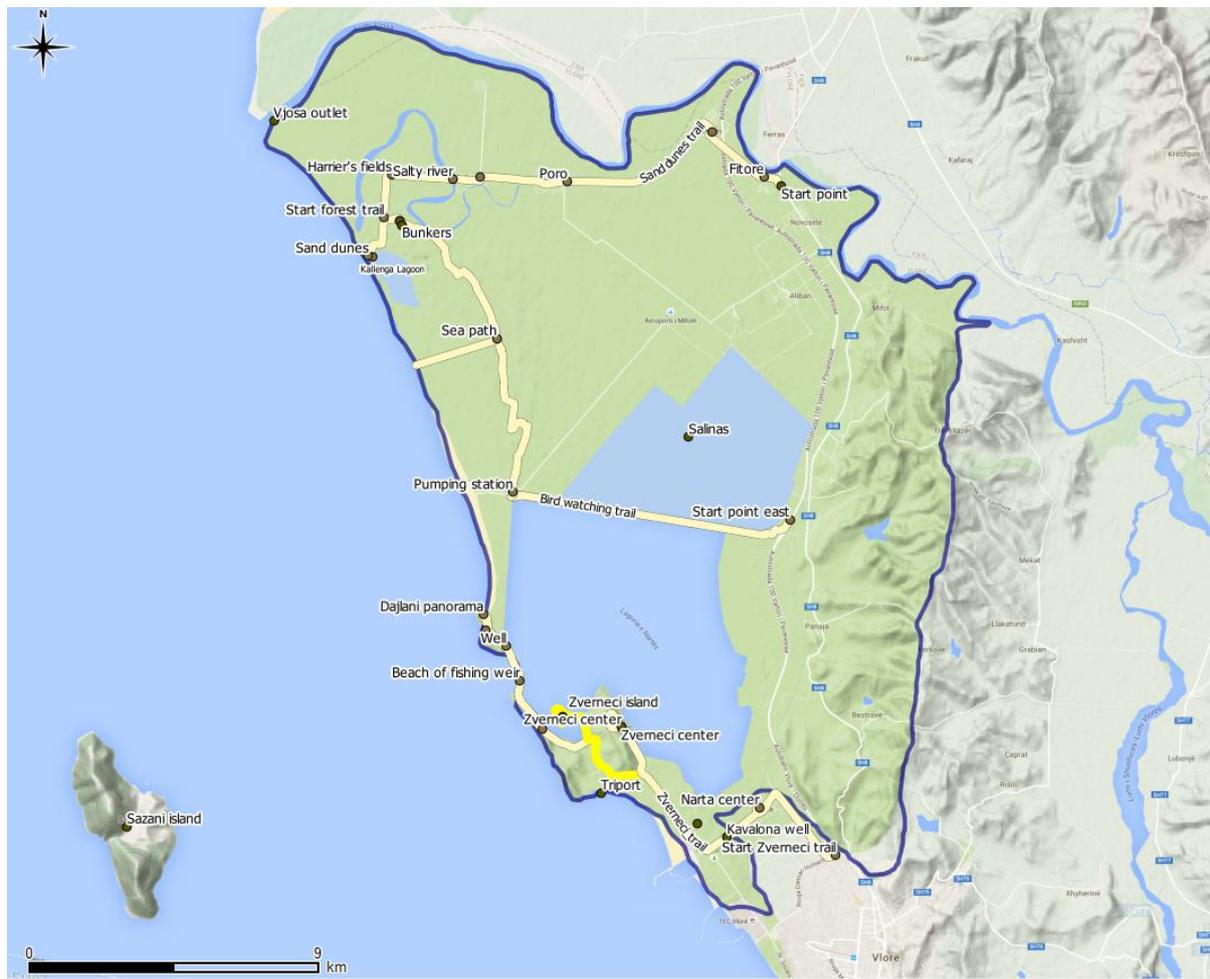
Map 4. Segment_1_trail_2_Narte

2.2. General Description for Segment 2 (Zverneci Island) of the Trail 2.

This segment is 3.5 km long. It passes through Zverneci village and reaches the Zverneci island. The road is entirely asphalted until the destination, and accessible by any car.

2.2.1. The interventions that will be carried out in this segment are:

- Placement of 1 big information table (100 x 120 cm) as shown in Fig 1.
- Placement of 1 small information table (60 x 70 cm)
- Placement of several small tables indicating direction (Fig 2.)
- Ink signs, which will be put in existing trees or stones along the trail.



Map 5. Segment_2_Trail_2_Narte

2.3. General Description for Segment 3 (Wild beaches) of the Trail 2.

This segment is 4.5 km long. It starts from the turn to Zverneci Island and ends to “Dajlani” hills. The road is not asphalted but it is accessible by any kind of car when the weather is dry.

2.3.1. The interventions that will be carried out in this segment are:

- Placement of 2 small information tables (60 x 70 cm)
- Placement of several small tables indicating direction (fig 2)

c) Ink signs, which will be put in existing trees or stones along the trail.

2.3.2. Photos



Map 6. Segment_3_trail_2_Narte

3. General remarks

- No new trails will be open - only the existing ones will be equipped with informative infrastructure
- No removal of natural vegetation or any other interventions to the physical environment will be applied.