

## **Small Grants – Final Completion and Impact Report**

**Instructions:** CEPF requires that each grantee report on project results and impacts at the end of their grant. To monitor CEPF's global indicators, CEPF will aggregate the data that you submit with data from other grantees, to determine the overall impact of CEPF investment. The aggregated results of all grantees will be reported on in our annual impact report and other communications materials. Your Final Completion and Impact Report will be posted on the CEPF website.

Ensure that the information provided pertains to the entire project, from start date to project end date.

Please complete all fields and respond to all questions listed below.

Organization Legal Name: Agri-En

Project Title: Bushtrica River: An Important Natural Ecosystem in the Shebenik-Jabllanica

National Park, Albania Grant Number: CEPF-112619

Date of Completion of this Report:30.11.2022 CEPF Hotspot: Mediterranean Basin Hotspot

Strategic Direction: 2 Support the sustainable management of water catchments through

integrated approaches for the conservation of threatened freshwater biodiversity

Grant Amount: USD 6,710.46

Project Dates: 1 December 2021- 30 June 2022

#### **PART I: Overview**

# 1. Implementation Partners for this Project (list each partner and explain how they were involved in the project)

Number	Name of partner	How they were involved in	Additional information
		the project	
1	ADZM Elbasan Staff	They have been part of our	We had them as trainers in our
		training with their specialis	meeting especially with the pupils
2	Village Mayors	They have been helping us	They invited inhabitants in our
		in organized meeting.	meetings
3	Directors of the	They have been allowing us	They invited the pupils and
	schools	to organize meetings in the	organized them
		schools	

4	4	The mayors of the	They helped with meetings	They invited their workers to be par
		Administrative Units	that we had with local	of the meetings and allowed us to
			institutions.	enter there to organize them.

## 2. Summarize the overall results of your project

The project 'Bushtrica River' - as an important natural ecosystem in the Shebenik-Jabllanica National Park was implemented from December – to June 2022. During this time, Agri-En could carry out all the meetings planned, starting with the 6 communities that live near the river, with school students, and the discussions with those responsible for the protection of the river village. We had the opportunity to go out to the local communities to share information with the people more concretely. The exchange of experiences with other organizations that advocate and lobby in Albania on nature protection as INCA, EcoAlbania and PPNEA helped Agri-En to build some capacities and create networks that are very important for our causes. One of the other meetings that took place was the one with the local organisations in the city of Librazhd so that we could all be for the protection of the river. During these months, a series of lobbying and advocacy activities have been carried out with water resources management institutions, such as the municipalities of Librazhd, Perrenja, the prefect of the Elbasan district, members of the municipal councils, representatives of the management of the Shkumbin river basin, the territory protection inspectorate, etc.

One of the main achievements of this project has been the refusal of the request and permits for constructing 3 small hydro Power Plant (small HPPs) in the Bushtrica River. The association Agri-En sent an open letter to the councillors of the municipality not to accept the request for the construction of these small HPPs. The main arguments are that the Bushtrica river is not only a vital ecosystem but that it has recently become a valued tourist attraction and visited by many local and foreign tourists.

## 3. Briefly describe actual progress towards each planned long-term and short-term impact (as stated in the approved proposal)

List each long-term impact from your proposal

a. Planned Long-term Impacts - 3+ years (as stated in the approved proposal)

Impact Description	Impact Summary
To Improve the protection of the	We had meeting with the pupils, schools
Bushtrica River watershed through	education, meeting in the villages and to raise
lobbying, education, awareness and	community awareness. Also we had a meeting with
increased cooperation between	the Prefect of Elbasan Region, meeting with the
decision-makers and the community.	local government. Cooperation with the local NGO
	was another important meeting that we had.
	All these meetings have made it possible to
	increase awareness and the people we had in the
	meetings have expressed their willingness to
	continue contributing even after the end of the
	project.

b. Planned Short-term Impacts - 1 to 3 years (as stated in the approved proposal)

Impact Description	Impact Summary
1.To make the community and other interested groups aware of the importance of protecting the Bushtrica River's natural ecosystem.	As part of this activity, Agri-En has organized several meetings and discussions with 6 villages and their residents, who are prominent supporters of this project.  Residents of these villages participate intensively in the meetings. They support the project and say that this project was the first in that area, which is directly related to their needs.
2.To increase the involvement of Agri- En in the management of the Bushtrica river watershed.	We involved various representatives of the local authorities, local community and initiated petition for banning HPP, and the petition was signed by 10 people from different NGO and 2 nature experts.  We were also on the ground meeting people and sharing the poster for the protection of the river. We had the opportunity to put posters in various public places near the river.
3.To facilitate the involvement of stakeholder's management of the Bushtrica river watershed, including central and local institutions, and local NGOs and communities	Together with the chairman of the Agri-En Association, we held a meeting with the Mayor of Prrenjas, Mr Nuri Belba. The purpose of this meeting was to address this municipality's environmental issues, mainly those related to the Bushtrica river. Also we held a meeting with the Librazhd municipality. The Deputy mayor and the rest of the team participating in the meeting expressed their readiness to cooperate and to forward such initiatives We invited all local organisations, so we had the opportunity to share the project and our objectives. We had some local organisations in Librazhd, There were 12 participants. It took place in Librazhd
	An informed community, businesses, students and trained administration will influence not to throw waste but also to raise the voice to protect the river to other people.

## 4. Were there any unexpected impacts (positive or negative)?

One of the main achievements and positive unexpected impact of this project has been the refusal of the request and permits for constructing 3 small hydro Power Plant (small HPPs) in the Bushtrica River. The association Agri-En sent an open letter to the councillors of the municipality

not to accept the request for the construction of these small HPPs. The Prrenjas municipal council voted 99% against constructing three small HPPs in the Bushtrica River.

## PART II: Project Products/Deliverables

# 5. List each product/deliverable as stated in your approved proposal and describe the results for each of them:

Deliverable Description	Deliverable Update
The awareness among the community and other local stakeholders in the Bushtrica river watershed is increased	As part of this activity, Agri-En has organized several meetings and discussions with 6 villages and their residents, who are prominent supporters of this initiative.  Meetings were organised in Qukësi, Vehcan, Rrajce Bardhaj, Rrajc Skenderbe and Menik: Skroska, 17 January, 19 participants Qukësi 20 January, 23 participants Vehcan 12 February, 15 participants Rrajce Bardhaj 24 February, 14 participants Rrajc Skenderbe 4 April, 11 participants Menik 13 May, 8 participants  In these meetings, they take part Lytfi Alliu, the project manager of Agri-En, who presented the project objectives and the activities and Agri-En's director, Mr. Isuf Dervishi. The participants discussed the values of the Bushtrica River. They shared many ideas on protecting the Bushtrica river and turning it into a great tourist potential.  The community members expressed concern about the dangers posed to the Bushtrica River by constructing small hydropower plants. These small HPPs would destroy the river and leave their village without water, so the residents of these villages were ready to protect the river.  -The inhabitants of these villages became more conscious about protecting the Bushtrica river but a significant river for their lives and the development of their local economies.
	On this link of Facebook, some photos of the activity are shared.
	The awareness among the community and other local stakeholders in the

During this time, Agri-En had the opportunity to meet with local organisations operating in Librazhd. One meeting was organised on 28.02.2022. There were 12 participants. It took place in Librazhd. We invited all local organisations, so we had the opportunity to share the project and our objectives. We had some local organisations in Librazhd, "METPAK", "EGNATIA", SHOQATA E BLETAREVE", SHOQATA PER NJE MJEDIS TE PASTER EDHE NJE TURIZEM TE ZHVILLUAR" "SHOQATA DRITE PER JETEN", "BARAZI EDHE INTEGRIM" "SOEK-IN." All representatives of the organisations expressed their readiness to contribute and support this project so that life on the Bushtrica River can continue.

On May 12, 2022, we organised a meeting with local businesses that have their activities in these villages. Isuf Dervishi presented with them the project and the focus on where we are acting. The businesses also express their willingness to protect the river. Part of the meeting were the businesses that operate on the banks of the river, such as bars, restaurants, mines, mills, and fish farming businesses, they support the project and express their willingness to continue the cooperation. They raise the problem of the lack of infrastructure for protection. They bring the idea to invest by themselves in buying some other recycle bin.

2.1 The knowledge concerning the values and threats to Bushtrica river watershed among the youngsters is increased

The workshops in the five schools were conducted in the planned period of April/June 2022 by the Agri-En team staff. During 5 local activities, 79 children and 15 teachers participated. Activities planned in our action plan were carried out and the knowledge concerning the values and threats to the Bushtrica river watershed among the youngsters is increased. The first activity was organised in the school of Rrajce Bardhaj. It was on 25.02.2022. 16 student participants.

The other meetings were organised on:

- 07.04.2022, at Rrajce Skenderbe school and 14 students participate;
- 25.05.2022, at the school of the village of Skroske and 16 students participate.
- 08.06.2022, "Dilaver Nezha" school and 17 students participate.
- 02.06.2022, we were at Vehcan's school, and 16 students participate

In the meetings with the students, the following topics were discussed:

- 1. The Bushtrica river passes through the Shebenik NP and the UNESCO (world heritage) area.
- 2. Aquatic biodiversity is rich in important species such as River Trout, a species in danger of extinction.
- 3. Meniku Canyon is a Cultural Monument, an exciting attraction that is of interest and our heritage.
- 4. 3. Preni Bridge, an ancient and historical construction for anyone who wants to visit this destination.
- 5. The mines, galleries and establishments of the time of the dictatorship are sites of interest to learn about the history and efforts of the Albanian people for prosperity;
- 6. Traditions, culture, and gastronomy are values inherited by autochthonous people, these are interesting for local or foreign tourists.

The discussion focused on the description and awareness of the maintenance of the river Bushtrica. The students participated intensively in the meeting, giving ideas on how we should be good nature conservationists. Lytfi Alliu, project manager of Agri-En, presented the project and talked about life near the river. It was really interesting. All of them were part of the lesson and gave suggestions. We wrote some notes on how to protect nature, and of course, we did some solutions about it. The first thing that was discussed as a solution was that

young people together organize awareness campaigns within the community. A very important thing was that they would go out on their own to clean up the environment.

Also, young people express their readiness to give their voluntary contribution for the completion of any activity.

Lytfi Alliu, project manager, had the opportunity to share a presentation about the Bushtirica river with the students, emphasising its values and giving examples of how we should protect it. The students should become the leading promoters of its protection. After the presentation, the students were divided into groups and decided to write down some dangers and how they should react to protect them. Some of the dangers they mentioned were cutting trees, throwing garbage in the river, destroying flora and fauna, etc.

At the "Dilaver Nezha" school the activity was organised in cooperation with ADZM Elbasan. The meeting started with a presentation by the environmental engineer Mr Bajram Kullolli. Mr Kullolli spoke for a long time about the protection of the environment. He shared with the students moments from his career, bringing examples of how students from other schools had come together to protect the environment over the years. He also had the opportunity to share with the students the importance of preserving the Bushtrica river. Its main characteristics were highlighted.

At the Vehcan's school meeting Agri\_En had the opportunity to share a presentation about the Bushtrica river with the students, emphasising its values and giving examples of how we should protect it. The students should become the leading promoters of its protection. After the presentation, the students were divided into groups and decided to write down some dangers and how they should react to protect them. See <a href="link">link</a>.

3.1 Agri-en staff has the capacity to engage effectively with all stakeholders in Bushtriaca river management

One of the meetings we had at the beginning of the project was with INCA. Agri-En staff received training from them on capacity building. It was a pleasant experience for all of us. The meeting happened on 28 December 2021. Mr Genti Kromidha and his colleagues from INCA presented the topic to us. They shared their experiences and, of course, their knowledge on how to have more productive projects and build capacity. The staff of Agri-En had the pleasure of conducting a visit to the offices of EcoAlbania, where they were welcomed by the manager Olsi Nika and his team. They explained to us with detail and professionalism the work done to protect the ecosystem of the Vjosa river basin. It took place on 23.06.2022 in Tirana. Lytfi Alliu, the project coordinator, presented the project and what we have done. This visit was significant for our staff as we had the opportunity to learn about the excellent work done by Eco Albania staff to protect Vjosa. This activity occurred within the framework of the "Bushtrica River, an important natural ecosystem in the Shebenik-Jabllanice National Park" project. Agri-En thanks the staff of EcoAlbania for the reception, the information and the many materials that were made available to us. The link to the FB post is here

The next Agri-En staff meeting was at Tirana's Institute for Nature Conservation in Albania (INCA) offices. It was getting to know the INCA staff's best experiences in communication, advocacy, lobbying and public participation. The meeting occurred in the project "River Bushtrica, an important natural ecosystem in PK Shebenik-Jabllanice". It was on 23.06.2022 in Tirana. Agri-En thanks the INCA staff for their hospitality and the many information and materials they shared with us.

The link to the FB post is here.

We visited the Prespa National Park as part of the "Bushtrica River, an important natural ecosystem in the Shebenik-Jabllanice National Park" project. The

purpose of this visit was to exchange experiences between the PPNEA association with local offices in Prespe and Agri-En, as well as including AdZM Elbasan and AdZM Korce. The professional welcome the representative of the local PPNEA office in Prespe, Mrs Cveta Trajce and the representative of the Regional Administration of Protected Areas (RAPA), Korce Mr. Vasil Male. The link to the FB post here 4.1 Engage with institutional stakeholders On 01.03.2022 was an important meeting with the Prefect of the Elbasan Region. Agri-En Association, in cooperation with RAPA Elbasan and environmental NGO PPNEA, AlbNatyra, Egnatia, and Elbasan Ecological Club, held a meeting with the Prefect of Elbasan Region, Mrs. Majlinda Peza Perriu. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss environmental issues and to increase cooperation between environmental NGOs and state institutions for environmental protection. We raised the main problem of constructing small HPPs in Librarhd and Prrenjas. We asked for monitoring of concession contracts in this area, protection of the Bushtrica River from construction, pollution, etc. The staff of the project "Bushtrica River, an important natural ecosystem in the Shebenik-Jabllanice National Park" held joint meetings with the institutions responsible for managing the Bushtrica River watershed. The topic of discussion in these meetings was the division of responsibilities and competencies for protecting and managing the Bushtrica watershed. In these meetings participated, Employees of the municipal police, the directorate of Agriculture, Forests and the environment, and Qukes administrative unit. The meeting with these institutions was very positive. Everyone expressed their desire and they encouraged us to move forward with this project in order to protect and preserve the river. We all agreed that in the continuation of the project we will be together to

raise the voice more for the protection of the river and the life that is in the river

## link

One of the main achievements of this project has been the refusal of the request and permits for constructing 3 small hydro Power Plant (small HPPs) in the Bushtrica River. The association Agri\_En sent an open letter to the councillors of the municipality of Prrenjas not to accept the request for the construction of these small HPPs. The main arguments are that the Bushtrica river is not only a vital ecosystem but that it has recently become a valued tourist attraction and visited by many local and foreign tourists. The Prrenjas municipal council voted 99% against constructing three small HPPs in the Bushtrica River. The letter addressed to the advisors is part of the annexes and can be accessed at this link.

Also, on 01.06.2022, together with the chairman of the Agri-En Association, we held a meeting with the Mayor of Prrenjas, Mr Nuri Belba. The purpose of this meeting was to address this municipality's environmental issues, mainly those related to the Bushtrica river.

We presented to the mayor about the project "Bushtrica River, an important natural ecosystem in the Shebenik National Park", as well as the unique value that this river has for ecology, the microclimate it offers, and some cultural, historical and natural monuments along its course, as well as the necessity for irrigation. The construction of several HPPs threatens the river in its class, and the consequences are very serious; for this reason, the representatives of Agri-En requested that a stance be taken against these efforts that only bring damage to the environment and loss of heritage. At the end of the meeting, all expressed their willingness to cooperate so that the joint work for the protection of the Bushtrica River and the environment, on the other hand, will benefit from these values and inherit them for the generations to come.

Also, on 29.06.2022, we held a meeting with the Librazhd municipality.

The Deputy mayor and the rest of the team participating in the meeting expressed their readiness to cooperate and to forward such initiatives.

We also created a petition with 14 signatures of local organizations. This petition was addressed to the Prime Minister of the country, Mr. Edi Rama, the Minister of Tourism, Mrs. Mirela Kumbaro, the Elbasan County Leader, Mr. Spiro Maliqi, the Director of RAPA Albania, Mr. Zamir Dedej, and the Mayor of Prrenjas, Mr. Nuri Belba. You can find the full text in Albanian attached to the email, but more specifically, all the institutions were made aware of the problem and asked to take measures to protect this river

# 5.1 Engage with local NGOs and communities

After we had all the materials available, we started the meetings. As the first meeting, we thought of a meeting with school principals. The meeting took place in Prrenjas, on 24 December 2021. There were 13 participants. This was an introductory meeting; what was the project, and what would we accomplish more concretely? We also talked to school principals about how we could meet with pupils.

An important part was the meeting with the village Mayers with whom we also discussed the realisation of the meetings. Each village in Albania has a leader who may be one of the oldest men in the village. In the beginning, we met the Mayer of the villages in each village in order to explain the project to them. After that, they have been our biggest support in the organization of meetings and the calling of residents in the various meetings that we had.

During the month of May and June, we also had the opportunity to go out in the field and meet different residents. During these meetings with the residents, sharing the necessary information about the Bushtrica river and highlighting the importance of its protection, several posters were also printed and

placed in different parts. When we met the residents, they were angry with how this river was being damaged and didn't have enough water for their plants.

The link to the FB post is <u>here</u>
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In the administrative unit of Qukës, we had the opportunity to meet all the people who deal with the organisation and maintenance of works in the division in different sectors. We met the Municipal administration, Fire department, and Forest directorate.

The meeting was very interesting as we shared the project with them but discussed how we could have continuity in advancing positive river protection initiatives and strengthening defence capacities. All the participants in this meeting express their desire to give their contribution to the continuing of this project and idea. In fact, it is also their institutional duty to engage in solutions and in the protection of this river. They said that they will engage more of their employees in any need that we will have, but they will also organize cleaning campaigns from the respective institution that they are a part of. Also, most of them are directly connected to this river and know even more about its values It was 30.03.2022 in Qukës. There were 18 participants. The Agri-En Association presented its project for 'Protection of the Bushtrica River', a unique river for ecology, the microclimate it offers, some cultural, historical and natural monuments along its course, and the necessity for irrigation. The river is threatened by the construction of several HPPs in its stream, and the consequences are extremely serious; for this reason, Agri-En, who was represented by its leader Mr. Isuf Dervishi, called and encouraged those present to take a stand against these efforts that bring only damage to the environment and loss of heritage. The Bushtrica River is the only river in the Librazhd district that

does not have a small Hydro Power plant sHPP, which would mark this district's catastrophe.

On June 9, 2022, we organised a meeting with young people in the Qukes administrative unit. There were 26 participants. This meeting was held in cooperation with ADZM Elbasan. The meeting started with the presentation of Mr Bajram Kullolli, who works as an engineer with ADZM Elbasan.

https://www.facebook.com/104020207805697/post s/608768390664207

He presented the importance of protecting the river to the young people. He also shared his experience with how other younger people contributed to preserving the environment.

Also, Lytfi Alliu, the project coordinator, presented the project to young people. It emphasised the necessity of the cooperation of all parties in such a way that protecting the environment is a priority.

6. Please describe and submit any tools, products, or methodologies that resulted from this project or contributed to the results.

<u>Poster:</u> 'Bushtrica River' - as an essential natural ecosystem in the Shebenik-Jabllanica National Park. Don't touch it

Petition for banning HPP construction on Bustrica river.

PART III: Lessons, Sustainability, Safeguards and Financing

## **Lessons Learned**

7. Describe any lessons learned during the design and implementation of the project, as well as any related to organizational development and capacity building.

"Lessons learned" are experiences you have gained that you think would be valuable successes worth replicating or practices that you would do differently if you had the chance. Consider lessons that would inform project design and implementation, and any other lessons relevant to the conservation community. CEPF Lessons Learned Guidelines are available here: https://www.cepf.net/sites/default/files/cepf-lessons-learned-guidelines-english.pdf.

Also, the Agri-En association has had difficulties in communication and coordination in the implementation of project activities because the institutions have overlapping competencies,

and sometimes the institutions conflict with each other, so the organization must also raise its capacities in recognition of the capabilities of the responsible institutions, even in the increase in performance and participation.

## **Sustainability / Replication**

8. Summarize the success or challenges in ensuring the project will be sustained or replicated, including any unplanned activities that are likely to result in increased sustainability or replicability.

The activities and processes carried out by Agrien during the project implementation are documented in each institution, and the institutions are obliged by law to follow those suggestions, remarks and the respective petition. Also, Agrien intends to receive further support for the continuation of this project, which requires a long-term time to be a sustainable objective.

All NGOs that were part of meetings and supported petition have expressed their support and readiness to continue protecting the river. It is worth noting that local NGOs were all together to lobby in the municipal council meeting, where it was voted against the construction of HPP.

## Safeguards

 If not listed as a separate Deliverable and described above, summarize the implementation of any required action related to social or environmental safeguards that your project may have triggered.

Project did not trigger any safeguard.

## **Additional Funding**

- 10. Provide details of any additional funding that you have secured to support this project.
  - a. Total additional funding (US\$) 5980\$
  - b. Type of funding

Please provide a breakdown of additional funding (counterpart funding and in-kind) by source.

Donor	Type of Funding	Amount
PONT		5980

### **Additional Comments/Recommendations**

11. Use this space to provide any further comments or recommendations in relation to your project or CEPF.

## PART IV: Impact at Portfolio and Global Level

## **Contribution to Portfolio Indicators**

**12.** In order to measure the results of CEPF investment strategy at the hotspot level, CEPF uses a set of Portfolio Indicators which are presented in the Ecosystem Profile of each hotspot. Please list these below and report on the project's contribution(s) to them.

Actual Numeric Contribution	Actual Contribution Description
3600 ha	The new practice was the drafting of the petition for the protection of the Bushtrica river, as a city action that includes all local, regional organizations and some representatives of the villages of the Prrenjas municipality, as well as achieving a significant result as it was - not approving the permit for the use of water by the municipal council for the
	private company.

## **Contribution to Global Indicators**

Please report on all Global Indicators that pertain to your project.

## 13. Benefits to Individuals

13a. Number of men and women receiving structured training.

Report on the number of men and women that have benefited from structured training due to your project, such as financial management, beekeeping, horticulture, farming, biological surveys, or how to conduct a patrol.

# of men receiving structured training *	# of women receiving structured training *	Topic(s) of Training
38	41	In total 79 pupils received knowledge on various topics regarding natural values and threats to the Bushtrica river, importance of its protection.

<sup>\*</sup>Please do not count the same person more than once. For example, if 5 men received structured training in beekeeping, and 3 of these also received structured training in project management, the total number of men who benefited from structured training should be 5.

## 13b. Number of men and women receiving cash benefits.

Report on the number of men and women that had an increase in income or cash (monetary) benefits due to your project from activities such as tourism, handicraft production, increased farm output, increased fishery output, medicinal plant harvest, or payment for conducting patrols.

# of men receiving cash benefits*	# of women receiving cash benefits*	Description of Benefits

<sup>\*</sup>Please do not count the same person more than once. For example, if 5 men received cash benefits due to tourism, and 3 of these also received cash benefits from increased income due to handicrafts, the total number of men who received cash benefits should be 5.

#### 14. Protected Areas

## Number of hectares of protected areas created and/or expanded

Report on the number of hectares of protected areas that have been created or expanded as a result of your project. Protected areas may include private or community reserves, municipal or provincial parks, or other designations where biodiversity conservation is an official management goal.

Name of PA*	Country(s)	Original # of Hectares**	# of Hectares Newly Protected	Year of Legal Declaration/ Expansion	Longitude***	Latitude***

<sup>\*</sup> If possible please provide a shape file of the protected area to CEPF.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Enter the original total size, excluding the results of your project. If the protected area was not existing before your project, then enter zero.

\*\*\* Indicate the latitude and longitude of the center of the site, to the extent possible, or send a map or shapefile to CEPF. Give geographic coordinates in decimal degrees; latitudes in the Southern Hemisphere and longitudes in the Western Hemisphere should be denoted with a minus sign (example: Latitude 38.123456 Longitude: -77.123456). To obtain the latitude and longitude of your protected area, use googlemap, right click on the center of your protected area, and select "What's here?", and copy the latitude and longitude appearing in the popup window.

## 15. Key Biodiversity Area Management

## Number of hectares of Key Biodiversity Areas (KBA) with improved management

Report on the number of hectares in KBAs with improved management, where tangible results have been achieved to support conservation, as a result of your project. Examples of improved management include, but are not restricted to: increased patrolling, reduced intensity of snaring, invasive species eradication, reduced incidence of fire, and introduction of sustainable agricultural/fisheries practices. Do not record the entire area covered by the project - only record the number of hectares that have improved management.

If you have recorded part or all of a KBA as newly protected for the indicator entitled "protected areas", and you have also improved its management, you should record the relevant number of hectares for both this indicator and the "protected areas" indicator.

Name of KBA	KBA Code from Ecosystem Profile	# of Hectares Improved *	
Parku Kombëtar Shebenik-Jabllanicë	ALB19	3600	

<sup>\*</sup> Do not count the same hectares more than once. For example, if 500 hectares were improved due to implementation of a fire management regime in the first year, and 200 of these same 500 hectares were improved due to invasive species removal in the second year, the total number of hectares with improved management would be 500.

### 16. Production landscapes

Number of hectares of production landscape with strengthened management of biodiversity Please report on the number of hectares of production landscapes with strengthened management of biodiversity, as a result of your project. A production landscape is defined as a landscape where commercial agriculture, forestry or natural product exploitation occurs.

- For an area to be considered as having "strengthened management of biodiversity," it can benefit from a wide range of interventions such as best practices and guidelines implemented, incentive schemes introduced, sites/products certified, and sustainable harvesting regulations introduced.
- Areas that are protected are not included under this indicator, because their hectares are counted elsewhere.
- A Production Landscape can include part or all of an unprotected KBA.

Name of Production Landscape*	# of Hectares with Strengthened Latitude*** Management**		Longitude***	Description of Intervention

<sup>\*</sup> If the production landscape does not have a name, provide a brief descriptive name for the landscape.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Do not count the same hectares more than once. For example, if 500 hectares were strengthened due to certification in the first year, and 200 of these same 500 hectares were strengthened due to new harvesting regulations in the second year, the total number of hectares strengthened to date would be 500.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Indicate the latitude and longitude of the center of the site, to the extent possible, or send a map or shapefile to CEPF. Give geographic coordinates in decimal degrees; latitudes in the Southern Hemisphere and longitudes in the Western Hemisphere should be denoted with a minus sign (example: Latitude 38.123456 Longitude: -77.123456). To obtain the latitude and longitude of your production landscape, use googlemap, right click on the center of your production landscape, and select "What's here?", and copy the latitude and longitude appearing in the popup window.

#### 17. Benefits to Communities

CEPF wants to record the non-cash benefits received by communities, which can differ to those received by individuals because the benefits are available to a group. CEPF also wants to record, to the extent possible, the number of people within each community who are benefiting. Please report on the characteristics of the communities, the type of benefits that have been received during the project, and the number of men/boys and women/girls from these communities that have benefited, as a result of your project. If exact numbers are not known, please provide an estimate.

Please provide information for all communities that have benefited from project start to project completion.

Name of Community		Comn		/ Char rk wit		istics		Country of Community					of Be					# of Beneficiaries		
	Small landowners	Subsistence economy	Indigenous/ ethnic peoples	Pastoralists / nomadic peoples	Recent migrants	Urban communities	Other*		Increased access to clean water	Increased food security	Increased access to energy	Increased access to public services (e.g. health care education)	sed resilie	Improved land tenure	Improved recognition of traditional	Improved representation and decision- making in governance forums/structures	Improved access to ecosystem services	# of men and boys benefitting	# of women and girls benefitting	
Village Skroska									Χ								Χ	300	355	
Village Qukësi									Χ							Х	Х	400	420	
Village Vehcan									Χ							Х		245	200	
Village Rrajce Bardhaj									Х						х		Х	60	55	

Village Rrajc					Χ			Х		Х	100	110
Skenderbe												
Village Menik					Χ				х	Χ	50	40

<sup>\*</sup>If you marked "Other" to describe the community characteristic, please explain:

Increased access to clean water: The project focused on river protection. The increase in awareness and the non-building of the HPP made it possible to preserve each of these elements

Improved representation and decision-making in governance forums/structures: Through various meetings with local authorities it is managed to ban HPP construction on Bushtrica river.

Improved access to ecosystem services: The project focused on river protection. The increase in awareness and the non-building of the HPP made it possible to preserve each of these elements

## 18. Policies, Laws and Regulations

Report on policies, laws and regulations with conservation provisions that have been enacted or amended, as a result of your project. "Policies" pertain to statements of intent formally adopted or pursued by a government, including at sectoral or sub-national level. "Laws and regulations" pertain to official rules or orders, prescribed by authority. Any law, regulation, decree or order is eligible to be included.

## 18a. Name, scope and topic of the policy, law or regulation that has been amended or enacted as a result of your project

No.	Scope (mark with x)					Topic(s) addressed (mark with x)														
	Name of Law, Policy or Regulation	Local	National	International	Agriculture	Climate	Ecosystem Management	Education	Energy	Fisheries	Forestry	Mining and Quarrying	Planning/Zoning	Pollution	Protected Areas	Species Protection	Tourism	Transportation	Wildlife Trade	Other*
1																				
2																				

<sup>\*</sup> If you selected "other", please give a brief description of the main topics addressed by the policy, law or regulation.

18b. For each law, policy or regulation listed above, please provide the requested information in accordance with its assigned number.

No.	Country(s)	Date enacted/ amended MM/DD/YYYY	Expected impact	Action that you performed to achieve this change
1				

2		
3		

## 19. Biodiversity-friendly Practices

## Number of companies that adopt biodiversity-friendly practices

Please list any companies that have adopted biodiversity-friendly practices as a result of your project. While companies take various forms, for the purposes of CEPF, a company is defined as a for-profit business entity. A biodiversity-friendly practice is one that conserves or uses natural resources in a sustainable manner.

No.	Name of Company	Description of biodiversity-friendly practice adopted during the project	Country(s) where the practice has been adopted by the company
1			
2			

## 20. Networks & Partnerships

## Number of networks and/or partnerships created and/or strengthened

Report on any networks or partnerships between and among civil society groups and other sectors that you have created or strengthened as a result of your project. Networks/partnerships should have some lasting benefit beyond immediate project implementation. Informal networks/partnerships are acceptable. Examples of networks/partnerships include: an alliance of fisherfolk to promote sustainable fisheries practices, a network of environmental journalists, a partnership between one or more NGOs with one or more private sector partners to improve biodiversity management on private lands, or a working group focusing on reptile conservation.

Do not list the partnerships you formed with others to implement this project, unless these partnerships will continue after your project ends.

No.	Name of Network / Partnership	Year established	Did your project establish this Network/ Partnership? Y/N	Country(s) covered	Purpose
1	Shebeniku local network	2019	No	Albania	This network was created within the framework of the project that Agri-en has with INCA "to lobby together for the protection of the Shebenik Jabllanice National

		Park, Agrien continues to lead
		and you work with this
		network.
		This is directly related to the
		project we had because INCA
		has been exchanging their
		experience with us.
		This has led to a wider
		cooperation with partners
		outside the project who have
		brought their experience.
		Network representatives sign
		the petition, participate in
		our activities by giving their
		opinion and contributing.

## 21. Sustainable Financing Mechanism

List any functioning sustainable financing mechanisms created or supported by your project. Sustainable financing mechanisms generate funding for the long-term (generally five or more years). These include, but are not limited to, conservation trust funds, debt-for-nature swaps, payment for ecosystem service (PES) schemes, and other revenue, fee or tax schemes that generate long-term funding for conservation. To be included, a mechanism must be delivering funds for conservation.

## 21a. Details about the mechanism

No.	Name of Financing Mechanism	Purpose of the Mechanism*	Date of Establishment**	Description***	Countries
1					
2					
3					

<sup>\*</sup>Please provide a succinct description of the mission of the mechanism.

### 21b. Performance of the mechanism

For each Financing Mechanism listed previously, please provide the requested information in accordance with its assigned number.

NO.	Project intervention	Has the mechanism disbursed funds to conservation
	(mark with x)	projects?

<sup>\*\*</sup>Please indicate when the sustainable financing mechanism was officially created. If you do not know the exact date, provide a best estimate.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>Description, such as trust fund, endowment, PES scheme, incentive scheme, etc.

	Created a mechanism	Supported an existing mechanism	Created and supported a new mechanism	
1				
2				
3				

## 22. Red List Species

If the project included direct conservation interventions that benefited globally threatened species (CR, EN, VU), as per the IUCN Red List, add the species below.

Examples of interventions include: preparation or implementation of a conservation action plan, captive breeding programs, species habitat protection, species monitoring, patrolling to halt wildlife trafficking, and removal of invasive species.

Genus	Species	Common	Status (VU,	Intervention	Population
		Name (Eng)	EN, CR or		Trend at Site
			Extinct in		(increasing,
			the Wild)		decreasing,
					stable or
					unknown)

## Part V. Information Sharing and CEPF Policy

CEPF is committed to transparent operations and to helping civil society groups share experiences, lessons learned, and results. Final completion and impact reports are made available on our Web site, www.cepf.net, and publicized in our e-newsletter and other communications.

Provide the contact details of your organization (organization name and generic email address) so that interested parties can request further information about your project.

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