



Small Grants – Final Completion and Impact Report

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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: Program za životnu sredinu/ Environment Programme - EnvPro

Project Title: Building the Lower Bojana River Basin and Ulcinj Ecosystem Complex Resilience

Grant Number: CEPF-113775

Date of Completion of this Report: 04/12/2023

CEPF Hotspot: Mediterranean Biodiversity Hotspot

Strategic Direction: SD 2: Sustainable management of water catchments

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PART I: Overview

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

1.1. Project partners

Center for economics and ecosystem management (Prof. Dr. Pierre L. Ibisch as lead), University Eberswalde for Sustainable development- HNEE provided for methodological and practical support to the work in the area of contemporary scientific practices for risk robust ecosystem based analyses, nature protection and management, in the context of climate change, NbS, nature protection, low regret strategies and socio-economy. The project is benefiting from in kind

support: i) organization of the Summer school in Bojana Basin in Ulcinj, networking with students and other professors who become interested in the work/project; ii) exchange and on site visits and research; iii) HNEE intern working for EnvPro, and iv) continuation and mobilization of additional resources.

NGO Martin-Schneider Jacoby Association (Zenepa Lika and Elodi Jakupi) an important local partner, provided essential knowledge of the area cultural heritage, institutional and civil society experience, local and collaboration assistance. Engage in the educational program design and conceptualization, and continuation and sustainability of partnership and results.

Reborn by Adventures company (Rina Kovači and Artan Lika), being potential champion in sustainable development activities and promotion, inspiring young people who bring fresh ideas, brought local activism and community to nature protection and sustainable development topic and work, exceeding project-based cooperation. They supported engagement of youth members, clubs, survey and campaign development, blue train concept and implementation for final event organization. In kind supported additional research, community engagement, summer school organization, and further ideas and partnership mobilization.

Environment Protection Agency have continuously provided support and participation with exchange of data, providing permits, integration and dissemination of practices and lessons learned and support networking and resource mobilization. Supported officially new project proposal.

Ministry of Environment, Spatial Planning and Urbanization, Department for Nature protection supported the process when it comes to policy improvements, but also formal initiation of protection and sustainable development framework, uplifting financial and institutional aspects and supporting placement of the results and support on higher national and regional agendas. EnvPro thus participated in changes to Law on Nature Protection process- ongoing, integration of findings in biodiversity baseline Spatial Plan of Montenegro to 2040, MESPU participated in projects activities and promoted EnvPro work on NbS. MoU has been signed between two for further joint activities, follow up and scale up, sustainability and synergies.

1.2. Additional project partners mobilized during the implementation:

NGO Monitoring group of Ulcinj - Mogul (Xhemal Perović) who contributed with its knowledge and experience acquired through many years of activism and generously and kindly offered logistic support, continuing to be an important project SH and now partner, too. The organization brought yet another valuable partner Mt. club Rumija, that supported research and other work, sustainable development of the area and especially its forest ecosystems. Joint resource mobilization and continuation of partnership has been already ensured.

Ulcinj Municipality with its relevant departments responsible for planning and development and in some cases initiation of protection and designation of management authorities for protected areas, key to the concept of sustainable development that happens in the buffer and transition

zones, but also to the collaborative multisector, multi-actors and multi-level management platforms and structures. They supported involvement, capacity building, awareness raising of community as a whole, especially in the area of solid waste, further resource mobilization and partnership. Municipality provided, funds, in kind and official project proposal support.

NGO Centre for research and protection of birds - CZIP, based on the previous involvement and expertise with the research, conservation and sustainable development issues in the project scope area, provided numerous in kind support to learning sessions, event, fight against threats, etc., building constituents and allies for cooperative and focused intervention and support in line with the vision and strategic direction of LBBUEC. They (and NGO MES/CDE) have interest to further participate in the capacity development, its subsequent implementation and joint project design and implementation.

2. Summarize the overall results of your project

Result 1: Tailor-made Communication and Awareness Approach has generated a customized Communication Strategy¹ actively in use, accompanied by a survey questionnaire and methodology developed for the standardized EnvPro process. Two reports, presented both graphically and in text format, and a socio-economic survey database has been produced.

Result 2: Pre-feasibility of Low-regret Sustainable Activities and Nature-based Solutions (NbS) has delivered on a pPe-feasibility NbS document for three selected solutions, providing recommendations for addressing data gaps and further in-depth research. Data analyses and integration into the LBBUEC database² were conducted, additionally resource mobilizing for one NbS with a Rebuild LBBUEC BESTbelt Heritage new project and integration of findings into the draft inputs for Spatial Plan of Montenegro.

Result 3: Implementation of Sustainable Development and NbS Activities have provided for numerous learning sessions and activities, including an exchange visit in Germany, communication and NbS learning sessions, socio-economy learning sessions, a Regional summer school on open standards in conservation, and on-site research and learning. Three concept notes have been developed and implemented engaging around 300 people. A visibility event was successfully executed, receiving coverage on local and national media. A concept note for saving the old-growth LBBUEC forest is under final consideration for funding. Two Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) were signed respectively with the Ministry of ecology and Municipality Ulcinj, and institutional support for the new BESTbelt project was secured by the EPA, Municipality, and Forest administration and local partnership with MSJA, MogUL, RebornbyAdventure.

¹ envpro.me

² <https://bruod.envpro.me/#/>

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 contribute to resilience of LBBUEC vital biodiversity and well-being components improvement	Growing front of nature protection and sustainable development allies from very divers actors: international, national and local, public, civil, private, community, individual, media, etc.; scaling up partnership and resource mobilization for LBBUEC biodiversity protection and revitalization (two MoUs with institutions, several projects in the area, two new projects led by EnvPro, several in partnership or synergy (NGO PPNEA from AI, NGO EDEN, Ministry of Ecology, Municipality, etc.)) all are to contribute to the Impact in the long run.

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

Impact Description	Impact Summary
By the end of the project 10 key SHs' knowledge, understanding to conservation and sustainable development communication and raising awareness approach improved.	Total 21 participants, were involved in Communication learning session, and 94 in the socio-economic survey. There was a steep incline in understanding of protected areas concept, confirmed with the repeated test survey group, where three quarters answered they understood the concept. ³ This reflects the work that was being done as the interviewees were involved in/or in the circle of people that were involved in the EnvPro activities. Also, the value of protected areas was seen as more beneficial. For selecting new protected areas there was a diversification in mentions observable. The concept of sustainable development had a slight increase in understanding, but those that knew about it could also all give an explanation what it entails. The willingness to implement sustainable development stayed mostly the same. In general, the understanding what stands behind the terms nature protection and sustainable development has greatly improved. There was also a slight increase in the perception of the seriousness of climate change.
Viability of sustainable development and NbS	Low-regret activities and NbSs are design with pre-feasibility document, and three concept notes implemented during the

³ In the original sample half of the interviewees were familiar with the concept of protected areas, and two-third were in favour for more protected areas locally if sustainable development is permitted.

assessed (with low-regret LBBUEC activities and further research and recommendations envisaged).	project. Protection, restauration, resilience and self-capacity of the ecosystem well planned and ready for implementation trough new project: Rebuild LBBUEC BESTbelt heritage, supported by EuroNature, funded by EU.
LBBUEC SHs knowledge and awareness on nature and people dependent systems and benefits raised, and activities positively impacting LBBUEC's nature and people implemented.	More than 200 participants were involved in learning and concept ideas implementation: on the Blue trails – fighting mass tourism threat: 35 participants, and around 10 actors, on education and awareness raising of the biodiversity values: <i>meet your homeland</i> : around 7 actors; solid waste education, raising awards and in action 5R refuse, reduce, reuse, recycle, rot campaign: more than 100 pupils, more than 100 community people, more than 15 actors involved. More than 50 SHs participated in the final event, with 3 media houses reporting on the event. The outreach with numerous website, social network, as well as media appearances (TV Teuta - two, Vijesti – CZIP one, Zumiraj.me one, and Sergey Dimitiriev blog - one) is not known.

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

The impacts were overall by far surpassing targeted indicator values. Additionally, two MoUs are signed to work further in the targeted areas with Ministry of environment and with the Municipality Ulcinj. New project Rebuild LBBUEC BESTbelt heritage is approved, bringing even greater partnership of international, institutional and local level. A Concept note for protection of an old growth LBBUEC forest is currently under approval. A specific NbS developed within pre-feasibility document is submitted for partnership and funding. Integration of finding is and will further be ensured.

Most actors are providing for the continuity and scale up of Concept ideas that were sub-granted, but also of those that were jointly developed but not funded within this project. Summer school on ecosystem based open standard in conservation with participants from N. Macedonia, Albania, Kosovo, Montenegro, and Germany and case study of LBBUEC took place in Ulcinj involving local NGOs, associations, clubs, community members, fishermen, individuals, and within additional in kind research and learning sessions for the project. Grant for next year Summer school in Bojana Basin is obtained.

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
1.	Tailor- made communication and raising awareness adaptive approach developed and in use	<p>1.1. Communication strategy developed (attached)</p> <p>1.2. Survey questionnaire and methodology (attached) to be used for standardized EnvPro process (recommendations attached), two LBBUEC youth club members trained by HNEE professor, EnvPro, and peer learning.</p> <p>1.3. Two reports on original and repeated sample developed in graph and text (four documents attached).</p> <p><u>Additional:</u></p> <p>1.4. New Statute and structure of the organization was conceptualized, approved, and registered.</p> <p>1.5. Improvement in website and database structure and system in process.</p>
2.	Pre-feasibility of low-regret sustainable activities and Nature-based Solutions (NbS) document made	<p>2.1. Pre-feasibility NbS document (attached) for three selected NbS (i) Water Retention along Bojana River Basin Corridors, ii) Natural Succession in Beach Hinterland Area, iii) Forest Fires and Recovery Potential), as most important and viable developed, providing recommendations for the data gaps and further in-depth research. These are selected based on the NbS workshop and wide list developed, SH consultation and experts in NbS and hydrology/hydraulics, forestry, etc.</p> <p>2.2. Data analyses and integration in the LBBUEC database made by EnvPro in support of Hydrology, GIS expert.</p> <p><u>Additional:</u></p> <p>2.3. Based on the above and the learning participative processes, Rebuild LBBUEC BESTbelt heritage project was developed and funds ensured (summary attached)</p> <p>2.4. NbS solution on natural succession of the Big beach hinterland integrated into inputs for draft Spatial Plan of Montenegro, and presented for new IUCN NbS mobilization concept.</p>
3.	Three sustainable development and NbS activities implemented, planning and implementing low-regret actions LBBUEC SHs' capacities and awareness raised	<p>3.1. i) Six days' exchange visit in Germany organized for EnvPro – 2 participants (in kind contribution by HNEE, agenda attached); ii) Communication learning session held- 21 participant (agenda, participants list and report on all concept ideas attached); iii) NbS learning session held – 18 participants (agenda, participants list and report on broad list of NbS attached); iv) Socio-economy learning sessions held (learning material attached); v) Regional summer school on open standards in conservation – more than 30 participants, and iv) on site research and learning – more than 10 participants (in kind contribution of HNEE and others, agenda and photos attached).</p>

		<p>3.2. Three concept notes developed and implemented (Concept note and report documents attached).</p> <p>3.3. Visibility event implemented (publications on EnvPro media, and TV Teuta - Mne https://youtu.be/vYBkOK8rLhw?si=6eB-U81o49-Plwmd TV Teuta – Al, with Rina https://youtu.be/Ugp0mPSIrV8?si=LL-NRaoi1RFV68Bd Zumiraj me: http://zumiraj.me/udruzivanjem-lokalnih-zajednica-do-zastite-bojane-i-ulcinja/zum/zoom/zumiranje/zom/)</p> <p><u>Additional:</u></p> <p>3.4. Municipality funded clean-up with machinery and plogging of Blue trail (concepts developed within the project that entails connecting water bodies of Bojana River and Lake Sas with sustainable tourism activities such as biking and stand paddling) and additional awareness raising in solid waste campaign in about 1000EUR total.</p> <p>3.5. Concept note on saving old growth LBBUEC forest was developed and under final consideration for funding.</p> <p>3.6. Two MoUs signed (with Ministry and Municipality, attached).</p> <p>3.7. Support of three institutions for the new BESTbelt project received (from EPA, Municipality, and Forest administration)</p>
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6. Please describe and submit any tools, products, or methodologies that resulted from this project or contributed to the results.

- Survey questionnaire and methodology
- Pre-feasibility NbS document

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>.

Socio-economic survey:

The questionnaire delivered substantial in-depth results and gave a good impression of the local situation and state of awareness. However, data collection effort may be very demanding and improvements could be made in given aspects and will be considered for a standardised questionnaire for further use in projects: i) Date: The survey was conducted over quite a long time of almost half a year- this could be done in a more cohesive way; this doesn't have to be a problem though. ii) Place: There should be a streamlined format for recording place: Municipality, local community MZ, village/town. iii) Approach: was good, yet maybe create online questionnaire in advance. iv) Printed form: seemed to be quite hard for people to fill in on their own due to difficult questions. v) Contact detail: should be specified, for it would be easy to send news per email, but hard to send updates through phone numbers. It might create falls sense that EnvPro doesn't follow up on promise of sharing information.

Final project celebration event:

More funds need to be dedicated to the celebration events in order to be able to ensure for more support to organization, publicity and outreach: bigger preparation effort; dedicated journalist follow; paid and boosted announcements, accommodation and travel expenses. Considering limited budget EnvPro managed to secure implementation of successful event due to huge in-kind support of all the organizations involved, that have invested their own resources (design of materials, facilitation, logistic, PR).

Sub granting for development and realization of concept ides:

Combining learning sessions with jointly developed ideas, taking them through experts on NbS and Communication review and verification proved to be a positive approach for realization of new, engaging, long term multi-stakeholder positive processes and also additional resource mobilization.

Need for core/indirect funding!

During the project implementation, work of the organization striving for quality results, long term goals, synergies and sustainability, it is of utmost importance to have core/ indirect funds in order to act upon its vision and ambition adequately.

EnvPro made first step toward this introducing 10% management/indirect costs decision by Assembly, and will be working toward ensuring long term strategic partnership and funding support.

EnvPro invested it own funding resources for quality implementation of the Action.

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.

High level multi-stakeholder participative processes and international expert support has resulted in several ongoing scale up and sustainability results: new projects on LBBUEC specific areas protection, revitalization, engagement and celebration of stakeholders; maintaining and building on the results and partnership within designed concept ideas; presenting the work and integrating it in new initiatives, policies, other big projects, and applying to funds; communicating more and more effectively the work, approaches, and results; supporting partners and others in achieving their goals that are in line with EnvPro strategic direction in LBBUEC. Developing strategically its project as building blocks, EnvPro is ensuring growth and fit under approach, having a large EU IPACBC Lake Skadar watershed – A transboundary biosphere reserve project that LBBUEC fits well under.

Safeguards

9. 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.

n/a

Additional Funding

10. Provide details of any additional funding that you have secured to support this project.

a. Total additional funding (US\$)

Estimate: 68,550US\$

b. Type of funding

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

Donor	Type of Funding	Amount
HNEE	Six days study visit to Germany – funds allocated directly by HNEE	1449 €
HNEE	Regional summer school and learning session contributions - funds allocated directly by HNEE	Not known, estimated at 20.000€

HNEE	Intern student working for EnvPro – funds allocated directly to the Intern	Not known
Municipality Ulcinj	Clean up of Blue trail and Solid waste campaign – funds allocated directly to fund these	≈ 1000€
Hydraulic specialist	In-person visit, not paid by project – funds spent directly by the consultant	≈ 1000€
EuroNatur	Continuation and scale up of results: <i>Rebuild BESTbelt LBBUEC heritage project</i> – funds allocated to EnvPro	40.000€
NGO EnvPro	Funding project implementation above grant amount – additional funds spend directly for the project by EnvPro	≈ 1500€

High in-kind support has been provided by all parties involved, and the EnvPro.

Additional Comments/Recommendations

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

n/a

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.

Indicator	Actual Numeric Contribution	Actual Contribution Description
2.0_Outcome 2_Number of hectares of KBAs with enhanced protection or management	100ha	Clean up and promotion of the biking and walking path that connect River and lake - Blue trail

5.2_Outcome 5_Number of Regional thematic experience-sharing events	2	Exchange study visit and Summer school, organized by HNEE. Please see section 3.1. for deliverables details
5.3_Outcome 5_Number of cross-border networking relationship	2	With NGO PPNEA for new project With NGO EDEN for current UNESCO TBR project and Summer school

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
16	24	Communication, NbS, research, nature protection, open standards, threats, socio-economy survey, etc.

**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
5	9	Local food products were directly used and promoted on three occasions: NbS workshop: NGO Ethno museum Draginja (rural family), and NGO Taste of Ulcinj (women association), Final project event: 2 local families. Regional Summer school/HNEE contracted both: NGO Ethno museum Draginja, and NGO Taste of Ulcinj.

**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***
n/a						

** If possible please provide a shape file of the protected area to CEPF.*

*** 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 *
Delta Bojana	MNE03	100

** 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 Management**	Latitude***	Longitude***	Description of Intervention
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Delta Bojana	100	Point A:41.98616300 Point B:41.9726	Point A:19.268645430 Point B:19.3337	Cleaning up and promoting Blue trail
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** If the production landscape does not have a name, provide a brief descriptive name for the landscape.*

***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.*

**** 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	Community Characteristics (mark with x)							Country of Community	Type of Benefit (mark with x)								# 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)	Increased resilience to climate change	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 benefiting
Ulcinj	x	x				x								x	x	x	150	154

*If you marked "Other" to describe the community characteristic, please explain:

- Small landowners benefiting from new tourism activities developed that include community and their products in the offer and cleanup of the area; NbS additionally envisaged to support improved ecosystem services and DRR.
- Subsistence economy benefiting from the recreational space, educational activities being developed, multi-stakeholder process, and as above.
- Urban communities, similar as both above and awareness rising of the hinterland, its values and well-being that it provides.

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.	Name of Law, Policy or Regulation	Scope (mark with x)			Topic(s) addressed (mark with x)															
		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	Draft Law on Nature Protection – in procedure		X			X	X								X	X				
2	Draft preparation of biodiversity input for Spatial Plan of Montenegro – in procedure		X				X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
3	MAB BR for TB Lake Skadar watershed (including Bojana			X		X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X				

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* 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	Montenegro	-	Improved regulation for protected areas management effectiveness	Sending comments to the draft Law on nature protection, meetings with representatives of the Ministry and experts
2	Montenegro	-	Improved spatial recognition of potential areas for protection and restauration in LBBUEC. Recognition of the ecosystem based approach Recognition of parks on paper concept versus effective management	Active participation at the biodiversity input for Spatial Plan of Montenegro workshop. Signing of the MoU with Ministry of ecology. Sending input, comments and edits to the shared draft documents.
3	Montenegro- Albania	-	Showcasing alternative model for nature protection.	Design and submission of project proposal. Implementation of project building partnership, results, and lessons learn.

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)
1	Reborn by Adventure	Non-massive tourism product development, making and promoting Blue trail in the hinterland of Ulcinj area to increase awareness, knowledge and benefits from the cultural-historical and natural wealth and use it for nature friendly tourism activities. The organisation has, as result of the project, tested and promoted the activities of biking along the Bojana river, stand paddling on Sas Lake including Biking club, cultural heritage experts, locals, fishermen, municipality, educators, media, and with local food being provided to tourist who are also doing plogging (cleaning sites from garbage while doing the mentioned activities). The organisation has also designed monitoring platform (to serve for tourism, and community offering local food, gathering and birdwatching place, monitoring of the activities in the area) on the Sas Lake and conducted consultations and formal submission for approval that has been positively assessed and ensured for funding outside of the project.	Montenegro

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	MoU and new project partnership between Municipality Ulcinj and EnvPro	2023	Y	Me	Conduct project activities, support additional activities, scale up and continue cooperation within new projects and joint activities.
2	MoU and new project partnership and funding support between Ministry of ecology (tourism, sustainable development and dev. of north) and EnvPro	2023	Y	Me	Support project activities, fund follow up activities using Ministry (GEF) budget, develop new joint Actions Ministry could support in LBBUEC, provide inputs to development of policies by EnvPro expert participation and become associate partner in a new associate project.
3	Project partnership with NGO MSJA, MogUL, Reborn by Adventure and EnvPro and EuroNature (expanded to institutions: Ministry, EPA, municipality, Forest Administration)	2023	Y	Me	Establish during the project to jointly conduct activities, and continued within new project Rebuilt BESTbelt heritage, adjoining Municipality UI, Forest Administration, Ministry of ecology and EPA, enabled by EnvPro and expanding further to Mt. club Rumija, Schools, LTO...
4	Project partnership with National Parks, NGO EDEN – AI, National Protected Areas Agency of AI – NAPA and associate partnerships with Ministries of Me and AI, and EPA Me and EnvPro	2023	Y/N	Me - AI	New EU IPA CBC Programme Funded Project: Skadar Lake Watershed – A Transboundary Biosphere Reserve that Includes LBBUEC in the scope as result of the projects conducted in this area, including the one at hand.
5	Partnership with NGO PPNEA on new joint project to be conducted	2023	Y/N	Me - AI	New project partnership, official and non-official (in kind contribution and realization of joint activities), are introduced by the initiative of the

	transboundary in LBBUEC and associated Bojana Basin area in AI and on the BESTbelt project that will concern LBBUEC				EnvPro to connect with and bring reputable organization to the LBBUEC transboundary area to work jointly on the many challenges identified within the project implementation, that lead to joint resource mobilization and project development in the area od sustainable and green development.
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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
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*Please provide a succinct description of the mission of the mechanism.

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

***Description, such as trust fund, endowment, PES scheme, incentive scheme, etc.

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 (mark with x)			Has the mechanism disbursed funds to conservation projects?
	Created a mechanism	Supported an existing mechanism	Created and supported a new mechanism	
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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 Name (Eng)	Status (VU, EN, CR or Extinct in the Wild)	Intervention	Population Trend at Site (increasing, decreasing, stable or unknown)

Part V. Information Sharing and CEPF Policy

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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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