



BALKAN ANTI-POISONING PROJECT (BAPP)

NATIONAL MEETING OF RELEVANT STAKEHOLDERS

Bosnia and Hercegovina

- MEETING REPORT -

Intro project: Balkan Anti-Poisoning Project,

Date: 31th May to 1st June 2018

Location: Sarajevo B&H,

Venue: Hotel Saraj, Sarajevo,

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Background:

Balkan Anti-Poisoning Project is an integral part of the Mediterranean Anti-poison project funded by the Mava Foundation and coordinated by VCF. One of the objectives of the project is to develop national anti-poison road maps in 5 countries – Greece, Macedonia, Albania, Bosnia & Herzegovina and Croatia.

First national meeting in Sarajevo took place on 31. 5. – 1. 6., organized by Ornithological Society 'Naše ptice'. The main goal of this meeting was to gather basic knowledge of issues related to vulture and wildlife poisoning in general, and more importantly to ensure governmental engagement and support in tackling this threat through establishment of a National Anti-poison Working Group (NAWG). Some of the most important stakeholders from Albania attended the meeting, including representatives from the Ministry of Agriculture, Water Management and Forestry of the Federation of B&H, Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Federal Department for Inspection Affairs, Inspectorate of Republica Srpska, Hunting Association of Republica Srpska, NGO Čaplja, Naša baština – Tomislavgrad, NGO Novi val, Center for Sustainable Development and Ecology (CORIE).

This meeting resulted with several important conclusions which will serve as a solid foundation for future work related to combat the use of poison in B&H.

Meeting Goal:

Development of a national scheme to address poisoning incidents according to national legislation and engage responsible institutions.

Meeting Objectives:

- Establishment of National Anti-Poison Working Groups (NAWG).
- Initiate the preparation of a National Action Plan to fight/combat poisoning.

1. Participants:



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2. Outcomes/Overall Conclusions of the National Meeting:

Outcome 1: It is necessary to determine the scope and severity of wildlife poisoning in the country

Outcome 2: Education and awareness raising should be conducted towards general public and all levels of gov. administration



Outcome 3: There is good penal legislation in place in the country, but is lacking adequate enforcement

Outcome 4: More efficient, clear-cut legal protocols for describing responsibilities in reporting, investigating and processing cases of wildlife poisoning need to be developed and distributed within all responsible institutions to precisely define jurisdiction of each one within national legislation and avoid overlaps

Outcome 5: NAWG needs to be formalized officially and best methods need to be found to formally adopt the National Anti-poisoning strategy

Outcome 6: Much effort needs to be invested in research on field, recording and documenting poisoning incidents in country

Outcome 7: New sanitary regulation is being prepared for disposal of animal waste which could potentially benefit the reduction of poisoning

Outcome 8: Protocol for processing wildlife poisoning exist within Vet Inspectorate – if the inspector suspects poisoning, there are federal funds that cover costs of toxicological analysis.

3. Next steps: Official formalization of NAWG – sending official invitations to ministries to be part of NAWG and including new important institutions that haven't attended first national meeting.

4. Proposed Actions for National Anti-Poisoning Plan:

Action 1: Collect all existing data from various relevant institutions to wildlife poisoning and form a unified database

Action 2: Create a centralised database for poisoning incidents and designate a referent body to manage this database

Action 3: Inspectorate to formally inform local branches of hunting associations and forestry agents that poisoning is illegal and to engage them in reporting poisoning incidents and dead animals

Action 4: Implement strong public awareness campaigns targeted at general public, as well as responsible institutions

Action 5: Formalisation of the NAWG and future Anti-poisoning action plan

Action 6: Influence Agricultural Inspectorate to conduct inspections of trade of pesticides in agricultural pharmacies and deratisation companies

Action 7: Improve control of legal trade of pesticides (create inventories)

Action 8: Conduct a research project to determine scope and severity of wildlife poisoning