



## Involvement of CSOs in GEF activities in Montenegro

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# Presentation of the organization and its general focus

- Green Home is national environmental NGO in Montenegro dealing with the nature protection, sustainable use of natural resources and environmental civil rights in Montenegro.
- Strategic partner with WWF since 2003.
- Lobbying and advocacy oriented
- Directly involved in coordination of two NGO local networks:
  - Green resource Center and
  - Natura 2000 info Center ([www.natura2000infocentre.wordpress.org](http://www.natura2000infocentre.wordpress.org))
- Six persons full employed, 7 board members, over 100 volunteers
- Organizational focus: 1) Energy 2) Nature Protection 3) Education
- Members of international and national networks:
  - CEEWEB, Environmental Forum, CCA Forum
  - National Council for sustainable development, WG Environment, Negotiation for EU accession





## GEF activities in Montenegro

- Since Montenegro joined and applied for grants, it received GEF grants totaling cca. 30 Mil USD in
- **9 national projects in fields:**
  - biodiversity (3)
  - climate change (2)
  - land degradation (2)
  - persistent organic pollutants
  - multifocal areas
  - Total financing: 10 867 946,00 USD
- **7 regional and global projects**
  - international waters(6)
  - Climate change.
  - Total financing: 19 196 996,00 USD
- **Projects whereas Green Home participated:**
  - Strengthening the Sustainability of the Protected Areas System of the Republic of Montenegro (project steering committee)
  - Lake Skader-Shkoder Integrated Ecosystem Management (public consultations)
  - National Biodiversity Planning to Support the Implementation of the CBD 2011-2020 Strategic Plan





## Project supported by GEF and partners

Engaging civil societies in harmonization of actions for improving the conservation and management effectiveness of Lake Skadar (GH/UDG/CEED), 2013, supported by CEEP

■ *Main issue: a large number of national and international organizations present, but their work is not synchronized and no follow up on projects results.*

### ■ Project outputs:

- A comprehensive understanding of the past investments and shortfalls; current management situation with list of the most evident biodiversity threats and its related impact
- Most important conservation and management priorities of Lake Skadar are identified and agreed at local, regional and national levels
- Established partnerships and drafted 3 proposals out of 2 are approved by CEEP in September 2013.
- Improved knowledge of a better model of sustainable development in a very similar area (the Mikri Prespa lake example).
- Total project budget: 19 950,00 USD





## Ongoing projects

Supporting the Long-term Sustainable Management of Transboundary Skadar Lake (IUCN, GH, INCA) 2013 – 2015, supported by CEPF

### Project components:

- Support to the implementation and development of PA management plans 2016-2020 and transboundary conservation
- Capacitation of protected areas and natural resources managers and civil society representatives
- Enabling civil society to participate in the biodiversity conservation of Skadar Lake and contribute to law enforcement
- Communications and awareness raising on the conservation values of Skadar Lake
- Total project budget: 328 563,00 USD





## Ongoing projects



Supporting the local communities for implementation of nature based tourism practices around Sasko lake area (2013,-2015, GH) supported by CEPF

### ■ Project objectives:

- increase capacities and network local stakeholders for integrating nature conservation and tourism practices at Sasko lake;
- support and lobby for initializing designation of the Sasko Lake as protected area within category Monument of Nature (III IUCN)
- Local tourist offerers networked and capacitated for appliance of responsible tourism
- Developed common vision and communication strategy
- Developed feasibility study with zonation for PA establishment
- Technical support for tourist info point and outdoor facilities
- Setting up the fly-fishing and bird watching activities during traditional day of the Sasko lake

Total project budget: 135 900 USD



# Thank you for attention!

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