

Process Framework for Involuntary Restrictions

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CEPF Grant 108-820

Grantee

Project Title

Support local community's involvement in protection and promotion of the potential marine protected area – Katič

Project Location

Montenegro, Katič

Grant Summary

1. Grantee organization.

NGO Green Home

2. Grant title.

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3. Grant number

MNE - 108820

4. Grant amount (US dollars).

238,909.02USD

5. Proposed dates of grant.

1st of November 2018 – 31st of October 2021

6. Countries or territories where project will be undertaken.

Montenegro, Katič

7. Date of preparation of this document.

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The Process Framework will describe the project and how restrictions of access to natural resources and measures to assist affected communities. Affected communities should have the opportunity to participate in the drafting of the Process Framework. Typically, the Applicant will prepare a draft Framework that will then be shared and discussed with local communities and other relevant stakeholders. Based on the consultations, a final Framework will be prepared. CEPF may provide guidance on development of the Framework and will review and approve the final Framework prior to approving the final project proposal application. The Process Framework should include the following elements:

A. Project background

Montenegro is the only Mediterranean country which does not have Marine Protected Area. According to the strategic documents and obligations that Montenegro has towards EU, there will be three Marine Protected Areas: Katič, Platamuni and Stari Ulcinj.

This project aims to support designation the first marine protected area in Montenegro – Katič as well as to ensure involvement of local communities in the protection. Involving local communities in protection and promotion future MPA is the basis for future developing Management Plans for MPA. Within the project will be created a platform of representatives of local communities: local CSOs, inhabitants, LTO,

local self-government representatives, hunting and fishing associations etc. This will be done with project partners MedCEM and Montenegrin Ecologist Society and local partners: local cultural centre “Crvena komuna”, Petrovac Diving Center, Octo Dive - Sutomore, NGO Environmental Program - EnvPro.

Community awareness and a demonstrated link between human development issues (illegal fishing, unplanned building, coastal urbanization, marine protection) and conservation, will be key to effective engagement of local people in conservation interventions.

B. Participatory implementation

During the first phase of the project we will have working on the informing local communities about the project. Through the an informal communication with local diving clubs, restaurant's, fisherman we (NGO Green Home, NGO MedCEM and NGO MES) have informed them about the project activities. NGO MedCEM has already established contacts with diving clubs, NGO MES has already established contacts with recreational fisherman associations and commercial fisherman in area, and NGO Green Home has established communication with the NTO and LTO. On the beginning of the project all stakeholders will be consulted and invited to join the platform. The main focus will be on the fisherman association and diving clubs. Local Tourist organization and National Tourist organization have a great role in the promoting the future MPA. The idea is to network public institution such as Marine Domain, LTO and NTO and local communities. This will be achieved through the set of meetings, workshop, field work, study visit that will be organized.

C. Criteria for eligibility of affected persons

On the first goal, it could seem that local communities will be affected; they could not conduct fishing activities in all zones in MPAs. The project aims to improve their knowledge about MPAs and benefits that MPA could bring to them and local economy.

The project will involve all stakeholders for the preparation of the management plan of future protected area Katic. The affected persons that will be considered for specify alternative actions are:

- the local, small-scale fishermen who rely on the near-coastal marine resources. Specific rights for these local fishermen will be discussed and agreed during the consultations, and integrated in the management plan. Measures could include quotas, fishing seasons, selection of species... Local fishermen will also be the main target for alternative, non-destructive activities (ecotourism, participation to monitoring etc.) that the project intends to put in place.

- local tourism industry: while some limitations could be enforced as regards tourism, the tourist operators will be involved from the beginning of the project, and are expected to see their income increase as a result of the protected area.

Persons conducting voluntary larger impact unsustainable and illegal activities such as illegal commercial fishing, wildlife poaching and other destructive natural resource use methods will be excluded from assistance and inclusion in the project development. Community members who breach community agreed rules for the areas will also be assessed for exclusion from the project benefits as a disincentive for destructive activities.

Villages surrounding the future MPA (Petrovac, Buljarica, Čanj i Sutomore) are in use of marine resources also by tourists and commercial ventures who do not have traditional use rights to the areas. Outsiders will not be eligible for assistance or participation in the project benefits, as their use of marine resources has typically included short term unsustainable extraction of resources. Project results should

propose scheme intended to provide the community with a stronger ability to exclude these outsiders from extracting natural resources, or provide a scheme by which the community can allow these activities for a fee.

D. Measures to assist the affected persons

A primary means to mitigate the potential impacts to people using areas under the management of the future MPA management body will be to prioritize their participation and inclusion in the income generating activities. This will be ensured as engaging the community members most closely associated with the areas demarcated for protection is critical for the success of the project.

Local communities especially fishermen, local diving clubs will improve their capacities through the exchanging experience and knowledge with other fisherman and diving clubs which are located in MPA. Through the project they will have possibility to visit MPA in Croatia and raise awareness about MPA. Fishermen will improve their view on MPAs by adopting of new facts, such as the MPA's role in fish stocks recovering and providing safety for juvenile fish which will migrate outside when they become adults and in size allowed for exploitation, so they will bring bigger income rather than being caught as small and without commercial importance. This project will offer to local community's creation a new jobs opportunities for nature guides, bird watching tours, underwater trail hosts, various types of services to the boats on ecological moorings, sport fishing guides, tourist operators...

Indirect benefits through the community incomes financed through the project funded pilot activities, such as ecological mooring fees, underwater trail tickets, bird watching tours, offer of branded domestic products.

Local fishermen will be consulted at all stage of project, as their commitment to the protected area is an important factor for the success of the long-term protection of the site.

- sustainable management and best practices will be shared and promoted, showing long terms benefits
- some specific rights will be maintained (such as quotas, fishing seasons, selection of species)
- fishermen will be supported to increase their income through sales to local restaurants, tourist operators
- fishermen will be prioritized to benefit from job creation related to the protected area (monitoring, ecotourism etc...)

E. Conflict resolution and complaint mechanism.

The development of a conflict resolution and complaint mechanism will be conducted during each year of project implementation. This mechanism will be developed in consultation with local community and will include:

1. an impartial, accessible and fair mechanism for raising grievances and complaints
2. a method / procedure for the resolution of conflicts and redress
3. an independent third party mediator when a conflict cannot be resolved in the first instance.

Any person or group of person who has a complaint regarding projects activities ("claimants") could raise it to the project manager. Complaints could be raised during regular meetings, by e – mail and phone. All complaints raised will be documented by the project manager, and filed. NGO Green Home will inform CEPF (RIT and Grant director)

- every six months, at the time of the performance report under the section "safeguard" of the report
- Within 15 days in case of complaints that are of particular importance

Should no solution satisfactory to all parties be reached after step 1, or if the issue cannot be raised initially to the project manager (conflict of interest, desire to remain anonymous) the claimant(s) can raise the complaint directly to CEPF by contacting the (*RIT person in charge, for instance, programme officer*) and the CEPF grant director for the hotspot. The contact (email, phone) of these persons should be made publicly available to stakeholders and community members.

The RIT and CEPF Grant director will then communicate with claimant, the organization in charge of project and other stakeholders if needed, within 15 days, to find out solutions satisfactory to all parties.

Prior to the implementation of the project, meeting with the project partners will be organized to disclose once again the objectives and detailed activities of the project to the local communities. During the meetings with local communities contacts of the coordinator – NGO Green Home, NGO MedCEM and NGO MES, the Regional Implementation Team for CEPF (Birdlife International) and the CEPF Grant Director will be provided to the local population.

The dedicated email account for CEPF (cepfexecutive@conservation.org) will be mentioned, for grievances sent by email.

We will share all grievances – and a proposed response – with the Regional Implementation Team and the CEPF Grant Director within 15 days. If the claimant is not satisfied following the response, they may submit the grievance directly to the CEPF Executive Director at cepfexecutive@conservation.org or by surface mail. If the claimant is not satisfied with the response from the CEPF Executive Director, they may submit the grievance to the World Bank at the local World Bank office.

F. Implementation Arrangements

Implementation of the project and its safeguard mechanisms will be done by the NGO Green Home as a leading partner on the project. NGO Green Home will inform partners of the obligations under the conflict resolution and complaint mechanism, and discuss with them the practical implementation mechanisms suggested, before actual implementation. These discussions will be held during the meeting that will be organized before the start of the project.