

# PROJECT FACT SHEET



## ACHIEVING BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION THROUGH EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT AND ENHANCED RESILIENCE TO CLIMATE CHANGE IN THE EXISTING PROTECTED AREA OF THE NORTH ALBANIAN MOUNTAINOUS REGION

### Context

This project contributes to UNEP's Programme of Work 2022-2023 and implements part of a GEF 7 Project focused on biodiversity conservation and climate change resilience in Albania's northern mountainous region. It aims to develop a valorisation study for the Albanian Alps National Park to support effective management planning and sustainable financing of the protected area. The study will detail environmental, climate, territorial and socio-economic aspects of the park to inform policy making and capacity building.

The Albanian Alps National Park currently lacks a comprehensive assessment of its ecological and socio-economic value, hindering effective management and conservation efforts. This project will address this gap by providing a detailed analysis of the park's resources, threats, and opportunities. The resulting valorisation study will serve as a foundation for developing an updated management plan and exploring sustainable financing mechanisms for the park's long-term conservation.

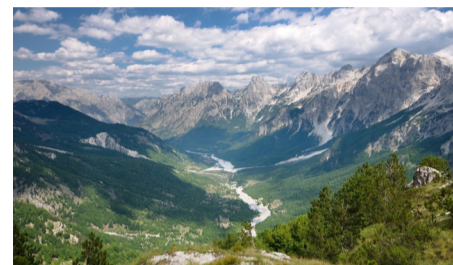
### Project Objectives

This project's specific objectives are to:

- i. Develop a valorisation study for the Albanian Alps National Park.
- ii. Support the development of the Albanian Alps National Park Management Plan.
- iii. Assist Albanian authorities in producing data-driven policy making and increasing research capacity.

### Expected Deliverables

- Baseline information gap analysis and data collection report
- Ecosystem services valuation and impact scenarios
- Habitat maps and species distribution/conservation status reports
- Threat analysis and conservation measures report
- Stakeholder consultation report and socio-economic assessment
- Revised zonation plan and boundary demarcation support
- Updated draft management plan
- Draft sustainable financing opportunities report and business plan
- Final valorisation study in Albanian and English



#### GENERAL INFORMATION

##### DONOR:

- Global Environment Facility
- United Nations Environment Programme

##### PARTNERS:

- Ministry of Tourism and Environment
- National Agency of Protected Areas

##### DURATION:

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