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| <p>Jablanica Mt.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biology Students' Research Society's field trip • Collection of data on biodiversity • Participation of the Macedonian Lynx Group |   | |


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| <p>Baseline survey in PA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interviews with local people (questionnaires) • The first experience in the village of Vevchani • 51 people were interviewed in 15 villages • Large mammals tracks were observed and collected • Further analyzes are given to Robert Janevski in the Mol |   | |



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| <p>Jablanica Mt.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biodiversity data • “Balkan Green Belt as ecological corridor for bear, lynx and wolf – Jablanica Mt.” • Socio-economic assessment |  |  |

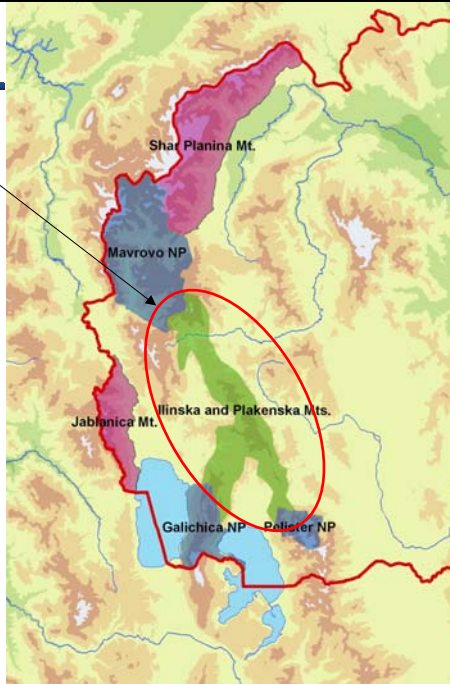
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| <p>Follow-up</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finish socio-economic assessment • Start of pilot projects • Submission of PA proposal to MoEPP |  | |


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| <div data-bbox="379 1303 809 1355" data-label="Section-Header"> <h2>Baseline survey in PA</h2> </div> <div data-bbox="363 1386 834 1901" data-label="List-Group"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 23 villages are visited and 77 people interviewed • Human dimension questionnaire • Discussion on people's opinions about PA • Stakeholder consultation meeting - "Activities towards Establishment of Shara National Park" </div> <div data-bbox="852 1299 1219 1570" data-label="Image"> </div> <div data-bbox="852 1590 1219 1863" data-label="Image"> </div> | | |

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| <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <h2 style="color: #0056b3; margin: 0;">Shar Planina Mt.</h2> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Important Plant Areas (IPA) Project Environmental Programme of the United Nations (UNEP) and Balkan Foundation for Sustainable Development (BFSD) Mountaineering club "Ljuboten" - Tetovo </div> <div style="width: 50%; text-align: right;">  </div> </div> | | |

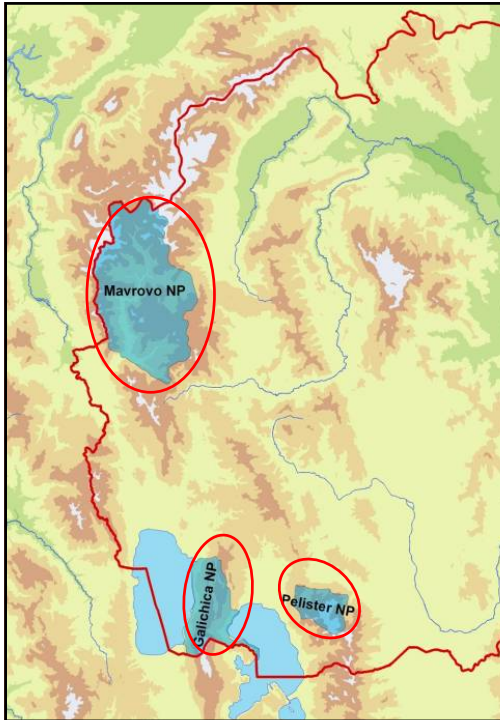
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| <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <h2 style="margin: 0;">Follow-up</h2> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finish the reports Complete the data base Socio-economic status information Production of booklet Production of tourist map </div> <div style="width: 50%; text-align: right;">   </div> </div> | | |

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| <p>Ilinska-Plakenska Mts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Important biocorridors • “Macedonian” Green Belt • Low human population density and minimal infrastructure • Relief and high percent of well-preserved forest coverage | |  |

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| <p>Ilinska-Plakenska Mts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluation of the natural characteristics • Submit a proposal - value as a biocorridor • Raise public awareness • Possible benefits | |  |

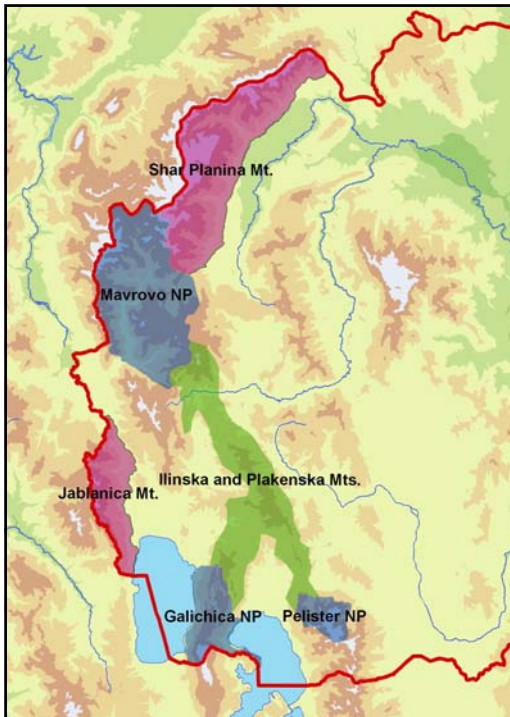
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| <div data-bbox="379 376 805 421" data-label="Section-Header"> <h2>Baseline survey in PA</h2> </div> <div data-bbox="367 504 813 884" data-label="List-Group"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25 villages visited, 109 people questioned • PEEN workshop • Topography, ortho-photo maps and landcover shapefiles </div> <div data-bbox="853 421 1220 689" data-label="Image"> </div> <div data-bbox="853 750 1220 981" data-label="Image"> </div> | | |

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Conclusions

- Mavrovo NP
- Galichica NP
- Pelister NP



Conclusions

- Interconnected network of large PAs
- High natural value that can be conserved
- Clear potential for long-term sustainable use
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