

National Strategy and Action Plan for Biological and Landscape Diversity

Scope of National Strategy and Action Plan for Biological and Landscape Diversity Process (including National Report):

The Strategy will provide a framework to the implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity, while the Action Plan will translate the strategy's objectives into practical, prioritized actions to reduced threats to Macedonian biodiversity. While the SAP will identify goals and actions through the year 2020, the main emphasis and detail will be on immediate steps to be undertaken in the short- and medium-terms. For these immediate activities, the document will provide descriptions and identify responsible agencies, schedules and costs, and specify which can be addressed through national programs, and which will require external financing. The main text of the document will not only describe the status of biodiversity in Macedonia, but also describe implementation capacities, opportunities and/or bottlenecks to conservation and sustainable use, including institutional and legal frameworks, harmonization with international legislation and EU standards, and mechanisms for integrating conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity into sectoral programmes and policies. Examination of these sectoral programmes and policies will require the participation of representatives of the sectoral departments such as territorial planning, agriculture, economy, finance, mining, water, forestry, transportation and tourism in the working groups. The SAP will develop plans for carrying out applied scientific research and strengthening the international collaboration in research. Actions for increasing the awareness by the decision-makers and the general public of biodiversity conservation will also be defined