

BALKAN DETOX LIFE

Report from the implemented national educational workshops about wildlife poisoning

BALKAN DETOX LIFE: STRENGTHENING NATIONAL CAPACITIES TO
FIGHT WILDLIFE POISONING AND RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT THE
PROBLEM ACROSS SEVEN BALKAN COUNTRIES
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About the project

The BalkanDetox LIFE project is a five-year endeavour with a €1.8 million budget, which aims to raise awareness and strengthen national capacities to fight the problem of wildlife poisoning across Albania, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Greece, the Republic of North Macedonia and Serbia. It received funding from the EU's LIFE Programme with a contribution of 1.004.792€ (54,82%) to the total project budget, and it is co-financed by the Vulture Conservation Foundation, the MAVA Foundation and Euronatur, as well as by the Whitley Fund for Nature and Environmental Protection and Energy Efficiency Fund for specific actions. Project partners are the Vulture Conservation Foundation as the coordinating beneficiary, and the Albanian Ornithological Society, Association BIOM, Bird Protection and Study Society of Serbia, Fund for Wild Flora and Fauna, Hellenic Ornithological Society, Macedonian Ecological Society, Ornitološko društvo NAŠE Ptice and the Protection and Preservation of Natural Environment in Albania as associated beneficiaries. Furthermore, this project is based on Spanish best practice experience and counts with the support from the Junta de Andalucía and the Spanish Ministry for the Ecological Transition and the Demographic Challenge.

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INTRODUCTION & BACKGROUND

The National educational workshops about wildlife poisoning for the relevant stakeholder groups (livestock breeders, pastoralist, hunters, farmers) have been developed and implemented within the BalkanDetox LIFE Project, a cross border initiative bringing together wildlife conservation organizations, governmental agencies and other stakeholders from seven Balkan countries with a common goal - to combat illegal wildlife poisoning, which is a specific type of environmental crime that is the leading mortality factor for many wildlife species, particularly vultures and other scavengers. The workshops aimed at changing the perception of primarily livestock breeders, pastoralists, hunters, farmers from preselected local communities in the Balkan countries about the use of poison baits for resolving human-wildlife conflict and raising awareness about the dangers of this illegal practice for human health and the devastating effect it has in their environment. These local communities have been selected on basis of the frequency of occurrence of the wildlife poisoning incidents, and they represent some of the most significant hotspots for this illegal practice in their respective countries.

The programme of the workshops focused on the following main topics:

- negative effects that the illegal practice of using poison baits has on numerous wildlife.
- the ecological role and the significance of ecosystem services that are provided by vultures, which are one of the most common victims of wildlife poisoning.
- the danger that poison baits and general misuse of pesticides represents for human health.
- the legal sanctions and penalties for this illegal practice under the national legislation of each project country.

The workshops were organised and implemented by the national project partners.

OBJECTIVES & TARGET AUDIENCE

The overall goal of the workshops, and other implemented educational events, is changing the perception and attitudes of key target audience towards wildlife poisoning, especially the general public, labelling it a socially unacceptable behaviour which has

well documented devastating effects to biodiversity in our environment and building support for conservation initiatives of the project.

The target audience for these workshops were livestock breeders, pastoralists, hunters and farmers, which are stakeholder groups that are most often associated with wildlife poisoning, from local communities which represent hotspots for wildlife poisoning.

The project partners have implemented all educational and awareness-raising events foreseen under this activity of the project. A total of 41 educational event organised and carried out by the national project partners across Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, North Macedonia and Serbia, reaching directly hundreds of people.

Annex 1

Reports from the National workshops in Albania

- WORKSHOP REPORT 1 & 2 -

Background:

In October 2021, AOS organized two informative-educational workshops with livestock breeders, farmers, hunters, and other people from local community in villages of Radat and Sofratika. Additionally, awareness and informative leaflets about poisoning issue and the threat it poses to threatened species were distributed in Zhulat and Asim Zenel. These villages where this activity was carried out are hotspot areas for poisoning and are selected within this project as areas of priority due to presence of poisoning and the threatened species – Egyptian Vulture.

Workshop Goal:

The main goal was to raise awareness about the issue of wildlife poisoning across hotspot areas.

Workshop Objectives:

- To inform the target audience about wildlife poisoning and its scale, root causes, and its consequences on wildlife.
- To inform and raise awareness about the threatened species – Egyptian Vulture about the current situation of EV population in Albania, potential threats for the species, and how the use of poison baits affects its population.
- To inform the target audience about the legal framework that prohibits the use of poison baits and poisonous substances against wildlife, and about the Law on the compensation of damage caused to livestock or crops.
- To make aware why poisoning cases should be reported and where they should be reported.

- To inform the target audience about alternative methods for the protection of livestock and agricultural crops from wildlife.

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2. Outcomes/Overall Conclusions of the National Workshop:

Outcome 1: The target audience is aware of poisoning problem in their area, and they are well aware now of the legal penalties in cases of poison baits use.

Outcome 2: Contacts were established with the people who participated in the meetings to share information with us in case they encounter some suspected poison incident.

3. Next steps:

Action 1: More awareness raising meetings will be organized in the hotspot areas and in other areas.

Photos from the workshop:





- WORKSHOP REPORT 3 & 4 -

Background:

The activities held within this action consisted of raising awareness of the key target audiences about the main issues relating to illegal wildlife poisoning and helping change the local attitudes and mitigate this threat.

Two workshops have been organized by PPNEA, at the beginning of November and the end of December 2022 in Gjirokaster, a hotspot area for wildlife poisoning. Participants in the workshops included shepherds, vets, farmers, and hunters, as well as representatives from the Regional Administration of Protected Areas Gjirokaster, Institute of Food and Veterinary Safety, National Inspectorate for Protection of Territory (Gjirokaster branch) who live in these hotspot areas and are part of the “Savers of the Egyptian vulture”, a network created over the years of work done on vultures in Albania.

Workshop Goal:

Increasing awareness of the local community in the Gjirokaster hotspot area, on the phenomenon of wildlife poisoning, through educational workshops implemented within the BalkanDetox project and evaluating the perception of the local community about the practice of poisoning.

Workshop Objectives:

- Presentation of the BalkanDetox LIFE project and describing the main actions of the project, with a focus on the local activities.
- Raise awareness about the negative impacts of this illegal practice, by providing safe alternative solutions in solving human-wildlife conflicts and highlighting their advantages.
- Emphasizing the illegality of wildlife poisoning and the relevant penalties by providing the participants with a complete overview of the legal framework and punitive measures for the use of toxic substances and this illegal practice, already considered an environmental crime.
- Describing the importance of the involvement, support of the governmental institutions, and collaboration with the local community on this matter.

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2. Outcomes/Overall Conclusions of the workshop:

Outcome 1: The local community is informed about the initiative of the BalkanDetox LIFE project and the activities that will be implemented within the project.

Outcome 2: The local community and main target group are informed about the negative impacts of this illegal practice, alternative and friendly methods in solving the wildlife conflicts as well as on the punitive measures for the use of toxic substances.

3. Next steps:

Further workshops will be held throughout the implementation of the project. An awareness-raising campaign is planned to be implemented targeting the local community and key target groups in the defined hotspots in southern Albania. Promotional materials such as leaflets produced within the project will be distributed and additional educational materials will be produced and shared with the community.

Photos from the workshops:







- WORKSHOP REPORT 5 -

Background:

This report refers to the awareness-raising activities implemented in June, August and September 2023 under Action D1 of the BalkanDetox LIFE project, aiming to inform and engage key target audiences about the threat of illegal wildlife poisoning in Albania.

The activities in June were conducted in synergy with the Egyptian Vulture monitoring visits in southern Albania, particularly in identified poisoning hotspot areas. These field-based meetings were held with local community members including shepherds, farmers, and other stakeholders who live or work in these vulnerable areas. In September, PPNEA, in collaboration with the Tirana Park and Recreation Agency (APR Tirana), organized a public awareness event in Tirana Grand Park to celebrate International Vulture Awareness Day (IVAD). This event was designed to engage the general public, especially children and youth, in learning about vultures and the threat of poisoning through fun and interactive educational activities.

Goal:

To enhance the public's understanding of the phenomenon of wildlife poisoning, specifically among communities living in hotspot areas and among citizens of Tirana (capital), by promoting educational messages through workshops, field visits, and public events.

Objectives:

- Present the BalkanDetox LIFE Project and provide an overview of its key actions, with a focus on the illegal use of poison and the risks it poses to vultures and biodiversity.
- Raise awareness about the consequences of poisoning and promote safe, legal alternatives to manage human-wildlife conflicts.
- Engage children and families in educational games and activities to cultivate an early understanding and appreciation of vultures and conservation issues.
- Disseminate project materials including educational videos, leaflets, and stickers, to increase the reach and visibility of the campaign.
- Foster collaboration with local communities and institutions for continuous involvement in combating wildlife poisoning.

Participants:

June, August 2023 (Field Visits and Local Meetings):

- Shepherds, farmers, and landowners from southern Albania (specific names recorded internally)
- PPNEA field experts
- Volunteers and Egyptian Vulture monitoring team

September 2023 (IVAD – Tirana Grand Park):

- Young volunteers from BirdON (bird identification course)
- Children and their parents
- Park visitors and passers-by
- Representatives from PPNEA and APR Tirana

2. Outcomes / Overall Conclusions of the Meetings:**Outcome 1:**

Local communities in the monitored hotspot areas received updated information on the BalkanDetox LIFE project and were reminded of the ongoing threat of poisoning to vultures and wildlife. Engagement in the field created space for open dialogue and mutual exchange of ideas on coexistence strategies.

Outcome 2:

Participants of the IVAD event were introduced to the ecological role of vultures and the dangers they face due to illegal poisoning. The interactive and family-oriented setting proved effective in building positive attitudes and raising awareness among younger generations.

Outcome 3:

Educational materials including games, leaflets, and videos were distributed and used as effective tools to communicate the complex issue of poisoning in a simplified and accessible way.

Outcome 4:

The collaboration with local authorities (APR Tirana) and citizen involvement at a recreational site demonstrated the potential of urban-based outreach to complement rural community engagement, expanding the reach of the project's message.

Photos from the events:



- WORKSHOP REPORT 6 -

Background:

This report highlights two major awareness-raising initiatives implemented under Action D1 of the BalkanDetox LIFE Project, aimed at informing and engaging the public and local communities about the threat of illegal wildlife poisoning and the conservation efforts being undertaken in Albania.

The first activity took place throughout October 2023, during the national campaign “Albania is Biodiversity”, a month-long celebration and public outreach initiative focused on biodiversity and nature protection. From 2–22 October, PPNEA organized daily awareness activities in the capital city, Tirana, targeting citizens through direct engagement. The project’s initiatives, including BalkanDetox LIFE, were presented through educational displays, games such as the Egyptian Vulture Board Game, and distribution of project materials like leaflets and stickers.

This campaign reached:

- Over 10,000 citizens visited the awareness stands and displays on-site.
- 1 million people were reached online through social media promotion and coverage.
- More than 20 awareness activities were organized in Tirana alone.
- 920 students were directly engaged through environmental education sessions.
- 200 new volunteers signed up, reflecting strong youth interest in conservation work.

The second activity occurred in May 2024, during the Europe Week celebrations, which were organized in both Tirana (the capital) and in Gjirokastër, one of the hotspot areas for wildlife poisoning in Albania. These events focused on engaging the local community and urban citizens alike, while celebrating European environmental values, with special emphasis on nature conservation and local biodiversity. Materials from the BalkanDetox LIFE Project and the “Albania is Biodiversity” campaign were shared widely across both locations.

In addition to these two large public events, short field visits were carried out during spring and August 2024 in key hotspot areas to maintain communication with local stakeholders, particularly shepherds. During one such visit, it was reported that a shepherd's dog was poisoned, likely due to the ongoing presence of toxic substances in the area. Fortunately, the dog was treated successfully with a veterinary anti-poison kit. This incident indicates that, despite awareness efforts, the illegal poisoning network

remains active in certain areas, highlighting the need for continued vigilance and constant collaboration.

Goal:

To increase public understanding and awareness on the issues of illegal wildlife poisoning and biodiversity conservation, by integrating the BalkanDetox LIFE Project's messages into high-visibility public events both in the capital and in key hotspot areas.

Objectives:

- Promote the objectives and actions of the BalkanDetox LIFE Project to a broad audience through national and regional public campaigns.
- Educate urban citizens and local communities about the dangers of poisoning and the importance of vultures and biodiversity conservation.
- Offer engaging, hands-on activities and visual materials to make complex conservation topics more accessible to all age groups.
- Distribute printed educational materials (leaflets, stickers, info boards) and share visual media (videos and animations) to reinforce key messages.
- Collaborate with institutional partners and other initiatives like "Albania is Biodiversity" to broaden the reach of conservation education and enhance public support.

Participants:

October 2023 – "Albania is Biodiversity" Campaign (Tirana):

- General public from Tirana
- School children and families
- Volunteers from BirdON and youth groups
- PPNEA staff
- *May 2024 – Europe Week (Tirana and Gjirokastrë):*
- Local community members from hotspot villages
- Municipal representatives and local institutions
- Local schools and young residents
- General public and citizens of Tirana
- PPNEA and BalkanDetox LIFE field team

Outcomes / Overall Conclusions of the Meetings:

Outcome 1: The citizens in Tirana were directly engaged for nearly three weeks during the “Albania is Biodiversity” campaign. Hundreds of citizens visited the awareness stands daily, participated in activities, and received educational materials, creating a sustained and meaningful exposure to the project's messages.

Outcome 2: The use of visual and interactive tools such as the Egyptian Vulture Board Game and coloring sheets during the Tirana event helped communicate complex conservation issues in a fun and age-appropriate way, especially to children and families.

Outcome 3: Europe Week in Tirana and Gjirokastrë provided an opportunity to reconnect with both citizens of Tirana and local communities in a known hotspot for wildlife poisoning. The combination of BalkanDetox LIFE materials and messages from the broader biodiversity campaign reinforced the need for local ownership and vigilance in the fight against poisoning.

Outcome 4: Collaboration with local authorities and the visibility during national and European environmental celebrations helped in sharing the profile of the BalkanDetox LIFE Project and expanded its audience across both urban and rural areas.

Photos from the events:



- WORKSHOP REPORT 7 -

Background:

On June 27, 2024, AOS held an educational workshop in Peshkopi about the consequences of the illegal use of poison baits and the misuse of pesticides. The target audience included representatives from different state institutions, local NGOs, journalists, and members of the local community.

Workshop Goal:

Raising awareness in Dibra region about the consequences of the illegal use of poison baits in nature and in human health.

Meeting Objectives:

- Collecting information about wildlife conflicts in the Dibra region.
- Discussing safe alternative methods for resolving conflicts with wildlife.
- Informing different stakeholders about the consequences of the illegal use of poison baits.
- Raising awareness about the impact of pesticide misuse on human health.

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2. Outcomes/Overall Conclusions from the workshop:

Outcome 1: The main wildlife conflicts in the Dibra region involve wild boars and brown bears, which cause damage to crops and beehives. There are fewer conflicts with wolves because sheep graze in pastures for only a short period each year and are kept enclosed for most of the year.

Outcome 2: The local community in the Dibra region is aware of safe alternative methods and actively uses them to prevent damage from wild boars and bears to their crops and beehives. They employ dogs, foxlights, and electric fences. However, there is sometimes an issue with using high-voltage electric fences.

Outcome 3: The educational video on the impacts of pesticide misuse on human health and the informational leaflets about illegal wildlife poisoning, which explain what it is, its consequences, and safe alternative methods, have been shared with all participants.

Outcome 4: Contacts have been established with local institutions and local NGOs.

3. Next steps:

Action 1: Maintaining local contacts for ongoing information exchange regarding the development of wildlife conflicts in the region and for any possible wildlife poisoning incidents occurring in the area.

Photos from the workshop:

- WORKSHOP REPORT 8 -

Background:

On September 6th, 2024, AOS, in collaboration with RAPA Gjirokastrë, hosted an educational workshop in Përmet with key local stakeholders as part of International Vulture Awareness Day 2024. The event was attended by representatives from RAPA Gjirokastrë, the Municipality of Përmet, as well as local residents and farmers.

Workshop Goal:

The goal of the meeting is to raise awareness about the use of poison baits, which pose a significant threat to the Egyptian Vulture (*Neophron percnopterus*) and other wildlife.

Workshop Objectives:

- Raising awareness about the importance of vultures for the local ecosystem and economy.
- Informing about vulture populations in Albania, with a special focus on the Egyptian Vulture.
- Raising awareness about the harmful effects of poison baits on wildlife and the Egyptian Vulture population.
- Discussing about human-wildlife conflicts in the Përmet region.
- Raising awareness about the dangers of poisonous substances used in bait preparation and their potential impact on human health.
- Sharing information about the conservation measures undertaken by AOS and RAPA Gjirokastrë to ensure a safe breeding season for the local Egyptian Vulture pair in Përmet.
- Discussing about effective preventive measures to mitigate human-wildlife conflicts in the Përmet area.

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2. Outcomes/Overall Conclusions of the National Workshop:

Outcome 1: The audience, consisting of key stakeholders from the Përmet region with whom AOS has been collaborating to ensure safe breeding seasons for the local Egyptian Vulture pair, was well-informed about the severe threat poison baits pose to the species.

Outcome 2: Local stakeholders were informed about the health risks to humans resulting from the misuse of pesticides and other toxic substances. The educational video on the impacts of pesticides misuse on human health was shared with the audience.

Outcome 3: Information leaflets on illegal wildlife poisoning were distributed to workshop participants. Around 100 of these were provided to RAPA Gjirokastrë for further distribution within the local community as part of their awareness program.

Outcome 4: Local stakeholders identified the main conflicts with wildlife in the Përmet region. Conflicts with bears were the most frequent, as they caused damage to crops

and beehives. The wild boar and wolf were also sources of conflict for the local community.

Outcome 5: The methods used by the local community to mitigate conflicts with wild animals include snares, guardian dogs, and electric fences for protecting beehives.

Outcome 6: While stakeholders find electric fences highly effective for protecting beehives from bears, they believe this method is insufficient to address all types of human-wildlife conflicts in the area. They recommend the following strategies as necessary steps to mitigate these conflicts in the Përmet region, and as a way to prevent the use of poison baits: (1) Regular local awareness campaigns on the impacts of poison baits on wildlife and human health, as well as the legal consequences of their use; (2) Government subsidies to compensate for damages caused by wildlife.

3. Next steps:

Action 1: Maintaining local contacts for ongoing information exchange regarding the development of wildlife conflicts in the region and for any possible wildlife poisoning incidents occurring in the area.

Photos from the workshop:





- WORKSHOP REPORT 9 -

Background:

On March 5, 2025, AOS held an educational and training session in Vlorë with local authorities from three different municipalities: Vlorë, Fier and Divjaka Municipality. The participants represented different institutions and field of expertise, such as: representatives from Municipality of Vlorë, rangers from protected areas regional administrations, inspectors from national inspectorate for the protection of the territory, and representatives from State Police.

Meeting Goal:

The goal of this session was to raise awareness among local authorities regarding the poisoning issue and in the same time to share with them some best practices on wildlife crime investigation learned during the Wildlife Crime Academy.

Meeting Objectives:

- To raise awareness among local institutions about the poisoning problem.
- To understand the difficulties local institutions, face in properly managing wildlife crimes.
- To share some best practices and lessons learned during the Wildlife Crime Academy.

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2. Outcomes/Overall Conclusions of the National Meeting:

Outcome 1: The local authorities seem to be more aware about other types of wildlife crime such as illegal shooting and trapping of birds and less of wildlife poisoning, due to the fact that there have been no cases of suspected poisoned wildlife reported to them. Some informative leaflets about the poisoning issue were shared with participants so they can get to know a little bit more about the problematic.

Outcome 2: During discussions a need for collaboration between institutions was highlighted again as well as a need for having a chain of custody in place.

Outcome 3: Participants expressed a need for more training regarding the management and investigation of wildlife crimes.

3. Next steps:

Action 1: Our focus lately has been on pushing forward the approval of the anti-poisoning road map, as the road map provides a clearly defined chain of custody and jurisdiction, together with operational protocols which will be very helpful for authorities.

Action 2: Regarding citizens reporting suspected poisoning cases to authorities, we will continue to emphasize through our communication channels, and if possible, through local authorities' communication channels, the importance of reporting poisoning cases to competent authorities.

Photos from the workshop:



Annex 2

Reports from the National workshops and educational events in Bosnia and Herzegovina

- WORKSHOP REPORT 1 -

Background:

17.9.2021., Blagaj – Workshop for key target audience in Blagaj (poisoning hotspot in B&H), National partner (Organizer): Ornithological society 'Naše ptice'.

Workshop Goal:

Presentation of severity of the environmental issue of illegal wildlife poisoning and project presentation. Getting information for evaluation of the perception about the practice of intentional use of poison for eradicating undesirable wildlife and other animals (baseline and impact)

Meeting Objectives:

- Presenting the severity and scope of using poison for eradicating undesirable wildlife and other animals
- Presenting BalkanDetox LIFE project to key target audience

Report

Seven people from NGO sector, farmers and veterinarians, attended the workshop. 7 more from hunting society cancelled attendance because of an epidemic of measles they had from their kids. All participants filled up our questionnaire, and organizer made two presentations – one to introduce the severity of illegal use of poison to tackle conflicts with wildlife and the other to present BalkanDetox LIFE project.

Photos from the workshop:



- WORKSHOP REPORT 2 -

Background:

9.9.2021., Kupres – Workshop for key target audience in Kupres (poisoning hotspot in B&H), National partner (Organizer): Ornithological society 'Naše ptice'.

Workshop Goal:

Presentation of severity of illegal poisoning problem and project presentation. Getting information for evaluation of the perception about the practice of intentional use of poison for eradicating undesirable wildlife and other animals (baseline and impact)

Meeting Objectives:

- Presenting the severity and scope of using poison for eradicating undesirable wildlife and other animals
- Presenting BalkanDetox LIFE project to key target audience

Report

19 people from NGO sector, farmers and veterinarians, attended the workshop. All participants filled up our questionnaire, and organizer made two presentations – one to introduce the severity of illegal use of poison to tackle conflicts with wildlife and the other to present BalkanDetox LIFE project. Local media were also present and organizers and participants did interviews with them.



- REPORT FROM EDUCATIONAL EVENT 1 -

Background:

Action D.1, 22-24.10.2021., Blagaj – Open workshop for public, National partner (Organizer): Ornithological society 'Naše ptice'.

Meeting Goal:

Presentation of severity of the illegal poisoning problem and project presentation. Getting information for evaluation of the perception about the practice of intentional use of poison for eradicating undesirable wildlife and other animals.

Meeting Objectives:

- Presenting the severity and scope of using poison for eradicating undesirable wildlife and other animals
- Presenting BalkanDetox LIFE project to key target audience

Report

There were 20 people, mostly ornithologist from B&H, Serbia and North Macedonia, attending this Ornithofestival. Organizer made two presentations on illegal wildlife poisoning – one to introduce the severity of illegal use of poison to tackle conflicts with wildlife and the other to present BalkanDetox LIFE project. One more presentation was made by a local veterinarian where he presented poisoning from a veterinarian perspective.

Photos from the event:





- REPORT FROM EDUCATIONAL EVENT 2 -

Background:

Action D.1, 5.9.2024., Blagaj – Workshop for public in Blagaj National partner (Organizer): Ornithological society 'Naše ptice'.

Meeting Goal:

Presentation of severity of the illegal poisoning problem and project presentation. Getting information for evaluation of the perception about the practice of intentional use of poison for eradicating undesirable wildlife and other animals. Raising awareness about vultures in general.

Meeting Objectives:

- Presenting the severity and scope of using poison for eradicating undesirable wildlife and other animals
- Presenting BalkanDetox LIFE project to key target audience
- Raising awareness about vultures

Report

It was Vulture Awareness Day, 5.9.2024. and we decided to organize an event/workshop in Eco Centre Novi Val, Blagaj. 80-100 people, from several countries (B&H, Netherlands, Germany) visited this event. Organizer made two presentations – one to introduce the severity of illegal use of poison to tackle conflicts with wildlife and the other to present BalkanDetox LIFE project. There were also journalists who did interviews for Federal TV.

Photos from the event:





- REPORT FROM EDUCATIONAL LECTURE 1 -

Background:

Action D.1, 15.4.2021., Online – Workshop for public, National partner (Organizer): Ornithological society 'Naše ptice'.

Meeting Goal:

Presentation of severity of the illegal poisoning problem and project presentation. Getting information for evaluation of the perception about the practice of intentional use of poison for eradicating undesirable wildlife and other animals (baseline and impact)

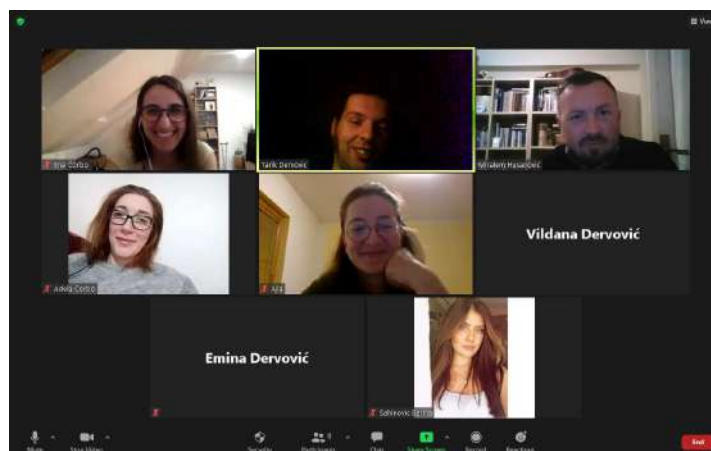
Meeting Objectives:

- Presenting the severity and scope of using poison for eradicating undesirable wildlife and other animals
- Presenting BalkanDetox LIFE project to key target audience

Report

It was during the pandemic, so we decided to organize a webinar. There were 8 people from the NGO sector. Organizer made two presentations – one to introduce the severity of illegal use of poison to tackle conflicts with wildlife and the other to present BalkanDetox LIFE project.

Photo from the event:



- REPORT FROM EDUCATIONAL LECTURE 2 -

Background:

Action D.1, 12-15.5.2022., Matinski Vis – Workshop for students and other researchers.

Meeting Goal:

Presentation of severity of the illegal poisoning problem and project presentation. Getting information for evaluation of the perception about the practice of intentional use of poison for eradicating undesirable wildlife and other animals.

Meeting Objectives:

- Presenting the severity and scope of using poison for eradicating undesirable wildlife and other animals
- Presenting BalkanDetox LIFE project to key target audience
- Hearing about other research experiences with wildlife poisoning
- Information sharing

Report

12-15.5.2022. we attended the research camp in Blagaj. There were 35 participants from NGO sector and students. We presented BalkanDetox LIFE project and severity of illegal use of poison to tackle conflicts with wildlife. Talked with other participants to hear about their experiences with wildlife poisoning and agreed on information sharing.

- REPORT FROM EDUCATIONAL LECTURE 3 -

Background:

Action D.1, 28.7.2022., Gacko – Workshop for key target audience in Gacko, National partner (Organizer): Ornithological society 'Naše ptice'.

Meeting Goal:

Presentation of severity of the illegal poisoning problem and project presentation. Getting information for evaluation of the perception about the practice of intentional use of poison for eradicating undesirable wildlife and other animals.

Meeting Objectives:

- Presenting the severity and scope of using poison for eradicating undesirable wildlife and other animals
- Presenting BalkanDetox LIFE project to key target audience

Report

6 people from NGO sector and governmental institutions attended the workshop. Organizer made two presentations – one to introduce the severity of illegal use of poison to tackle conflicts with wildlife and the other to present BalkanDetox LIFE project.

Photos from the event:





- REPORT FROM EDUCATIONAL LECTURE 4 -

Background:

Action D.1, 5.8.2022., Modriča – Workshop for key target audience in Modriča, National partner (Organizer): Ornithological society 'Naše ptice'.

Meeting Goal:

Presentation of severity of the illegal poisoning problem and project presentation. Getting information for evaluation of the perception about the practice of intentional use of poison for eradicating undesirable wildlife and other animals (baseline and impact)

Meeting Objectives:

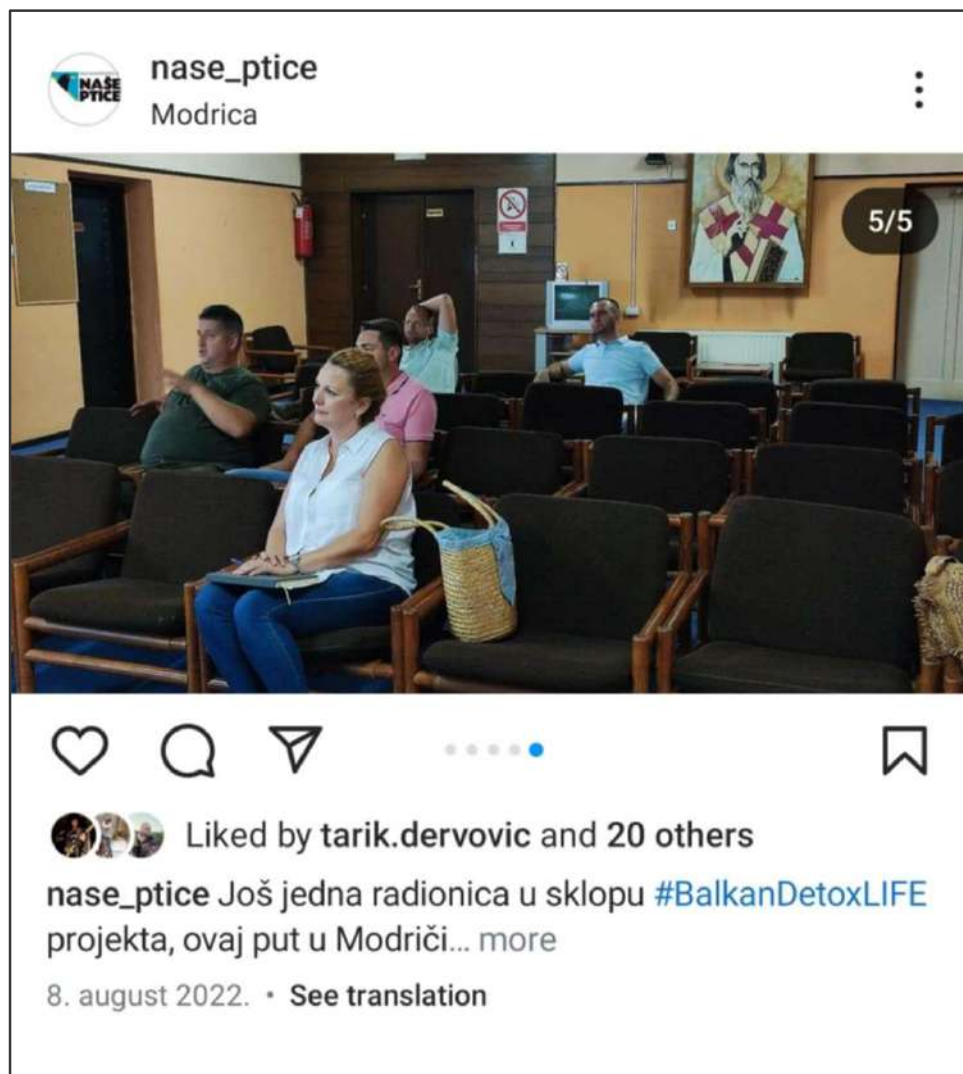
- Presenting the severity and scope of using poison for eradicating undesirable wildlife and other animals
- Presenting BalkanDetox LIFE project to key target audience

Report

9 people from NGO sector and governmental institutions attended the workshop. Organizer made two presentations – one to introduce the severity of illegal use of poison to tackle conflicts with wildlife and the other to present BalkanDetox LIFE project.

Photos from the event:





- REPORT FROM EDUCATIONAL LECTURE 5 -

Background:

Action D.1, 10-14.5.2023., Radunice – Workshop for students and other researcher, local NGO members.

Meeting Goal:

Presentation of severity of the illegal poisoning problem and project presentation. Getting information for evaluation of the perception about the practice of intentional use of poison for eradicating undesirable wildlife and other animals.

Meeting Objectives:

- Presenting the severity and scope of using poison for eradicating undesirable wildlife and other animals
- Presenting BalkanDetox LIFE project to key target audience
- Hearing about other researchers' experiences with wildlife poisoning
- Making deals on information sharing

Report

10-14.5.2023 we attended research camp in Radunice. There were 34 participants from NGO sector and students. We presented BalkanDetox LIFE project and severity of illegal use of poison to tackle conflicts with wildlife. Talked with other participants to hear about their experiences with wildlife poisoning and agreed on information sharing.

Photos from the event:





- REPORT FROM EDUCATIONAL LECTURE 6 -

Background:

Action D.1, 17-21.7.2024., Ozren – Workshop for students and other researcher, local NGO members.

Meeting Goal:

Presentation of severity of the illegal poisoning problem and project presentation. Getting information for evaluation of the perception about the practice of intentional use of poison for eradicating undesirable wildlife and other animals.

Meeting Objectives:

- Presenting the severity and scope of using poison for eradicating undesirable wildlife and other animals
- Presenting BalkanDetox LIFE project to key target audience
- Hearing about other researchers' experiences with wildlife poisoning
- Making deals on information sharing

Report

17-21.7.2024 we attended a research camp in Ozren. There were 28 participants from NGO sector and students. We presented BalkanDetox LIFE project and severity of illegal use of poison to tackle conflicts with wildlife. Talked with other participants to hear about their experiences with wildlife poisoning and agreed on information sharing.

- REPORT FROM EDUCATIONAL LECTURE 7 -

Background:

Action D.1, 20.9.2023., Travnik – Workshop for key target audience in Travnik, National partner (Organizer): Ornithological society 'Naše ptice'.

Meeting Goal:

Presentation of severity of the illegal poisoning problem and project presentation. Getting information for evaluation of the perception about the practice of intentional use of poison for eradicating undesirable wildlife and other animals.

Meeting Objectives:

- Presenting the severity and scope of using poison for eradicating undesirable wildlife and other animals
- Presenting BalkanDetox LIFE project to key target audience

Report

13 people from NGO sector and governmental institutions, veterinarians, hunters and fishermen attended the workshop. Organizer made two presentations – one to introduce the severity of illegal use of poison to tackle conflicts with wildlife and the other to present BalkanDetox LIFE project. One more presentation was made by a local veterinarian where he presented poisoning from a veterinarian perspective.

Photos from the event:





- REPORT FROM EDUCATIONAL LECTURE 8 -

Background:

Action D.1, 24-29.4.2024., Blagaj – Workshop for students and other researchers in Blagaj,

Meeting Goal:

Presentation of severity of the illegal poisoning problem and project presentation. Getting information for evaluation of the perception about the practice of intentional use of poison for eradicating undesirable wildlife and other animals.

Meeting Objectives:

- Presenting the severity and scope of using poison for eradicating undesirable wildlife and other animals
- Presenting BalkanDetox LIFE project to key target audience
- Hearing about other researchers' experiences with wildlife poisoning
- Making deals on information sharing

Report

24-29.4.2024 we attended research camp in Blagaj. There were 41 participants from the NGO sector and students. We presented BalkanDetox LIFE project and severity of illegal use of poison to tackle conflicts with wildlife. Talked with other participants to hear about their experiences with wildlife poisoning and agreed on information sharing.

Photos from the event:





- REPORT FROM EDUCATIONAL LECTURE 9 -

Background:

Action D.1, 2. 2. 2025, Hutovo Blato – Workshop for key target audience in Hutovo Blato, National partner (Organizer): Ornithological society 'Naše ptice'.

Meeting Goal:

- Presentation of severity of the illegal poisoning problem and project presentation.
- Getting information for evaluation of the perception about the practice of intentional use
- of poison for eradicating undesirable wildlife and other animals.

Meeting Objectives:

- Presenting the severity and scope of using poison for eradicating undesirable wildlife and other animals.
- Presenting BalkanDetox LIFE project to key target audience.

Report

Park of Nature Hutovo Blato organized open door event on International Wetlands Day. 15 members from OS 'Naše ptice' joined organized visit to Hutovo Blato and event was visited by 100-500 people.

We made two lectures – one to introduce the severity of illegal use of poison to tackle conflicts with wildlife and the other to present BalkanDetox LIFE project. Also, we distributed BalkanDetox LIFE project leaflets to visitors of event.

Photos from the event:





Annex 3

Reports from the National workshops in Croatia

- WORKSHOP REPORT 1 -

Background:

National partner: Association Biom

Interactive lecture

Time: September 21st, 2021, 18 h.

Place: Sinj, Croatia.

Workshop goal:

The goal of the lecture was to raise awareness and knowledge among local residents (primarily livestock breeders, farmers and hunters) about the severity of wildlife poisoning and the threat that it represents to wildlife, domestic animals and public health. Another important goal of the lecture was to provide them with clear guidelines on how to act if they witness or suspect a poisoning incident and to initiate an open discussion where they can openly ask any questions regarding the theme or share their experience.

Workshop objectives:

- raising awareness about the severity and threat of wildlife poisoning
- providing clear guidelines on how to act if witnessing or suspecting a poisoning incident
- creating a safe atmosphere where participants can raise questions about wildlife poisoning and share their experience and concerns

1. List of participants:



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Jačanje nacionalnih kapaciteta za borbu protiv trovanja divljih životinja i podizanje svijesti o problemu trovanja u balkanskim zemljama

21.9.2021., Sinj, 18:00

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2. Short description:

The first workshop for livestock breeders, farmers, hunters and veterinarians was implemented in the city of Sinj, in Split-Dalmatia County. The workshop was successful, people were interested and actively engaged into discussions. Senior inspector Tanja Šurbat joined the lecture, she presented the current situation in Croatia.

The presentation of the poisoning problem in Croatia and the BalkanDetox LIFE project was presented by Nera Fabijanić through the Association BIOM as a project partner. People opened and clearly communicated the problems they have (most often the wolf) and the ways in which they are traditionally solved.

Photos from the workshop:





- WORKSHOP REPORT 2 -

Background:

National partner: Association Biom

Interactive lecture

Time: Friday, February 8, 2024, 19:00 – 20:00 h.

Place: Kulturno Informativni Centar Gospić, Budačka ulica 12, Gospić

Workshop goal:

The goal of the lecture was to raise awareness and knowledge among local residents (primarily livestock breeders, farmers and hunters) about the severity of wildlife poisoning and the threat that it represents to wildlife, domestic animals and public health. Another important goal of the lecture was to provide them with clear guidelines on how to act if they witness or suspect a poisoning incident and to initiate an open discussion where they can openly ask any questions regarding the theme or share their experience.

Workshop objectives:

- raising awareness about the severity and threat of wildlife poisoning
- providing clear guidelines on how to act if witnessing or suspecting a poisoning incident
- creating a safe atmosphere where participants can raise questions about wildlife poisoning and share their experience and concerns

1. List of participants:



Radionica o suzbijanju trovanja divljih životinja

Kulturno Informativni Centar Gospić, 08.02.2024., 19:00

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3. Short description:

This was the second out of three planned educational lectures for local residents (livestock breeders, farmers, hunters) in Croatia's poisoning hotspots (Lika, Dalmatinska zagora and Kvarner region). Lecture was held in Gospić (Lika region, central town in Ličko-senjska county) in the venue of Kulturno-inoformativni centar Gospić. The place of the lecture was chosen due the fact that obligatory educational programs for agricultural subsidies/payment users are regularly organized in the same venue and local farmers are well acquainted with it.

During the preparation of the lecture, additional efforts were put into compiling farmers' personal e-mail addresses in cooperation with Directorate for Professional Support for Agricultural Development (Ministry of agriculture) and sending direct invitations to the lecture. Even though around 500 direct invitations were sent to farmers and hunters, and an open invitation was shared through all local media (online news portals and local radio stations), relatively small number of participants joined the lecture: nine local residents, mostly cattle breeders, and three employees of Public institution Nature park Velebit.

Marija Martinko Ivanov opened the lecture by greeting all participants and making a short introduction on the theme of poisoning and the BalkanDetox LIFE project. The main lecturer was Ivan Budinski, (Biom's employee (mammal expert) and a member of the National wolf and brown bear intervention team). The discussion which followed was lively and open. All present cattle breeders openly talked about the casualties in their cattle herds which are caused by wolf attacks. Many of them openly stated that they have already heard of several other farmers using poison baits. The participants raised practical questions regarding correct actions they should undertake in case of witnessing poisoning incidents in the future and preventive measures against predators. During discussion Ivan Budinski put a strong emphasis on all dangers and consequences of poison misuse, additionally describing them on real past cases of poisoning incidents in Croatia.

Representatives of the media were also informed about the event. Prior to the beginning of the lecture, journalists from two local radio stations (Radio Gospić and Radio Senj) gathered statements from Ivan Budinski and Marija Martinko Ivanov which were aired the next day.

4. Outcomes of the workshop:



Outcome 1: Participants (local farmers – cattle breeders) are informed about the dangers and consequences of poison misuse. They are informed when to suspect of illegal poisoning incidents (how a poison bait looks like, how a poisoned animal looks like)

Outcome 2: Participants (local farmers – cattle breeders) are well informed on how to properly act and engage if witnessing or suspecting incidents of illegal poisoning.

Outcome 3: Participants are informed about possible preventive measures against predators they can implement.

5. Photos from the workshop:





- WORKSHOP REPORT 3 -

Background:

National partner: Association Biom

Interactive lecture

Time: Tuesday, January 14, 2025, 19:00 – 20:00 h.

Place: Mala vijećnica Grada Krka, Trg bana Josipa Jelačića 2, Grad Krk

Workshop Goal:

The goal of the lecture was to raise awareness and knowledge among local residents (primarily shepherds, livestock breeders and hunters) about the severity of wildlife poisoning and the threat that it represents to wildlife, domestic animals and public health. Another important goal of the lecture was to provide them with clear guidelines on how to act if they witness or suspect a poisoning incident and to initiate an open discussion where they can openly ask any questions regarding the theme or share their experience.

Workshop Objectives:

- raising awareness about the severity and threat of wildlife poisoning
- providing clear guidelines on how to act if witnessing or suspecting a poisoning incident
- creating a safe atmosphere where participants can raise questions about wildlife poisoning and share their experience and concerns

1. List of participants:



Radionica o suzbijanju trovanja divljih životinja

Mala vijećnica Grada Krka, 14.01.2025., 19:00

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3. Short description:

This was the final out of three planned educational workshops/lectures for local residents (livestock breeders and shepherds, farmers, hunters) in Croatia's poisoning hotspots (Lika, Dalmatinska zagora and Kvarner region). Lecture was held in town Krk (on the island of Krk, Kvarner region, Primorsko-goranska county) in the venue of the Krk Town Hall (vijećnica Grada Krka).

During the preparation of the lecture, additional efforts were put into compiling farmers' personal e-mail addresses in cooperation with Directorate for Professional Support for Agricultural Development (Ministry of agriculture) and local agricultural cooperative and sending direct invitations to the lecture. Direct invitations via e-mail were also sent to local hunters (members of local hunting association) as well as to the county hunting federation. Even though around 90 direct invitations were sent to farmers and hunters, and an open invitation was shared through all local media (online news portals), relatively small number of participants joined the lecture: four shepherds, two hunters and one employee (director) of County public institution for nature conservation.

Boleslaw Slocinski opened the lecture by greeting all participants and making a short introduction on the theme of poisoning and the BalkanDetox LIFE project. The main lecturer was Ivan Budinski, (Biom's employee (mammal expert) and a member of the National wolf and brown bear intervention team). During discussion Ivan Budinski put a strong emphasis on all dangers and consequences of poison misuse, additionally describing them on real past cases of poisoning incidents in Croatia. Present shepherds openly talked about the huge issue of the golden jackal attacks on sheep, which is the main obstacle for shepherding on the Island of Krk together with overgrowing pastures. Present shepherds admitted that they do not poison anymore as they became aware of the devastating impact of wildlife poisoning on Griffon Vultures, which they consider a natural ally in maintaining pastures. Present hunters stated that wildlife poisoning results in their economic loss since hunting dogs are often killed on poison baits set for golden jackals.

The main topic of discussion was halting the overgrowing of pastures, which would help them to manage the jackal population more successfully and would also help in raising profitability of sheep keeping. Issues related to pastures management are a burden for all sheep keepers, so when additional problem, such as golden jackal attack appear, some sheep keepers get extremely frustrated and choose poisoning as a method. Director of the local County public institution for nature protection (JU Priroda) Marko Modrić announced that JU Priroda is applying a project for the Cohesion Fund which would help in restoring Island Krk's pastures and support local sheep keeping. Local farmers stated that they recognize nature protection sector (JU Priroda, Association

Biom) as stakeholders who honestly aim at supporting sheep keeping on Kvarner islands and they are open for further cooperation.

Representatives of media were also informed about the event and shared the invitation on their web portals and social networks. They were also offered to take statements from lecturers for their press releases but none of them showed interest in that.

4. Outcomes of the workshop:

Outcome 1: Participants (hunters and local farmers – cattle breeders) are informed about the dangers and consequences of poison misuse. They are informed when to suspect of illegal poisoning incident (how a poison bait looks like, how a poisoned animal looks like)

Outcome 2: Participants (hunters and local farmers – cattle breeders) are well informed on how to properly act and engage if witnessing or suspecting incidents of illegal poisoning.

Outcome 3: Participants are informed about possible preventive measures against predators they can implement.

5. Photos from the workshop:



Annex 4

Reports from the National workshops in North Macedonia

- WORKSHOP REPORT 1 -

Background:

03/09/2021, Gorna Boshava (North Macedonia), Macedonian Ecological Society.

Workshop Goal:

Raise awareness of the locals in Gorna Boshava of the importance of the remaining vulture population in the country and the issue of wildlife poisoning in the region.

Workshop Objectives:

- Present the current statistics of vultures in North Macedonia and their biggest threat
- Present the dangers of wildlife poisoning and how harmful it is to the general public as well.

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2. Outcomes/Overall Conclusions of the National Meeting:

Outcome 1: Participants were eager to share their experience with vultures and their opinions on poisoning.

Outcome 2: Participants understood the gravity of wildlife poisoning consequences.

3. Next steps:

Action 1: Regular meetings like this are needed and should be planned annually.

Photos from the workshop:



- WORKSHOP REPORT 2 -

Background:

07/09/2021, Vitolishte (North Macedonia), Macedonian Ecological Society.

Workshop Goal:

Raise awareness of the locals in Vitolishte of the importance of the remaining vulture population in the country and the issue of wildlife poisoning in the region.

Workshop Objectives:

- Present the current statistics of vultures in North Macedonia and their biggest threat
- Present the dangers of wildlife poisoning and how harmful it is to the general public as well.

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2. Outcomes/Overall Conclusions of the National Meeting:

Outcome 1: Participants were eager to share their experience with vultures and their opinions on poisoning. Especially in Vitolishte, the issue of poisoning is prominent and a serious threat to the vulture population.

Outcome 2: Participants understood the gravity of wildlife poisoning consequences.

3. Next steps:

Action 1: Regular meetings like this are needed and should be planned annually.

Action 2: The use of citizen science by informing MES employees of vulture movements in the area through the help of binoculars could be popular and should be looked into more.

Photos from the workshop:



- WORKSHOP REPORT 3 -

Background:

By the initiation of the local border police, we organized a co-presentation for the local livestock breeders of Vitolishte about the problem with wildlife poisoning and its biodiversity and socioeconomic consequences. This presentation was organized in cooperation with the Egyptian Vulture New LIFE project, 20.08.2022, Vitolishte (North Macedonia), Macedonian Ecological Society.

Workshop Goal:

Have the local livestock keepers understand the serious consequences that follow wildlife poisoning as well as the poisoning of domestic animals. Additionally, have the locals become aware of the legal issues of poisoning according to our national laws.

Workshop Objectives:

- Present vulture populations in North Macedonia and their biggest threat which is poisoning. Present our work in BalkanDetox LIFE
- Present poisoning as a general public safety issue that affects humans and animals.
- The local police present the illegality of poisoning according to national laws.

1. List of participants:

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2. Outcomes/Overall Conclusions of the National Meeting:

Outcome 1: The locals shared their experience with the poisoning issue, how their own dogs had been poisoned as well as a result of the poisoning.

Outcome 2: The locals became more aware of the legal consequences of this practice.

3. Next steps:

Action 1: A similar workshop should be organized in the future again – together with the local police to provide gravity to the issue.

Photos from the workshop:





- WORKSHOP REPORT 4 -

Background:

10/03/2023, Erdzelija (North Macedonia), Macedonian Ecological Society.

Workshop Goal:

Raise awareness of the children in the middle school Dame Gruev, in the village Erdzelija about the biodiversity in the area and its relation to the agricultural practices that are present.

Workshop Objectives:

- Present the current situation of the Egyptian vulture in North Macedonia and its biggest threat, which is secondary poisoning
- Present about migratory bird species and their importance to the biodiversity of an area
- Play the board game based on the migration of Egyptian vultures

1. List of participants:

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2. Outcomes/Overall Conclusions:

Outcome 1: Students were active in playing the board game and learned more about the threats that vultures face.

Outcome 2: Students had more questions about the work of MES, and how they can help more in the protection of vultures.

3. Next steps:

Action 1: Have another workshop and continue with activities for children in the area

Photos from the workshop:



- WORKSHOP REPORT 5 -

Background:

Following the 20.08.2022 presentation with the local border police in Vitolishte, poisoning cases have gone down in the village. Upon the initiation of the local police, we decided to organize another meeting. Upon the successful first-aid kits for anti-poisoning that were given to locals for their pets (in the framework of the Egyptian Vulture New LIFE project), a dog was saved in the village, and the locals greatly appreciated these kits. It was decided to give out several more (20) to show appreciation and support to the locals for their collaboration, 12.05.2023, Vitolishte (North Macedonia), Macedonian Ecological Society

Workshop Goal:

Have the local livestock keepers understand the serious consequences that follow wildlife poisoning as well as the poisoning of domestic animals. Additionally, have the locals become aware of the legal issues of poisoning according to our national laws. Provide locals with first-aid kits in cases of poisoning for domestic animals.

Workshop Objectives:

- Present vulture populations in North Macedonia and their biggest threat which is poisoning. Present the national capacity building conducted until now in the scope of BalkanDetox LIFE.
- Present poisoning as a general public safety issue that affects humans and animals.
- The local police present the illegality of poisoning according to national laws.

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2. Outcomes/Overall Conclusions of the National Meeting:

Outcome 1: The locals expressed that there have been fewer poisoning cases as well as the first-aid kits are of great help to them.

Outcome 2: The locals expressed that they are exhausted from the poisoning that is occurring and that most of their dogs have been victims to this practice.

Outcome 3: An inspector from the police station in Kavadarci joined the meeting and expressed great interest in the measures that could be taken to tackle this issue which includes having an anti-poisoning dog part of the police and organizing national educational workshops on this issue.

3. Next steps:

Action 1: MES employees to continue to do regular field visits in the areas where vultures are present.

Action 2: Organize two different national educational workshops: one would include the Kavadarci and Negotino area whilst the other would include Prilep and Bitola.

Photos from the workshop:





First-aid kits for poisoning of dogs produced within the project for local stakeholders.

- WORKSHOP REPORT 6 -

Background:

26/10/2023, Skopje (North Macedonia), Macedonian Ecological Society.

Workshop Goal:

Raise awareness of the children as part of the Echo Mountain Film Festival about the Egyptian vulture and the threats it faces.

Meeting Objectives:

- Introduce the board game for the Egyptian vulture migration to the children signed up for the workshop.
- Have the children understand the threats the species faces during its path.

1. List of participants:

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2. Outcomes/Overall Conclusions:

Outcome 1: The participants enthusiastically played the board game, successfully and quickly learning the significant threats that the species faces upon its migration.



- WORKSHOP REPORT 7 -

Background:

14/12/2023, Skopje (North Macedonia), Macedonian Ecological Society.

Workshop Goal:

Raise awareness of the children in the middle school Dimitar Makedonski about the Egyptian vulture and the threats it faces.

Workshop Objectives:

- Present the current situation of the Egyptian vulture in North Macedonia and its biggest threat, which is secondary poisoning
- Present about migratory bird species and their importance to the biodiversity of an area
- Present the board game based on the migration of Egyptian vultures

1. List of participants:

Name of participant	Institution/ Organization	Position within the Institution	Contact information
Arta Starova	MES	Project coordinator	starova@mes.org.mk

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2. Outcomes/Overall Conclusions:

Outcome 1: Students learned new facts about vultures and sub-species of vultures present in North Macedonia.

Outcome 2: Students participated enthusiastically during the board game, learning more about the migration of the Egyptian vulture.

Photos from the workshop:



- WORKSHOP REPORT 8 -

Background:

18/03/2024, Skopje (North Macedonia), Faculty of Security.

Workshop Goal:

Education for students who are following the Environmental Criminalistic course on vulture conservation and anti-poisoning initiatives.

Workshop Objectives:

- Introduce the topic of vulture conservation to the students, their ecosystem services and the threats they face from illegal activities.
- Discuss other forms of wildlife crime (such as snare-trapping).

1. List of participants:

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2. Outcomes/Overall Conclusions:

Outcome 1: The students learned more about this species and the work that nature conservationists (especially MES) are doing to protect it.

Outcome 2: The students discussed the topic of animal poisoning in general in the country, as a critical issue.

Outcome 3: Students were introduced to different forms of wildlife crime, and what can be considered as wildlife crime. They also learned the signs of poisoning that can be identified in animals (according to the species).

Photos from the workshop:



- WORKSHOP REPORT 9 -

Background:

17/06/2024, Skopje (North Macedonia), Youth Educational Forum office.

Workshop Goal:

Within the frame of the Youth Engage Festival, MES was invited to hold a talk for young adults, specifying the importance of lobbying for policy change, through case studies of wildlife crime (poisoning, snare-trapping).

Workshop Objectives:

- Introduce the topic of vulture and wildlife conservation to young adults, as well as the threats they face.
- State the reasons it is important for the younger generation to be involved in policy change for such topics, and ways they can achieve in this.

1. List of participants:

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2. Outcomes/Overall Conclusions:

Outcome 1: Participants became acquainted with the topic of wildlife poisoning and snare-trapping (the reasons, how it impacts wildlife conservation).

Outcome 2: Participants were encouraged to join in the fight in combatting wildlife crime.

Outcome 3: Main points delivered to participants was:

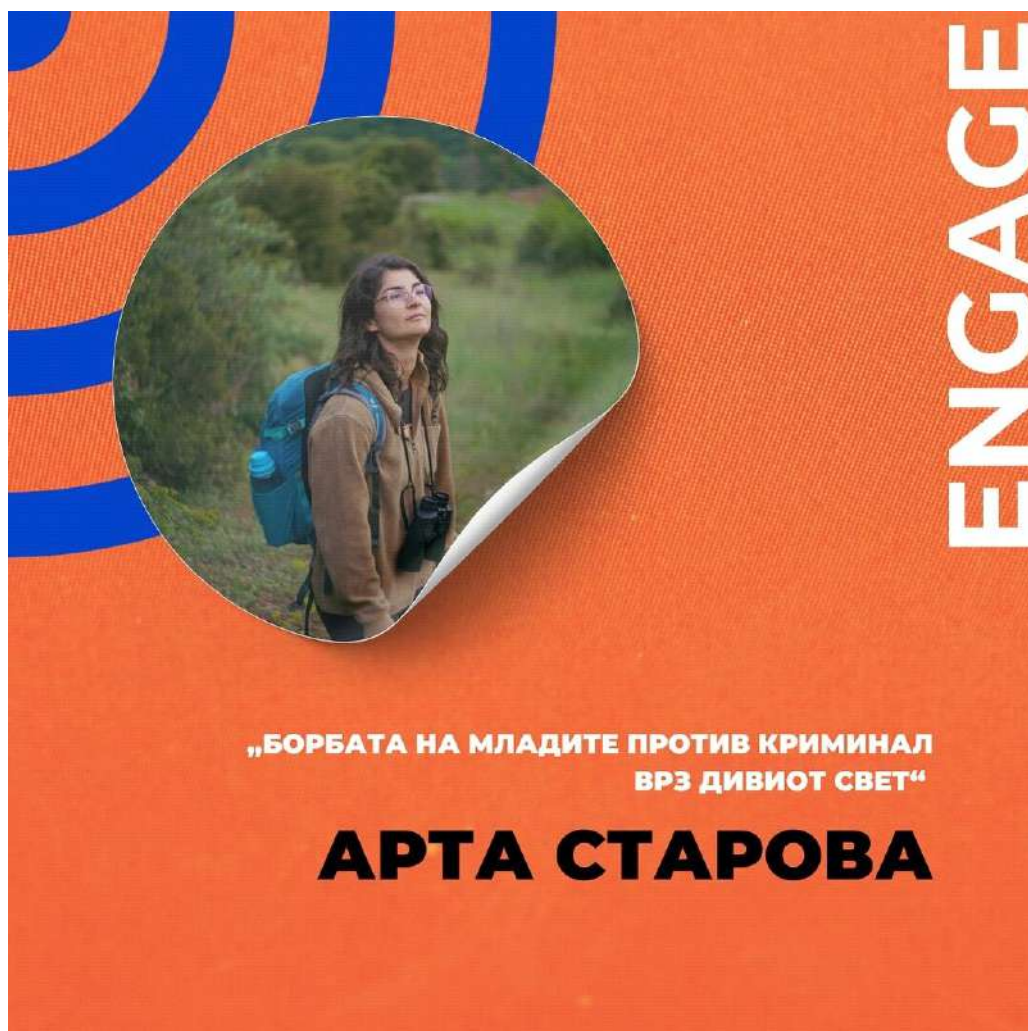
- a) LISTEN: Whether you're engaging with local communities or national institutions, listening is essential. We often enter meetings with preconceived notions and our

own agendas, but true collaboration and innovation come from actively listening to what others have to say.

- b) **WORK WITH PEOPLE, NOT INSTITUTIONS:** Approaching the Ministry of Interior Affairs or the Public Prosecutor's Office can be daunting, especially when lobbying for environmental causes. What helps is remembering that we are working with people, not faceless institutions. Finding and connecting with passionate individuals within these organizations can make all the difference.
- c) **BE PERSISTENT:** Usually many obstacles will be faced, from ignored emails and unanswered calls to closed doors. It is not unusual to hear that the proposed plans are optimistic and enthusiastic but it's important to remember these are the characteristics that drive change in the world.

Photos from the workshop:





- WORKSHOP REPORT 10 -

Background:

07/09/2024, Skopje (North Macedonia), Macedonian Ecological Society.

Workshop Goal:

Participating in International Vulture Awareness Day in the Skopje Zoo.

Workshop Objectives:

- Present to the scout unit “Brakja Miladinovci” about vultures, their importance in the ecosystem, presence in North Macedonia, and significant threats that they face.
- Play several interactive and educational games concerning the migration of the Egyptian vulture.

1. List of participants:

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	Miladinovski"		
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2. Outcomes/Overall Conclusions:

Outcome 1: The participants learned more about vultures, their biology and their significance in the ecosystem.

Outcome 2: Participants participated enthusiastically during educational games, learning more about the migration of the Egyptian vulture and the threats along the way.

Photos from the workshop:



- WORKSHOP REPORT 11 -

Background:

16/09/2024, Demir Kapija Gorge (North Macedonia), Macedonian Ecological Society.

Meeting Goal:

As part of vulture awareness, take several members of the National Anti-Poison Working Group on a field trip to the Demir Kapija Gorge to bird-watch the nesting Griffon vulture colony.

Meeting Objectives:

- Introduce the members to bird-watching techniques and methods of monitoring.
- Increase the members' knowledge on the vultures present in the country and continue the promotion for their protection through various efforts, such as combatting wildlife poisoning.

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2. Outcomes/Overall Conclusions:

Outcome 1: In total, we saw 16 birds which is a successful number for the location and the members were pleased to be seeing Griffon vultures in the wild for the first time.

Outcome 2: Members discussed the importance of officializing the Action Plan for combatting wildlife poisoning so that efforts for vulture conservation continue.

Outcome 3: Members learned more about the methods of monitoring and the fieldwork of MES, as well as the vultures currently residing in the country.

Photos from the meeting:





Annex 5

Reports from the National workshops in Serbia

- WORKSHOP REPORT 1 -

Background:

24/08/2021 - Workshop in Novi Pazar, Bird Protection and Study Society of Serbia.

Workshop Goal:

Raise awareness of the target audiences in local communities of the municipality of Novi Pazar about the importance of the remaining vulture population in the country and the issue of wildlife poisoning in the region.

Workshop Objectives:

- Present the current status of vultures in Serbia and their biggest threat.
- Present the dangers of wildlife poisoning and how harmful it is to the general public as well.

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2. Outcomes/Overall Conclusions of the National Meeting:

Outcome 1: Participants were eager to share their experience with vultures and their opinions on poisoning. Participants had the opportunity to learn about the problem of poisoning wild animals, the most common reasons that lead to intentional and accidental poisoning of animals, as well as practices or alternatives to solve existing conflicts with wild animals, while not resorting to the illegal practice of poisoning. During the workshops, we discussed the type of poison used in animal poisoning and future steps in the formation of a working group for the prevention of poisoning of wild animals.

Outcome 2: Participants understood the gravity of wildlife poisoning consequences.

Outcome 3: Participants concluded that the effects of the illegal practice of poisoning in this area can lead to mass casualties of these beneficial vultures, and therefore a lot of effort must be made to ensure that the practice of poisoning does not happen at all.

3. Next steps:

Action 1: Regular meetings like this are needed and should be planned annually.

Photos from the workshop:



- WORKSHOP REPORT 2 -

Background:

26/08/2021 - Workshop in Apatin, Bird Protection and Study Society of Serbia. According to BPSSS data, the most damage from poisoning can occur in the vicinity of these places. The area around Apatin recorded the highest number of cases of poisoning in Serbia, and that is why it is very important to present to people the damage that poisoning can cause.

Workshop Goal:

Raise awareness of the target audiences in local communities of the municipality of Apatin about the importance of the remaining vulture population in the country and the issue of wildlife poisoning in the region.

Workshop Objectives:

- Present the current status of vultures in Serbia and their biggest threat.
- Present the dangers of wildlife poisoning and how harmful it is to the general public as well.

1. List of participants:

Name of participant	Institution/ Organization	Position within the Institution	Contact information
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	Representatives of veterinary inspection from Apatin		
	Hunting association „Kurjačica“		
	Association for the Protection and Adoption of Animals „Njuškica Apatin“		
	Hunting association „Fazan“		

**The list of participants includes locals but due to the nature of the presentation, participant names and information was not collected.*

2. Outcomes/Overall Conclusions of the National Meeting:

Outcome 1: The main problem that stands out is that when citizens notice a problem in their environment, they do not want to report it to competent institutions for fear of offending someone in their community. Since there was no greater response of people to this event, it was not possible to establish the true extent of the problem that leads to animal poisoning, as well as the solutions for the same problem.

Outcome 2: Participants understood the gravity of wildlife poisoning consequences.

Outcome 3: The area around Apatin recorded the highest number of cases of poisoning in Serbia, and that is why it is very important to present to people the damage that poisoning can cause.

3. Next steps:

Action 1: Regular meetings like this are needed and should be planned annually.

- WORKSHOP REPORT 3 -

Background:

31/10/2023 - Workshop in Sremska Mitrovica, Bird Protection and Study Society of Serbia.

Workshop Goal:

Raise awareness of the target audiences in local communities of the municipality of Sremska Mitrovica in order to present the situation in Serbia and the challenges we face when it comes to wildlife poisoning but also to listen to the problems that people face in the local community.

Workshop Objectives:

- Presenting the extent of the problems faced by wildlife in Serbia
- Present the current statistics of wildlife poisoning in Serbia.
- Present the dangers of wildlife poisoning and how harmful it is to the general public as well.

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2. Outcomes/Overall Conclusions of the National Meeting:

Outcome 1: Experiences shared that individuals and institutions have with the suffering and poisoning of wildlife, especially in Srem, where the workshop was held due to frequent poisoning.

Outcome 2: Participants had the opportunity to learn about the problem of poisoning wild animals, the most common reasons that lead to intentional and accidental poisoning of animals, as well as practices or alternatives to solve existing conflicts with wild animals.

Outcome 3: Since after a long time we had representatives of the Ministry of Environmental Protection, we used the opportunity to raise the issue of establishing a working group against wildlife poisoning.

3. Next steps:

Action 1: Planning some regular activities and meetings like this.

Action 2: Continue with the engagement with the Ministry of Environmental Protection.

Photos from the workshop:





- WORKSHOP REPORT 4 -

Background:

03/11/2023 - Workshop in Bačka Topola, Bird Protection and Study Society of Serbia.

Workshop Goal:

Raise awareness of the target audiences in local communities of the municipality of Bačka Topola in order to present the situation in Serbia and the challenges we face when it comes to wildlife poisoning but also to listen to the problems that people face in the local community.

Workshop Objectives:

- Presenting the extent of the problems faced by wildlife in Serbia
- Present the current statistics of wildlife poisoning in Serbia.
- Present the dangers of wildlife poisoning and how harmful it is to the general public as well.

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2. Outcomes/Overall Conclusions of the National Meeting:

Outcome 1: Participants had the opportunity to share the experiences that individuals and institutions have with the issue of wildlife poisoning, especially in Bačka, where the workshop was held due to frequent poisonings.

Outcome 2: Participants had the opportunity to learn about the problem of poisoning wild animals, the most common reasons that lead to intentional and accidental poisoning of animals, as well as practices or alternatives to solve existing conflicts with wild animals.

Outcome 3: Better collaboration established with local partners, Arcus, who actively work to protect the environment and regularly report cases of poisoning.

3. Next steps:

Action 1: Regular meetings like this are needed and should be planned annually.

Action 2: Better cooperation with the local organization ARCUS is also necessary.

Photos from the workshop:



- WORKSHOP REPORT 5 -

Background:

24/11/2023 - Workshop in Kikinda, Bird Protection and Study Society of Serbia.

Workshop Goal:

Raise awareness of the target audiences in local communities of the municipality of Kikinda about the issue of wildlife poisoning in the region. What problems lead to wildlife poisoning and how to solve the problems, discussion with hunters from this region.

Meeting Objectives:

- Presenting the extent of the illegal problems faced by wildlife in Serbia
- Present the current statistics of wildlife poisoning in Serbia.
- Present the dangers of wildlife poisoning and how harmful it is to the general public as well.

1. List of participants:

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2. Outcomes/Overall Conclusions of the National Meeting:

Outcome 1: After the presentation, there was a discussion on the topic, where the participants expressed their views and the challenges they face. It was agreed that joint cooperation is needed to solve the problem.

3. Next steps:

Action 1: Joint activities in the coming period have been agreed, from the education of children and members of hunting associations to the reporting of cases of poaching and poisoning.

Photos from the workshop:



- WORKSHOP REPORT 6 -

Background:

29/11/2023 - Workshop in Dimitrovgrad, Bird Protection and Study Society of Serbia.

Workshop Goal:

Raise awareness of the target audiences in local communities of the municipality of Dimitrovgrad about the importance of the potential vulture population in the Stara mountain and the issue of wildlife poisoning in the region. Presentation of good practices in the reintroduction and strengthening of the vulture population by organizations from Bulgaria.

Workshop Objectives:

- Present the dangers of wildlife poisoning and how harmful it is to the general public as well.
- Presentation of the work of Bulgarian organizations on strengthening the Vulture population.
- Presentation of the work of farmers from Bulgaria on Stara mountain in the conservation of vultures

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2. Outcomes/Overall Conclusions of the Workshop:

Outcome 1: Present all the dangers that vultures face throughout the Balkans and Europe, the benefits that their presence brings, but also the challenges in terms of the illegal killing of these birds.

Outcome 2: Special attention to the possibilities for establishing a supplementary feeding site for vultures in the northern part of the municipality of Dimitrovgrad, due to the specificity of the locality, but also the availability of food provided by local farmers.

3. Next steps:

Action 1: Regular meetings with local farmers and local institutions. Strategic planning and assistance to local institutions with permits and steps for opening supplementary feeding stations for vultures.

Photos from the workshop:



