

4- Feasibility study for the Environmental and Socio-economic aspect and protected areas designation in the project “Karavasta Lagoon - Conservation and Sustainable Management

Assignment Name: Feasibility study for the Environmental and Socio-economic aspect and protected areas designation in the project “Karavasta Lagoon - Conservation and Sustainable Management”		Country: ALBANIA
Location within Country: National Park of Karavasta		Professional Staff Provided by Your Firm/Entity (profiles): Biologist, Environmental specialist, Sociologist, Protected area specialist, Administrator
Name of Client: World Bank		Nº of Staff: 5
Start Date (Month/Year): September 2005	Completion Date (Month/Year): November 2005	Nº of Staff-Months; Duration of Assignment: 3 months
Name of Associated Consultants, If Any: N/A		Approx. Value of Services: 13.000 US\$
Name of Senior Staff (Project Director/Coordinator, Team Leader) Involved and Functions Performed: Dr. Taulant Bino		
Narrative Description of Project: The project aim in preparing the basic report of analysis to be used for the preparation of the GEF medium size project document. The main activities carried out during this project: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Data gathering and establishment of environmental information baseline; 2. Description and analysis of threats to biodiversity, their root causes and response measures; 3. Establishment of precise delineation of target areas for wetland and woodland restoration; 4. Establishment of activities to be targeted under the project's community works for sustainable land use/agro practices component; 5. Environmental Impacts Assessment of proposed wetland and woodland restorations, hydro-rehabilitation of the communication channels, community works activities; 6. Establishment of a baseline for project monitoring, subsequent environmental studies, planning and management initiatives; 7. Socio-economic assessment and the impact of the project on the community. Project aimed also to re-designate territory of protected area with respective zonings for Divjaka National Park and Karavasta Lagoon, and updating of the data of Ramsar Zone according to the Ramsar Convention criteria. All this activity was carried on in collaboration with the Ministry of Environment, General Directorate of Forests and with the local government bodies as well which have shown their interest on this problem. The Local area community and Non Profit Organizations participated in the discussion process for re-designation of protected area.		