

11- The mapping of the Posidonia meadows in the Albanian marine coast and the public awareness for the protection of the habitats

Assignment Name: The mapping of the Posidonia meadows in the Albanian marine coast and the public awareness for the protection of the habitats		Country: ALBANIA
Location within Country: The whole Albanian coast		Professional Staff Provided by Your Firm/Entity (profiles): Biodiversity, Marine biologist, Geology experts
Name of Client: Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs		Nº of Staff: 6
Start Date (Month/Year): September 2007	Completion Date (Month/Year): August 2009	Nº of Staff-Months; Duration of Assignment: 2 years
Name of Associated Consultants, If Any: GAO (Italian NGO), NAUTILUS, University of Pisa		Approx. Value of Services: 52.000 Euro
Name of Senior Staff (Project Director/Coordinator, Team Leader) Involved and Functions Performed: Dr. Zamir Dedej		
Narrative Description of Project: The project aims to realize the following objectives: a) Inventory (GIS) of <i>Posidonia</i> meadows along the Albanian coast; b) Cartography (GIS) of selected areas sea grass meadows (Adriatic and Ionian Sea); setting up of a GIS database including the information collected during the field survey and other relevant information. c) Increase the capacity building of the country through the training of Albanian experts in techniques of monitoring, mapping (GIS) and other tools for planning and management of sensitive areas. The increasing of the national capacity is one of the main goals of this project to ensure at the end of the work the follow-up the activities undertaken and the right use of all the information and tools produced through the project.		