



## REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

NAME & ADDRESS OF FIRM	DATE: August 2, 2019
	REFERENCE: Enhancing financial sustainability of Protected areas system in Albania

Dear Sir / Madam:

We kindly request you to submit your Proposal for ***"Establishing a National Wildlife Fauna Rehabilitation Centre in Divjaka"***

Please be guided by the form attached hereto as Annex 2, in preparing your Proposal.

Proposals may be submitted on or before **Monday, August 19, 2019 at 15:00** via courier mail or hand delivered to the address below:

**United Nations Development Programme**  
**Str. "Skenderbej", Gurten Center, 2nd floor, Tirana, Albania**  
**UNDP Procurement team**

Your Proposal must be expressed in the the English language and valid for a minimum period of one hundred twenty (120) days.

In the course of preparing your Proposal, it shall remain your responsibility to ensure that it reaches the address above on or before the deadline. Proposals that are received by UNDP after the deadline indicated above, for whatever reason, shall not be considered for evaluation.

Services proposed shall be reviewed and evaluated based on completeness and compliance of the Proposal and responsiveness with the requirements of the RFP and all other annexes providing details of UNDP requirements.

The Proposal that complies with all of the requirements, meets all the evaluation criteria and offers the best value for money shall be selected and awarded the contract. Any offer that does not meet the requirements shall be rejected.

Any discrepancy between the unit price and the total price shall be re-computed by UNDP, and the unit price shall prevail, and the total price shall be corrected. If the Service Provider does not accept the final price based on UNDP's re-computation and correction of errors, its Proposal will be rejected.

No price variation due to escalation, inflation, fluctuation in exchange rates, or any other market factors shall be accepted by UNDP after it has received the Proposal. At the time of Award of Contract or Purchase Order, UNDP reserves the right to vary (increase or decrease) the quantity of services and/or goods, by up to a maximum twenty-five per cent (25%) of the total offer, without any change in the unit price or other terms and conditions.

Any Contract or Purchase Order that will be issued as a result of this RFP shall be subject to the General Terms and Conditions attached hereto. The mere act of submission of a Proposal implies that the Service Provider accepts without question the General Terms and Conditions of UNDP, herein attached as Annex 3.

Please be advised that UNDP is not bound to accept any Proposal, nor award a contract or Purchase Order, nor be responsible for any costs associated with a Service Providers preparation and submission of a Proposal, regardless of the outcome or the manner of conducting the selection process.

UNDP's vendor protest procedure is intended to afford an opportunity to appeal for persons or firms not awarded a Purchase Order or Contract in a competitive procurement process. In the event that you believe you have not been fairly treated, you can find detailed information about vendor protest procedures in the following link:

<http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/operations/procurement/business/protest-and-sanctions.html>

UNDP encourages every prospective Service Provider to prevent and avoid conflicts of interest, by disclosing to UNDP if you, or any of your affiliates or personnel, were involved in the preparation of the requirements, design, cost estimates, and other information used in this RFP.

UNDP implements a zero tolerance on fraud and other proscribed practices, and is committed to preventing, identifying and addressing all such acts and practices against UNDP, as well as third parties involved in UNDP activities. UNDP expects its Service Providers to adhere to the UN Supplier Code of Conduct found in this link :

[https://www.un.org/Depts/ptd/sites/www.un.org.Depts.ptd/files/files/attachment/page/pdf/unscc/conduct\\_english.pdf](https://www.un.org/Depts/ptd/sites/www.un.org.Depts.ptd/files/files/attachment/page/pdf/unscc/conduct_english.pdf)

Thank you and we look forward to receiving your Proposal.

Sincerely yours,



*Limya Eltayeb*  
Resident Representative



## Description of Requirements

Context of the Requirement	<p>The new law on PA has significantly contributed to improvement of the overall management effectiveness of the country's system of protected areas, while the current funding baselines for the PA system, and the capacities to administer and improve PA revenue streams, are still well below the levels required to ensure that the PA system can properly serve its function as an important tool to protect biodiversity.</p> <p>Therefore, the current effort are being made to secure sufficient, stable and long-term financial resources for PAs, allocate these resources in a timely manner and appropriate form to ensure that the protected areas are managed effectively and efficiently with respect to conservation and other complementary objectives. Moreover, these measures propose seek to assist the PARAFIER reducing existing funding gaps for the DKNP, improving the management and cost effectiveness and demonstrating the efficacy of different financing strategies in a subset of individual PA;</p> <p>The main government partner, NAPA, as the PAs network management and administration authority, is assisted in the scope of this project, focusing activities at strengthening the capacity of NAPA to effectively plan, secure and administer funds for the protected area system. and to implementing a suite of mechanisms which improve revenue streams in individual protected areas. The current RfQ fails under this output whereby GEF funding are used to enable wildlife fauna rehabilitation means</p>
Implementing Partner of UNDP	MoTE/NAPA
Brief Description of the Required Services <sup>1</sup>	<p>The main objective of this support programme is to affirm and consolidate the role of NAPA as the key state body offering a qualified service to the recovery and reintroduction in nature of species / habitats belonging to wild fauna, providing specialized medical services and first aid, emergency medicine, internal medicine, surgery and medical therapy.</p> <p>The focus of intended services are the establishment of the wildlife fauna and habitat rehabilitation centre in DKNP, which not only serve to rehabilitation of wildlife fauna of this ecosystem, but also will allow for quite appropriately assisting other ecosystems in the country; it will enrol veterinary services, naturalists, marine / biologists, trainees and interns from university locations based on signed collaboration protocols. It will also be equipped with specific needful instruments and equipment.</p> <p>Incorporated activity in this rehabilitation centre will be the health monitoring of wild animals, and important biological indicators thereof. The examination of the health</p>

<sup>1</sup> A detailed TOR may be attached if the information listed in this Annex is not sufficient to fully describe the nature of the work and other details of the requirements.

	<p>status of injured, sick or in distress animals/birds that are found in the territory, as well as providing important data on the health of wild populations, makes it possible to assess the state of health of the environment in which these animals live and which we share with.</p> <p>The facility will also play an important educational role. The possibility of closely observing wild animals represents an emotion and an opportunity for unique cognitive growth and above all an important tool for raising awareness of environmental issues and the work of recovering fauna.</p>
List and Description of Expected Outputs to be Delivered	<p>This support measure will provide a higher survival rate for birds in the Park and outside it through care that can only be provided in a suitable habitat rehabilitation facility; as such, the following actions will be taken:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- preparation of the site for establishing the facility;</li> </ul> <p>design and construction of a bird rehabilitation centre at the DKNP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On-the-job training of veterinarians for the survival of wild birds and enhance the staff capacities with at least two veterinarians' expertise</li> <li>- Ensuring the full or partial recovery of all damaged birds in and outside the park; and</li> <li>- Increasing awareness of the local population and numerous visitors on the protection of wild birds and wild nature;</li> <li>- envisaged more than 2000 visits per year.</li> <li>- Ensure for complete or partial rehabilitation conditions of at least 30 wild birds damaged per year and</li> </ul>
Person to Supervise the Work/Performance of the Service Provider	<i>Project manager/national environment expert</i>
Frequency of Reporting	Click here to enter text.
Progress Reporting Requirements	
Location of work	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exact Address/es Divjaka national park <input type="checkbox"/> At Contractor's Location
Expected duration of work	3months
Target start date	30 August 2019
Latest completion date	November 30, 2019
Travels Expected	



Special Security Requirements	<input type="checkbox"/> Security Clearance from UN prior to travelling <input type="checkbox"/> Completion of UN's Basic and Advanced Security Training <input type="checkbox"/> Comprehensive Travel Insurance <input type="checkbox"/> Others [pls. specify] N/A
Facilities to be Provided by UNDP (i.e., must be excluded from Price Proposal)	<input type="checkbox"/> Office space and facilities <input type="checkbox"/> Land Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Others [pls. specify] N/A
Implementation Schedule indicating breakdown and timing of activities/sub-activities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Required <input type="checkbox"/> Not Required
Names and curriculum vitae of individuals who will be involved in completing the services	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Required <input type="checkbox"/> Not Required
Currency of Proposal	<input type="checkbox"/> United States Dollars <input type="checkbox"/> Euro <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local Currency (ALL, Albanian Lek)
Value Added Tax on Price Proposal <sup>2</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> must be inclusive of VAT and other applicable indirect taxes  <b>In case the services provided by your entity will be exempt or out of scope of Albanian VAT, please clearly state the law provisions your organization makes reference to.</b>  <b>In case of non for-profit organizations, please note that based on Law 92/2014 dated 24.07.2014 and Decision 953, dated 29.12.2014, there are certain conditions to be met in order for the services provided by the latter to be considered as exempt from VAT. In case your entity will opt for such exemption, please provide us proof that your organization meets all the conditions stipulated in article 2 of Decision 953."</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> must be exclusive of VAT and other applicable indirect taxes
Validity Period of Proposals	<input type="checkbox"/> 60 days <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 90 days

<sup>2</sup> VAT exemption status varies from one country to another. Pls. check whatever is applicable to the UNDP CO/BU requiring the service.

(Counting for the last day of submission of quotes)	<input type="checkbox"/> 120 days  In exceptional circumstances, UNDP may request the Proposer to extend the validity of the Proposal beyond what has been initially indicated in this RFP. The Proposal shall then confirm the extension in writing, without any modification whatsoever on the Proposal.																	
Partial Quotes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not permitted <input type="checkbox"/> Permitted <i>[pls. provide conditions for partial quotes, and ensure that requirements are properly listed to allow partial quotes (e.g., in lots, etc.)]</i>																	
Payment Terms <sup>3</sup>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Outputs</th> <th>Percentage</th> <th>Timing</th> <th>Condition for Payment Release</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Lump sum payment upon completion of work</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td rowspan="3"></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Outputs	Percentage	Timing	Condition for Payment Release	Lump sum payment upon completion of work												
Outputs	Percentage	Timing	Condition for Payment Release															
Lump sum payment upon completion of work																		
Person(s) to review/inspect/ approve outputs/complete d services and authorize the disbursement of payment	Project manager/national environment expert																	
Type of Contract to be Signed	<input type="checkbox"/> Purchase Order <input type="checkbox"/> Institutional Contract <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contract for Professional Services <input type="checkbox"/> Long-Term Agreement <sup>4</sup> <i>(if LTA will be signed, specify the document that will trigger the call-off. E.g., PO, etc.)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Other Type of Contract <i>[pls. specify]</i>																	
Criteria for Contract Award	<input type="checkbox"/> Lowest Price Quote among technically responsive offers <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Highest Combined Score (based on the 70% technical offer and 30% price weight distribution) <input type="checkbox"/> Full acceptance of the UNDP Contract General Terms and Conditions (GTC). This is a mandatory criterion and cannot be deleted regardless of the nature of																	

<sup>3</sup> UNDP preference is not to pay any amount in advance upon signing of contract. If the Service Provider strictly requires payment in advance, it will be limited only up to 20% of the total price quoted. For any higher percentage, or any amount advanced exceeding \$30,000, UNDP shall require the Service Provider to submit a bank guarantee or bank cheque payable to UNDP, in the same amount as the payment advanced by UNDP to the Service Provider.

<sup>4</sup> Minimum of one (1) year period and may be extended up to a maximum of three (3) years subject to satisfactory performance evaluation. This RFP may be used for LTAs if the annual purchases will not exceed \$150,000.00.



	services required. Non-acceptance of the GTC may be grounds for the rejection of the Proposal.
Criteria for the Assessment of Proposal	<p><b>Technical Proposal (70%)</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expertise of the Firm 25%</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Methodology, Its Appropriateness to the Condition and Timeliness of the Implementation Plan 20%</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Management Structure and Qualification of Key Personnel 25%</p> <p><b>Financial Proposal (30%)</b></p> <p>To be computed as a ratio of the Proposal's offer to the lowest price among the proposals received by UNDP.</p>
UNDP will award the contract to:	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One and only one Service Provider</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> One or more Service Providers, depending on the following factors: <i>[Clarify fully how and why will this be achieved. Please do not choose this option without indicating the parameters for awarding to multiple Service Providers]</i></p>
Contract General Terms and Conditions <sup>5</sup>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> General Terms and Conditions for contracts (goods and/or services)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General Terms and Conditions for de minimis contracts (services only, less than \$50,000)</p> <p>Applicable Terms and Conditions are available at:  <a href="http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/procurement/business/how-we-buy.html">http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/procurement/business/how-we-buy.html</a></p>
Annexes to this RFP <sup>6</sup>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form for Submission of Proposal (Annex 2)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Detailed TOR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Others<sup>7</sup> <i>[pls. specify]</i></p>
Contact Person for Inquiries (Written inquiries only) <sup>8</sup>	<p>UNDP Albania Procurement Unit  procurement.al@undp.org</p> <p>Any delay in UNDP's response shall be not used as a reason for extending the deadline for submission, unless UNDP determines that such an extension is necessary and communicates a new deadline to the Proposers.</p>
Other Information <i>[pls. specify]</i>	

<sup>5</sup> Service Providers are alerted that non-acceptance of the terms of the General Terms and Conditions (GTC) may be grounds for disqualification from this procurement process.

<sup>6</sup> Where the information is available in the web, a URL for the information may simply be provided.

<sup>7</sup> A more detailed Terms of Reference in addition to the contents of this RFP may be attached hereto.

<sup>8</sup> This contact person and address is officially designated by UNDP. If inquiries are sent to other person/s or address/es, even if they are UNDP staff, UNDP shall have no obligation to respond nor can UNDP confirm that the query was received.

## Annex 2

### FORM FOR SUBMITTING SERVICE PROVIDER'S PROPOSAL<sup>9</sup>

*(This Form must be submitted only using the Service Provider's Official Letterhead/Stationery<sup>10</sup>)*

[insert: Location].

[insert: Date]

To: [insert: Name and Address of UNDP focal point]

Dear Sir/Madam:

We, the undersigned, hereby offer to render the following services to UNDP in conformity with the requirements defined in the RFP dated [specify date] , and all of its attachments, as well as the provisions of the UNDP General Contract Terms and Conditions :

#### A. Qualifications of the Service Provider

*The Service Provider must describe and explain how and why they are the best entity that can deliver the requirements of UNDP by indicating the following :*

- a) *Profile – describing the nature of business, field of expertise, licenses, certifications, accreditations;*
- b) *Business Licenses – Registration Papers, Tax Payment Certification, etc.*
- c) *Latest Audited Financial Statement – income statement and balance sheet to indicate its financial stability, liquidity, credit standing, and market reputation, etc. ;*
- d) *Track Record – list of clients for similar services as those required by UNDP, indicating description of contract scope, contract duration, contract value, contact references;*
- e) *Certificates and Accreditation – including Quality Certificates, Patent Registrations, Environmental Sustainability Certificates, etc.*
- f) *Written Self-Declaration that the company is not in the UN Security Council 1267/1989 List, UN Procurement Division List or Other UN Ineligibility List.*

#### B. Proposed Methodology for the Completion of Services

*The Service Provider must describe how it will address/deliver the demands of the RFP; providing a detailed description of the essential performance characteristics, reporting conditions and quality assurance mechanisms that will be put in place, while demonstrating that the proposed methodology will be appropriate to the local conditions and context of the work.*

<sup>9</sup> This serves as a guide to the Service Provider in preparing the Proposal.

<sup>10</sup> Official Letterhead/Stationery must indicate contact details – addresses, email, phone and fax numbers – for verification purposes



**C. Qualifications of Key Personnel**

*If required by the RFP, the Service Provider must provide :*

- a) Names and qualifications of the key personnel that will perform the services indicating who is Team Leader, who are supporting, etc.;
- b) CVs demonstrating qualifications must be submitted if required by the RFP; and
- c) Written confirmation from each personnel that they are available for the entire duration of the contract.

**D. Cost Breakdown per Deliverable\***

	<b>Deliverables</b> <i>[list them as referred to in the RFP]</i>	<b>Percentage of Total Price</b> <i>(Weight for payment)</i>	<b>Price</b> <i>(Lump Sum, All Inclusive)</i>
1	Deliverable 1		
2	Deliverable 2		
3	....		
	<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	

*\*This shall be the basis of the payment tranches*

**E. Cost Breakdown by Cost Component [This is only an Example]:**

<b>Description of Activity</b>	<b>Remuneration per Unit of Time</b>	<b>Total Period of Engagement</b>	<b>No. of Personnel</b>	<b>Total Rate</b>
<b>I. Personnel Services</b>				
1. Services from Home Office				
a. Expertise 1				
b. Expertise 2				
2. Services from Field Offices				
a. Expertise 1				
b. Expertise 2				
3. Services from Overseas				
a. Expertise 1				
b. Expertise 2				
<b>II. Out of Pocket Expenses</b>				
1. Travel Costs				
2. Daily Allowance				
3. Communications				
4. Reproduction				
5. Equipment Lease				
6. Others				
<b>III. Other Related Costs</b>				

*[Name and Signature of the Service Provider's  
Authorized Person]  
[Designation]  
[Date]*

## Annex 4

### Enhancing financial sustainability of protected areas system in Albania

#### ToRs on

#### Establishing a National Wildlife Fauna Rehabilitation Centre in Divjaka

### Background

The current funding baseline for the PA system, and the capacities to administer and improve PA revenue streams, are still well below the levels required to ensure that the PA system can properly serve its function as an important tool to protect biodiversity; thus, the actual GEF/UNDP project seeks to assist the PA administrations, in reducing existing funding gaps, improving the management and conservation efforts, increasing cost-efficiencies and the capacity of the central and local staff.

Some of the sites administered by NAPA /RAPAs have received a lot of attention and support last years, due to rare habitats and diverse ecosystem they host; even though, for some of them, there are management plans developed , the link with actual state budget allocations remains insignificant, with serious constraints in accomplishing established management and conservation objectives; notwithstanding, the management plans are approved, yet this is not a guarantee of adequate funding for implementation of priority actions; in addition, there is limitation in strategic planning, financial management systems and cost-effective approaches to operate the needful conservation actions ;

### Rationale

The Albanian framework for protection of wildlife, i.e. the species of mammals & birds of which there are populations living permanently or temporarily in a state of natural freedom in the national territory, defines wildlife "the state's unavailable heritage and therefore subject to its protection" [law no. 10006 dt. 23.10.2008 amended [.."*Fauna e egër janë të gjitha llojet e nënllojet e vertebrorëve, jovertebrorëve dhe popullatat e tyre, që jetojnë në gjendje të lirë në habitatin e tyre natyror, të vendosura në mënyrë të përkohshme ose të përhershme në një territor të dhënë...*], and provides for protection, management and control of wild fauna, in order to enable protection of types, populations and habitats they live in, migration corridors, as well as to fulfil their need for food, shelter and breeding conditions;

Despite the progress that this law has brought about, and the numerous bylaws issued in recent decades, the real logistic and infrastructure pertinent to custody, care and rehabilitation of fauna are still missing This proposal intend=s to provide the technical bases and encourage methodological application necessary to ensure specialist medical services and the correct performance of health protocols.

The UNDP therefore is keen to procure service that support NAPA, and assist in improving habitat conservation and rehabilitation means, as part of wider aim for strengthening the management structure and resource mapping for this administration, namely by establishing wildlife fauna rehabilitation mean in DKNP;



## Site selection

All assessment of the most suitable site was made vis a vis suitability of management system & processes, particularly assessment of resources needed to carry out site management and administration; in that respect, funds allocation, staff time and in-house infrastructure to fulfil management & conservation needs are considered vs planning decisions; this has allowed, in joint workshops and discussions with NAPA and RAPA authorities, to identify shortfalls in funds and equipment in relation to planned activities, particularly for habitat rehabilitation and maintenance, namely most sensitive and rare species; Although the management plan rarely provides specific commitments of funds and staff, it was considered important, as the basis for short-term operation planning, to allocate the financial support; in view of these, DKNP was thought as the best place to implement this habitat habitation activity

## DKNP

The DKNA is proclaimed through a DCM No. 687, Date 19.10.2007, with coverage of 22,230.24 ha, divided in four subzones, such as core subzone, sustainable use subzone, traditional use subzone and the recreation subzone; the area of DKNP is also proclaimed as Ramsar Site by the decision of the Council of Ministers no. 413, dated 22.08.1994<sup>11</sup>. The management Committee of DKNP is established and operates based on the Decision of the Council of Ministers no. 86, dated 11.02.2005; the area of DKNP is considered as one of areas with specific natural and biodiversity values and one of the tourism destinations in coastal zone of Albania for beach tourism, ecotourism, recreation, research and studies; The national park area is distinguished for the diverse floristic and fauna populations, endemic, sub endemic, rare, threatened and endangered species<sup>12</sup>; Karavasta lagoon is the biggest and the most important one of the Adriatic coast, the most important ecosystem for water birds<sup>13</sup>; it harbours the only coastal breeding site of Dalmatian Pelicans (*Pelecanus crispus*), a globally threatened species<sup>14</sup>; Divjaka is mentioned for breeding the buffalo cow (*Bubalus bubalis*) which is found only in this area and it is a protected species in Albania; For some of the species the area represents a very important breeding site for more than 30% of their breeding population in Albania. This is the case of the Dalmatian Pelican (100%), Oystercatcher (75%), Collared Pratincoles (53%), Redshank (62%), Common Sandpiper (32%), Yellow-legged Gull (67%), Common Tern (59%) and Little Tern (46%). While, 89 different species representing groups of molluscs, insects, amphibians, reptiles, birds, and mammals present in the park area are considered as threatened in Albania. 42 species belong to highly endangered categories including Critically Endangered, Endangered and Vulnerable.

Establishing the centre in DLKNP with not only serve to rehabilitation of wildlife fauna of this ecosystem, but also it allows for quite appropriately assisting other ecosystems in the country; it will enrol veterinary services, naturalists, marine / biologists, trainees and interns from university locations with which collaboration protocols will be signed. The centre will also be equipped with specific needful instruments and equipment, whereas collaboration, with biodiversity cathedra from the main universities in the country will become integral part of the structure

## Objective

The main objection of this support programme is to affirm and consolidate the role of NAPA as the key state body offering a qualified service to the recovery and reintroduction in nature of species / habitats belonging to wild fauna,

---

<sup>11</sup> It is situated in middle part and west coast in Albania, 90 km from Tirana and 60 km from Durres the largest port city, as well as only 80 km from the only International Airport in Albania. The National park is shared with six local administrative units or municipalities such as Divjake municipality, Remas, Terbuf, Gradishte, Gose and Libofshe, which play an important role in the administration of the territory inside the DKNP; The main habitats consist of Karavasta lagoon, Godulls around it, the old river beds of Semani and Shkumbini, the water collectors of Terbufi and Myzeqeja, the agriculture reservoirs agricultural lands, forests along river sides of Semani and Shkumbini rivers, Mediterranean pine forest, the forests of Divjaka hills, the fruit yards, olive and vine yards and citrus trees

<sup>12</sup> There are four classes of natural habitats (a) brackish and freshwater wetlands, (b) open saltmarshes and grassland (c) salty soils area and (d) forests, Mediterranean pine tree forest and forest land. In this ecosystem there are several habitats such as river deltas, lagoon, sandy dunes, psamofite, halophyte, hydro hygrophite vegetation. The natural Mediterranean forest is the only forest in natural condition in Albania

<sup>13</sup> This area shelters the highest concentration of wintering water birds around 51000 individuals, and breeding water birds around 500 nesting pairs in Albania

<sup>14</sup> The main fish species are *Anguilla anguilla*, *Sparus auratus*, *Dicentrarchus labrax*, *Aphanius fasciatus* and *Gobius bucchichi* etc



providing specialized medical services and first aid, emergency medicine, internal medicine, surgery and medical therapy.

Another activity embodied in this rehabilitation centre will be the health monitoring of wild animals, and important biological indicators. The examination of the health status of injured, sick or in distress animals/birds that are found in the territory, as well as providing important data on the health of wild populations, makes it possible to assess the state of health of the environment in which these animals live and which we share with.

The facility will also play an important educational role. The possibility of closely observing wild animals represents an emotion and an opportunity for unique cognitive growth and above all an important tool for raising awareness of environmental issues and the work of recovering fauna.

## Schedule of workplan and description of the facilities required

### • *Relevance of the DKNPA to host the Birds Habitat Rehabilitation Centre*

The DKNP is the most important area for bird habitats in Albania with over 250 species observed from around 340 that are present in our country. In addition to the number of specimens, the park is at the same time the area with the highest abundance of wintering, breeding and migratory birds. During the winter in the Park, there are on average about 40,000 winter-water birds with a maximum of 84,000 birds recorded in 2000. During the spring-summer season, the Park serves as a nesting place for 7-12 thousand birds, namely water birds, birds of prey, sparrows etc. Likewise, the Park is an important hub for migrating birds because of its location on the Western Adriatic migration corridor, as well as preserved with natural habitats in a relatively good condition. It is this season that the park turns into the centres of migratory birds with several hundred thousand birds that are temporarily sheltered in the pursuit of the migration journey; In this exceptional biological diversity, occasionally, animals and birds are damaged due to weather conditions or human disturbances; Likewise, due to its reputation, the Park often becomes a shelter for injured birds that are brought to the Park by nature lovers.

### • *Missing facilities*

Despite the dedication of the park staff, the tools available to recover the injured or mutilated birds are almost inexistent. In the absence of treatment, the damaged birds die without recovery. Such cases include pelicans, stork, flamingo, herons, vultures, other birds of prey etc. In the above conditions, it is necessary to set up a sufficiently appropriate bird rehabilitation centre that will serve not only for the healing of wounded birds but will also provide appropriate survival conditions.

#### • *Intended outputs:*

This support program will provide a higher survival rate for birds in the Park and outside it through care that can only be provided in a suitable habitat rehabilitation facility; as such, the following actions will be taken:

1. preparation of the site for establishing the facility
2. design and construction of a bird rehabilitation centre at the DKNP
3. On-the-job training of veterinarians for the survival of wild birds and enhance the staff capacities with at least two veterinarians' expertise
4. Ensuring the full or partial recovery of all damaged birds in and outside the park; and
5. Increasing awareness of the local population and numerous visitors on the protection of wild birds and wild nature; envisaged more than 2000 visits per year.



6. Ensure for complete or partial rehabilitation conditions of at least 30 wild birds damaged per year and

- ***Draft drawing of the facilities and their positioning***

3D view



- ***Expected results:***

The assistance intended for the DKNP includes provision for a rehabilitation centre with needful facilities for maintaining, protecting and rehabilitating rare and endangered habitats; This will cover all necessary tools, logistic, equipment and tools that enable habitat restoration, recuperations, care and conservation; The DKNP will provide all its support in staff and logistic to empower accomplishment of this activities; These results will add on already existing conservation measure undertaken such as Video Monitoring system for observation and monitoring of pelican colony at Pelican Island in DKNP. This would satisfy the need of the park administration *vis a vi* all other the ornithologist and stakeholder, NAPA needs and other RAPAs requirements;

In this case, the DKNP administration will also evaluate the effectiveness of the new facility at the end of annual management terms (namely estimating the reduced number of recovered birds or habitats); The DKNP will provide all its support in staff and logistic to empower accomplishment and sustained implementation of this conservation measure

All these will support accomplishment of the following stages:

- Admission, treatment and rehabilitation of birds; this will capture the procedure for care, rehabilitation and release for wild and heterothermic animals; Collection of information on the wildlife fauna from the person who found it or brought it to the facility; Report all the information obtained as per NAPA the specific forms; Photographing the animal; Provide the person who brought the bird at the facility, the material or information relating to the activities of the DKNP rehabilitation facility and the methods of recovery of wild animals found in difficulty; Handle the animal in safe conditions and with due precautions (shirts and gloves) as the health status of the specimen is unknown.
- Quarantine; Animals that are accepted at the facility **MUST ALWAYS BE PLACED IN QUARANTINE**, in isolated structures and separated from all other animals; The purpose of the quarantine is to allow the detection of infections in incubation or overshadowed by the emergency situation linked to hospitalization (trauma, poisoning, etc.); Stabilization of the general conditions of the animal; Clinical examination; First aid; Intensive rehabilitation therapy (housing); Pre-release rehabilitation therapy (aviary); Pre-release

conditioning: hacking technique in the mobile aviary; Release (site selection as optimal for the release, evaluating first of all the suitability of the site where the animal was found); Provide appropriate transport in safe conditions for the animal and persons; Choose a season or period of the year appropriate for the species to be released that takes into account the migratory period (if any) or the breeding season; In any case, the animal should be released when the environmental conditions are more favourable for its survival; Choose the most appropriate time of day; If necessary, provide additional food sources in the release area; Monitor the animal for a reasonable period of time after release;

- collection and management of information related to hospitalized individuals; The entry of each animal into the structure will be recorded and maintained on the DKNP Register. This will also include the respective medical record for each hosted animal, in order to maintain a timely documentation of the activities performed; The key information to collect will be: Species, Date of entry into the structure, Where and when the animal was found, Name, address and telephone number of the person who found it, Injuries or traumas evident upon acceptance into the facility, Weight upon entry into the facility, Entry number assigned, Presence of markings, microchips or identification rings, Results of the first reception visit, Practiced therapy (medical and / or surgical) with the dates of the treatments, Final destination including date of exit from the facility as well as other information related to the results of collateral tests carried out, weight at the time of leaving the facility.

For this purpose, we estimate that contracting procurement of such goods / services would be the appropriate way forward.