

# Transboundary Cooperation through the management of shared water resources between AL-MNE. Lake Shkodra/Skadar



Transboundary FORUM of Shkodra / Skadar Lake  
Kombëtarë të bashkuar në Shkodër - 2010-2015

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# LAKE Area"

# SHKODRA LAKE "Protected Area"

- Skadar/Shkodra Lake is situated in the western part of the Balkan, in the border between Albania and Montenegro
- The watershed of Skadar/Shkodra Lake surface-5179 km<sup>2</sup>
- 500.000 inhabitants in Albania and Montenegro
- Important reserve of biodiversity and a migratory road for many animal species of the region. – RAMSAR Site
- 5-9 m/ the deepest 60 m – eye of radues
- 1-2 times/year – replace /refresh the water due to the undergrounds resources



# Aim & Objectives

## **AIM:**

**Increasing knowledge on Skadar/Shkodra Lake and collaboration between the two countries not only in the environmental aspect, but also in scientific, cultural and sustainable development terms.**

## **OBJECTIVES:**

- **Promoting cooperation between institutions and organizations dealing with management of water resources**
- **Building management capacities in the local level**
- **Establishing cooperation between education institutions toward environmental and public awareness raising**

# 1. Promoting cooperation between institutions and organizations dealing with management of water resources



Multi stakeholders Approach: MoE AL-MNE, NP MNE, Municipalities AL-MNE, Research Institutions AL-MNE, Universities AL-MNE, REA -AL, INP MNE, Education Institutions, NGOs, End Users, etc

- In May 2003 a MoU for the Protection and Sustainable Development of joint resources was signed by the Ministers of Environment AL-MNE
- In Nov` 2005, AL side of the lake proclaimed Management nature Reserve IVth IUCN
- In Feb` 2006 - AL side of the Lake proclaimed RAMSAR site
- In June 2007 - AL - MNE recognize & proclaimed THE DAY of Shkodra/Skadar Lake
- June 2007 - Municipalities of Shkodra (AL) & Cetinje (MNE), signed Statement of Cooperation committed to conserve the natural resources of Skadar/Shkodra Lake and extend the cooperation on the field of eco-tourism and culture.

## 2. Capacity building for key management institutions

Trainings

- Providing knowledge – Joint AL – MNE thematic trainings for key stakeholders dealing with management of water resources (12

Technical  
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Support

- Technical assistance for key management institutions in AL-MNE: REA, Agency of Water Basin, RDF, RDE (AL); NP, INP, University (MNE)

BMP  
Exchange  
experience  
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- Study Visits: **Bodensee Lake, Peipsi Lake, Great Lakes, Ohrit Lake, Prespa Lake** (key management authorities)

### 3. Establishing cooperation between education institutions toward environmental and public awareness raising

- A. **Environmental Education KIT preparation for the Lake Shkodra/Skadar protection and biodiversity conservation aiming to improve the human behavior as the main challenge for the future of the environment.**  
[www.scadarlake.org](http://www.scadarlake.org) & [www.shkodralakeforum.com](http://www.shkodralakeforum.com)
- B. **Schoolchildren Eco-camps on the 22 September – DAY OF CLEANED CITIES, aiming to promote the nature protection among the young people and provide knowledge on biodiversity conservation; (yearly 2006-20011)**
- B. **Shkodra/Skadar lake “CLEANING WEEK” Solid waste cleaning weekends aiming to educate the young generation with actions “learning by doing” toward the environment quality ensuring as an indicator for the life quality in the region (yearly 2007-20011).**
- D. **Joint Albanian – Montenegrin Event/conference aiming at low enforcement toward human activity reducing. (yearly 2005-2011)**

# JOINT EVENTS & CONFERENCES AL - MNE



Ministry of Environment, Forest and Water Administration of Albania



Ministry of Environment, Forest and Water Administration of Montenegro



Ministry for Sustainable Development and Tourism of Montenegro



GEF



World Bank

## ALBANIAN – MONTENEGRIN JOINT EVENT

# DAY OF LAKE

## SHKODRA/SKADAR LAKE

JUNE 17  
2011

SHKODRA/SKADAR LAKE PUBLIC CAMPAIGN

# Joint AL-MNE Conference





# Joint AL-MNE Cleaning Week







**Thank you Attention!**

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