



Natura MK

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About the ASSOCIATION

Natura MK is a non-profit association of citizens, founded in 2018 by a group of enthusiasts which builds its experience initially through the individual experiences of its members. The organization is in close cooperation with local partner organizations, associations, foundations and institutions and is active at the local level, as well as at the national level in cooperation with relevant state institutions.

Vision

To create a different world in which people live in harmony with nature.

Mission

To advocate, implement and support solutions that will make people better connected to nature.

Areas of Operation

- Strengthening the capacities for sustainable use and protection of natural resources;
- Conducting research, analysis and studies;
- Lobbying and advocacy;
- Promotion of rural development and alternative tourism;
- Promotion and advancement of ecology, sports and education;
- Encouraging philanthropy and volunteering.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES FOR 2021

- 1 Strengthen networking with other organizations;
- 2 Improving the administrative work of the organization according to the principle of international standards;
- 3 Improving the current practices for nature conservation in RNM with concrete contribution and impact on the management of protected areas;
- 4 Improving natural resource management practices (private or public) and education and quality of life.

About the ASSOCIATION

Organizational Structure

The organization currently has 14 members with diversified experience, 8 volunteers, one employee as project coordinator and when necessary, staff engaged in support in maintaining visibility and financial operations.

The Association is managed by the Assembly, the Supervisory Board and the President. The Assembly is the highest body of the association and performs activities that are in accordance with the Statute and the general acts of the organization. The President of the Association is Aleksandar Panajotov who legally represents the organization, while the Supervisory Board is composed of three members: Aleksandra Spasevska, Vasilka Manaskovska and Magdalena Stavrevska. The members of the Supervisory Board are accountable for their work before the Assembly of the association and at any time have the goals and interests of the association above the individual or special goals of any other party. The project coordinator of Natura MK, Anela Stavrevska-Panajotova is employed at the end of 2019 and coordinates the implementation of current project activities with the support of 3 more people who are hired as needed.



Implemented PROJECTS and ACTIVITIES

From its establishment in 2018 until the beginning of 2021, the organization has been demonstrating a positive development trend. Starting from volunteer engagements and a small implemented project in 2019 - a campaign within the project "Disability is only a matter of perception", funded by the European Union, already in 2020 there is greater progress in the implemented projects and activities.

Results Achieved in 2020

In the period from August 2020 to January 2021, Natura MK implemented activities that contribute to improving the management of Shar Mountain as a new national park in North Macedonia. The following activities were carried out within the engagement:

- Facilitation of consultative meetings with critical stakeholders;
- Following rural forums;
- Presentation of the process for preparation of a management plan at the Public Hearing on the draft law for declaring Shar Mountain a National Park;
- Preparation of the plan for activities for preparation of the Management plan;
- Revision of the proposed boundaries and zoning of the same proposed area;
- In cooperation with IUCN participated in direct communication with all stakeholders at all levels in the Sharr Mountain region.

The project activity was implemented within the project "*Achieving Biodiversity Conservation through Creation and Effective Management of Protected Areas and Mainstreaming Biodiversity into Land Use Planning*". The project is funded by the Global Environment Facility (GEF), implemented through the UN Environment Program (UNEP), the main partner and beneficiary is the Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning (MoEPP), while a partner in the implementation of this project activity are IUCN and Natura MK.

Implemented PROJECTS and ACTIVITIES

The engagement of Natura MK continues in 2021 with the implementation of the second phase of the same project in which it will work on the following tasks: preparation of a management plan for NP Shar Mountain; organizing and facilitating workshops with stakeholders; organizing a campaign to promote the new protected area at local, national and international level; preparation and implementation of training program for capacity building of persons operating in protected areas in the Republic of North Macedonia.

Additional Activities

In 2020, Natura MK became a member of two networks.

Member of the Climate Coalition, formed by civil society organizations working on education and information on these topics in order to increase citizen participation in decision-making and monitoring their implementation.

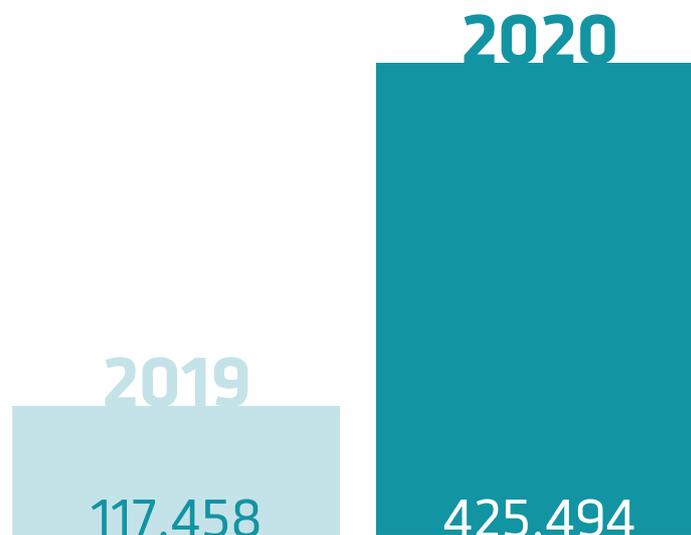
Natura MK pledged that with all its capacities it will contribute to seeing Shar Mountain as a national park in the near future, and for that purpose it signed a memorandum of cooperation and support to the informal group of citizens' associations "Friends of Shara".



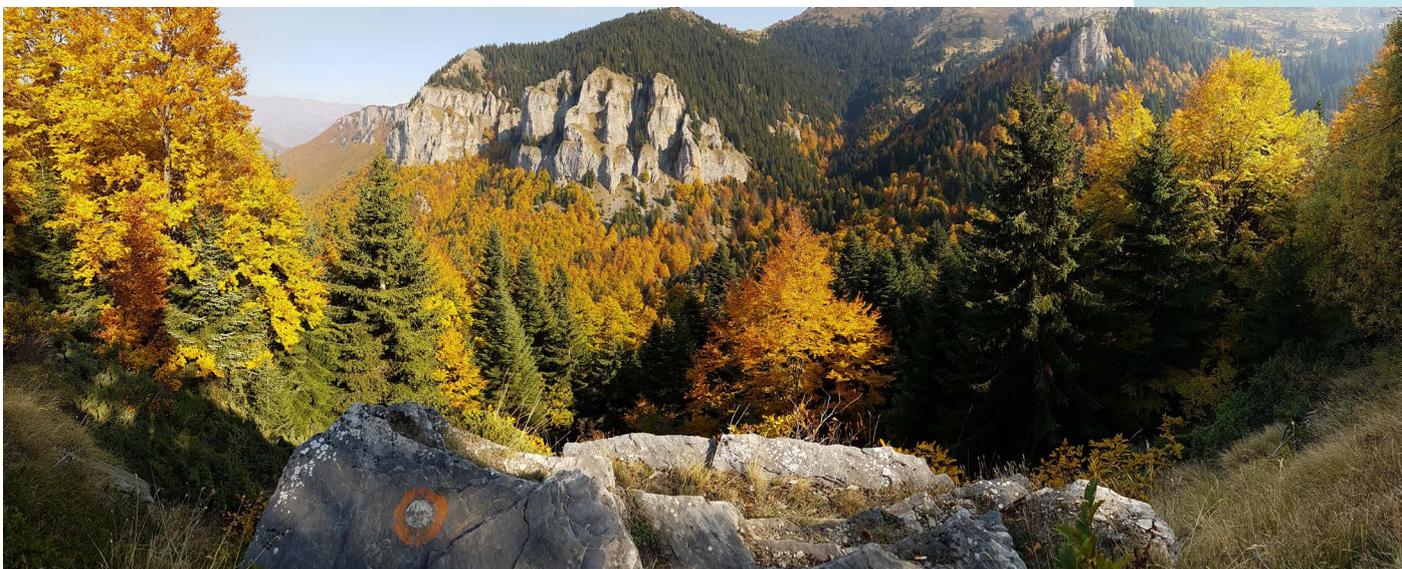
FINANCIAL OPERATIONS in 2020

The main source of income in 2020, which achieves the goals of the Association, are donations from the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and consulting services. The total income in 2020 was realized in order to prepare a plan for management and zoning of the future national park Shar Mountain and amounts to 425.494 denars.

Balance of Income *



* The amounts are in MK denars





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