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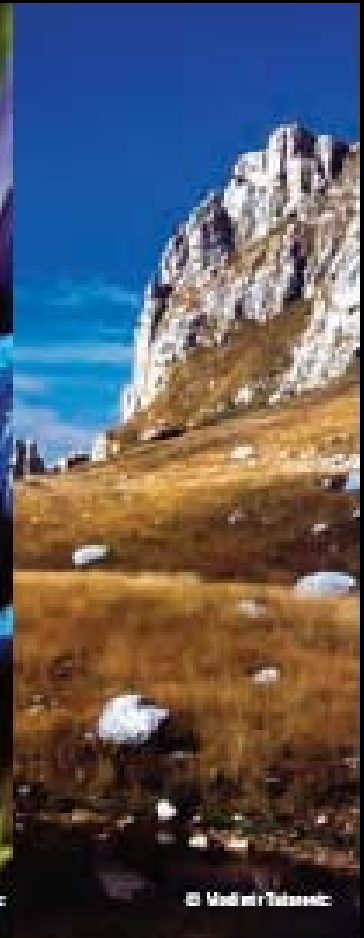
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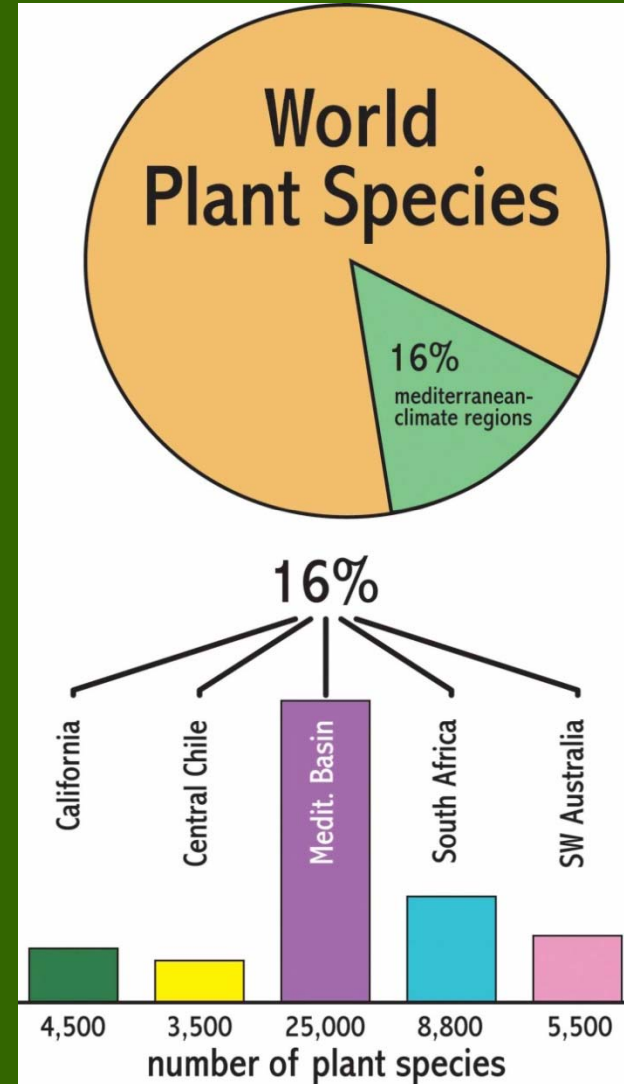
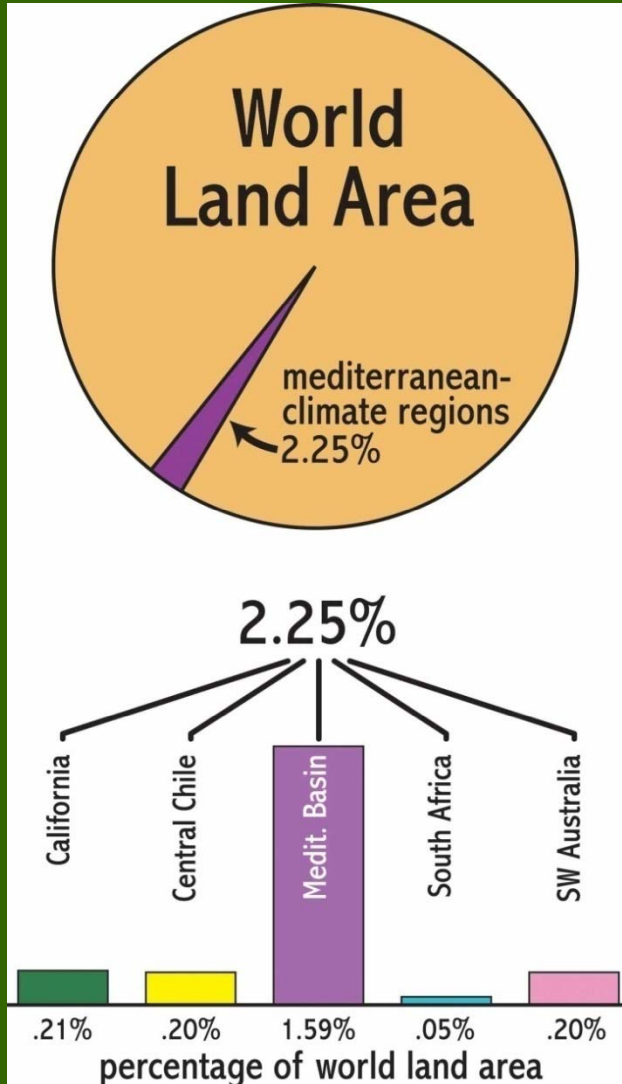


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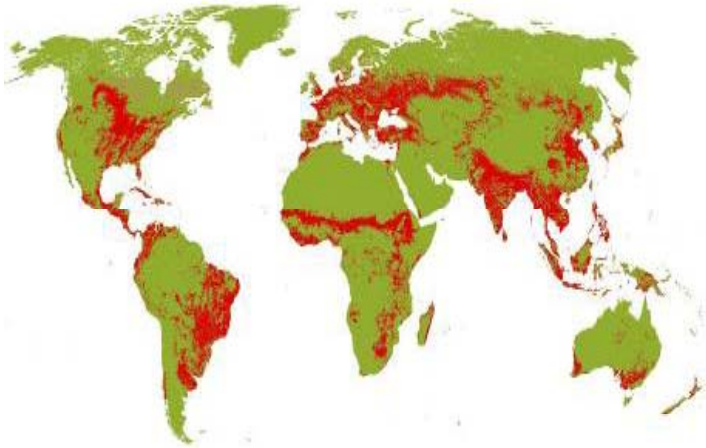
DINARIC ARC ECOREGION BIG WIN

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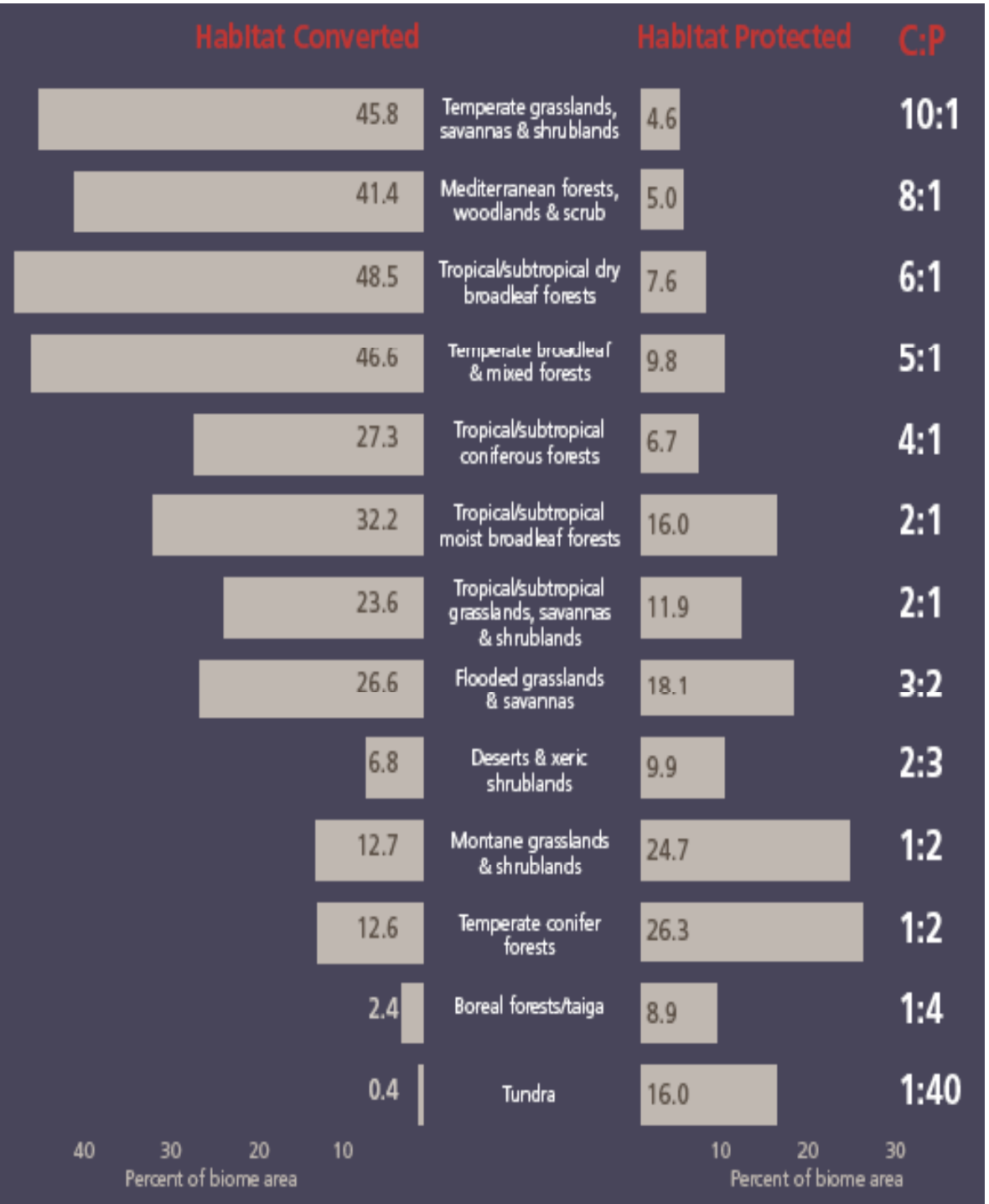
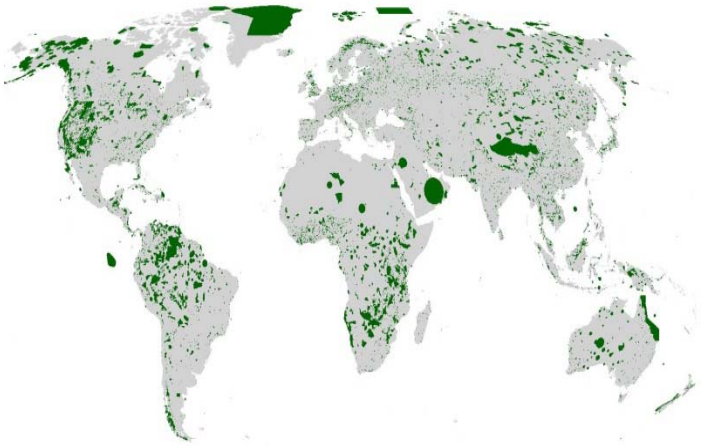
Globally significant biodiversity in the five Mediterranean Regions



% Habitat lost

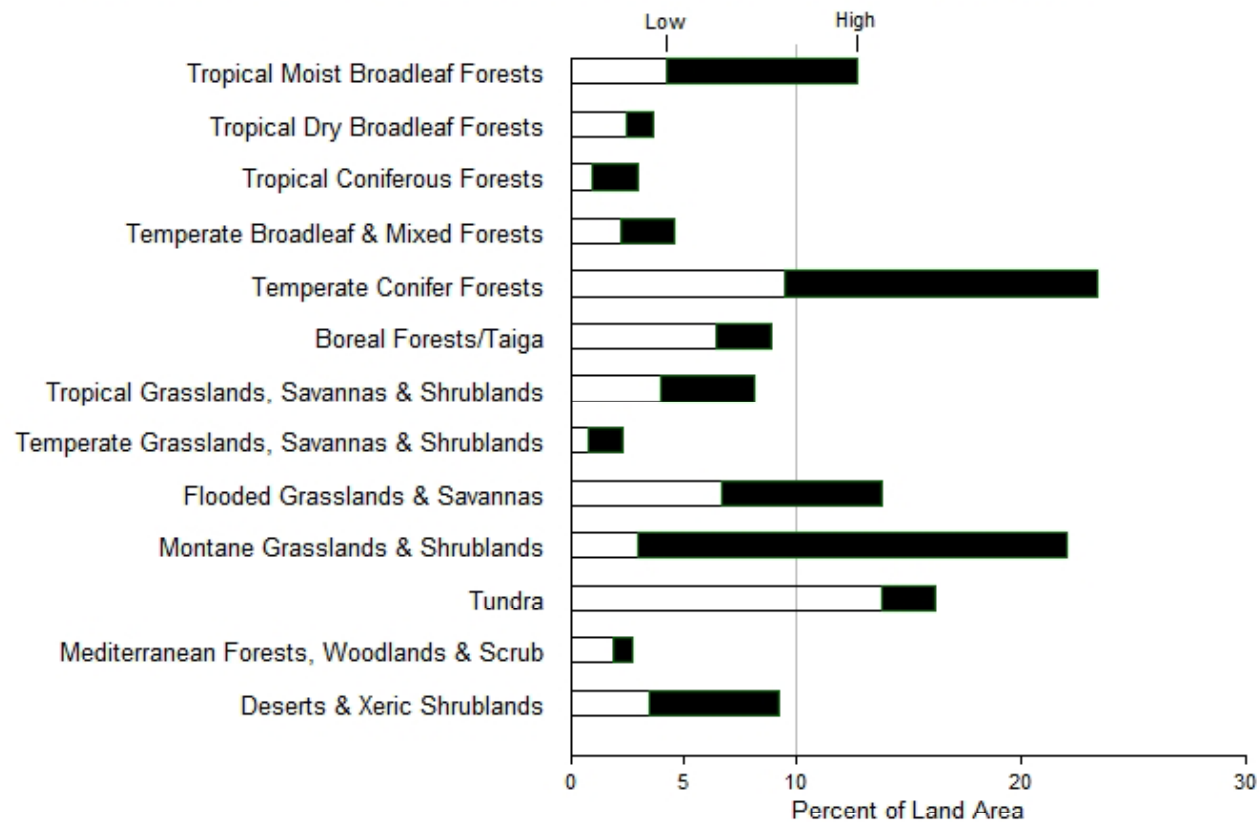


% Habitat protected

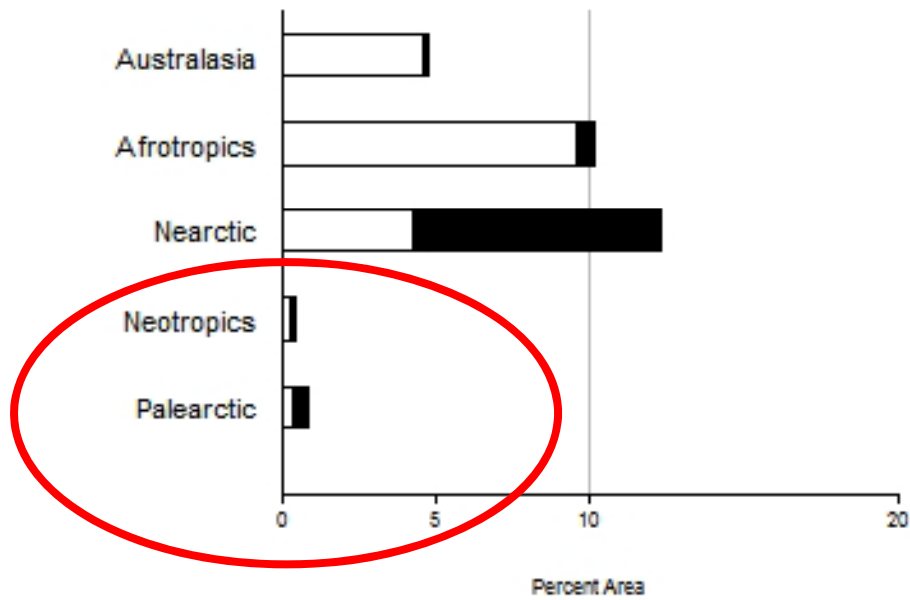


Lack of Protected Areas in the Mediterranean

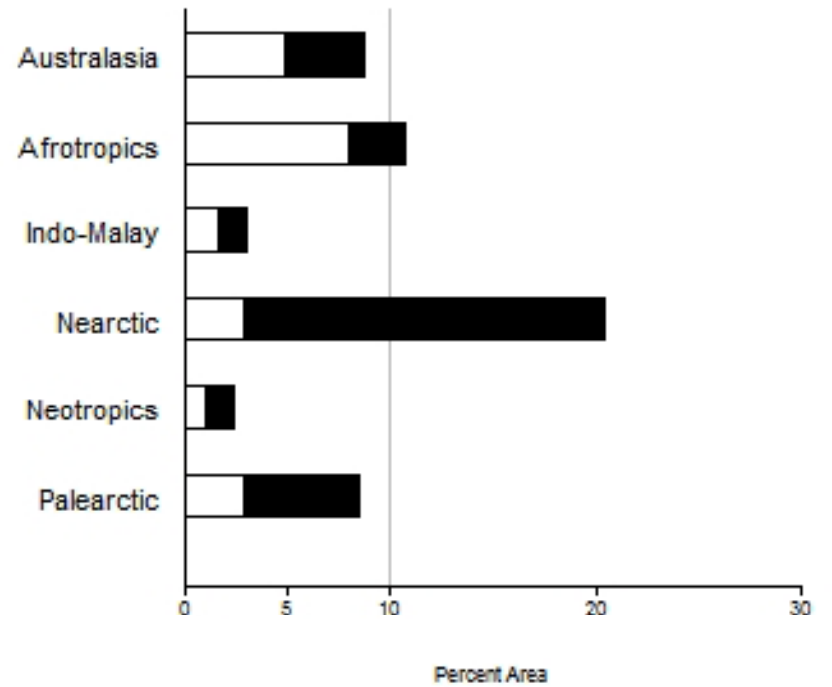
Current estimates of effective conservation by MAJOR HABITAT TYPE globally



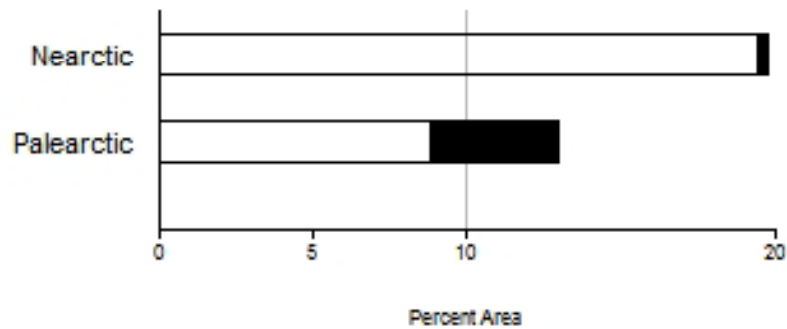
Mediterranean Forests, Woodlands & Scrub



Deserts & Xeric Shrublands



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Dinaric Arc “Big Win”

CBD COP 9, Bonn,
2008

- Establishment of new PAs (13)
- Enlargement of existing PAs (9)
- PA management planning effectiveness
- PA business planning
- Transboundary cooperation



Albania

1. Enlargement of Llogora National Park
2. Enlargement of Bredhi Hotoves National Park from 1,000 ha to about 20,000 ha
3. Enlargement of Llura National Park from 1,000 ha to about 20,000 ha
4. Establishment of the Skadar Lake Transboundary Biosphere Reserve
5. Establishment of the Transboundary Protected Area (TBPA) Prokletije
6. Establishment of the TBPA Shebenik (Albania) – Jablanica (Macedonia) as part of the Green Belt Initiative
7. Designation of marine protected areas, including revision of regulatory and policy framework necessary to create a legal platform for marine biodiversity conservation
8. Strengthening institutions at national and regional levels, through assessing protected areas management effectiveness (RAPPAM)

Croatia

1. Proclamation of the Neretva Nature Park and the Mreznica Regional Park
2. Developing Management Plans for 5 Marine Protected Areas (MPAs): National Parks of Brijuni, Kornati and Mljet, Nature Parks of Telascica and Lastovo Archipelago by 2012
3. Strengthening capacities of the 5 Croatian MPAs management bodies on issues related to MPA management, also, including some of marine protected areas at the SPAMI List
4. Improvement of a system of effectively managed and representative network of MPAs in the Mediterranean by 2012
5. Strengthening institutions at national and regional levels, through assessing protected areas management effectiveness (RAPPAM)
6. Ensuring stakeholder participation in management planning of protected areas based on the model successfully implemented in the Karst Ecosystem Conservation Project
7. Creation of a functional ecological network - system of protected areas and corridors in marine and coastal habitats (Natura 2000 marine sites)
8. Examining possibilities for creation of transboundary cooperation between Risnjak National Park (Croatia) and Notranjski Regional Park (Slovenia)
9. Examining possibilities for transboundary cooperation between Plitvice Lakes National Park (Croatia) and Una National Park (Bosnia and Herzegovina)
10. Transboundary cooperation between Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina in examining possibilities for protection of the Dinara Mountain



Joint Statement of six governments

1. Recognize the specific natural and cultural values of the Dinaric Arc ecoregion and acknowledge the CBD Programme of Work on Protected Areas to be a valuable framework for conserving biological diversity and generating benefits to local and national economies.
2. Aim to further continue our activities towards implementation of national priorities leading to delivering on the objectives of the CBD Programme of Work on Protected Areas.
3. Support increased understanding of the relationship between the CBD Programme of Work on Protected Areas and the EU legislation on nature conservation.
4. Encourage mutual cooperation and exchange of experiences in protected areas management on the regional level.
5. **Recognize the importance of regional cooperation to achieve transboundary sustainable management of the South-Eastern European region, including the Adriatic Sea, Dinaric Alps and Sava River Basin.**
6. Recognize and support the need for sustainable use of water resources and protection of groundwater-dependent ecosystems by introducing sustainable integrated management principles in the Dinaric karst system.
7. Encourage the preservation of the cultural heritage of the Dinaric Arc through support for traditional activities in protected areas which contribute to biodiversity conservation and local livelihoods.
8. Call upon the Dinaric Arc Initiative partners (WWF, UNESCO BRESCE, IUCN, UNDP, Council of Europe, FAO, SNV, UNEP, Euronatur) and other interested parties to strengthen their cooperation with the Dinaric Arc countries and facilitate necessary support in the delivery of the national priorities.
9. Support evaluation of the contribution of protected areas to each country's economy and for the region as a whole.



Big Win follow up (1)

About **50%** of country commitments achieved, another 30 % were put in action, 20 % to be further followed up

- **4 New PAs established** since May 2008 (Slovenia: Regional Park Ljubljansko barje, 13.505 ha; Bosnia and Herzegovina: Nature Park Una, 19.800 ha; Montenegro: National Park Prokletije (16.000 ha); and Albania: National Park Shebenik (33.928 ha)
- **7 RAPPAM workshops** in 6 countries (178 participants from 72 parks, including ministry/institute representatives)
- **Project proposal** on development of 6 pilot business plans in 5 countries is completed and ready for submitting to LifeWeb



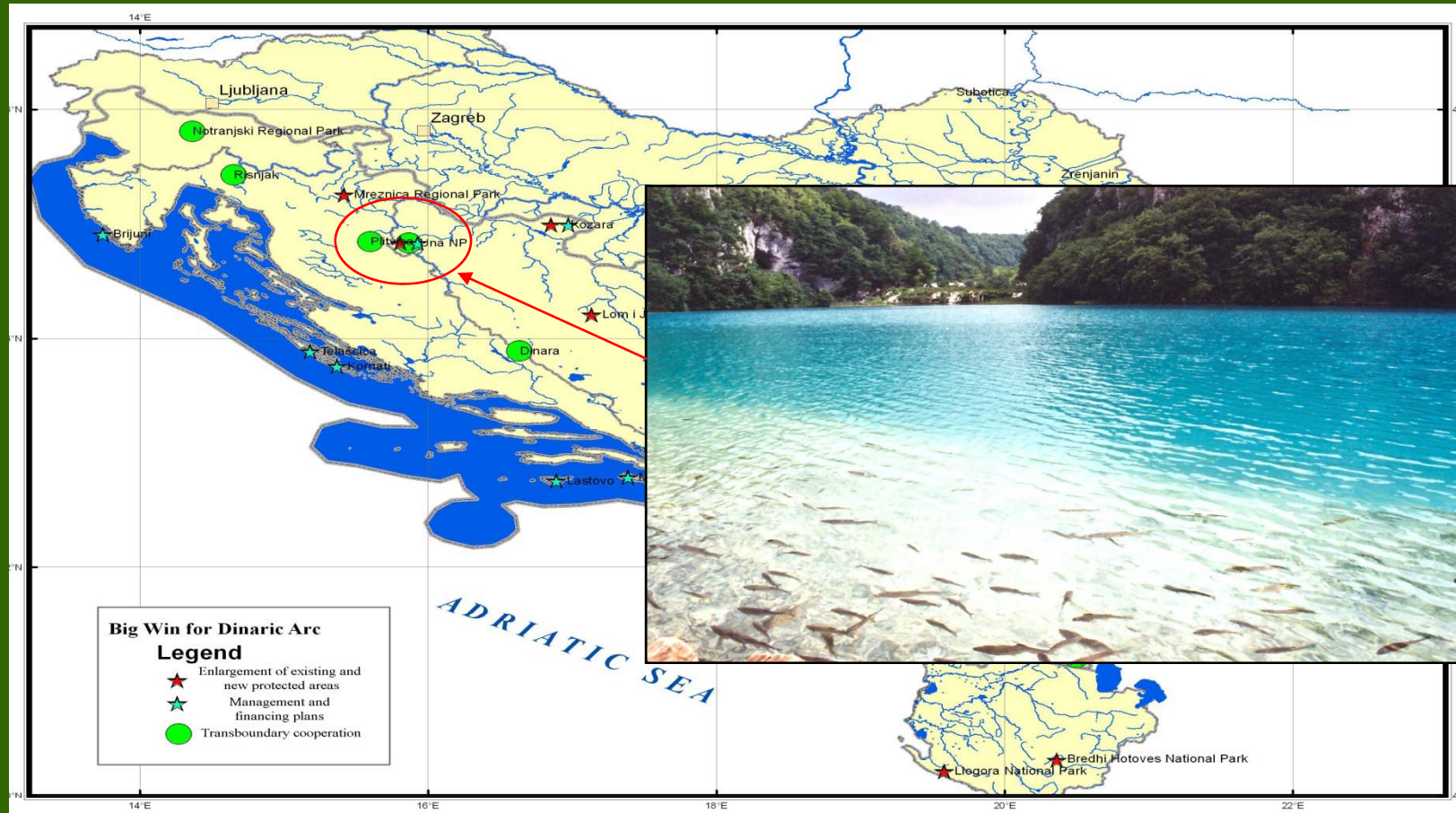
Big Win follow up (2)

- **New projects generated:**
 - (1) Strengthening the capacity of governments and civil sector in Serbia and in Montenegro to adapt to EU nature protection *aquis* (WWF, Daphne);
 - (2) **Sustaining Rural Communities and Their Traditional Landscapes through Strengthened Environmental Governance in Transboundary Protected Areas of the Dinaric Arc** (IUCN, SNV, WWF)
- Generated **political synergies** and projects that are greatly magnifying the impact
- Helping others to formulate projects and deliver on the ground, towards priorities of this project; i.e. GEF EAG in Albania and BiH – **catalyst effect**

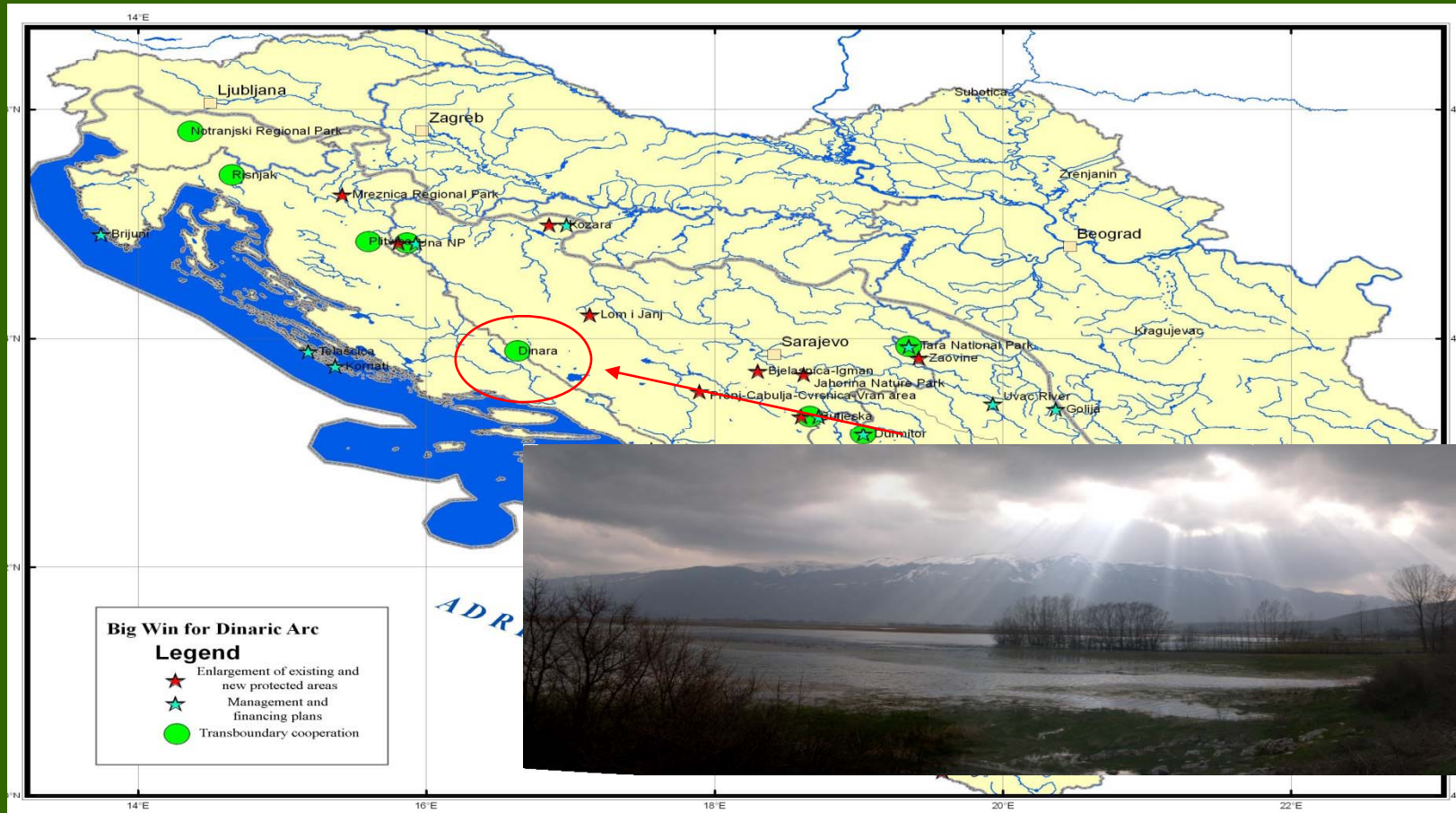
Trans-boundary collaboration



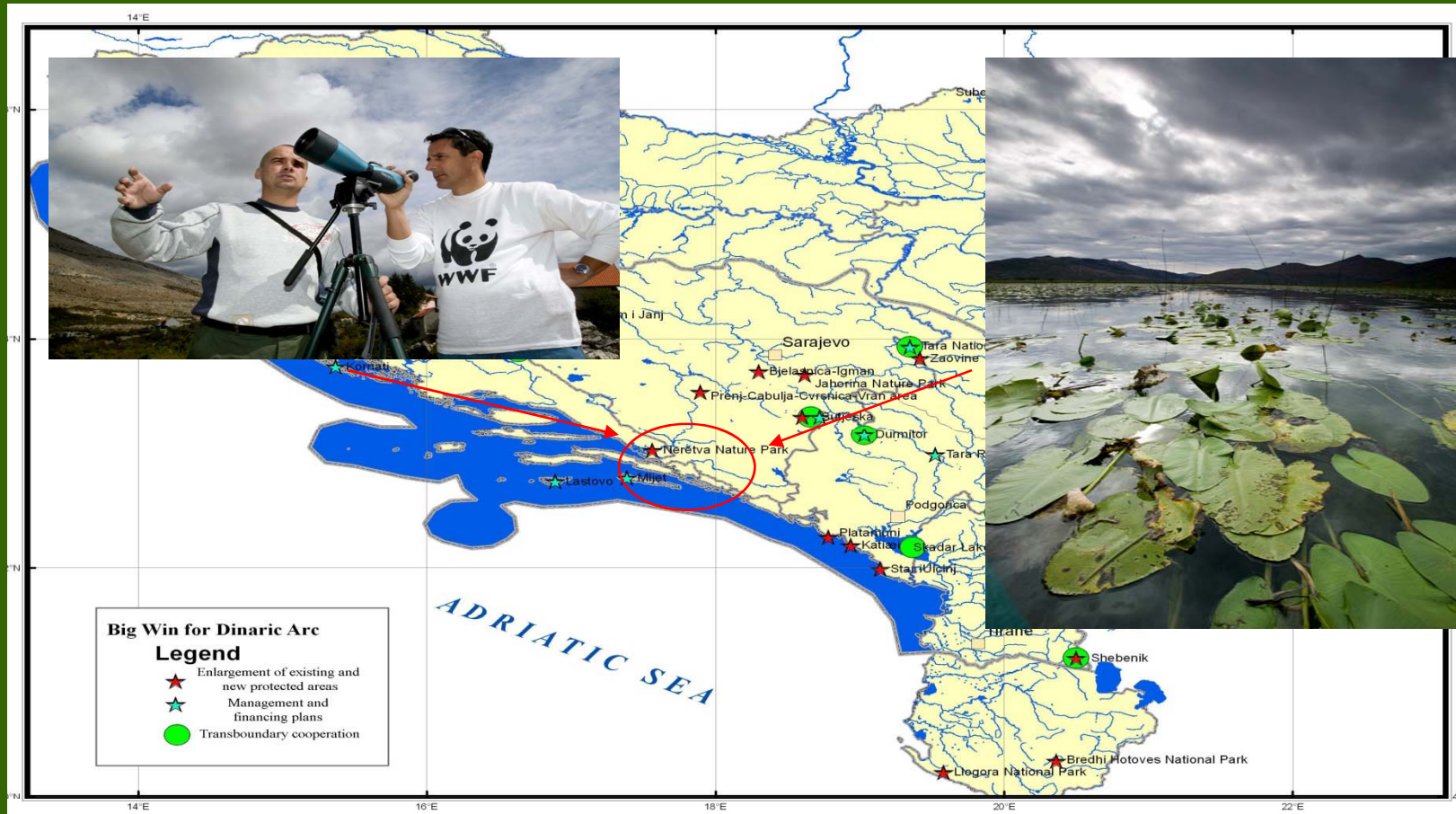
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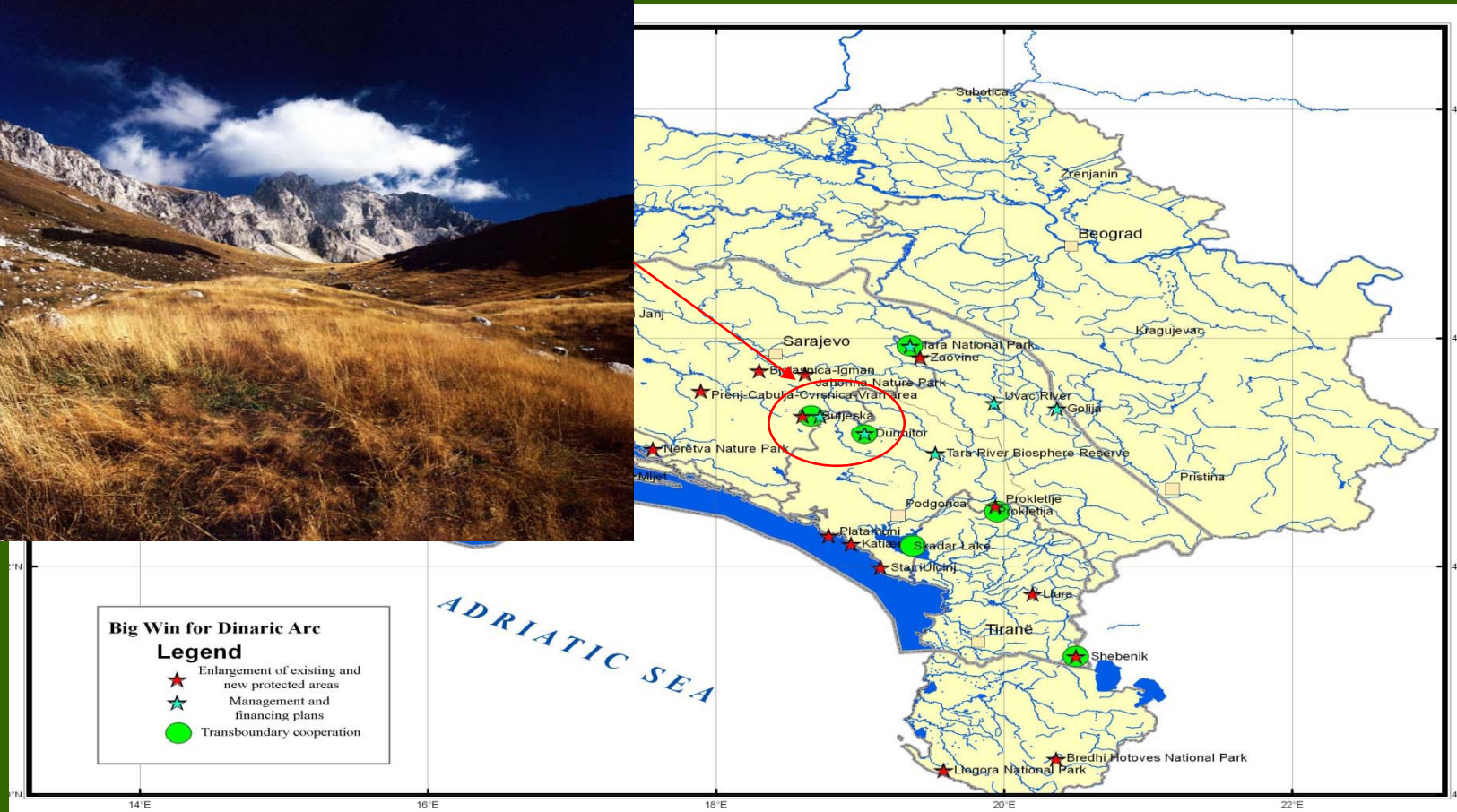
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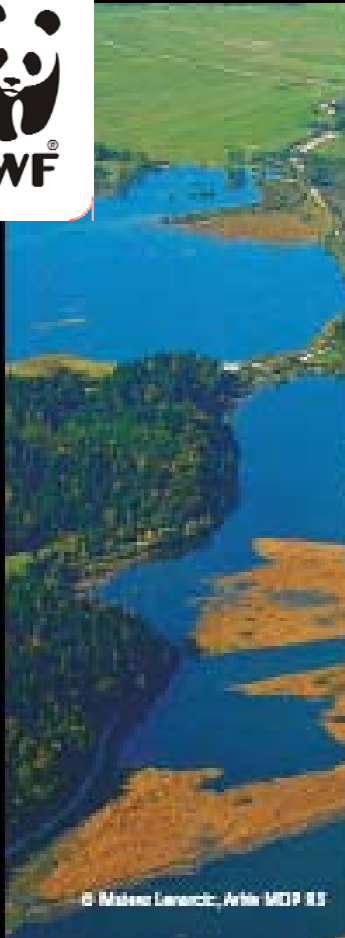


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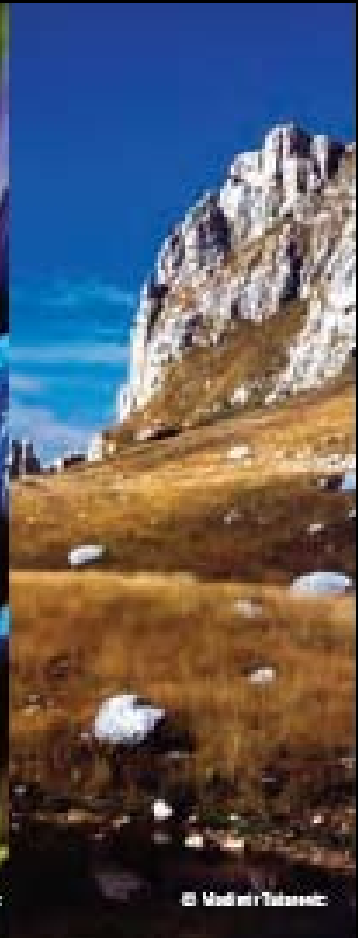
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