

connectivity THROUGH Pastures

Implemented by REC Albania in the Korab-Koritnik National Park in Albania from November 2023 to October 2025

Challenge

Pastures are among the ecosystems severely impacted by climate change. More than 80% of the pastures in the project area are located on steep slopes and more than half of them are at altitudes above 1000 meters. More than 60% of these pastures have experienced soil erosion, invasion by alien species, increased wildfires, or landslides caused by intense rainfall and flash floods.

Objective

Our project aims to enhance sustainable pasture utilization and rehabilitation. We plan to implement rotational pasture use and promote trans-boundary cooperation to foster sustainable farming practices. Additionally, we aim to enhance environmental education within the community to further support these objectives.

Approach

Our approach involves:

- Integrating our recommendations into the Regional Administration of Protected Areas (RAPA)'s annual Action Plans.
- Engaging local municipality representatives to address the needs for pasture improvement in local plans and for providing support for local livestock management.
- Suggesting measures for pasture improvement and the promotion of trans-boundary cooperation to enhance ecological connectivity, based on a comprehensive study.

Progress

- Multiple field expeditions
- Meeting with local population
- Utilizing remote sensing for mapping & tracking changes in a 5-year period
- Meetings with students
- Meetings with RAPA representatives

