
PROBLEMS AND POSSIBILITIES FOR SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF NATURAL PROTECTED AREAS – EXAMPLE OF PROTECTED AREA "SKAKAVAC"

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In the year 2002., for the purpose of specific natural features conservation respecting criteria of IUCN, the decision of its declaring or its inclusion in the third category of protected natural areas was made. This decision defined protected areas borders, total surface coverage, zoning, protection measures, as well as the use and management of this area. In order to assure the sustainable development of natural protected areas, it is necessary to adopt appropriate environmental policy. Environmental policy, which is based on precaution principle and preventive actions is one of the most important and far-reaching policies. In order to protect the natural environment from the negative effects of tourism activities, main preventive measure of is to determine the capacity of tourist visits and activities. Basic requirement of establishing and implementing environmental policy is the establishment and implementation of spatial plans for special purposes. Spatial planning will define multifunctional zones for different needs, which take into account the capacity of the environment, the social identity of the area as well as the needs of tourists who visit this areas. This paper presents component identification and analysis of complex elements that were basis for appointment " Skakavac" as protected area. Based on the research, a diagnosis of the current situation and forecasts of future development will be presented.

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