

## Inventory

### Implementation of Articles III.4 and III.5 of the Convention

Albania		
Party since 1 September 2001		
National Reports submitted: COP12 (2017), COP10 (2014)		
Relevant legislation		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Law no. 9587, dated 20. 7.2006 “On biodiversity protection”, being amended in 2014.</li> <li>• Law no. 10006, dated 23.10.2008 “On the protection of wild fauna”.</li> <li>• Law no.10253, dated 11.4.2010 “On hunting”.</li> <li>• Law no. 8906, dated 6.6.2002 "On protected areas", amended in 2008.</li> <li>• Law no. 9867, dated 31.1.2008 "On the rules and procedures of international trade of endangered species of wild flora and fauna"</li> <li>• Law on protected areas, as of May 2017.</li> <li>• Ministry of Environment is working on 2 DCM to designate 2 new Protected Areas: Alps National Park and Natural Coastal Park of Gjiri i Llamanit – Porto Palermo.</li> <li>• DCM no. 866, date 10.12.2014 “For approval of lists of the natural habitat types, of flora, fauna, animals and birds that are of great interest for the EU”.</li> <li>• DCM no. 272, date 7.5.2014 “For the establishment, organising and functioning of salvation of wild fauna types”.</li> <li>• Order of Minister no. 62, date 4.4.2016 “For the approval of the list of wild bird types especially vulnerable”.</li> <li>• Minister’s Guidance no. 1, date 11.2.2016 “For the approval of methods of registration and inventory of wild fauna types, subject of hunting and of their population, the document template in which should be present the data and results of inventory”.</li> </ul>		
Article III.5		
Laws that Implement the Take Prohibition		
	Aquatic Mammals	Taking of all Appendix I aquatic mammals is prohibited, but relevant law is not identified.
	Terrestrial mammals	Taking of all Appendix I terrestrial mammals is prohibited, but relevant law is not identified.
	Birds	Yes. Law on the protection of wild fauna, no.10006, of 23.10.2008 contains provisions against taking of species protected by the conventions to which Albania is a country.
	Reptiles	Taking of all Appendix I reptiles is prohibited, but relevant law is not identified.
	Fish	Taking of all Appendix I fish is prohibited, but relevant law is not identified.

Exceptions to the Take Prohibition		
	Aquatic Mammals	None granted, but no law is identified to determine the scope of permissible exceptions.
	Terrestrial Mammals	None granted, but no law is identified to determine the scope of permissible exceptions.
	Birds	Yes, for research purposes only.
	Reptiles	None granted, but no law is identified to determine the scope of permissible exceptions.
	Fish	None granted, but no law is identified to determine the scope of permissible exceptions.
Article III.4		
Laws to conserve and, where feasible and appropriate, restore habitats of CMS Appendix I species		
	<p>A new law on Protected Areas will give an impetus to the administration of the protected areas, while working towards the increase of the protected areas both terrestrial and marine ones. Protected areas compose 16,61% of Albania.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Law on the protection of wild fauna, no.10006, of 23.10.2008 contains such provisions for species protected by the conventions to which Albania is a country.</li> <li>• The document of strategic policies on biodiversity itself is of great importance as it represents the vision and objectives of national priorities in relation with and in the frame of global objectives “Aichi Targets” of Biodiversity Convention for the time frame up to 2020. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Objective up to 2020: ensuring the complete approximation and implementation of EU Aichi related to nature protection.</li> <li>• Up to 2020: 17 % of terrestrial territory and of internal waters, as well as 5-6 % of coastal area to be designated and declared as protected areas.</li> <li>• At least, 15% of degraded areas to be rehabilitated through conservation and rehabilitation measures.</li> <li>• Moreover, in the field of nature protection, policies are prepared to guarantee:(i) the protection of protected areas;(ii) the implementation of regulations adopted in 2011 on establishing special protected areas under the framework Nature 2000;(iii) measures to ban illegal activities such as hunting, logging and construction in protected areas without a permit;(iv) strengthening the administrative capacity of the inspectorate in order to suppress these phenomena.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Some efforts taken to restore the most important coastal wetlands and to reforest other areas.</li> <li>• Four Ramsar sites designated: Karavasta, Butrinti, Shkodra Lake and Buna river and Prespa lakes are the most important ones. Butrinti, Karavasta and Prespa lakes are also National Parks; Shkodra Lake is a Managed Nature Reserve.</li> </ul>	

		However, insufficient information is provided to understand how these designations, policies, and laws restore or protect habitat. Also insufficient information is provided to determine whether these designations, policies, and laws include mandatory duties.
	Laws that prevent, remove, compensate for or minimize, as appropriate, the adverse effects of activities or obstacles that seriously impede or prevent the migration of the species	
	Windmills (birds and bats)	Unknown
	Cell towers (birds and bats)	Unknown
	Dams (fish)	Unknown
	Road construction (mammals)	Unknown
	Train tracks (mammals)	Unknown
	Fishing gear/bycatch (marine mammals, sea turtles, fish)	Unknown
	Shipping (marine mammals)	Unknown
	Laws that prevent, reduce or control factors that are endangering or are likely to further endanger the species, including strictly controlling the introduction of or controlling or eliminating, already introduced species.	
	<p>Measures taken to reduce the level of pollution, including through the enactment of new legislation.</p> <p>The two-year hunting ban of January 2014 resulted in the considerable recovery of populations of wild fauna species. The hunting ban was extended to 5 years by law 23/06/2016 no. 61/2016 date 2.6.2016 on Hunting Ban. Albania has approved methodologies for inventory and monitoring of species subject to hunting and a number of trainings for the staff; in this context, it has completed two censuses of wintering birds. However, insufficient information is provided to determine the number of Appendix I species included in the censuses.</p> <p>A pilot project funded by GEF and implemented by UNDP—"Identification and implementation of adaptation response measures in Drini-Mati river deltas"—has been implemented to minimize the effects of climate change. However, insufficient information is provided to determine whether Appendix I species will benefit from this project.</p> <p>New legislation prohibits hunting in all coastal wetlands.</p> <p>A GEF Small size project has been implemented in Patoku wetland area for marine turtles. However, insufficient information is provided to determine how the project might benefit sea turtles.</p>	
Reservations, territorial inclusions, and territorial exclusions		

	Reservations	None
	Territorial Scope	Presumed to apply to all territory, including any overseas territories and semi-autonomous zones.