



Project Title

Artificial Fish Stocking of Fierza Lake and catchments/ watersheds of Kukës Functional Area

Project Type

Environmental / Development of the Local Economy

Project Location

Kukës

Total Pre-Estimated Budget

200,000 Euro

Project Background and Analysis

European experiences have shown that all the rural areas that have utilized water areas in aquaculture have had an obvious economic boom. But, recently, in the Functional Area of Kukës, a substantial impoverishment of fish in water environments has been noticed, which have been the primary source of well-being and income from employment. This has been due to the unchecked fishing, but also because of the lack of fish spawn/sapling supply in the Lake. The unchecked fishing and the used tools have caused the reduction of types of fish in Fierza Lake. Before the 1990s there was the Fishing Enterprise, based in Shkodra and with a subsidiary in Kukës that protected and cultivated the fish spawn/ saplings. This enterprise does not exist anymore, being thus another factor that has impacted the reduction of fish supply. To utilize better the waters of Fierza Lake and those of other watersheds, there is a need to conduct a study to return the small reserves, mainly the existing reservoirs, or to set up new ones.

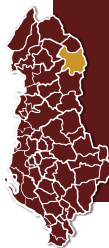
Specific Objectives of the Project

OS1: To increase fish production in Fierza Lake and in all the other watersheds/catchments of the region.

OS2: To raise the economic level of the entire community of inhabitants around the Lake watershed.

OS2: To rebuild and make operational the Artificial Center of Larvae and Fish Spawn Cultivation.

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Expected Results and Project Indicators

- R1: Rehabilitation of fishing economy in Fierza Lake
- R2: Increase in income of families who live on fishing
- R3: Legalization of personal and industrial fishing
- R4: Improvement of the environmental aspect by enriching the fauna in Fierza Lake.

Project Activities

1. Meetings and workshops with stakeholders
 2. Study, design and rehabilitation of reservoirs/tanks of aquaculture industrial production center
 3. Awareness raising and cooperation meetings on prevention of spawn damage
- Project is thought to be implemented within a 2-year period.

Project Maturity

The only project is the one being implemented by the fishermen association and it is related to the training of young people in fish cultivation and breeding.

Financial Resources and Implementation Partners

Project funders:
No funds have been provided by the donors yet.
Project will be implemented by:

- Regional Development Agency of Kukës.
- Regional Council of Kukës
- Municipality of Kukës

Project Cost

Study, design and rehabilitation of reservoirs/tanks of aquaculture industrial production center 180,000€;
Awareness raising and cooperation meetings on prevention of spawn damage 20,000€.