

# HOW EFFECTIVE ARE ALBANIAN PROTECTED AREAS?

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- 5,500 plant species and 15,600 species of animals
- Approximately 30% of all European flora species
- Recently increased protected area coverage from 5.2% to 16% of its territory
- Protected areas are the cornerstones of nature conservation and an effective means to conserve the biodiversity of ecosystems
- The European Union is supporting the project NaturAL in recognition of Albania's contribution to European and global biodiversity

## IUCN PAME Framework

The assessment follows the IUCN Framework for assessing Protected Area Management Effectiveness (IUCN PAME Framework)

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The Management Effectiveness Tracking Tool (METT) includes all stages of the Protected Area Management Effectiveness (PAME) Framework but emphasises **context, planning, inputs** and **process**

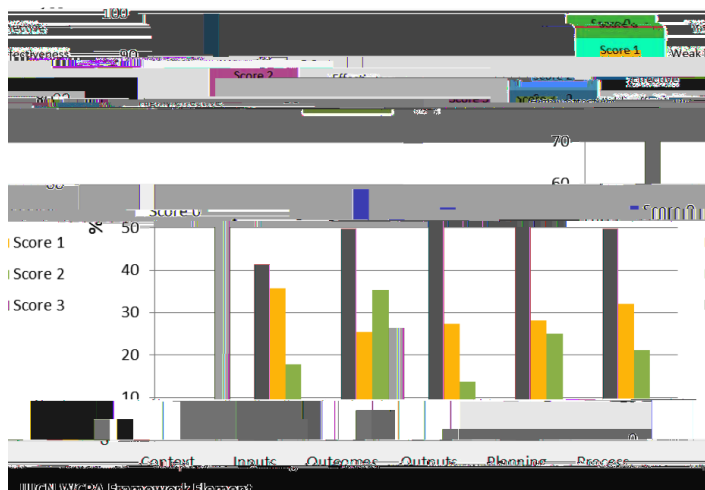
The METT has two main sections: datasheets that record information about each site, including the threats it faces, and an Assessment Form comprised of 30 questions

Assessments were carried out by protected area managers that are organized in 12 Regional Administrations of Protected Areas

# SUMMARY OF KEY FINDINGS FROM THE INITIAL ASSESSMENT OF PROTECTED AREAS IN ALBANIA USING THE MANAGEMENT EFFECTIVENESS TRACKING TOOL

Ranking of the threats expressed as % of protected areas in which they have been identified as a high-level threat

Distribution of scores per IUCN PAME Framework element (% of the maximum scores)



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