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**STRATEGIC PRIORITY AREA 1: CHARACTERIZATION, INVENTORY AND
MONITORING OF TRENDS AND ASSOCIATED RISKS**

Actions undertaken during the past year

Identification, characterization and inventory of :

Local breeds / populations of poultry species :

“White Albanian Chicken” –Bilishti region

Size of population	not census
Trend of population	stable
Economic use	for producing of eggs and meat for family farm

Phenotypic traits	
Average live weight	
-hens	1.4 -1.5 kg
-cocks	2 -2.2 kg
Laying capacity per year	85 – 90 eggs
Average weight of eggs	45-50 g
Starts of egg laying	135-140 days



White Albanian Chicken – Bilishti region

Partridge – colour Albanian Chicken – Tirana region

Size of population ¹	
-hens	825
-cocks	182
Trend of population	decreasing
Economic use	for producing of eggs and meat for family farm

¹Statistical evaluation

Phenotypic traits	
Average live weight	
-hens	1.5 -1.8 kg
-cocks	2.1 -2.4 kg
Laying capacity per year	85 – 90 eggs
Average weight of eggs	50-55 g
Starts of egg laying	135-140 days



Partridge – colour Albanian Chicken – Tirana region

Yellow Albanian Chicken – Velipoja region

Size of population ¹	
-hens	3650
-cocks	280
Trend of population	stable
Economic use	for producing of eggs and meat for family farm
¹ Statistical evaluation	

Phenotypic traits	
Average live weight	
-hens	1.3 -1.5 kg
-cocks	2.0 -2.3 kg
Laying capacity per year	100 – 120 eggs
Average weight of eggs	50-55 g
Starts of egg laying	145-160 days



Yellow Albanian Chicken – Velipoja region

Speckled Albanian Chicken – Velipoja region

Size of population ¹	
-hens	930
-cocks	125
Trend of population	threatened with extinction
Economic use	for producing of eggs and meat for family farm
¹ Statistical evaluation	

Phenotypic traits	
Average live weight	
-hens	1.8 -2.2kg
-cocks	2.3 -2.6 kg
Laying capacity per year	110 – 120 eggs
Average weight of eggs	55-60 g
Starts of egg laying	150-160 days



Speckled Albanian Chicken – Velipoja region

Rabitt local breeds/populations

Size of population	not census
Trend of population	increasing
Economic use	for producing meat for family farm

Phenotypic traits	Male	Female
Body weight – adult animal	4 -5 kg	3 -3.5 kg
Wither height - adult animal	125-135 cm	90-100 cm
Age of reaching sexual maturity	4.5 – 6 months	3.0 -4.5 months
Average daily gains till 2 months age	20 -25 g	
Body weight – at slaughter 3-3.3 months age	2300 -2400 g	
Number of litters/year	4 -5	
Litter size	6.5 -7.5 borns	
Longevity	3 – 4 years	



Albanian Shepherd dog “Balua i Kukesit”

Size of population	not census
Trend of population	decreasing

Phenotypic traits	
Body weight – adult animal	65 -70 kg
Height at withers - adult animal	70 -75 cm
Age of reaching sexual maturity	6 - 8 months
Litter size	4-12 pups
Longevity	10-12years

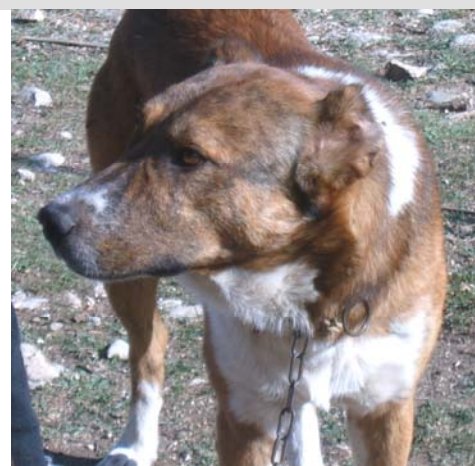


“Dog of Terbaci”

Size of population	not census
Trend of population	decreasing

Description

Medium size, harmonically development, big head, the bones massive, but not coarse.



Actions planned for the next year

1. Organization the field missions for characterization, inventory and monitoring of trends and associated risks for local breeds or populations of poultry species, hors, donkey, dogs , rabbits, bee
2. Update information necessary for compiling the **Catalogue of Albanian Farms Animal Genetic Resources , 2010.**

STRATEGIC PRIORITY AREA 2: SUSTAINABLE USE AND DEVELOPMENT

Actions undertaken during the past year

1. The implementation of the project “*In-situ* conservation and sustainable use of local cattle breed *Iliric Dwarf cattle* “Lopa e Lekbibajt. The mains actions that was been carried out :
 - Capacity building of farmers groups to support *In-situ* conservation program.
 - Implementation the schema of natural insemination using the young bulls
 - Implementation of the herdbook
 - Organizing the cattle show and the local cattle processing products
2. The implementation of the project “*Rescue of endangered pig breeds and building up farmers network in the Velipoja Nature Reserve, Albania*” The mains actions that was been carried out :
 - Implementation of urgent measures, necessary to hinder the process of genetic erosion and decrease of animal numbers in the population of local pigs “ White of Scutari”, “Black Spotted of Scutari” and “ Pig with Wattle”
 - Awareness of farmer`s communities, informal groups or/and associations of farmers, domestic and international institutions to support any effort that will have as objective, conservation and development of this genetic wealth, valid not only to our country but also region.
 - Promoting collaboration among farmers and setting up the Local Network of Farmers managing this genetic fund, who will also be participants in the implementation of *in-situ* conservation program
 - Implementation of *in-situ* conservation programs for local pig breed “ White of Scutari”, “Black Spotted of Scutari” and “ Pig with Wattle”.

Actions planned for the next year

1. In collaboration with ALBAGENE-Association, GEF/PNUD and SAVE Foundation the implementation of second phase of project “*Rescue of endangered pig breeds and building up farmers network in the Velipoja Nature Reserve, Albania*”
2. The Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Consumer’s Protection will financed the project “Sustainable use and development the local cattle breed *Iliric Dwarf cattle* - Busha type”

STRATEGIC PRIORITY AREA 3: CONSERVATION

Actions undertaken during the past year

1. The awareness campaign – the mains output:
 - Compilation and printing of booklets to promote the farm animal autochthonous breeds – “Small ruminant of South Albania Regions”
 - Compiling and printing the booklet “ Local pig breeds in Velipoja region”
 - Was organized and carried out a National Symposium in frame of European Agrobiodiversity Day.
2. Implementation the project for *In-situ* conservation of endagered breeds: ” White of Scutari”, “Black Spotted of Scutari” and “ Pig with Wattle”.

Actions planned for the next year

Implementation of the projects for *In-situ* conservation of endangered breeds:

1. *In-situ* conservation of local pig breeds in Velipoja region
2. *In-situ* conservation of local cattle population *Iliric Dwarf cattle* “Lopa Gurgucke”
3. *In-situ* conservation of local cattle population *Iliric Dwarf cattle* Busha type in Kuksi mountainous region

STRATEGIC PRIORITY AREA 4: POLICIES, INSTITUTIONS AND CAPACITY BUILDING

Actions undertaken during the past year

1. Approval by Albanian government , on 29.12.2008 - The legal framework for subsidies of local sheep and goat breeds that are at risk of extinction
2. Was compiled the Matix of National Action Plan for conservation and development of FAnGR in frame of Sectorial Strategy for Rural Sustainable Development

Actions planned for the next year

1. Update the informations in EFABIS and DAD-IS
2. Update the National Strategy and Action Plan following the recommendations of the Fifth Session of Intergovernmental Technical Working Group on AnGR.