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

Actions undertaken during the past year

Characterization, inventory and monitoring of trends and associated risk of extinction for local breeds or/and ecotypes of small ruminant in South region of Albania:

Local goat and sheep populations

	Local name	Region	Total size population	Breeding animals		
				M	F	
Local goat populations	Black of Kolonja	Gjirokater	3500-4000	200	3100	
	White of Kolonja	Mallakaster	350	12	200	
	Muzhake	Sarande	22500	1250	15800	
	Black of Dukati	Vlora	1800-2000	50-65	1300	
	Red of Maleshova	Tepelena	2500	30-40	1350	
Local sheep populations	Kuoçka sheep	Mallakaster	3250	90	2800	
	Sheep of Golemi	Gjirokater	12500	320	11200	

Actions planned for the next year

1. Update the **Catalogue of Albanian Farms Animal Genetic Resources, 2012.**
2. Update the **Red book of FAnGR – local breeds**
3. Evaluation of genetic diversity in DNA level of local small ruminant populations-project implement by Agricultural University of Tirana with financial support by National Agency for Science, Technology and Innovation

4. Evaluation of genetic diversity in DNA level of local poultries populations – collaboration with the University of Perugia, Italy

STRATEGIC PRIORITY AREA 2: SUSTAINABLE USE AND DEVELOPMENT

Actions undertaken during the past year

1. In frame of project “*In-situ* conservation and sustainable use of local cattle breed *Iliric Dwarf cattle* “Lopa e Lekbibajt” was been carried out :

- Three news bulls was introduced in breeding schema
- Capacity building to support the traditional processing of animal production

2. 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 :

- Increase the number of farmers member of the local farmers network
- Five new breeding pigs are produced
- Support the farmers to building-up a marketing concept of the products
- Strengthen the capacities of Local Network of Farmers to implement the new approach for marketing the pig meat

3. The project “ Conservation of local sheep breeds “ Lara e Polisit” throught economic sustainable use”. The mains actions that was been carried out :

- Identification and characterization of local sheep breed “Lara e Polisit” and the implementation of *in-situ* program has started

Actions planned for the next year

1. In collaboration with ALBAGENE-Association and GEF/PNUD will implemented the final phase of project “*Rescue of endangered pig breeds and building up farmers network in the Velipoja Nature Reserve, Albania*”, component – economic sustainable use of local pig breeds

Main objective – Strength the capacities of the Rescue Station in Back Rrjoll village

STRATEGIC PRIORITY AREA 3: CONSERVATION

Actions undertaken during the past year

1. The project “*In-situ* conservation and sustainable use of local cattle breed *Iliric Dwarf cattle-Busha type* “Lopa e Prespes.” The mains actions that was been carried out :

- Establish new nucleus groups of Prespa cattle in Prespa National Park
- Establish a Prespa cattle nucleus group for Ex-situ in vivoa at Korça breeding station

2. The project “*In-situ* conservation and sustainable use of local cattle breed *Iliric Dwarf cattle* “Lopa e Lekbibajt” *Busha Type*. The mains actions that was been carried out :

- Implementation of *In-situ* conservation program.

3. The project “ Conservation of local sheep breeds “ Lara e Polisit” throught economic sustainable use”. The mains actions that was been carried out :

- Building up of the nucleus farm and has started the program for *Ex-situ in vivo* at Small Ruminant Station – Korça region.
- The implementation of *in-situ* conservation program

Actions planned for the next year

1. In collaboration with Centre of Agricultural Technology Transfer (QTTB) Korça will implemented the project “Conservation of local sheep breeds “Delja e Shkodres” throught

economic sustainable use”. A nucleus group will be established for *ex-situ in vivo* conservation at Small Ruminant Station- Korça region

2. In collaboration with Centre of Agricultural Technology Transfer (QTTB) Fushe Kruja will continue the implementation of the project “Sustainable use and development the local cattle breed *Iliric Dwarf cattle* - Busha type” at Tropoja, Kukesi, Shkodra and Prespa Region.

Awareness

Actions undertaken during the past year

1. The awareness campaign – the main output:
 - In frame of European Agrobiodiversity Day, was organized and carried out the National Symposium “Conservation and sustainable use of FAnGR as a key factor for rural development”
 - In frame of the International Biodiversity Year-2010, an International Symposium: “Biodiversity – conservation and sustainable use crucial factors for rural development” was carried out

Actions planned for the next year

1. Editing the new Catalog of Albanian FAnGR.
2. In frame of European Agrobiodiversity Day, The VIIth International Symposium: “Economic sustainable use of small ruminant” will be organized

STRATEGIC PRIORITY AREA 4: POLICIES, INSTITUTIONS AND CAPACITY BUILDING

Actions undertaken during the past year

1. Approval by Minister of Agriculture, Food and Consumer’s Protection – “The regulation concerning the subsidies for local cattle breeds that are at risk of extinction”

Actions planned for the next year

1. Update the information in EFABIS and DAD-IS
2. Update the National Strategy and Action Plan.