



Status of ecosystems In the Western Balkans

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The Green Heart of Europe

The Danube-Carpathian region





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FORESTS

The largest remaining area of virgin and natural forests in Europe outside of northern Scandinavia and Russia.

LARGE CARNIVORES

Two-thirds of the European populations of large carnivores, including bears, lynx and wolves.

RIVERS AND WETLANDS

Most of Europe's last remaining intact rivers and wetlands, including the globally important Lower Danube Green Corridor and the Mura-Drava-Danube

WILDERNESS

Europe's most spectacular remaining wilderness areas outside of Russia, including the southern Carpathians and the Danube Delta.

DANUBE STURGEON

The Beluga sturgeon - a 7-meter fish that survived the end of the dinosaurs but now teeters on the edge of extinction.



Protected Areas in Drina Sub-Basin

SRP Zasavica
620 ha

NP
Drina
6 300 ha

NP
Sutjeska
17 200 ha

PIO Kamena
gora
7 800 ha

NP
Durmitor
34 000 ha

NP
Biogradska gora
5 400 ha

RP
Piva
32 500 ha



SRP Trešnjica
630 ha

NP Tara
22 000 ha

SRP Uvac
7800 ha

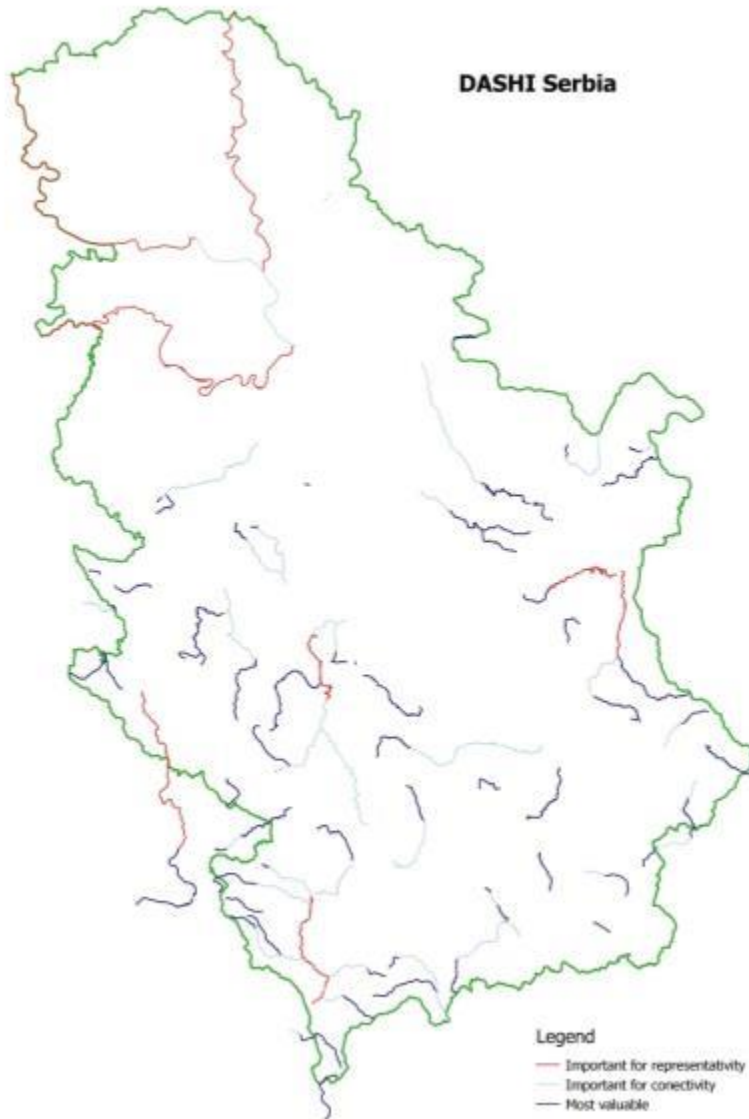
PP
Ozren Jadovnik
10 300 ha

SRP
Peštersko polje
3800 ha

SP
Đalovića klisura
1 600 ha

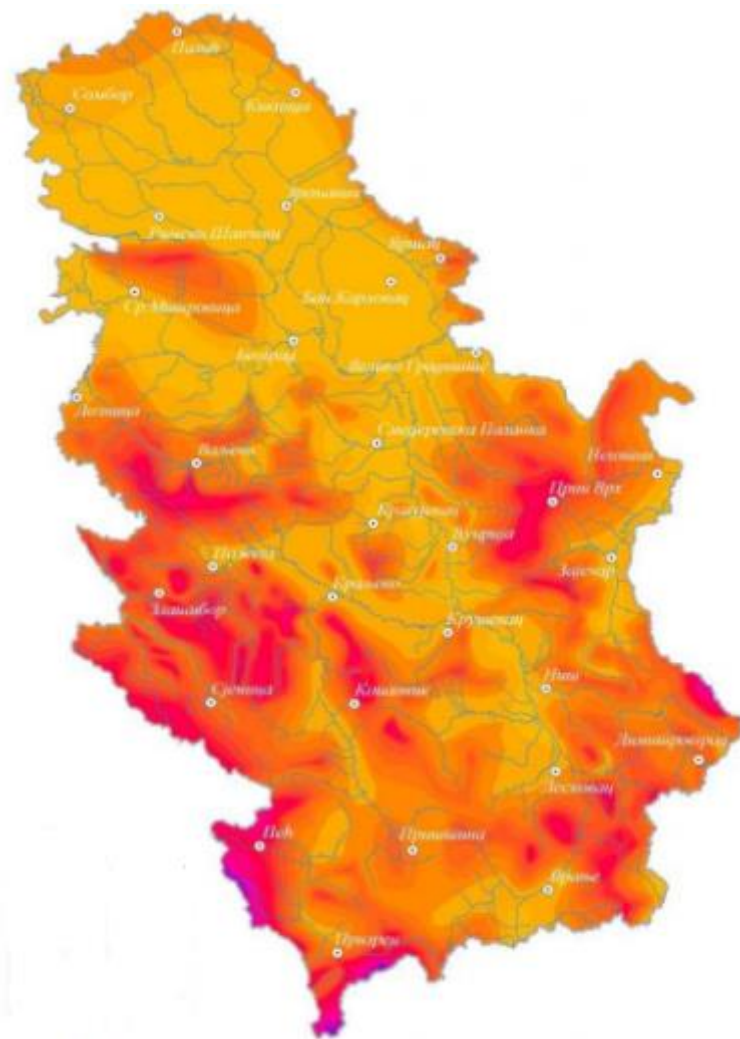
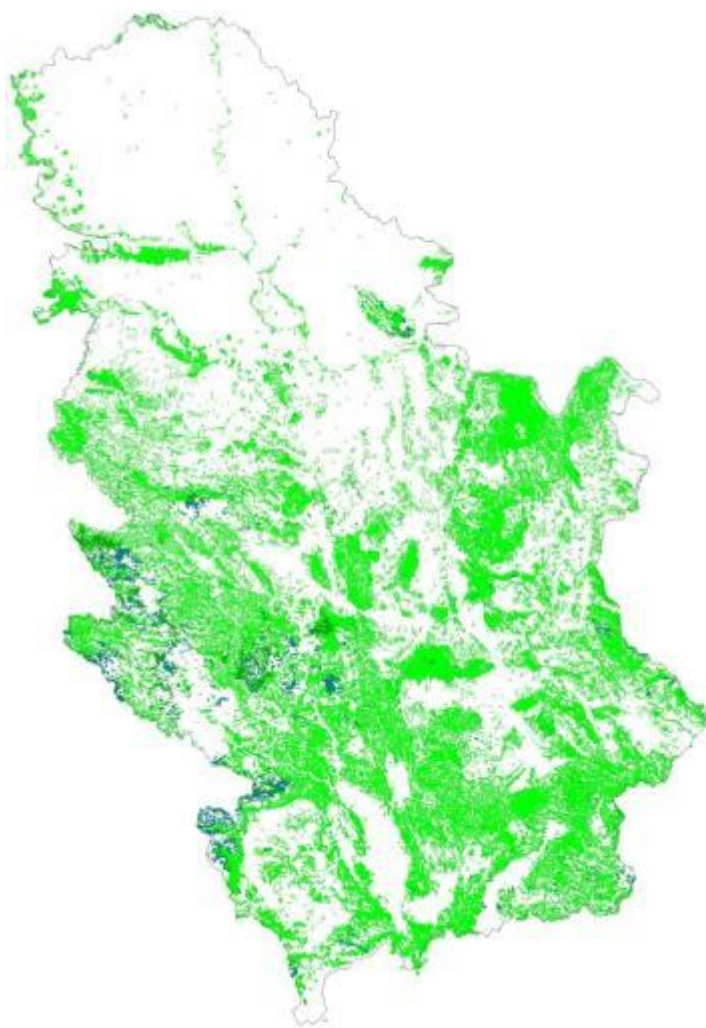
NP Prokletije
Đalovića klisura
16 600 ha

Rivers



- **129 rivers** analyzed, **9256 km**
- **3354 km** identified as stretches with high ecological significance

Forests





Wildlife

The three big



Huchen *Hucho hucho*



Not only about mountains...

Lower Drina- Important Bird Area



Little tern *Sterna albifrons*



Threats

Hydropower- only in Serbia 500+ locations for SHP

Regulation- degradation of aquatic and aluvial habitats

Sediment extraction- intensive and loosely controlled (lower Drina)

Pollution







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WWF is in over
100 countries, on
6 continents

1961

WWF was founded
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