

Towards long term and innovative financial sustainability to MPAs

Croatian attempts

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Context

- There are 19 PAs in Croatia, 5 are MPAs
- Until 2014 **ALL** PAs were co-financed by the Government
- Today, 3 or 4 PAs are self-sustainable and to the others the Government cut down the funds up to 80%
- Main incomes in PAs are **entrance fees (and programs)**, Government support, restaurants and hotels, rental (bikes, el. cars, etc.), concessions..... **PROJECTS**

No more easy money.

What are the alternatives?

- The Ministry of Environment and Energy together with PAs and other State offices try to open „new doors“:
 - EU funds, structural funds (lack of people and education/know-how, 85% reimbursement)
 - „In house big projects“ (World Bank, GEF) → to raise the attractiveness and efficiency of parks, capacity building etc. (once in a time)

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- The Ministry of Environment and Energy together with PAs and other State offices try to open „new doors“:
 - Energy Efficiency and Environmental Protection Fund (simple application, 100% reimbursement, 100% increase of funds for PAs in few years, **not regular calls for projects**)
 - Other Croatian calls and funds (tourism, culture...)

Challenges / Perspectives

- No financing for overheads!!!
- No 100% reimbursement for projects
- No new employment
- Attract more visitors where possible with new programs and „attractions”

Croatian PAs trust fund, from PA to PA

- There is enough money in PAs earned from entrance fees but it is not well distributed

Recommendations

(I don't have nothing clever to say...)

- Make new innovative programs for visitors combined with visitor centers and charge that
- Capacity building, fund raising, projects, people, rent, give in concession...
- Copy-paste „successful” PAs or models (countries)
- **Every state should take care of its most important values!!!**



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