First Hima created for Sustainable Grazing in Lebanon

April 2013 witnessed the declaration of the lands of el-Fekha, el-Jdeydeh, el-Zaytoon and el-Maallaqa districts by the municipality of el-Fekha as a Hima conservation area in Lebanon, Middle East. A municipal decision was reached by adopting a community-based Hima approach for sustainable grazing, organized hunting and eco-tourism... Get more news about Hima el-Fekha

Environmental DNA Breakthrough for Endangered Cave Amphibian

Project researchers at the Society for Cave Biology have successfully isolated traces of environmental DNA of Proteus anguinus from its habitat. With further modification this method will be used to help map the distribution of the endemic species, aiding future conservation efforts. These findings
were presented at the "Dinaric Karst Poljes as Wetlands of National and International Importance" workshop.  

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**Ecotourism Solution to the Sustainability of Ulcinj Salina**

Ulcinj Salina is an Important Bird Area (IBA) on the Adriatic flyway in Montenegro, but currently its economic benefits are based solely on salt production. The Center for Protection and Research of Birds (CZIP) are working to turn it into an important ecotourism destination for the region. So far CZIP has made huge progress; renovating part of the museum, replacing fences, building an access bridge and starting work on the gift shop.  

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**Project Launch for Mediterranean Marine Protected Areas**

The Institute for Nature Conservation in Albania (INCA) project aims to develop a sustainable tourism management plan for the Karaburun-Sazan Marine National Park and surrounding area; increasing awareness and identifying potential nature-based tourism initiatives. A kick-off meeting discussed the project objectives and expected results, components and activities planned, and future collaboration.
RIT in Morocco!
The Mediterranean RIT held a meeting in Morocco in September. The meeting was aimed at evaluating the first year of the RIT operations, discussing progress of recently funded projects, meeting and training Moroccan grantees, meeting a representative from the Ministry of Country Planning, Water Resources and Environment and visiting an active grantee within the Ifrane KBA and Boufekrane River. >>Know more about Ifrane Visit and Boufekrane Visit.

Quick Facts
- Total Large Grants Awarded: $4,487,219
- Total Small Grants Awarded: $322,152
- Active Large Grant Projects: 22
- Large Grant Projects in the Pipeline: 11
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- Small Grant Projects in the Pipeline: 8

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