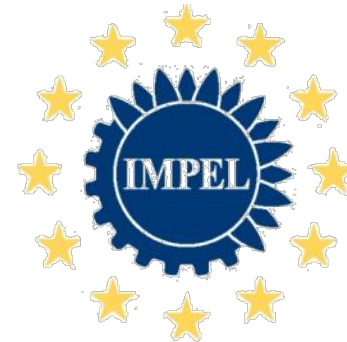


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John Visbeen-expert team leader

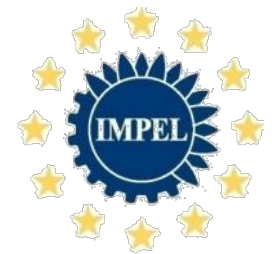


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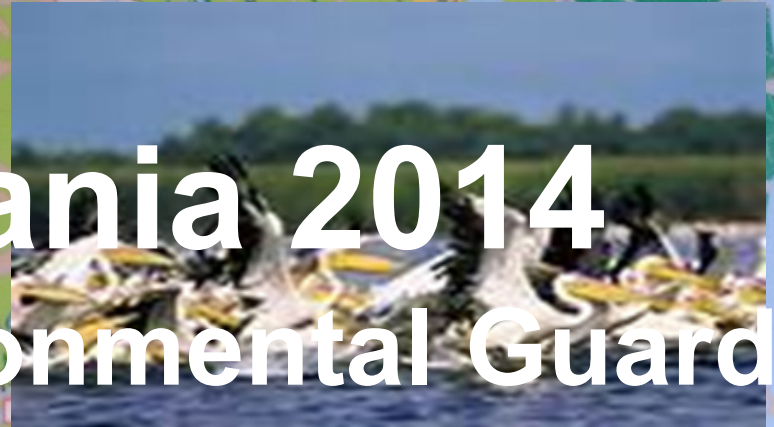


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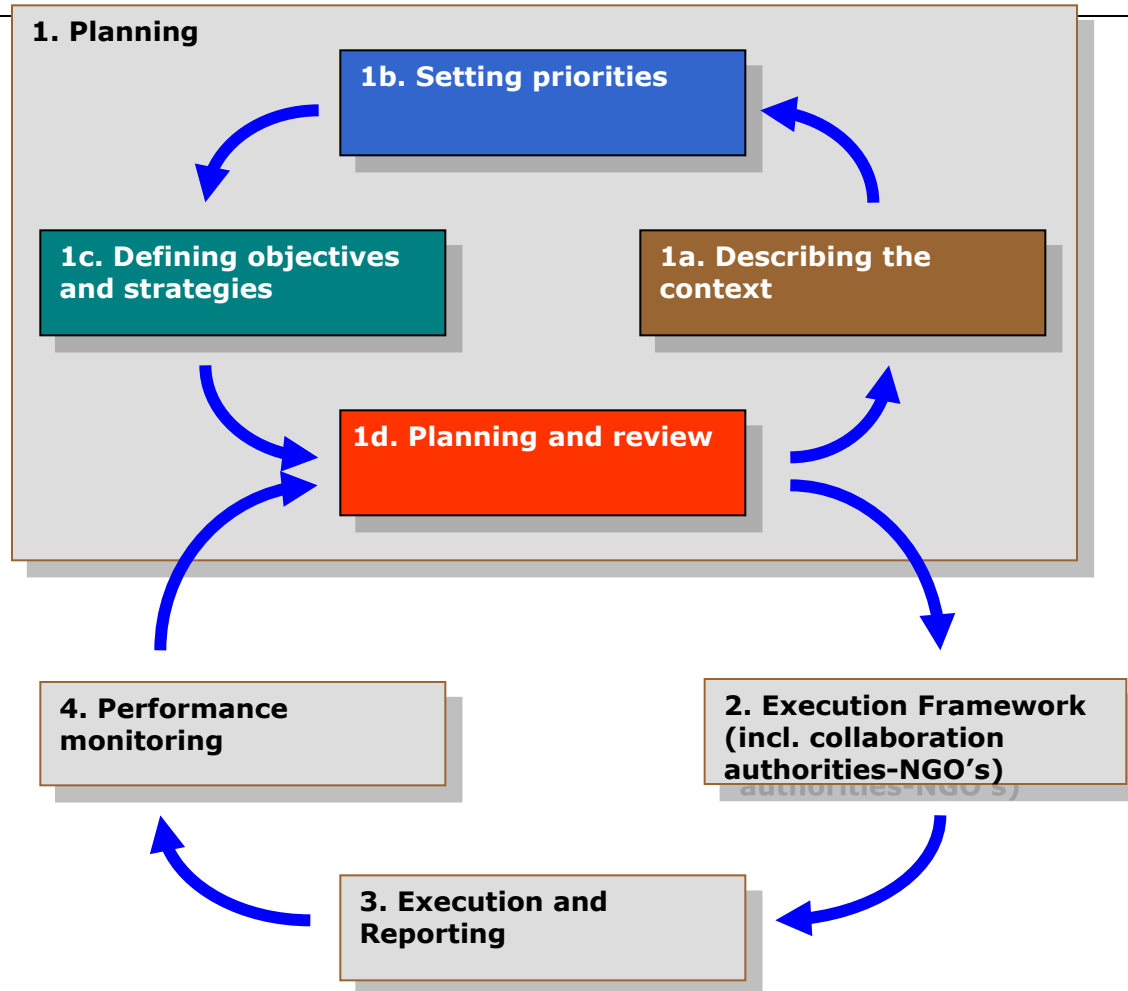
National Environmental Guard

Danube Delta



First “green” IRI/peer review

Execution of IRI is based on the ENVIRONMENTAL INSPECTION CYCLE





- Review team; experts form Malta, Italy, Macedonia, Czech Republic, Cyprus, Netherlands, Scotland,
- Good practises – Oppertunities for development (report)
- Main conclusion Romania:
 - Improve effectiveness in whole process of inspection and enforcement – prosecution - verdict,



Follow Up IRI Romania

Changes in legislative framework & Inspection Planning

- legislation on movement of ships and boats,
- amendment on regime of protection of wild flora and fauna,
- amendment on law on hunting in the Danube Delta,
- improvement of the planning of 'green inspections',
- increasing of available capacities for inspection (boats & fuel)



IRI Italy 2016

Corpo Forerstale

May 16-19

Messina Street



- **Review team:**
- **Experts from Malta, Croatia, Romania, Netherlands, England**



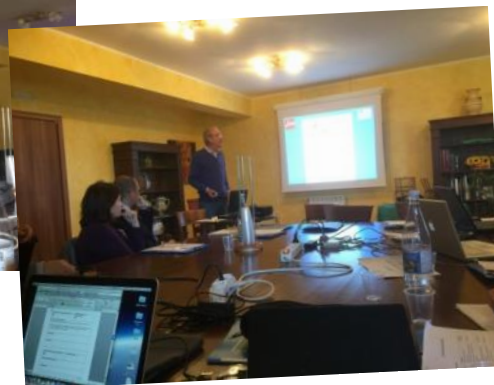
Impressions from report:(www.Impel.eu)

Impressive results given the tools they have at their disposal,

Unique way of collaboration and interaction with NGO's, (in operation, in prevention)



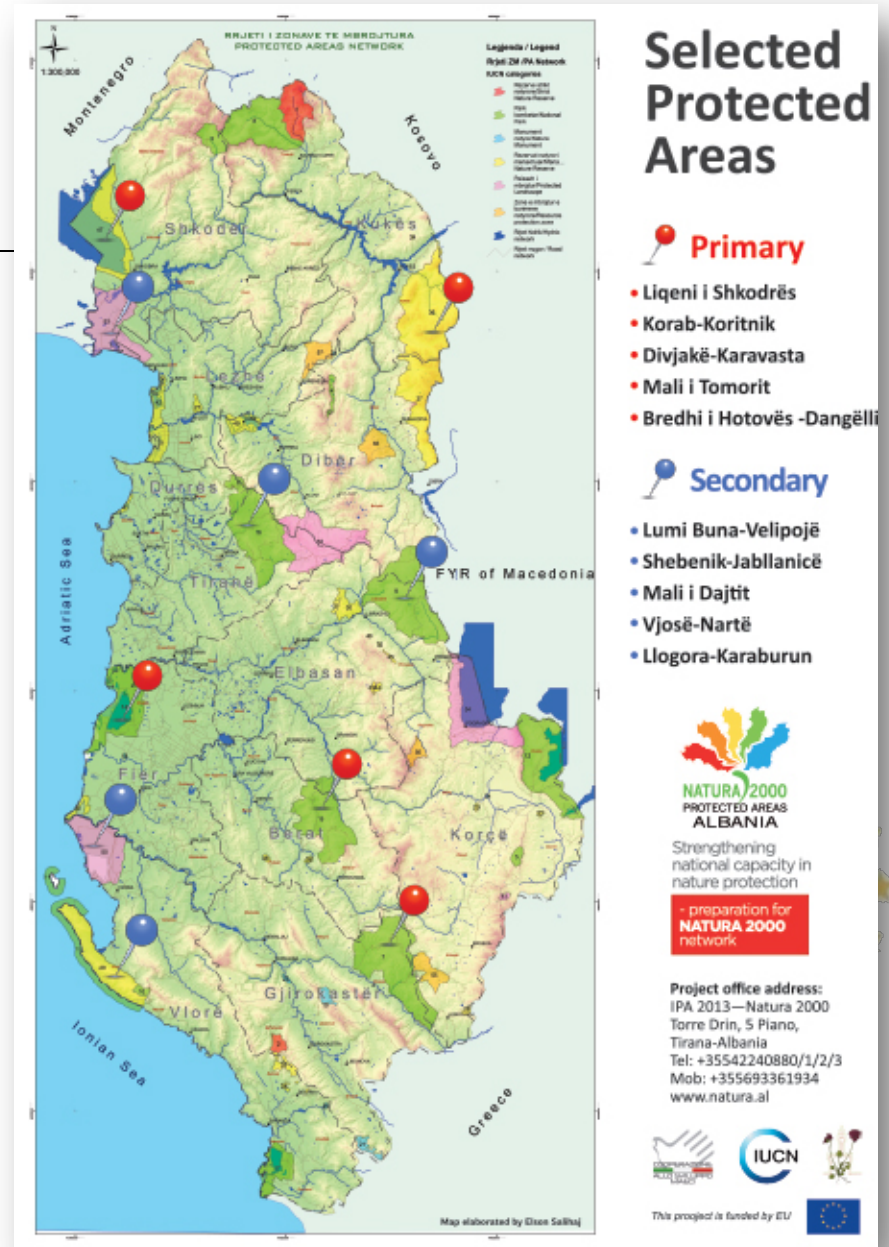
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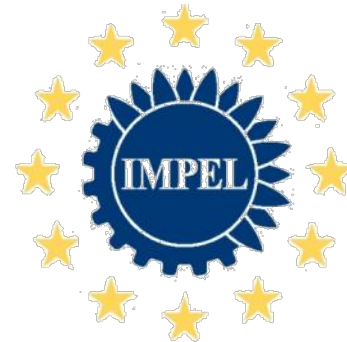
Green IRI Albania 2018

Focus area:

- legislation,
- monitoring,
- forestry; moratorium
- hunting; moratorium
- execution framework (collaboration with NGOs),
- protected areas



Hunting Tourism

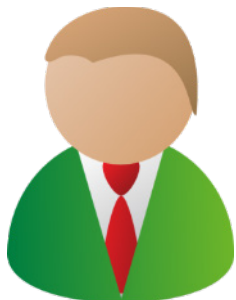


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Romanian Case

- Head of S.F.G.H.C.A. Constanta - PERSON X



- 4 Italian citizens – 2 lieutenants of Sgobba Luigi and 2 ammunition suppliers



- 6 Romanian citizens – guards on the hunting funds



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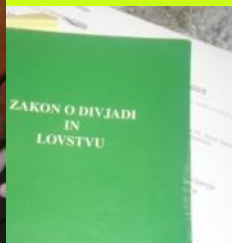


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Hunting Tourism Joint inspection in Slovenia, January 2017

***(taking patterns, wildlife forensics, DNA analysis
final results and follow up)***



- During our joint inspection in Slovenia in January 2017 we have checked the categorization in Savinjsko Kozjansko Hunting Management area in Kozje hunting club headquarters with Slovenian Hunting Inspection.
- The commission has at that day checked the material proofs for five hunting clubs.
- In one hunting club, we decided to take a pattern of all 2+ roe deer females (older than 2 years). We took all 22 „2+ female“ jawbones by standard procedure. (DNA test)

every jawbone is marked with hunting club data (nr of specimen in evidence, so we can immediately find the data of the date animal was taken out of nature and which hunter shot/find it). We also put a special Inspection marker (a plumb) on it with unrepeatabeable number, so the pattern can not be changed during the DNA test



REPUBLIKA SLOVENIJA
Ministrstvo kmeti, gozdarstva in hrane
Slovenski lovski zvezi

ZAPISKNIK št. 0014.202017

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Oznaka inspekcije	Laboratorijska oznaka	Allel 1	Allel 2	Spol določen z DNSK analizom
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11683	EJ.182T	183	183	Ž
11684	EJ.183L	139	183	M
11685	EJ.183C	183	183	Ž
11686	EJ.183E	183	183	Ž
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11690	EJ.1837	183	183	Ž
11691	EJ.183J	183	183	Ž
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11693	EJ.1835	183	183	Ž
11694	EJ.183H	183	183	Ž
11695	EJ.1833	139	183	M
11696	EJ.1838	183	183	Ž
11697	EJ.182X	183	183	Ž
11698	EJ.183F	183	183	Ž
11713	EJ.1830	183	183	Ž
11715	EJ.182Y	183	183	Ž
11717	EJ.1836	183	183	Ž
11719	EJ.183M	183	183	Ž

The hunting club wrote wrong sex data for 4 animals:

<u>z.št.</u>	<u>vrsta</u> <u>divjadi</u>	<u>str.razred</u>	<u>spol</u>	<u>starost</u>	<u>datum in čas</u>	<u>vzrok</u> <u>odvzema</u>	<u>kraj</u>	<u>geokoord</u> <u>inata</u>	<u>št.izjave</u>	<u>uplenitelji</u>	<u>član</u>
13	srna	dve in več letne srne	Z	2	14.3.2016 6:30	povoz cesta	Gorenje	S0H2		Zorenič	MIHAEL
16	srna	dve in več letne srne	Z	2	8.4.2016 6:30	povoz cesta	Zagaj	S0H1		BABIČ	PRIMOŽ
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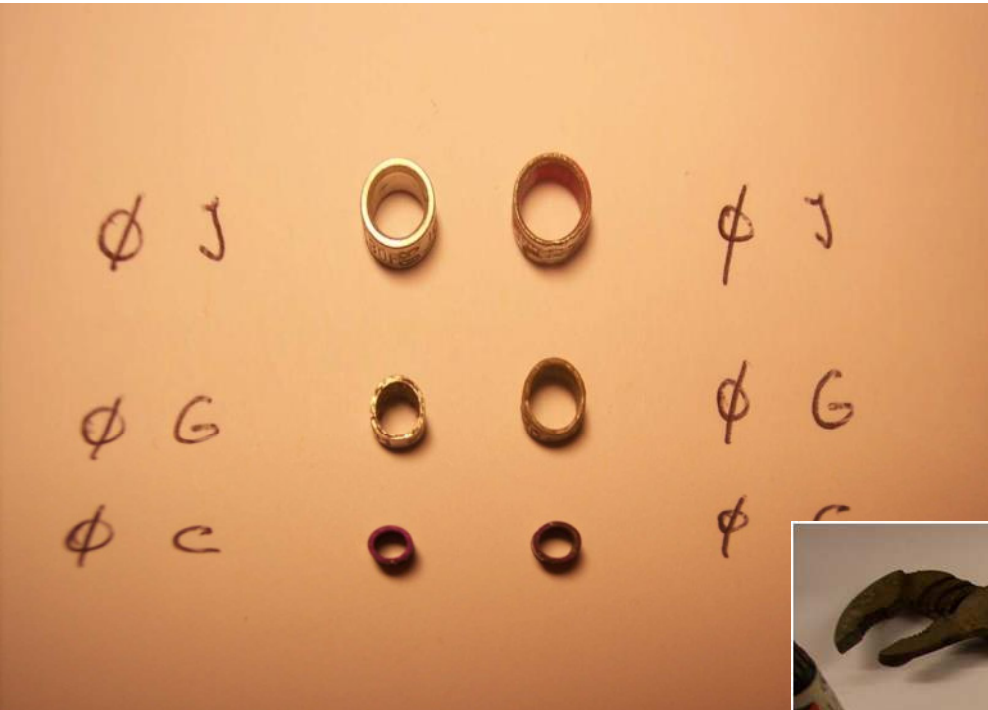
Follow-up- measures

- The hunting club gets a penalty of 4.200 € (1st Time, later it can go up to 125.000) for not writing down the correct data
- The president of the hunting club, as a responsible person, gets a penalty of 420 € (also 1st time, later it can go up to 1.200)

Conclusions

- DNA analyses are very useful tool for such control
- Very good developed and financially achievable technology
- Can also be used as „mobile control stations“ on borders in future - discussion

Project 2019: Workshop Closed foot rings – captive bred



Projectideas 2019 – 2020 Wildlife forensics- determination – DNA – tracking systems



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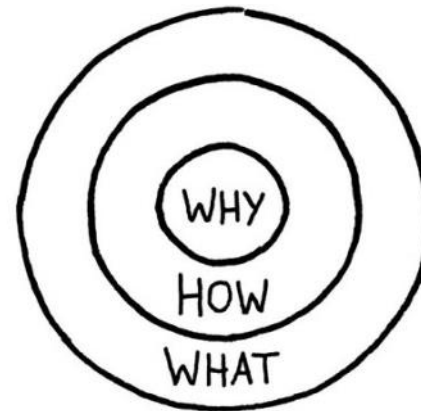
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Why IMPEL-ESIX

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$$1 + 1 > 2$$



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Cooperation, Communications and Teamwork are the
 to Success

The combination of expertise and knowledge of Stakeholders and knowledge of Law and Legislation and investigation of Enforcement Officers can (will) lead to more success $1+1>2$



IMPEL-ESIX goals:

- Share best practices, relevant in the enforcement chain and provide training materials, ID guides and other useful information for stakeholders and enforcement;
- Exchange information on trends, seizures and on-going poaching activities regarding birds
- Facilitate assistance from experts from (inter)national organizations, national authorities and experienced enforcement officials
- Facilitate cooperation between enforcement, National authorities and (inter)national organizations and other stakeholders.
- The collection of seizure data of EU Bird directive species, in order to give a better view on the nature and extent of this type of crime.



What is IMPEL –ESIX

Specific for IKB, and possibly other “Green Issues” in future, such as Natura 2000, HD and EU TR



2 complementary parts

- Information exchange system (newsletters)
- Website



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2 groups for messages and secured enforcement part on website

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Enforcement
With a moderator
in between



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A SECOND SHIPMENT OF DEAD BIRDS DISCOVERED IN SLOVENIA THIS YEAR

Another alarming discovery of a huge shipment of illegally killed birds discovered in Slovenia by Slovenia custom officers.

On Saturday 20th of October, the second shipment was seized this year, near a Fernetiči border crossing with Italy. Shipment of two boxes was discovered in a cargo part of a truck coming from Romania. A detailed inspection of boxes has shown that they contain 800 dead birds belonging to one protected species Eurasian Skylark. Birds were intended for the Italian black market, where they would be sold for food in the luxurious and prestigious restaurants.

DOPPS – BirdLife Slovenia and EURONATUR, within the project "Safe Flyways – stop illegal bird killing in the Mediterranean", are working on an issue of illegal trafficking of dead birds through Slovenia. The extent of the illegal trafficking through Slovenia is not known in recent years, but the seized shipment like this one on 20th of October is a good sign that it did not significantly decrease. Slovenia remains a transit country for birds caught in the Eastern and South-Eastern Europe.



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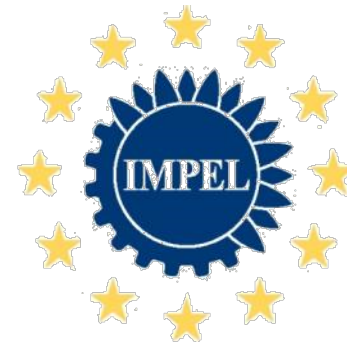
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Current Users

Subscribers in all EU 28 MS and 8 neighbouring countries



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SUCCESS STORIES

1. October 2016 information of NGO about location of mist nets lead to arrest of suspect (Italian national) in Romania
2. April 2017 information of picking Hellebores plants in the wild by Japanese nationals in Croatia and Serbia shared with Authorities and NGO's
Result: cooperation between Balkan countries regarding Green Projects
3. April 2017 Sharing information about poaching geese in NL by FR nationals lead to contact between Enforcement official in these countries, Poachers will be inspected in FR also
4. November 2018 Alert after several seizures during transports of birds from RO to IT



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