

Open Webinar: Global Presentation of BiH National Ecosystem Assessment

24 April 2024

11:30 – 13:00 BST

12:30 – 14:00 CET

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Co-organised by the National Ecosystem Assessment Initiative at UNEP-WCMC, University of Sarajevo and the Federal Ministry of Environment and Tourism Bosnia and Herzegovina

Concept Note and Agenda

As of 10 April 2024

Background

As part of the global initiative, “Supporting decision-making and building capacity to support the Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) through National Ecosystem Assessments”, in 2019 a multidisciplinary team of experts from across Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) embarked on a 4-year journey to undertake a national ecosystem assessment. This research process involved extensive collection, analysis, and synthesis of existing knowledge, including local and traditional knowledge, on the status and trends of biodiversity and nature’s contributions to people in BiH. The assessment was completed in December 2023, and has resulted in a first-of-its kind, comprehensive and up to date evidence base that is intended to support national policies and actions related to biodiversity and its benefits for people. The findings of the assessment are available in a Technical Assessment Report, with a summarised version of key messages in the Summary for Policy Makers. Financial support for the National Ecosystem Assessment of BiH was provided by the International Climate Initiative (IKI) of the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety, and Consumer Protection, with technical support

from the National Ecosystem Assessment (NEA) Initiative at the UN Environment Programme World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC). The implementing agency for the BiH National Ecosystem Assessment process was the University of Sarajevo, with institutional support from the Federal Ministry of Environment and Tourism (FMET).

The *Summary for Policymakers Report* is a crucial outcome of the BiH National Ecosystem Assessment. This report draws on the BiH National Ecosystem Assessment Technical Report titled *Assessment of the State of Nature and Governance of Natural Resources in Bosnia and Herzegovina*. The Summary for Policy Makers is a synthesis document that summarises key findings on the status and trends in biodiversity and nature's contributions to people in BiH, as well as policy-relevant recommendations for the sustainable management of nature in BiH. Through the national ecosystem assessment, contributors from the multidisciplinary team have initiated the establishment of a science-policy-society interface for the purpose of sustainable nature management in BiH.

Objectives

The webinar aims to bring a wide range of audiences together to:

- Present an overview of the BiH's national ecosystem assessment process and assessment outcomes, including the assessment's key findings and policy-relevant recommendations.
- Share important insights, lessons learned and best practices from BiH's national ecosystem assessment experience that are transferrable and relevant for other ecosystem assessments and research at the science-policy interface.

Target Audience

This event is relevant to researchers, government representatives, policy makers, representatives of private sector, media, civil society organisations, and other experts from around the globe. The webinar is open to the general public, anyone with an interest in nature and biodiversity conservation.

In the spirit of communicating the assessment's important findings to broad audiences and promoting peer-to-peer knowledge exchange between a global network of ecosystem assessment practitioners, this event is open to public audiences who are interested to learn more about the biodiversity of BiH and its contributions to people's

wellbeing, as well as to audiences who are interested to hear lessons and insights from BiH's experience of conducting a national ecosystem assessment.

Date and Time

Wednesday, 24 April 2024 from 12:30 – 14:00 CET

Event format and registration

This virtual webinar will be held on Zoom and delivered in English with French and Spanish translation available. Access to the online event will be provided to all pre-registered participants. Please register for the event here:

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Proposed Agenda

90mins

Time	Session	Moderator/Speaker
5'	Welcome and Opening	Ms. Claire Brown, Principal Technical Specialist, UNEP-WCMC
5'	Introduction to the Webinar	Ms. Ceire Booth, Programme Officer, UNEP-WCMC
10'	Keynote speaker	Ms. Senka Barudanovic Project Coordinator for Bosnia and Herzegovina National Ecosystem Assessment and Chair of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA Bureau) of the Convention on Biological Diversity
10'	<i>Session Title: Mainstreaming holistic analysis of biodiversity and ecosystem services in national decision-making</i>	Ms. Adla Kahrić, FBiH Ministry of Environment and Tourism

10'	Overview of the BiH National Ecosystem Assessment process	Ms. Ena Hatibović, Project Officer for Bosnia and Herzegovina National Ecosystem Assessment
15'	<i>Session Title: Opportunities for Knowledge-Sharing and Reflections</i> Main Findings, Lessons Learned and Best Practices	Mr. Milan Mataruga Assessment Co-chair Mr. Dženan Bećirović CLA (chapter 2)
10'	<i>Session Title: Opportunities for Knowledge-Sharing and Reflections</i> Weaving Indigenous and Local Knowledge in the BiH National Ecosystem Assessment	Mr. Armin Macanović, Indigenous and Local Knowledge Lead for Bosnia and Herzegovina National Ecosystem Assessment
10'	Designing an engaging visual identity for the BiH National Ecosystem Assessment	Mr. Alaa Marouf, Visual Identity and Graphic Designer for Bosnia and Herzegovina National Ecosystem Assessment
10'	Question & Answer session	Moderated by UNEP-WCMC
5'	Closing	Mr. Noor Noor, Programme Officer, UNEP-WCMC

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