



## News from Divjaka-Karavasta NP SEP 2013

### **Management Committee established**

On March 5<sup>th</sup> 2013, at the 2nd JCC, Management Committee (MC) was approved and the first meeting was held. 3 Working Groups (WGs) will implement 5 pilot activities with participation of local governments and stakeholders Under the MC;

(WG-I) Conservation Improvement

(WG-II) Local Revitalization

(WG-III) Environmental Education



<Discussion at the MC>

### **Pilot Activities have been Implemented**

5 pilot activities will be implemented in order to enhance the effectiveness of the Management Plan through practice. Two major activities are introduced in this edition. Certainly, more activities to follow.

### **Environmental interpretation Tour was Organized by the National Park Office**

The first activity, environmental interpretation tour attracted 23 students and teachers from Tirana. Two main aims were achieved; improving interpretation and guiding skills of the Divjaka-Karavasta National Park (DKNP) staff, providing an opportunity to enjoy nature for the youth living in big cities. Next tour will focused on the school children live in the area. Further information is available at following link:

Japanese: <http://www.jica.go.jp/project/albania/001/news/20130610.html>

English: <http://www.jica.go.jp/project/english/albania/001/news/general/130610.html>



<At the small lagoon>



<Enjoying nature with rich biodiversity>



### **The Survey for the Future Recreation Zone Blueprint**

For the sustainable use of the recreation zone, conservation and facility complex plan of Divjake is in elaboration. Survey studies are made in cooperation with the National Park Office and Divjake Municipality. The process of elaborating this plan is expected to be a model case for other two recreation zones in the DKNP.



< Ground survey for the borders >



<Interview on the recreation area plan >

### **Cooperation with Directorate of Education**

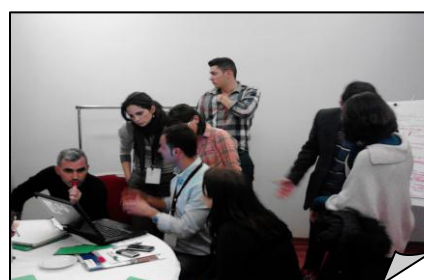
Following Lushnje, we cooperate with the Directorate of Education in Fier as well. This cooperation will further enhance the environmental education activities in the wider DKNP area extending to Liboufsh commune.

### **Protected Areas Management Workshop by International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources**

In March, 3 days workshop was held by International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN), more than 40 experts attended from 16 countries. Common issues were shared and fruitful discussions were made. We maintain close contact with various organizations, both (inter)national and (non)governmental, to share common practice and for the betterment of the project.



< Global experts gathered >



< Discussion on trans-boundary issues >