

NATURAL RESOURCES AND MANAGEMENT

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Abstract

The management of natural resources aims to manage and control the exploitation of natural environment and its resources, using scientific and technical methods. It has been found that natural resources are running out quickly. In this paper are pointed out some of the main actors in natural resources management. Actors such as demography, economy, technological development and legal frame (i.e. domestic and international) have a key role in natural sustainability. This paper is concentrated in natural resources like wildlife and mineral deposits mainly in Albania. This is because Albania is a country with an extensive biodiversity, results that forests and pastures cover more than 50% of country's superficies. Flora and fauna in the very diversity of the natural landscape hold special values for our country and further. Moreover, Albania has considerable underground reserves that are exploited under a total lack of transparency. The question is: How is the situation of natural resources in Albania and how is it managed? After a serious observation by media, an important part of the protected areas is exploited in a very brutal way, taking no consideration of the legal restrictions. It results that the bad management is connected with: the uncontrolled internal migration, deforestation, wastes disposal, stone-quarries operations, concessionary abuses, the lack of legislation and adequate mechanisms in environmental crimes prevention etc. Except the above, another problem that occurs in our country is the massive exploitation of rivers using dams, destroying rivers ecosystems. How crucial is the situation and how to react? The situation is very crucial and the proper mechanisms should quickly react. Recently, there is a wide legal framework to protect and regenerate the natural resources. It is very important to build strategies and action plans as concise as possible. Albanian politics and even the politics of other countries should be in a full compliance with international legislation concerning environmental tasks.

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