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Under the provisions of the Article 41. of the Statute of The Association for the Protection of Nature, Environment and Sustainable Development Sunce (CLASS: UP/I-230-02/15-01/1016, REG. NUMBER: 2181-06-16-10-SG, February 15th 2016.), the Work Report for 2019 was adopted at the session of the Assembly held on July 29th, 2020.

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(Abbreviated name: Association Sunce Split)

Obala hrvatskog narodnog preporoda 7/III, HR – 21000 Split

DATE OF FOUNDATION

1998

TOTAL NUMBER OF MEMBERS

286

TOTAL NUMBER OF ACTIVE MEMBERS

26

VISION OF THE ASSOCIATION

Preserved nature and the environment are fundamental values of the society in which we approach through the application of the sustainable development.

1. SUMMARY

Numerous shifts at the program level, but also at the organizational level, marked 2019. We continued to strengthen our capacities in the field of nature and environmental protection, environmental law and education, marine research, development of professional studies and management plans, and the recognition of the Association as a relevant stakeholder on these issues.

At the organizational level, two departments have been established - the Department of Environmental Law and the Department of Education and Public Informing. Both departments horizontally connect the program and other activities of the Sunce and enable us to achieve even better the set goals of the Association.

Within the Nature Conservation Program, a number of services related to marine research and management of the sea and protected areas were successfully implemented, and the implementation of the LIFE Artina project and several Interreg projects related to marine conservation was intensified. The analysis of the legal framework and communication with fishermen has made a significant contribution to sustainable fishing and the establishment of joint management. For the first time, we participated, within the consortium (Safege, Biom Association and Association Sunce Split), in the tender of the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Energy (as the client) for Natura 2000 ecological network and protected areas management service. The implementation of the Service was approved and started in 2020. We continued to address the issue of marine litter, as one of the growing problems in the marine environment. The draft Action Plan for Visitation Management in the Significant Landscape of the "Northwestern Part of Dugi otok" has also been completed.

With the "Conference on volunteering in protected areas" we successfully completed the project "VOLUNTEER FOR NATURE, VOLUNTEER FOR YOURSELF! - school volunteer program in protected areas of nature", with which we educated and involved in volunteering in protected areas as many as 70 school volunteers. Work on volunteering in protected areas continued with the service of developing new volunteer programs for the Mljet National Park.

Within the Environmental Protection Program, cooperation at the local level has been intensified on the issue of Marjan Park-Forest and remediation from bark beetle infestation, as well as on waste management in Split and education and informing citizens on this topic. However, despite the cooperation with the City of Split on these issues, the situation with the Marjan Park-Forest, as well as with waste management, is still unsatisfactory. Successful cooperation has been hampered by the large influence of policies and individual interests that prevent problem solving and focusing on achieving common goals.

Furthermore, expert analyses of legislation related to nature and environmental protection were made and, in addition to the above, the work of the Department of Environmental Law continued to contribute to the development of environmental law in Croatia and to be involved in significant environmental procedures. Part of the proceedings were completed in favour of the Association Sunce Split. The activities of the Department of Education and Public Informing were largely focused on education on sustainable waste management, so the Association Sunce Split was recognized as a significant actor in conducting and organizing this type of education for various target groups. This recognition has enabled successful participation in tenders and obtaining a range of services on this topic. We also continued to implement and develop socially useful learning programs, and at the celebration of the 45th anniversary of the founding of the Faculty of Economics in Split, we received recognition for cooperation and development of socially useful learning at this faculty.

During 2019, we also concluded an agreement on cooperation with the Split-Dalmatia County for the purpose of long-term cooperation and promotion of sustainable tourism and cooperation within the program of environmentally responsible management of small tourist facilities (Dalmatia Green). All these activities were accompanied by significant communication and promotional activities, so the presence in the media was more than double compared to 2018, i.e., the largest in the last five years.

We would also point out that on an annual basis, the number of full-time employees increased from 11 employees in 2018 to 14.7 employees in 2019. At the same time, the share of self-financing increased almost threefold, from 6.6% to 18.2%. The challenges we faced during 2018, such as the growing number of projects that do not include pre-financing and require a larger amount of co-financing, administrative burdens of individual EU projects and staff turnover, continued in 2019. However, all these challenges have been successfully addressed. Due to the application of new regulations according to which the VAT system is entered during the year when the realized value of the delivery of goods or services reaches the amount exceeding HRK 300,000.00, from October 1st, 2019, we entered the VAT system. Entering the system during the year caused certain challenges in charging VAT for those services that were contracted while we were not yet in the system.

The chapters below provide an overview of program activities and activities related to organizational development in 2019. We regularly publish more detailed information on the implemented activities on the official website of the Association (www.sunce-st.org) and the official Facebook page, but also on web and Facebook pages created within individual projects.

2. PROJECTS AND SERVICES BY PROGRAMS AND DEPARTMENTS

2.1. Nature Conservation Program

- Project “ML-REPAIR – Reducing and Preventing, an Integrated Approach to Marine Litter Management in the Adriatic Sea” ([link](#))
- Project “Plastic nightmare“
- Project “LIFE Artina“– Seabird Conservation Network in the Adriatic ([link](#))
- Project Adriatic Seabird Guardians
- Project “Innovative Exploitation of Adriatic Reefs in Order to Strengthen Blue Economy – ADRIREEF“ ([link](#))
- Project Transforming Mediterranean Small Scale Fisheries ([link](#))
- Project “SUSHI DROP – Sustainable fiSHeries wIth DROnes data Processing“ ([link](#))
- Project “SASPAS – Safe Anchoring and Seagrass Protection in the Adriatic Sea“ ([link](#))
- Project “FAIRSEA – Fisheries in the Adriatic Region – a Shared Ecosystem Approach“ ([link](#))

- External expert service for consultation with managers of marine protected areas within the project 'PHAROS4MPAS' "
- Service "Underwater research study in the field of ecological network HR3000163 - Ston canal"
- Service "Designing and managing the implementation of volunteer programs for the National Park Mljet“ ([link](#))
- Service "Development of an Action Plan for Visitation Management in the Significant Landscape 'Northwest Part of Dugi otok' (APUP)"
- Service "Underwater research of the area HR3000162 - Cape Rukavac and Cape Marčuleti"
- Service "Monitoring of seagrass meadows Posidonia oceanica in Telašćica Nature Park"

2.2. Environmental Protection and Sustainable Development Program

- Project Dalmatia Green ([link](#))
- Project CirkTurizam – circular for sustainable tourism
- Project BE ACTIVE - RE (BI) CYCLE

- Service for the implementation of educational and informative activities within the project Waste is not garbage! KK.06.3.1.07.0011 for the City of Split ([link](#))
- Training and information activities service on sustainable waste management "Gather, assemble, conscientiously dispose" for the city of Makarska.
- Concept and content development service: leaflet for all citizens, leaflets and stickers for tourists, brochures for women and pensioners, posters for all citizens - project "Ekozeko and the island" for the municipality of Šolta.
- Service of making the concept and content of information posters, leaflets and colouring books on the topic of separate waste collection for the city of Kaštela.
- Service for the implementation of activities within the "Program of educational and information activities on sustainable waste management", the project "Learning to manage waste" for the city of Metković.

2.3. Department of Environmental Law

- Project „Green telephone“ ([link](#))
- Project “Sinjaj” for Split ([link](#))

- Legal disputes of the Association: Lećevice Waste Management Center, Lučino Razdolje Waste Management Center, Embankment of the beaches Tri mosta and Gustirna luka in Supetar on island Brač, Ferry port Perna, Wind farm Senj, DC8 road, Landscaping of Benačica beach in Bol and Complaint fisheries.

2.4. Department of Education and Public Informing

- Project “VOLUNTEER FOR NATURE, VOLUNTEER FOR YOURSELF! - school volunteer programs in protected areas of nature ” ([link](#))
- Project Practical-Active-Together-Interdisciplinary! – Service learning programs for the environment and sustainable development ([link](#))
- Project “Total Eco Dalmatia“ ([link](#))
- Project Solidarity for Green Dalmatia 2020

- Service Educational workshop for children and organization of competitions in schools - Eco bunny and islet project for the municipality of Šolta

- Other activities: Celebrating Earth Day, Development of a program for the education of preschool teachers

2.5. Financial report

Revenues of the Association in 2019	Amounts of revenues in HRK	Amounts of revenues in EUR
foreign sources (foreign governments and international organizations)	70.260 HRK	9.331 EUR
foreign sources (EU funds)	2.412.491 HRK	320.384 EUR
budget, state	33.339 HRK	4.428 EUR
budget, local	7.500 HRK	996 EUR
the budget of the National Foundation for Civil Society Development	236.776 HRK	31.444 EUR
own revenues generated by performing permitted activities	672.231 HRK	89.274 EUR
donations from the business sector of the Republic of Croatia	188.583 HRK	25.044 EUR
membership fees	3.360 HRK	446 EUR
donations of citizens of the Republic of Croatia	22.098 HRK	2.935 EUR
other (sales revenue, refunds, etc.)	38.563 HRK	5.121 EUR
Total realized revenues of the Association in 2019	3.685.201 HRK	489.403 EUR
Expenses of the Association in 2019	Amounts of expenses in HRK	Amounts of expenses in EUR
salaries, bonuses, and employee contributions	1.950.070 HRK	258.973 EUR
compensation of employees to cover the costs of business trips, workshops, seminars	236.376 HRK	31.391 EUR
fees for consultants and associates (foreign and domestic) and persons outside employment (fees, copyright, and service contracts + travel expenses)	131.634 HRK	17.481 EUR
costs of volunteers	77.244 HRK	10.258 EUR
expenses for services (rent, telephone, maintenance, etc.)	546.923 HRK	72.633 EUR
material costs	141.563 HRK	18.800 EUR
intellectual and personal services (contracts, bookkeeping service, student service, etc.)	308.306 HRK	40.944 EUR
other expenses (membership fees, donations, banking services, depreciation, etc.)	248.479 HRK	32.999 EUR
Total realized expenses of the Association in 2019	3.640.595 HRK	483.479 EUR

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