









"How to generate social and economic benefits in cooperation with the local community"

Conference on Protected Areas and Sustainable Tourism
Opatija, Croatia, 22-24 October 2018

# HISTORY





Public Company Una NP - registerd in 2009

### THIS IS HOW WE STARTED

Zvaničan početak rada NP «Una» je 2011.godina. U periodu maj - jun 2011.godine otpočele su aktivnosti na operativnoj uspostavi JP NP «Una» i teritorijalnom ustrojstvu područja Nacionalnog parka «Una»

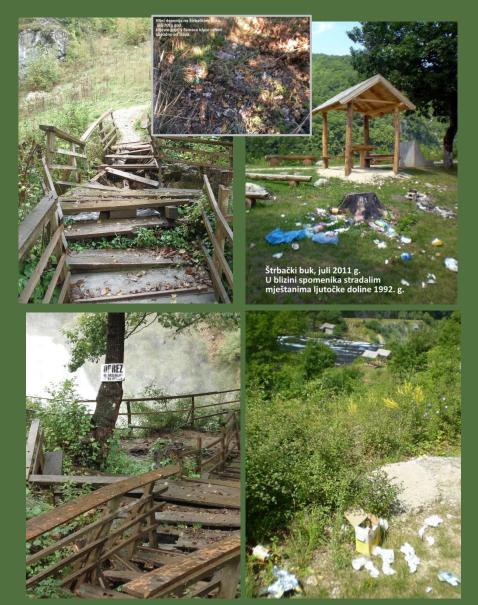


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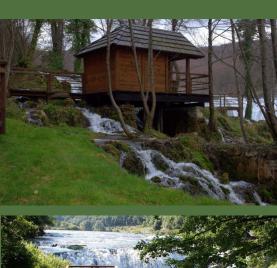
### **Situation existing**

BEFORE & AFTER

### conservation measures taken













# About Una National park

May 2008. – Una National
Park founded according the
Law for Una NP
June 2011. – first activities
on the field, Public
Company Una National
Park Ltd. Bihac was
founded
Budget:
- Financial support from
Government per year:

Government per year:
255.000 eur
-Income in 2017. cca
250.000 euro (entry fees,
permits...)
Estimated in the
Managament plan for first
10 years: 24.500.000 Euro

- In first 6 years Government supported Una NP:

1.500 .000 euro
12 employees long term.
contract + 25-30 during
summer season (apriloctober)









# Nature conservation existing for long time in Una NP IN THE PARK MOST VALUABLE ARE LOCAL VILLAGERS WHO LIVE NEAR AND PROTECT RIVER UNA SINCE ANCIENT TIMES







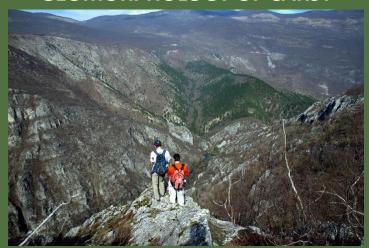


# PRIRODNE VRIJEDNOSTI UNE I NACIONALNOG PARKA NATURAL VALUES OF THE UNA RIVER AND NATIONAL PARK

HIDROLOGIJA-SPEKTAKULARNA UNA HIDROLOGY- SPECTACULAR UNA RIVER



GEOMORFOLOGIJA KRŠA GEOMORPHOLOGY OF CARST



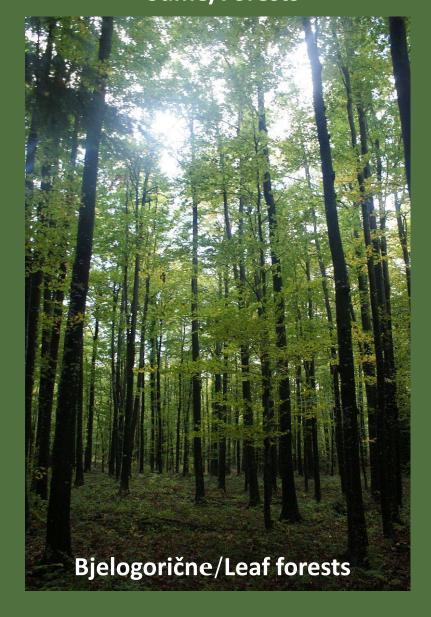
**FLORA** 



**FAUNA** 



# **EKOSISTEMI/ECO SYSTEMS**Šume/Forests







# RIVERS UNA, UNAC & KRKA ARE THREE JEWELS OF THE NATURAL HERATIGE OF UNA NP







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### KULTURNE I PRIRODNE VRIJEDNOSTI CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL VALUES

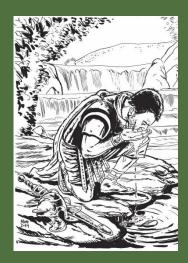
### KULTURA PRAHISTORIJSKOG PLEMENA JAPODI- CULTURE OF PREHISTORIC JAPODIAN TRIBE







### DREVNI RIMLJANI I LEGENDE O UNI- ANCIENT ROMANS AND LEGENDS ABOUT UNA







### SREDNJOVJEKOVNA BOSNA - MEDIEVAL BOSNIA







### VRIJEME OTOMANSKOG CARSTVA – PERIOD OF OTTOMAN EMPIRE









### Colaboration with protected areas in the neighbourhood

Knowledge & experience exchange, good & bad practice-emerald waters & travertine







## Collaboration with local community – eco activities







### Youth & education







IZLETI I EDUKATIVNE AVANTURE U NACIONALNOM PARKU UNA



## Selling eco & traditional products, craft-workshops

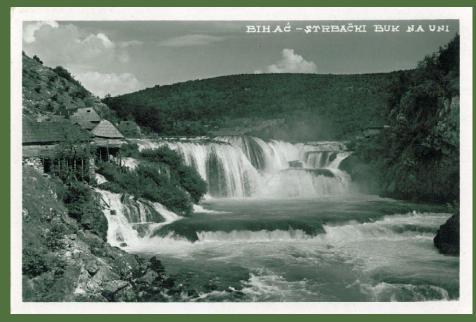


# **Ethnography & Disappearing Traditions** Watermills and Eco laundry











# HOW TO EXPLORE AND EXPERIENCE UNA NATIONAL PARK 1. Detour through the Park and spectacular canyons by: TRAIN...











# ...by hiking trails, wooden paths and forest roads...



## ...by floating along the Una river...









### Picture of Bosnia and Herzegovina in last 2 decades:

- B&H citizens looking for jobs and better life...
- demographic consequences of war
- depopulation and economic migrations to EU countries (last 15-20 years)
- economic and social decline cca 40 % of unemployed citizens of B&H
- Very complicated system of government
- Environmental Awareness on low level in B&H administration











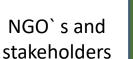
### **SYNERGY**

### **ECST**

(European Charter on Sustainabel Tourism)
SUSTAINABLE TOURISM AND
BENEFITS + CONSERVATION FOR
PRESENT & FUTURE GENERATIONS



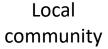




International organizations involved in nature conserv. & environmental issues



Governmental bodies and institutions





Other PA's and associations involved in NC

# ECST: education and trainings, workshops, round tables, public hearings ... FORUM for sustainable tourism









#### **AFTER UNA NP BECOME ECST HOLDER:**

- Recognisable tourist destination on the domestic and international market
- Increased number of service providers in rural tourism sector
- Increased number of visitors and incomes, 15-30 % per year,
- Increased accommodation capacities, (in the Park and in the City)
- Quality of restaurant's offer raised
- Increased interest for recreation activities and sports- especially water sports
- Positive influence of UNP NP on tourism in the region







### UNA NP IS VERY IMPORTANT FOR FURTHER TOURISM DEVELOPMENT

Tourism is recognized as a strategically important branch and opportunity for investments for the last couple of years.

Una National Park as organiser of events, partner for tourism development.













## Challenges...

- Investments in hydropower projects and space devastation
- Lack of financial resources and public communal infrastructure
- Ignorance of Local community related to nature conservation
- Disadvantage of public infrastructure
- PA staff number and competences











### TOURIST CLUSTER UNA

The way networking stakeholders create an innovative and completed tourist offers in Una NP





Turistički klaster











#### BIHAĆKA REGIJA – PRAVAC RAZVOJA INCOMING TURIZMA



### **ECST:**

### **Tourist Cluster Una**

Established in May 2017 through PA4NP project



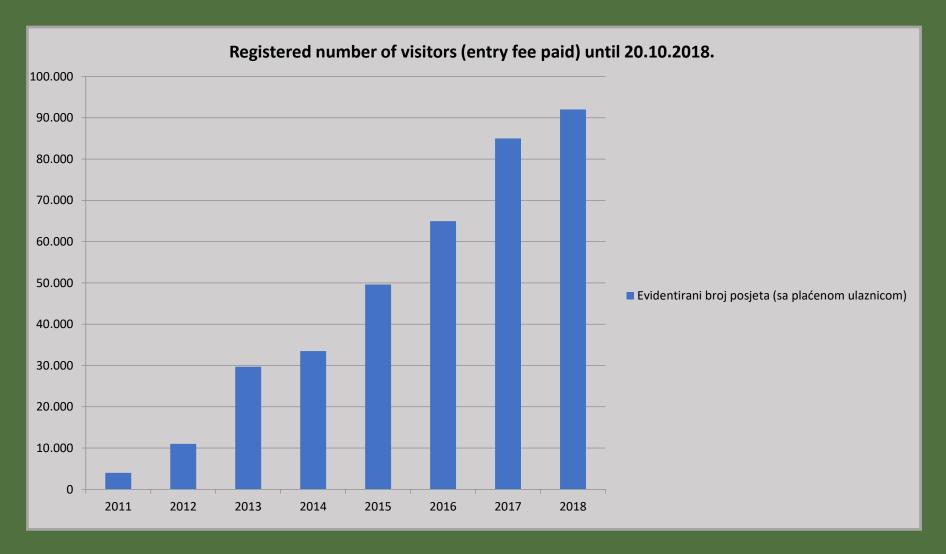
- 27 business
- Joint identity
- Strengthening cluster
  members through
  standardization and the
  quality of service,
- Promoting the overall tourist offer and its expansion
- Joint activities on sustainable development and nature conservation in Una NP.
- Establisment and raisingQuality Standards inTourism Services







# AT THE END, managing sustainable tourism in UNP in last 7 years (total number of visitors per year)



Estimated total number of visitors to UNP until Oct. 20 th 2018. 140.000







### **Protection & promotion: UNA for UNESCO**

Štrbački buk and Waterfalls in Martin Brod Candidates for World Heratige List

