“Status with Nature Protected Areas – Management and Inspection (legislation in place, enforcement)” in Kosovo
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Article 1
• This Law shall lay down a system for the general protection and conservation of nature and its values.
• Nature in the meaning of this law represents all biological and landscapes diversity.

Article 4
• Nature and natural heritage are of the interest for Republic of Kosovo and require special protection.
Other relevant legislation

Law on Environmental Protection 03/L-025
Law on Spatial Planning 2012/04-L-174
Law on National Park “Bjeshket e Nemuna” 2011/04-L-086
Law on National Park “Sharri” 2011/04-L-87
Law on the Inspectorate of environment, waters, nature, spatial planning and construction 2012/04-L-175
Law on Forest in Kosovo, 2003/3, amended 2004/29, 03/L-153
Law on Environmental Impact Assessment 03/L-214
Law on Strategic Environmental Assessment 03/L-230
Law on Waters 2012/04-L147
Law on Criminal Procedure Code 2012/04-L-123
Law on Air Protection from Pollution 03/L-160
Law on Waste 04/L-060
Law on Construction 2012/04/L-110
Law for treatment of illegal constructions 2013/04-L-188
Secondary legislation

Administrative Instructions:
18 (eighteen) Administrative Instructions
2 (two) Regulations issued by Minister of MESP

Decisions:
2 (two) Decisions of Kosovo Assembly
21 (twenty one) Decisions of Government (2 NMSI, 1 SPA and 18 SNR)
8 (eight) Decisions of the Minister
Strategy and Action Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020
Guidelines for Management Plans for National Parks in Kosovo,
The work plan for the selection of NATURA 2000 sites with indicator of needed data, responsibilities, timelines and tools
Technical Report: Preliminary identification of Natura 2000 sites in Kosovo (Biodiversity Hotspots),
2 (two) Local Biodiversity Action Plans
2 (two) Spatial Plans adopted, (SP for the National Park "Sharri“ and SP for NMSI "Ujëvarat e Mirushës". 

Approved Management Plan:
Management Plan for National Park “Sharri”. 

Approved Management Plan:
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Management of Nature Protected Areas

- Management of NPA according Article 77 of the LNP is responsibility of the Directorates for the administration of NPA.
- In principle Directorate for a national park, nature park and nature monument of special importance are founded by decision of the Ministry.
- Directorates of administration other protected areas or other protected nature values, are established by municipality assembles.
- Protected areas declared by Government, which ones spread on national park territory or nature park, bound with them or directly spread on their borderlines, are administrated by the directorate of national park or nature park.
- Until now, we have four Directorate; NP “Sharri”, NP “Bjeshkët e Nemuna”, MNSI “Shpella e Gadimes”, NRP “Germia”.
- Two of them (Sharri and B.N.) depend 100% on State Budget and two others (NMSI Shpella e Gadimes and NRP “Germia” generate income).
Enforcement of law

Article 151

Public participation in decision making

• In course of drafting the legislation or acts on designating the protected natural assets, administration plans for protected areas and plans of using natural resources as well as the generally applicable and legally binding regulations and documents in the field of nature protection, participation of the public shall be provided for.

• The public should be informed about the procedure from paragraph 1. of this Article via public announcement.
Inspective supervision

Article 162 LoNP
Inspectional supervision over the application of this Act and regulations passed on the basis thereof shall be carried out by the nature protection inspection within the environmental inspectorate (Inspectorate Department).

Article 163 LoNP
In carrying out supervision over protected natural values and other parts of nature which this Act provides for the inspector shall supervise:
1.1. state of the quality of natural environment;
1.2. exploitation and usage of protected natural assets and other parts of nature;
1.3. application of requirements and measures of nature protection as well as other acts issued on grounds of this Law;....
1.13. implementing other prescribed requirements and protective measures for biological and landscape diversity set out in this Law and regulations passed on the basis thereof.
Inspectorate Department is one of departments within MESP created to perform inspective duties and responsibilities.

Its structure consists of 2 (two) divisions:

- Division for Environment, Water and Nature Inspection;
- Division for Spatial Planning, Construction and Housing Inspection.

Inspectorate Department through inspection ensures the implementation of legislation and policy documents.
Thank you very much for your attention!

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