

From:
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To:
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sent via e-mail on March 1, 2012

Re: Appropriate Assessment and Biodiversity Management Plan for the proposed Ombla Natura 2000 site

Dear Pippa

Thank you for your email and interest in the project. The Bank and HEP expect the consultants for the two contracts to coordinate their work and to work together as much as possible. The intent will be to minimize any duplication of effort and to maximize available resources of local experts and international consultants with experience in Appropriate Assessments in EU Member States for the joint purpose of completing a single appropriate assessment and biodiversity management plan that is in accordance the requirements of both the Croatian law and EU Habitat's Directive. The results of the assignments will be subject to public consultation. HEP's initial assignment was started first in order to allow for monitoring of conditions at the site during the winter period and also to mitigate the risk of delays in the EBRD's procurement and approval process for the study. We hope this clarifies things.

Please note the EBRD PCM Officer is copied for information on this response as there is currently an ongoing PCM process on the Ombla HPP project.

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