



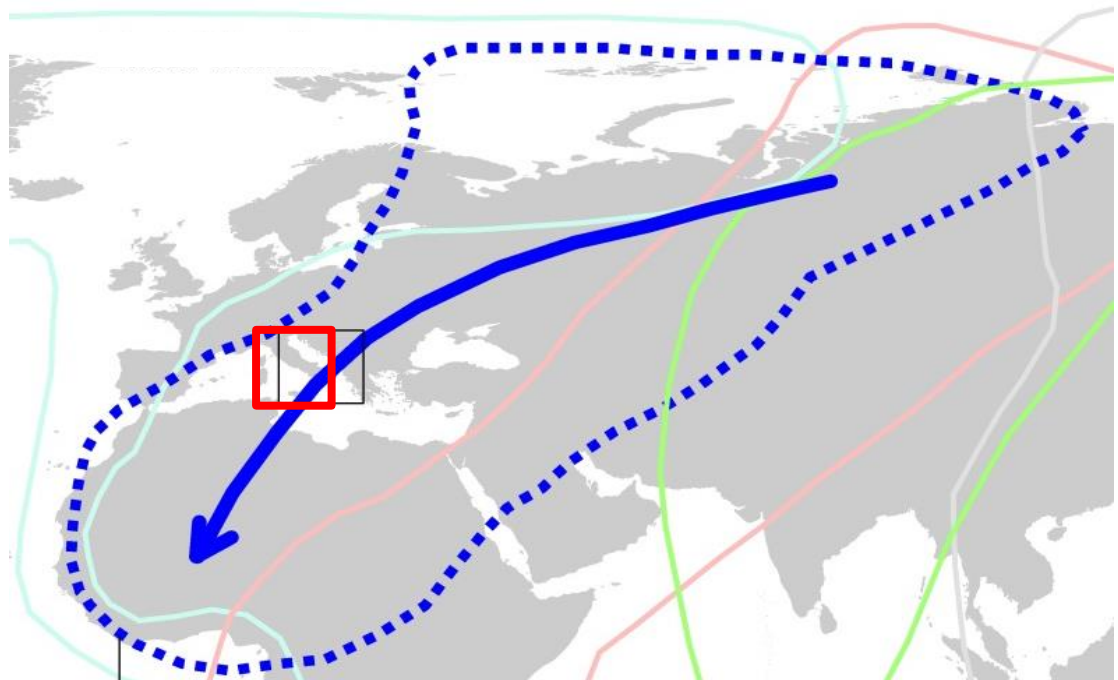
Ulcinj Salina – Protecting, restoring and conserving a key wetland for nature and people



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Background: The Adriatic Flyway

- Sub-section of the Black Sea-Mediterranean Flyway
- Main migration route for eastern populations of many bird species (e.g. *Platalea leucorodia*)
- Important for the conservation of >70 internationally protected bird species



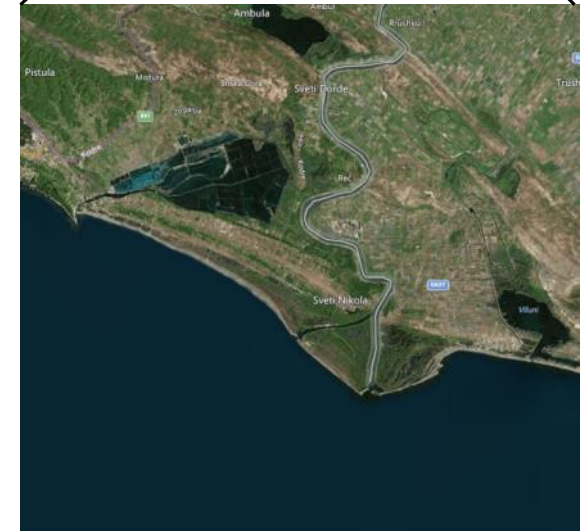
Ulcinj Salina

Values:

- 1,400 ha wetland with shallow water
- > 250 bird species recorded
- “London Heathrow” of the Adriatic-Flyway:
min. 20 bird species stop-over in Ulcinj Salina with > 1 % biogeographic population



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Values:

- Employment
- Natural & cultural heritage
- Nature tourism & environmental education



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Kampf- (*Calidrix pugnax*) & Stelzenläufer (*Himantopus himantopus*),
Salina Ulcinj, Montenegro



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Ulcinj Salina

Threats:

- Illegal hunting
- Mismanagement
- Plans for unsustainable tourism infrastructure



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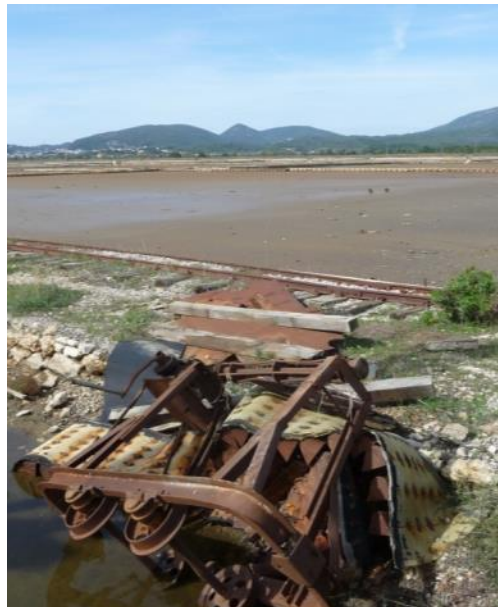


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The Goal

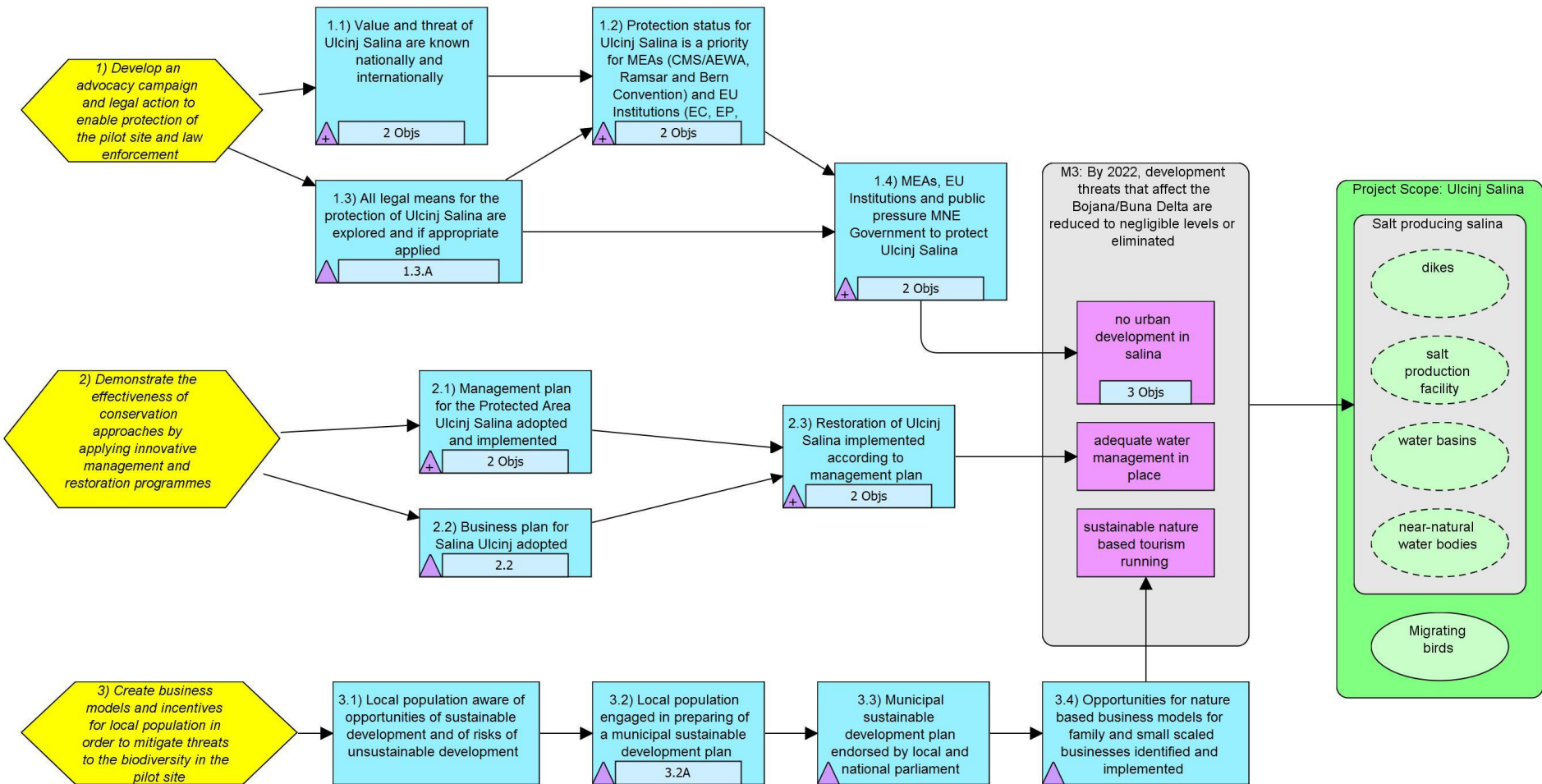
...is to ensure the long term conservation of the Ulcinj Salina through...

1. full legal protection,
2. the definition and implementation of a new management plan,
3. the provision of incentives for the creation of sustainable income options for the local population.

The Strategy

- Develop an advocacy campaign and legal action to enable protection of the pilot site and law enforcement
- Demonstrate the effectiveness of conservation approaches by applying innovative management and restoration programmes
- Create business models and incentives for the local population in order to mitigate threats to the biodiversity in the pilot site

The Result Chain



The Intermediate Results

Strategy 1	Develop an advocacy campaign and legal action to enable protection of the pilot site and law enforcement
Result 1.1	Value and threat of Ulcinj Salina are known nationally and internationally
Result 1.2	Protection status for Ulcinj Salina is a priority for MEAs (CMS/AEWA, Ramsar and Bern Convention) and EU Institutions (EC, EP, European Council)
Result 1.3	All legal means for the protection of the Ulcinj Salina are explored and if appropriate applied
Result 1.4	MEAs and EU Institutions pressure MNE Government to protect Ulcinj Salina

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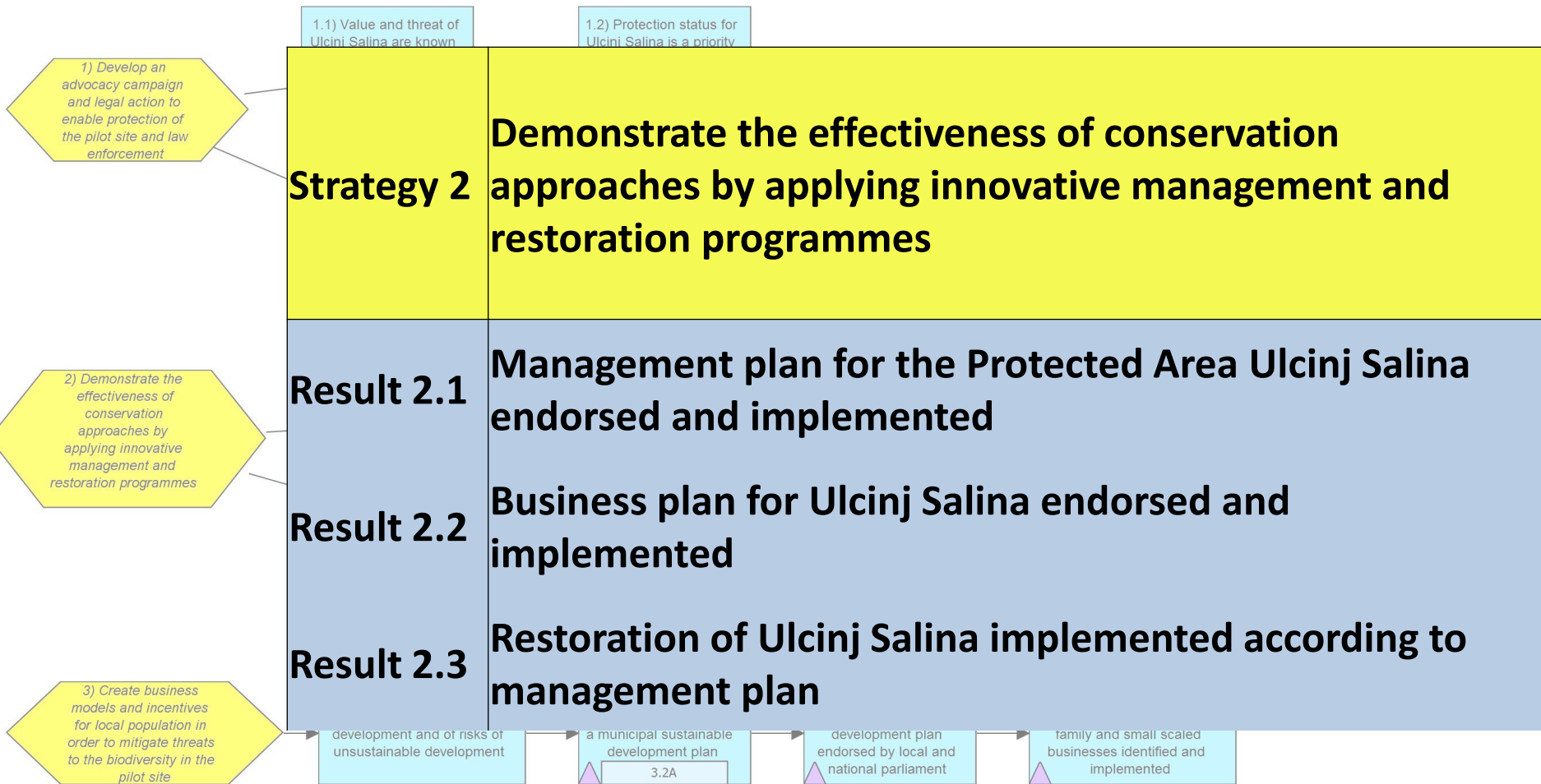
unsustainable development

development plan
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endorsed by local and national parliament

businesses identified and implemented

The Intermediate Results



The Intermediate Results

<p>Strategy 3</p>	<p>Create business models and incentives for local population in order to mitigate threats to the biodiversity in the pilot site</p>
<p>Result 3.1</p>	<p>Local population aware of opportunities of sustainable development and of risks of unsustainable development</p>
<p>Result 3.2</p>	<p>Local population engaged in preparing of a municipal sustainable development plan</p>
<p>Result 3.3</p>	<p>Municipal sustainable development plan endorsed by local and national parliament</p>
<p>Result 3.4</p>	<p>Opportunities for nature based business models for family and small scaled businesses identified and implemented</p>

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The future: international protection



Ramsar site



Emerald site

The future: management & restoration

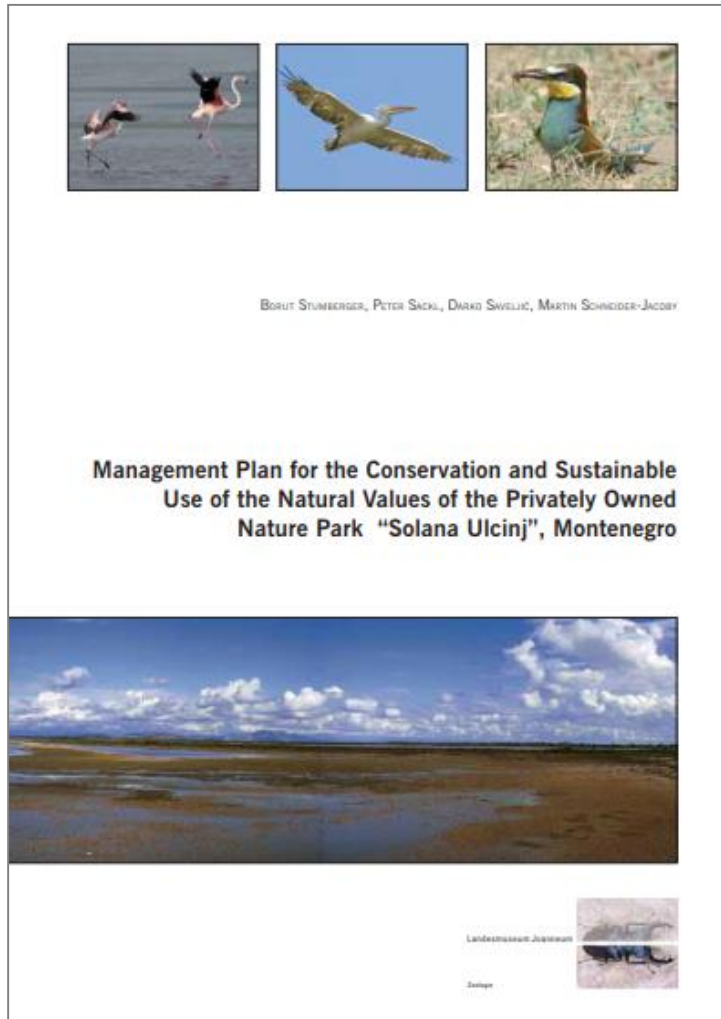


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The future: revitalization of salt works & sustainable development



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Potential for synergies

- Overarching Initiatives
 - Saltpan Initiative
 - Communication campaign on the value of costal wetlands
 - Socio-economical valuation of Costal Wetlands and marine-related habitats
 - Governance & stakeholder participation ?
 - Replication project on Islands Wetlands ?
- Other demonstration sites

Potential opportunities for co-funding

- CEPF
- UN in Montenegro
- GIZ
- IPA Cross border programme AL-ME
- IPA InterReg IT-AL-ME
- LIFE (e.g. together with other salinas in the EU)
- Open funds of Embassies in ME (e.g. Norway, Australia, ...)
- National Geographic Society
- ...

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R1.1 Value and threat of Ulcinj Salina are known nationally and internationally

- broad national and international media campaign
- campaign website and social media channels
- petitions on national and international level
- annual international conference
- press trips, direct journalist contacts
- lobby work with ME MoPs
- mobilization of local population in Ulcinj

R1.2 Protection of Ulcinj Salina is a priority for MEAs and EU Institutions

- intense lobby work with relevant MEAs and EU Institutions
- constant flow of information between NGOs and MEAs/EU Institutions

R1.3 All legal means for the protection of Ulcinj Salina are explored and applied

- Prepare a legal complaint to the Bern Convention
- Follow- up on the open case at AEWA
- Explore further legal actions on national and European level

R1.4 MEAs and EU Institutions pressure ME

Government to protect Ulcinj Salina

- Participation in relevant meetings of the MEAs and on EU level in order to push
- Inform and push relevant national governments (DE, IT, FR...)

R2.1 Management plan for the PA Ulcinj

Salina is endorsed and implemented

- Preparation of the MP including at least 3 workshops with all local stakeholders
- Publication of the MP
- Secure additional funding for wetland restoration and implementation of MP
- Monitoring of MP and revision if needed

R2.2 Business plan for Ulcinj Salina is endorsed and implemented

- An integrated business plan for the Salina is funded by the EU > follow this process and intervene whenever needed
- Assessment of ecosystem services and capacity building to CZIP and other local stakeholders

R2.3 Restoration of Ulcinj Salina implemented according to MP

- Study on the hydrological regime of the Salina, which can feed the management plan
- Capacity building on wetland restoration
- Concrete restoration measures
- Monitoring of birds

R3.1 Local population aware of opportunities of sustainable development and of risks of unsustainable development

- Information campaign on local level

R3.2 Local population engaged in preparing of a municipal sustainable development plan

- Preparation of a municipal sustainable development plan including the identification of opportunities for nature based business models

R3.3 Sustainable development plan endorsed by local and national parliament

- Petition for the endorsement of the municipal sustainable development plan

R3.4 Nature-based small scale businesses are implemented

- Application of a Small Grant Scheme to stimulate the implementation of the SDP

Strategy 1	Develop an advocacy campaign and legal action to enable protection of the pilot site and law enforcement
Result 1.1	Value and threat of Ulcinj Salina are known nationally and internationally
Activity 1.1.1	Design and implement a broad national and international media campaign, including all channels of mass and social media as well as activity elements as petitions
Activity 1.1.2	Campaign website and social media channels in place and maintained
Activity 1.1.3	Petitions on national and international level implemented
Activity 1.1.4	Annual international conference
Activity 1.1.5	Press trips, direct journalist contacts
Activity 1.1.6	National lobby work with Members of the parliament
Activity 1.1.7	Mobilization of local population in Ulcinj to influence the local and national spatial plan

Result 1.2	Protection status for Ulcinj Salina is a priority for MEAs (CMS/AEWA, Ramsar and Bern Convention) and EU Institutions (EC, EP, European Council)
Activity 1.2.1	Intense lobby work with all relevant MEAs and the EU Institutions about the Ulcinj Salina case
Activity 1.2.2	Maintain constant flow of information between NGOs and MEAs/EU Institutions
Result 1.3	All legal means for the protection of the Ulcinj Salina are explored and if appropriate applied
Activity 1.3.1	Prepare a legal complaint to Bern Convention
Activity 1.3.2	Explore further legal actions on national and European level
Result 1.4	MEAs and EU Institutions pressure MNE Government to protect Ulcinj Salina
Activity 1.4.1	Participation in relevant meetings of the MEAs and on EU level in order to push
Activity 1.4.2	Inform and push relevant national governments (DE, IT, FR...)

Strategy 2	Demonstrate the effectiveness of conservation approaches by applying innovative management and restoration programmes
Result 2.1	Management plan for the Protected Area Ulcinj Salina endorsed and implemented
Activity 2.1.1	Preparation of the management plan including at least 3 local workshops with all stakeholders
Activity 2.1.2	publication of management plan
Activity 2.1.3	Fundraising planning: Elaboration and presentation of proposals for additional external funding for wetland restoration and implementation of management plan
Activity 2.1.4	Monitoring of management plan and revision if needed
Result 2.2	Business plan for Ulcinj Salina endorsed and implemented
Activity 2.2.1	An integrated business plan for Salina Ulinj will be funded by the EU; some funding is needed to follow this process and to intervene whenever needed
Activity 2.2.2	Assesment of ecosystem services and capacity building to CZIP and other local stakeholders
Result 2.3	Restoration of Ulcinj Salina impemented according to management plan
Activity 2.3.1	Getting external expertise in the form of a study on the hydrological regime of the Salina, which can feed the management plan
Activity 2.3.2	Capacity building on wetland restoration
Activity 2.3.3	Concrete restoration measures: Pump repairment; Pump Djerane, ditches, shutting the illegal entrances, nest boxes, nesting platforms
Activity 2.3.4	Monitoring of birds

Strategy 3	Create business models and incentives for local population in order to mitigate threats to the biodiversity in the pilot site
Result 3.1	Local population aware of opportunities of sustainable development and of risks of unsustainable development
Activity 3.1.1	Information campaign on local level
Result 3.2	Local population engaged in preparing of a municipal sustainable development plan
Activity 3.2.1	Preparation of a municipal sustainable development plan including the identification of opportunities for nature based business models in a participatory process
Result 3.3	Municipal sustainable development plan endorsed by local and national parliament
Activity 3.3.1	Petition for the endorsement of the municipal sustainable development plan
Result 3.4	Opportunities for nature based business models for family and small scaled businesses identified and implemented
Activity 3.4.1	Application of a Small Grant Scheme to stimulate the implementation of the SDP