

DECISION
No. 266 dated 24. 04. 2003

CONCERNING
THE ADMINISTRATION OF PROTECTED ZONES

Based on article 100 of the Constitution and article 23 of Law No. 8906 dated 6. 06. 2002 "On Protected Zones", upon proposal from the Minister of Environment, the Minister of Agriculture and Food, and the Council of Ministers,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

1. Concerning national parks and natural reservoirs under administration (protected zones of categories II and IV); the General Directorate of Forests and Pastures must define appropriate protection administration structures from among the staff of its affiliates in the regions. The number of employees for such zones is deliberated in conjunction with the Ministry of the Environment subject to such criteria like status of the zone, level of protection to be delivered, etc.

2. Employees in charge of the administration of protected zones are under the dependence of the General Directorate of Forests and Pastures and subject to the same remuneration scale as that of the employees of forest service directorates at the region level.

3. The administrations of protected zones are responsible also for nature's monuments in the region, notwithstanding the fact that they may not be located in the jurisdiction of the protected zones.

4. The administration of the protected zone is charged with the following tasks and duties:

- a) administration of the protected zones;
- b) guarding of the protected zones (police function);
- c) oversight of the implementation of the zone's management plan;
- d) oversight of the implementation of annual monitoring and bio monitoring plans in conjunction with institutes and structures specialized to monitor and publish environmental data;
- e) design of regulation for the administration and protection of the area and the regulation for local fishing and hunting; for the protection of forests, pastures, medicinal plants where such plants there are.
- f) in cases of infringements, administering and collecting fines;
- g) collecting tariffs from the utilization and exploitation of protected zones;
- h) liaising with users of all such facilities and objects;
- i) controlling visitors and users;
- j) requesting the use of appropriate instruments from subject who use and/or utilize protected zones;
- k) building the regional environmental index, as part of the national index;
- l) ensuring the efficient use of funds for the protected zone;
- m) publishing annually the information on the condition of the zone;
- n) instituting effective book keeping on activities, investment and scientific research carried out in the protected zone;

o) preparing the annual report on the condition of the zone and submits it to the Ministry of the Environment, the General Directorate of Forests and Pastures and the local government structures;

p) interacting with scientific research institutions, environmental NGO-s and the community for the protection of the zone and the conservation of its biodiversity;

q) holding awareness and publicity campaigns and events in conjunction with the local government, research institutions, educational and cultural structures, environmental NGO-s and local communities: preparation of publications to disseminate the values of the protected zone;

r) coordinating the celebration of environmental days and events that relate to the specific protected zone;

5. The Ministry of the Environment and the General Directorate of Forests and Pastures are charged to implement this decision.

This decision enters into force following its publication in the Official Journal.

**PRIME MINISTER
FATOS NANO**