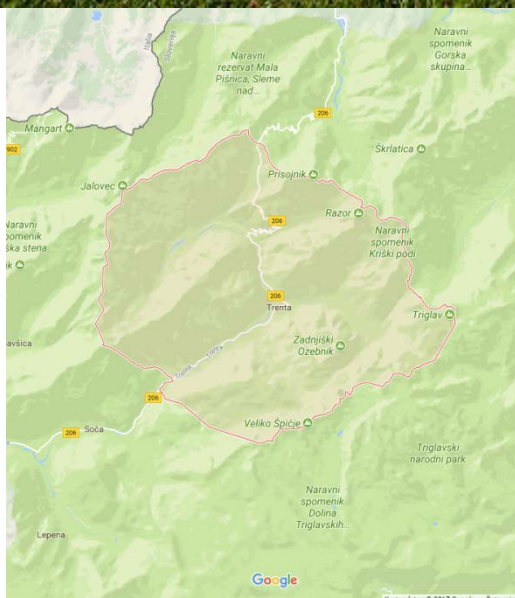




ALPBIONET2030

Integrative Alpine wildlife and habitat management for the next generation



Workshop on cross-border wildlife management, Trenta, Slovenia

10 October 2017, 10:00 – 16:00

1. Purpose

The behaviour and habitat use of animals can be strongly affected by hunting methods and wildlife management strategies. Hunting and wildlife management therefore have an influence on ecological connectivity. Lack of consistency in wildlife management between regions can cause problems for population connectivity for some species, particularly those with large home ranges, (e.g. some deer and large carnivores). Hunting seasons, feeding (or lack thereof), the existence of resting zones where hunting is prohibited, legal provisions for wildlife corridors, even administrative authority for wildlife management differ from one Alpine country to another. The Mountain Forest Protocol of the Alpine Convention (1996) asks parties to harmonise their measures for regulating the game animals, but so far this is only happening in a few isolated instances. Thus, to further the goals of ecological connectivity, ALPBIONET2030 aims to continue towards the process of implementing joint wildlife management strategies in the Alps, and aims to achieve concrete progress in the selected pilot areas.

Based on prior experience and the needs expressed in a cross-border vision workshop (held on 26.9.2017) by stakeholders in Slovenia (Triglav National Park area) and Italy (Prealpi Giulie National Park area) and the area between them, we will share good practices and jointly with the participants develop a concept for cross-border wildlife management. A special focus will be on *chamois* and *ibex* management, other species will also be included in the discussion. Possibilities for reconciling land use conflicts will be discussed. The workshop will target stakeholders from the regions, including representatives from wildlife management, hunting, park management, forest management, and any other interested area residents.

2. Location



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(<https://www.tnp.si/en/visit/about-the-park/information-points/tnp-info-centre-dom-trenta/>)

3. Agenda (Draft)

09:00-09:30	Welcome coffee/tea
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09:30-09:40	Welcome by the National Park Administration
09:40-10:00	Introductory lecture: <i>Strategy vs. tactics</i> (Dr. Chris Walzer)
10:00-11:00	<p>The status quo, problems, opportunities</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Wildlife management – current state <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. TNP (Miha Marolt - TBC) b. PNPG (Stefano Santi - TBC) c. Questions and answers <p>The presentations of issues and the vision will include the points of view of the park administration as well as other stakeholders, such as hunting associations, farmers, foresters, etc.</p>
11:00-11:20	Coffee break
11:20-12:30	<p>The status quo, problems, opportunities (continued)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Wildlife management – common vision <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Presentation of common vision for the cross-border pilot region, developed during operational meeting (Andrej Arih) b. Questions and answers
12:30-13:30	Lunch break
13:30-15:30	<p>Parallel mini-workshops to jointly design the elements of a common strategy:</p> <p>The mini-workshop groups will be split to each focus on a specific theme related to components of the proposed strategy of Triglav and strategy of Prealpi Giulie (common goals, shortcomings, suggestions for improvement)</p> <p>The outcome should be the key components of a joint cross-border wildlife management strategy, which will be elaborated in detail after the end of the workshop, based on the prepared vision and on key points made during the discussion.</p> <p>The strategy will then be elaborated in more detail after the workshop, and also subsequently flow into the more general Alps-wide synthesised strategy proposal.</p>
15:30-15:45	Short break
15:45-16:15	<p>Synthesis and conclusions</p> <p>The moderators of each mini-workshop will present the main points made by participants (10 minutes each)</p> <p>Final words by organisers</p>