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Q: What are challenges and perspectives of the IUCN in the project and in general about sustainable development of protected transitional waters?

A: Project: The IUCN Programme Office for South Eastern Europe (IUCN-SEE) is interested to harmonise its programme activities with INTERREG IIB CADSES in Albania.

In general: IUCN-SEE works as hub for information regarding biodiversity conservation supporting trans – boundary management of protected areas in South-Eastern Europe.

Perspectives: IUCN might become a partner in the implementation of environmentally concerned projects. The IUCN global knowledge network might provide additional expertise and human resources.

Challenges/Treaths: harmonisation of international project activities; merging project goals; provide overlapping; more public awareness about lagoon wetland as important ecosystem for biodiversity conservation; review land use activities along lagoons and develop traditional sustainable areas; set up for running sustainable land use activities along lagoons.