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Tirana, 07 September 2023: In 2022, the forest and pasture fund of Albania covers a total area of 1,731,901 hectare and 60.2 % of the total area of the country.
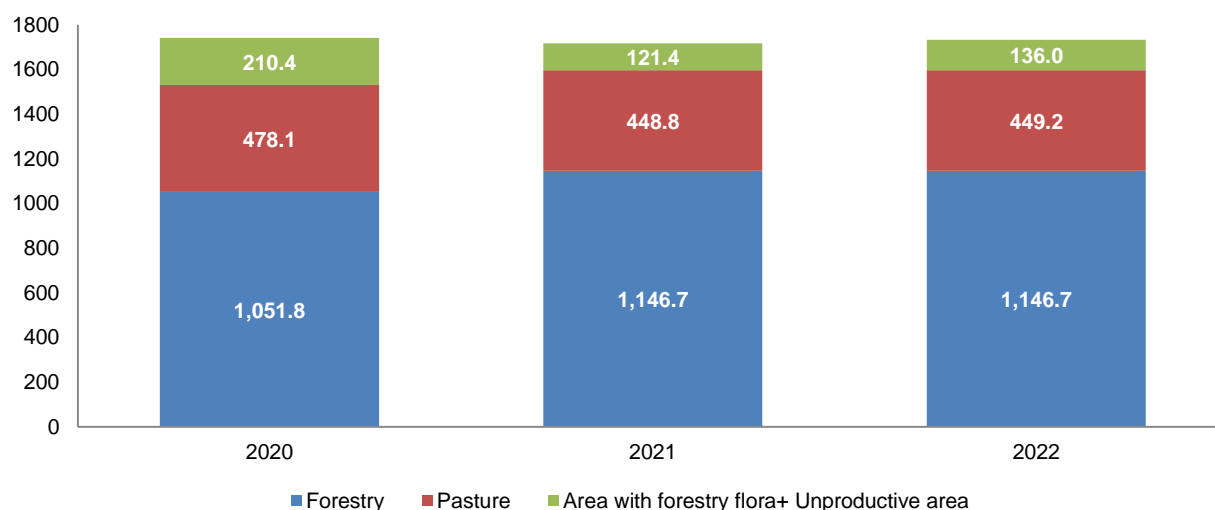
Tab.1 Cadastral Balance of Forest and Pasture Fund of Albania

Year	Forestry		Pasture		Area with forestry flora and Unproductive area		Total	
	Area.Ha	%	Area.Ha	%	Area.Ha	%	Area.Ha	%
2020	1,051,841	60.4	478,081	27.5	210,382.1	12.1	1,740,304	100
2021	1,146,724	66.8	448,750	26.1	121,350.5	7.0	1,716,824	100
2022	1,146,725	66.2	449,175	25.9	136,002.0	7.9	1,731,901	100

Source information: Ministry of Tourism and Environment/National Forestry Agency

In 2022, forests cover an area of 1,146,725 hectare representing 66.2 % of the forest and pasture fund. Pastures and meadows have an area of 449,175 hectare or 25.9 % of the forest and pasture fund. Areas with forest vegetation and unproductive that are part of the forest have occupied a 136,002 hectare or 7.9 % of this fund.

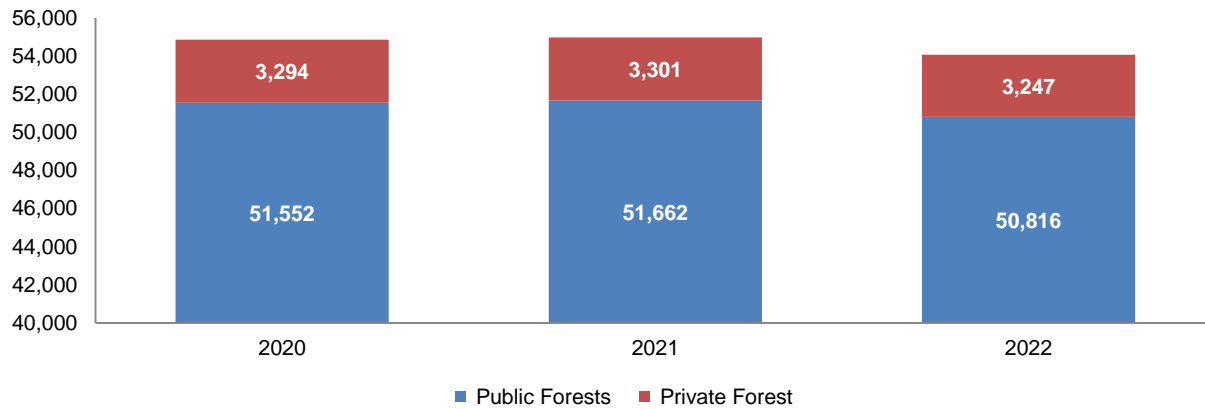## Fig.1 Surface of the Forests and Pasture Fund 2020 – 2022, (000 ha)

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In 2022, the total forest volume was 54,063,000 m3 and 94.0 % of this volume consisting from public forests and 6.0 % from private forests.

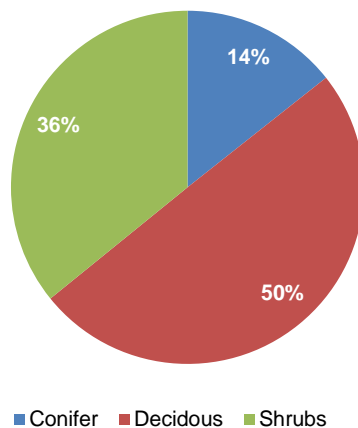**Fig.2 Total volume of forestry, (000/m3)**

In 2022 in the forestry fund by species the largest surface is covered by deciduous with 49.8 % followed by shrubs 35.9 % and conifer 14.3 %.

Tab.2 Forest fund by types structure, (ha)

Year	Conifer	Deciduous	Shrubs	Total forest
2020	150,911	523,907	377,023	1,051,841
2021	164,524	571,166	411,034	1,146,724
2022	164,524	571,167	411,034	1,146,725

Source information: Ministry of Tourism and Environment/National Forestry Agency

Fig.3 Forest fund by types structure 2022, (%)

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Protected areas

Protected natural and tourist areas in our country are considered as protected land and water areas due to the biodiversity of the natural and cultural assets they offer.

Protected areas in 2022, occupy a general area of 608,684 hectare, equivalent 35.1 % of the forest and pasture found and around 21.2 % of the total area of the country. In 2022, after the process of reviewing the borders and evaluating the environment protected areas, the network of protected areas determined in 4 (four) categories from 6 (six) that were in 2021, as the results of this evaluation had changes in the number and surface of protected areas.
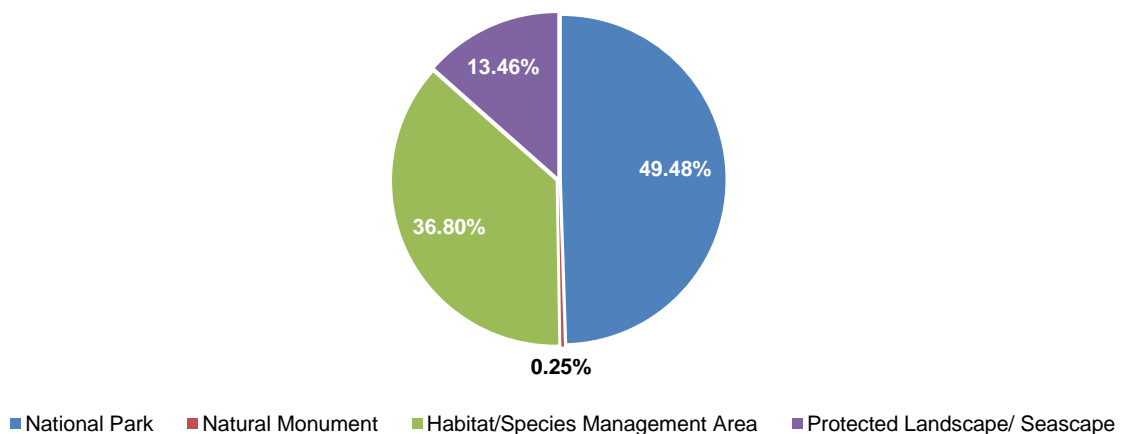
Tab.2 Number and area of protected areas, 2020 – 2022

Categories	Number (No)			Area (Ha)		
	2020	2021	2022*	2020	2021	2022*
Strict Nature Reserve	2	2	0	4,800	4,800	0
National Park	14	14	11	230,707	230,707	301,197
Natural Monument	725	725	723	3,470	3,470	1,550
Habitat/Species Management Area	25	25	24	169,275	169,275	224,014
Protected Landscape/Seascape	6	6	10	97,333	97,333	81,923
Protected area with sustainable use of natural resources	4	4	0	18,245	18,245	0
Total	**776**	**776**	**768**	**523,831**	**523,831**	**608,684**

Source information: Ministry of Tourism and Environment/National Agency of Protected Areas
*In 2022, the network of protected areas is defined with 4 (four) categories

In 2022, the largest surface of protected areas is occupied by national parks by 49.5% of the total surface followed by Habitat/Species Management Area with 36.8%, Protected Landscape/Seascape with 13.45% and natural monuments 0.25%.

Fig.4 Area of protected areas by categories, (%)

■National Park　■Natural Monument　■Habitat/Species Management Area　■Protected Landscape/ Seascape

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Methodology

Data on forest and biodiversity statistics are based on administrative data collected on annual basis. The institution responsible for collecting this data is the Ministry of Tourism and Environment and other responsible institutions under its authority such as the National Environment Agency. According to the Decision of Council of Ministers No. 433, date 8.6.2016 on "Transfer Ownership of Municipalities Forests and Public Pastures" the statistical information is collected in all the municipalities of the country which they have a legal obligation to report every three months to the Ministry of Tourism and Environment. The legal basis for the collection forest and biodiversity statistics is the Law No. Law No.17/2018 on "Official Statistics" and Law No. 30/2022 "On the approval of the Official Statistics National Program 2022 - 2026", applying the classifications and definitions according to the relevant EU regulations.

Definitions

Forest Cadaster: is an official document (register), where evidenced, reflected and updated initial data for each forestry unit or for catchment basins, data on periodic changes in volumes, surfaces and relevant maps.

Forest fund: are all forest and non-forest surfaces, forest and non-forest resources accompanying, relevant infrastructure, including bare surfaces, which create a harmonious environment with forests and forest land, rocks, dunes and sandbanks, defensive forests, isolated groups trees and shrubs.

Protected areas: (PA) can take on many different forms, such as national parks, wilderness areas, community conserved areas, nature reserves and privately owned reserves. According to IUCN, "A protected area is a clearly defined geographical space, recognized, dedicated and managed, through legal or other effective means, to achieve the long term conservation of nature with associated ecosystem services and cultural values".