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Pro Silva Montenegro member candidate presentation

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Background to the initiative

- Montenegrin focal point for Pro Silva, **Dr. Milić Ćurović**
- Initiative taken over by the representative this year in agreement with the focal point
- Informative contacts with Pro Silva President
- Initiative group with 14 members formed (in May)
- Internal decision for establishing of an NGO taken (two weeks ago)
- Application to Pro Silva sent (last week)

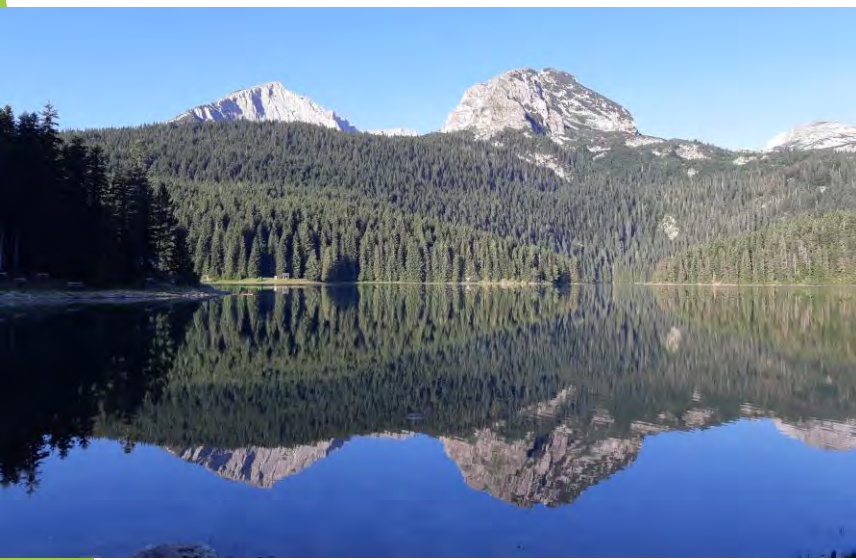
Montenegro - the most forested country of the WBs (60% forests; 70% FOWL):

- Vital and qualitative montane fir-spruce in the North
- Qualitative beech coppice forests in the Central region
- A large beech-dominated virgin forest Biogradska gora (1600 ha, surrounded by 2000 ha of old-growth forest)
- A small black pine forest reserve (Crna pada) with the highest pines in Europe
- Endemic pine forests (*P. heldreichi* and *P. peuce*)
- Forest-covered high Karst area in the South



Montenegro - other natural and cultural values:

- 5 National parks (NP), NP Durmitor under UNESCO
- A deepest canyon in Europe - Tara canyon
- Old seaside towns, Kotor under UNESCO
- Etc.



Montenegro - forestry experiences:

- Traditional approach in CNFM applied, based on former Yugoslav school (significantly influenced by Professor **Mlinšek**)
- 20 years of experiences in forestry extension with foresters and forest owners, including their associations (particularly through former SNV and current CNVP Montenegro)
- Regional connections



Vision and aim of the organisation

Pro Silva Montenegro as a nationally and regionally respectable (small) NGO of forest officers and managers, forest researchers, forest owners and interested other individuals, dedicated to further development and promotion of close-to-nature forest management and forestry in Montenegro.

Pro Silva Montenegro is taking over the aim of Pro Silva (Europe) and accepting its principles of close-to-nature forest management.

Programme of work

- **Provision of advises to further development of CNFM concept for all forests, including the concept of conservation and sustainable use of forests within protected areas;**
- **Provision of impartial assessments of forest management practices;**
- **Cooperation in forestry and forest-related research and development projects, as well as in forestry extension, forest pedagogics and other projects related to natural forests and CNF(M);**
- **Exchange of knowledge, information and experience in CNF(M) (nationally and internationally);**
- **Promotion of principles and good practices of CNFM to forest-related sectors and public awareness raising;**
- **Advocacy and lobbying for governmental and political support to CNF(M).**