

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT OF PROTECTED AREAS (Irena Mrak, Ph.D., Associate Prof.)

Subject code: NRZO

Academic year: 2.

Module 1: Nature conservation

Lectures: 20

Seminar work: 20

ECTS: 4

Aims of the subject:

The students will acquire and understand the meaning of protected areas in the nature. At first the students become familiar with key definitions and historical baselines (American, European baselines) and various categorisations of protected areas. Students learn in details about international categories IUCN, then they learn about the system of protected areas in Slovenia. They learn about the procedure of protection: from the first concept to setting the goals, preparation of an expert proposal and final announcement of such procedure (legal backgrounds, jurisdiction, course of procedures) After establishing a protection it is necessary to include effective management and control for the success of achieving the goals.

In order to prepare an instrument of protection and a subsequent management plan the way of preparing these documents is of extreme importance. In a direct approach the participants become familiar with the arrangement of the protected area in its final phase. In the participative approach the participants cooperate from the first concept of a protected area.

Practical work includes seminar work, in which students prepare their proposals for protection. This part also includes the basics of a short presentation with which the students finish their practical obligations of this subject.

Subject content:

- terminology
- historical baselines of protected areas
- review over the history of protected areas in Slovenia and worldwide
- protected areas in Slovenia
- review over categorisations of protected areas
- IUCN categories of protected areas
- international protected areas
- preparation procedure of an expert proposal for a protected area
- announcement procedure of a protected area
- ways of management of protected areas
- direct and participative approach

Teaching methods:

lectures, practical classes to prepare seminar work/presentation.

Student's obligations:

written (oral) exam, production and defence of seminar work.

References

study material (handouts of lectures with enclosed copies of basic literature sources - available on the internet ŠIS).

Skoberne, P., 1984: 100 natural attractions of Slovenia, Prešernova družba, Ljubljana

Skoberne, P., 2004: Overview of international organisations and regulations in the field of natural preservations 2005, manual, version 9.1, Ministrstvo za okolje in prostor (Ministry of Environment and spatial planning) Ljubljana (available on ŠIS in e-form).

Skoberne, P., 2009: Natural preservation in Slovenia (overview - 2009), internal study material (available on ŠIS)

Regulations in the field of natural preservation (<http://zakonodaja.gov.si>)