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Kune-Vain Nature Reserve

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Kune-Vain-Tale Nature Reserve

- Albania's Laguna, known as Drin Delta offer a wide range of natural diversification both for the country and the region.
- Established in 2010, a nature park located within the Lezhë County forming the Drin river delta and facing the Adriatic Sea in northern Albania.
- It spans an area of 43.93 km² (16.96 sq mi).



THE MAIN CHARACTERISTICS

- The Nature Reserve of Kune-Vain, is a wetland system located in the administrative district of Lezha, in the northern Albanian coast.
- The area includes the Kune side in north of Drini of Lezha river and Vaini one in the south of the river
- The Kune-Vain Lagoon was formed by accumulated sediment from the Drin and Mati rivers. Two channels connect the lagoon with the sea.
- The climate is typically Mediterranean. The nature reserve is characterized by its high vegetation and biodiversity.

BIODIVERSITY

- Various habitat types exist within the district including woodland, salt marshes, reed-beds, and sandbars.
- They host a variety of fauna, among which waterfowl prevail. It is an important area for migratory and nesting waterfowl. The site remained relatively well-preserved until 1991.
- There are approximately 277 species of plants.
- The fauna is represented by 341 species; 23 species of mammals, 196 species of birds, 10 species of amphibian, 59 species of insects and 58 species of fish.



Waterfowls



The reasons for a BR

- For its diversity of the ecological factors, this wetland represents one of the areas with the greatest interest in Albania.
- This reserve is considered as one of the most important national resources of fish and it is an area with international values for the wintering and reproduction of water birds.

Tourism, ecotourism and cultural tourism

- The biodiversity, the wonderful landscape and the rich cultural and historical traditions of the zone, make it also an ideal area for the development of ecotourism.
- Being rich in cultural elements, the site is visited by many tourists who purchase locally manufactured traditional handicraft products.
- Archaeological excavations are currently in progress, as well as the restoration of historical monuments.

Challenges:

1. Climate change,
2. Abusing with protected land and marshland



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