## PROTECTED AREAS IN THE DISTRICT OF DIBRA AND ASSESSMENT OF THEIR TOURIST

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## **ABSTRACT**

There are six categories of protected areas in Albania, according to the classification system of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), set out in law no. 8906, dated 06.06.2002 "On protected areas". There is an important part of the territory or threatened that declared protected areas under this law. Dibra district appears as one of the richest natural areas in the country, although with not too large surface, which consists of four categories of protected areas. Their presence provides a real opportunity for the development of tourism and support local economies where they are located. These tourist resources are not used properly and it is not considering about the principle of sustainable development, which seriously is threatening the tourist and offer that was passed on to future generations. The main objectives of this article relating to the identification of tourism values of protected Dibra district and the presentation of an overall management and problems that characterize them. The methodology for conducting the study is mainly the use of literature, material from various institutions, cartographic methods and direct observations on locations. On the assessment of natural tourist of Dibra district, and of the lack of published scientific articles in the tourism branch, so this was one of the main reasons for selecting this theme.

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