

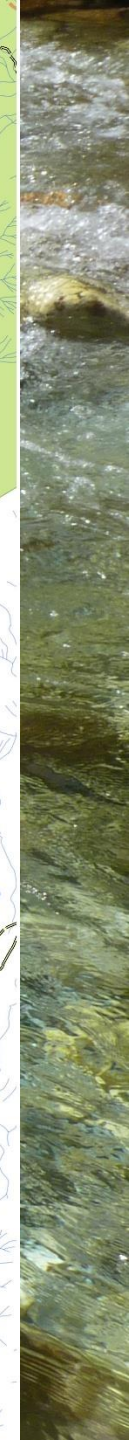
Environmental Protection Forces the Whole System

Valbona Valley National Park

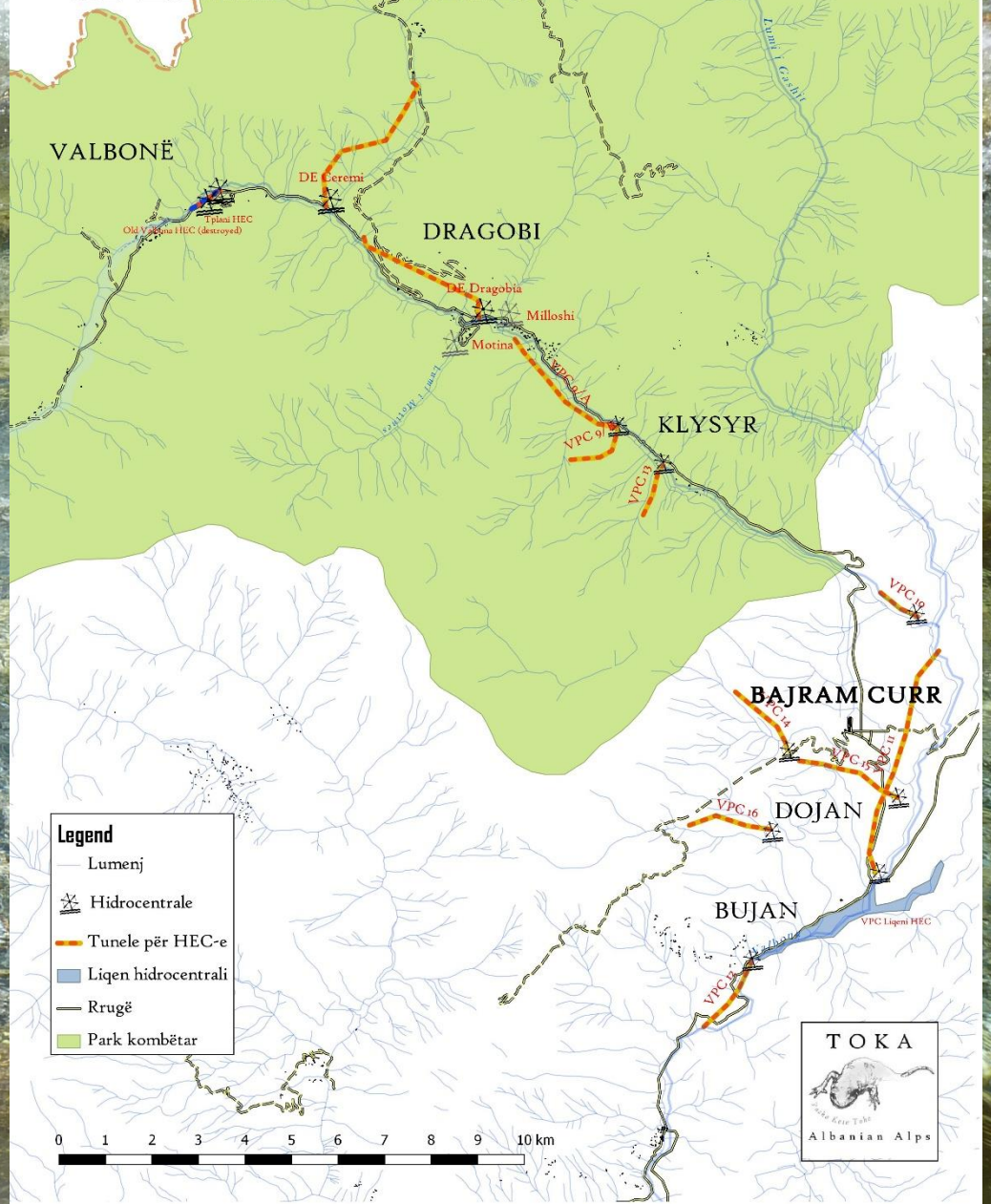
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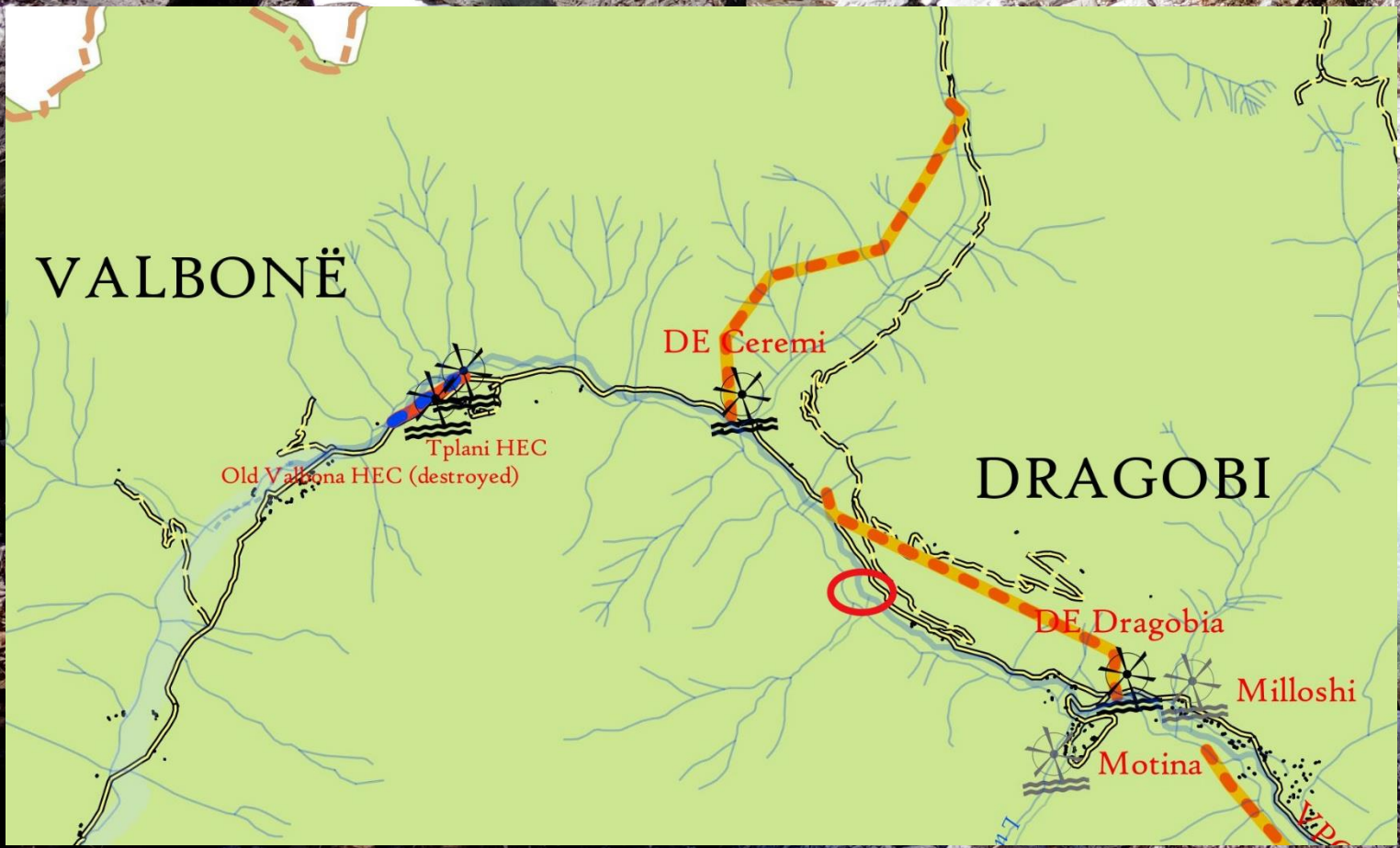




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- Entirely remote until 5 years ago
 - High biodiversity
 - “Wild” nature
 - Low population density
 - Neighboring protected areas
 - Undisturbed forest

**What's
So
Special?**

So How Do We Protect It?

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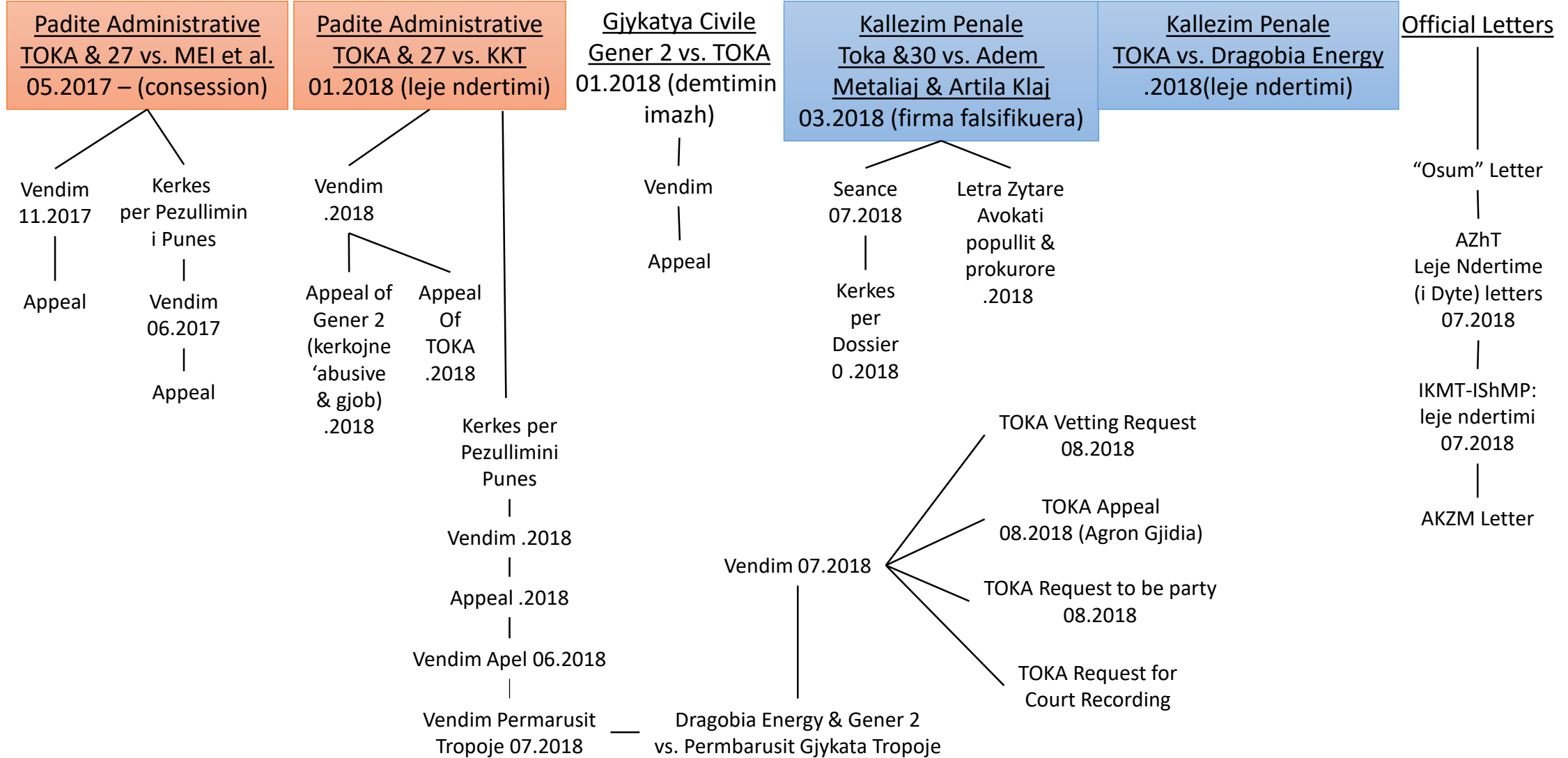
What's not working?

- **Lack of Unified Development plan**
- **Laws not enforced**
- **Judicial System**
- **International Agreements**
- **EIA**
- **Public consultations**
- **Awareness of PA**
- **Personal Threats**
- **Media**

First Line of Attack: Legal



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Second Line of Attack: Media





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No one wants to hear? Keep Talking.

Sometimes, it only takes one voice.

Third Line of Attack: Call on International Accountability





EU accession
Berne Convention
Aarhus Convention
Espoo Convention
Energy Community
Water Directive



Fourth Line of Attack (the sneaky one!):
Attack financially.





This is the resistance of Valbona. CAN THEY WIN?

