Environmental Protection Forces the Whole System

Valbona Valley National Park

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Hidrocentralet e parashikuara në Lumin e Valbonës
"Vrasja e Valbonës" - Një investigim i Top Story për ndërtimin e HEC-eve
What’s So Special?

• Entirely remote until 5 years ago
• High biodiversity
• “Wild” nature
• Low population density
• Neighboring protected areas
• Undisturbed forest
So How Do We Protect It?
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
• Laws not enforced
• Judicial System
• International Agreements
• EIA
• Public consultations
Second Line of Attack: Media
A Family Affair – The myth of media pluralism in Albania
Media Ownership Monitor presented by RSF and BIRN Albania
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?