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### GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT FACILITY (GEF) LAKE OHRID CONSERVATION

<b>Status</b>	Under Implementation
<b>Recipient</b>	Republic of Albania (jointly with FYR of Macedonia)
<b>Project Coordinator</b>	Ministry of Environment
<b>Project Cost</b>	\$ 4.28 million (total)
<b>GEF Grant Amount</b>	US\$ 1.78 million (total US\$ 3.97 million)
<b>Date of Signing</b>	August 6, 1998
<b>Effective</b>	December 3, 1998
<b>Closing Date</b>	June 30, 2003

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#### □ **Project Objectives**

The main objective of the project is to develop the basis for the joint management and protection of Lake Ohrid by the governments and peoples of Albania and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. By establishing a basis for joint management of the Lake Ohrid watershed, the Project will promote cost-effective solutions to transboundary natural resources management and pollution problems and provide a basis for the sustainable economic development of the watershed.

#### □ **Project Description**

The project consists of four components outlined below. The GEF grant in support of the implementation of the Project will fund equipment, staff and consultants, studies and pilot projects, and public awareness and training programs required to implement activities of these four components over a three-year period. The components are: (i) institutional strengthening, (ii) Lake Ohrid monitoring, (iii) watershed management and (iv) public awareness and participation.

#### □ **Project Achievements**

The project components are making good progress, and the project has promoted the development of the transboundary cooperation for the protection of Lake Ohrid. The Albania/Macedonia Lake Ohrid Management Board established under this project is promoting cooperation and harmonization of legislation between the two countries on conservation and sustainable management of lake resources, with a special focus on fishery regulations. The Board and the Ministries of Environment in both countries are actually working on the preparation of a new international treaty on the protection and management of the lake resources. The new monitoring laboratory established in Pogradec is now fully operational and is providing land support to the lake sampling and monitoring program.



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