

 **REPUBLIC OF CROATIA**

**DUBROVNIK-NERETVA COUNTY**

 Administrative Department for

 Physical Planning, Construction and

 Environmental Protection

CLASS: 351-01/10-01/56

REG. NO.: 2117/1-23/1-10-10-05

Dubrovnik, 6 October 2010

 Pursuant to Article 37.a, paragraphs 2 and 3 of the Nature Protection Act (Official Gazette 70/05, 139/08) and Article 17, paragraph 1 of the Ordinance on the appropriate assessment of plans, programs and projects for the ecological network (Official Gazette 118/09), regarding a request submitted by Hrvatske vode Zagreb, Water Management Department for the River Basin District of Dalmatian Basins, Split, Vukovarska 35, to carry out ecological network appropriate assessment of the project “**Stabilization of the Banks of the Mala Neretva and Protection of the Area behind the Banks**”, the Administrative Department for Physical Planning, Construction and Environmental Protection of Dubrovnik-Neretva County issues the following

**CERTIFICATE**

The project “**Stabilization of the Banks of the Mala Neretva and Protection of the Area behind the Banks**” has no significant impact on the conservation objectives and integrity of the ecological network areas.

**Justification**

 The developer, Hrvatske vode Zagreb, Water Management Department for the River Basin District of Dalmatian Basins, Split, Vukovarska 35, submitted on 6 August 2010 to this body a request for appropriate assessment of the project “**Stabilization of the Banks of the Mala Neretva and Protection of the Area behind the Banks**” for the ecological network.

 Having identified that the request contains all the required information and evidence as specified by Article 14 of the Ordinance on the appropriate assessment of plans, programs and projects for the ecological network, pursuant to Article 37.a, paragraph 2 of the Nature Protection Act, this body requested a prior expert opinion of the State Institute for Nature Protection on 30 August 2010.

 The opinion of the State Institute for Nature Protection was received on 4 October 2010 (Class: 612-07/10-29/145, Reg. No.: 366-07-03-10-2, 10 September 2010), stating that no significant adverse impacts on the conservation objectives and integrity of the ecological network areas are expected.

 The planned project lies within the area of the National Ecological Network HR5000031 Neretva Delta, areas important for wild taxa and habitat types, and HR1000031 Neretva Delta, internationally important area for birds.

 Since it is foreseen that a belt of the riparian vegetation important for the spawning of fish and stay of the fry, as well as for the stay and nesting of wetland birds will be retained, the planned project is not expected to have adverse impacts on the taxa and habitat types because of which this area was included in the ecological network, i.e. no significant adverse impacts on the conservation objectives and integrity of the ecological network areas are expected. Based on the prior opinion of the State Institute for Nature Protection, the mainassessment with assessment of alternative solutions is not required.

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