

The purpose of this action is to assess the impact of all the C and E project actions on the socio-economic conditions of the local population living in the Amyntaio area and on the ecosystem functions. The action will start during the last year (January 2020) of the project. It will consolidate the data and results of actions C and E on the local economy and social welfare. It will also integrate the results of all the C actions on the ecosystem services and the targeted species. Examples of project impacts on the local economy are the enhancement of ecotourism due to the improvement of the quality of the services and services of the area. Examples of project impacts on the ecosystem services are the improvement of the range condition of the grasslands and the enhancement of carbon sequestration by the revegetation of naked slopes. The impacts of the project actions will be valued in economic terms where possible.

This socio-economic impact assessment examines how the LIFE AMYBEAR project will change the lives of current and future residents of the project area. The indicators used to measure the potential socio-economic impacts of the project include the following:

- Changes in community demographics;
- Demand for public services;
- Changes in the scale of the threat that community members feels;
- Changes in employment and income levels; and
- Changes in the behaviour towards wildlife.

The study includes a two-step process for conducting this socio-economic impact analysis. The process is designed to establish a framework for evaluating current and after-project changes: A. Quantitative Changes, and B. Community Perceptions

The study includes two phases:

- Defining the scope of the Socio-Economic Impact Assessment
- Identifying and Evaluating Development Impacts

The project can cause changes in several community characteristics including demographics, markets, employment and income, feelings and behavior:

- Demographic impacts include the number of new permanent residents or seasonal residents associated with the development, the density and distribution of people and any changes in the composition of the population, (e.g., age, gender, ethnicity, wealth, income, occupational characteristics, educational level, health status).
- Market impacts include the number of new products that have been developed in the area after the seminars about bear friendly products.

- Scale of the threat includes the security that the community's members feel after the implementation of the actions of the project.

- The project influences directly or indirectly the employment and income (less damage opportunities in the community).

- The project influences the behavior of community's members towards wildlife.

The following means and methods will be developed for the elaboration of the study:

- Conduction of in-depth interviews with involving community's members (up to 40 in-depth interviews).

- Questionnaires (more than 80).

Data collection from the relevant authorities, (Municipality, National Park, Regional Employment Office, Chamber of Commerce etc).