

Geodiversity and Geoheritage in the Study Program of Geography at the University of Montenegro

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Abstract

Montenegro is located in the spacious south-eastern Europe and the central Mediterranean; it is one of the earliest isolated regions in this part of Europe. Its distinctive geo-ecological mosaic and geo-relief are its most important resources. Its numerous significant natural values and rarities bear witness to that. History of protection and regulation, i.e. awareness of the need to protect and preserve nature in its original form in this region has been present virtually since the establishment of the modern country of Montenegro. This is why this area is in the focus of scientific and technical areas at all levels of education in Montenegro.

It is telling that Montenegro protected the site Biogradska Gora with Biogradska River in 1878, only six years after the proclamation of the first national park in the world (*Yellowstone*).

The paper discusses the exploratory character of the protecting natural values, their geo- and biodiversities through reaccreditation and external evaluation of existing and introduction of new teaching modules at the University of Montenegro and the core curriculum of geography, such as Geodiversity and Geoheritage.

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