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Pursuant to Article 129, paragraph 1 point 2, of the Law on Environmental Protection ("The Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia", No. 135/2004), and based on Article 43, paragraph 3, of the Law on Environmental Protection ("The Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia", No. 66/91, 83/92, 53/93, 67/93, 48/94 and 53/95), and Article 73, paragraph 1, of the Statute of the Municipality of Apatin ("The official Gazette of the Municipality of Apatin", No. 6/02, 7/2005 and 8/2005), the Apatin Municipality Assembly, at the 9th session held on 30 September 2005, upon proposal by the Institute for Nature Conservation of Serbia, adopted

DECISION

ON PROTECTION OF THE NATURAL MONUMENT "ŠUMA JUNAKOVIĆ"

Article 1

The forest Šuma Junaković, located between the settlements Apatin and Prigrevica, is protected as a natural monument and ranked as important among important protected areas of the category III (hereinafter: Natural Monument "Šuma Junaković").

Article 2

The natural monument "Šuma Junaković" is put under protection in order to preserve old, natural grown specimens of common oak, i.e. the forest belt of oak and acacia elements around the thermal springs at the spa complex "Junaković". The forest is habitat for many animal species, particularly to birds and mammals protected as natural rarities, such as: black stork (*Ciconia nigra*) – one active nest, weasel (*Mustela nivalis*), ermine (*Mustela erminea*), badger (*Meles meles*), and game (wild boar and deer).

Article 3

The natural monument "Šuma Junaković" is located on the territory of the municipality of Apatin, K.O. Prigrevica, and is composed of two physically separated units. The Unit I comprises a forest of common oak and turkey oak northwest from the Spa "Junaković", and a forest north of the canal (cadastre lots 3665) which joins it, i.e. encompasses the cadastre lots 3669, 3668, 3665 (a part), 3667 and 3666.

The Unit II comprises the forest complex east of the Spa "Junaković", with elements of common oak, turkey oak and acacia, i.e. cadastre lots 3662/1, 3670/3, 3661, 3660, 3659, 3658, 3657, 3656, 3655, 3654.

Total protected area is 180.045 ha, out of which 175.32 ha is state-owned, and 4.72 ha is public property.

Description of the borders of the Natural Monument "Šuma Junaković" with a graphic image is published with this Decision and is its constituent part.

Article 4

In the region of the Natural Monument "Šuma Junaković" the following measures have been established:

- 1) The regime of protection of the II degree encompassing forest parts of the "Zaštićene šume" economy unit: part 1 section a, clearings 2, 3, and 4, part 2 section a, part 6 section a, with surface of 58.1187 ha.
- 2) The regime of the III degree encompassing forest parts of the "Zaštićene šume" economy unit: part 1 section b, part 2 section b, part 6 sections b, c, d, e, and clearing 1, part 3 sections a, b, and c, part 4 sections a, b, c, d, clearing 1, and part 5 sections a, b, c and d, as well as the forest area around the "Junaković" Spa north of the canal, cadastre lots: 3667, 3666, and 3665 (part), with total surface of 121.9262 ha.

Article 5

In the whole region of the Natural Monument "Šuma Junaković"

- 1) It is forbidden to:
 1. Undertake activities which may deteriorate the basic features of the natural reserve;
 2. Change the purpose of the land use;
 3. Endanger or destroy the habitats of animals and plants protected as natural rarities;
 4. Execute works which may change the natural parts of the habitats;
 5. Destroy the natural rarities – individual plants, by picking, collecting, cutting or plucking;
 6. Catch, disturb, capture, kill or harm species of animals which are protected as natural rarities, to cull or destroy bird eggs, to cull or destroy bird nests or animal litters;
 7. Fell or destroy trees and shrubs and other vegetation if it endangers the forest eco system and disrupts the protection of thermal springs;
 8. Undertake clear cut of elements of autochthonous tree species – common oak and common ash;

9. Plant conifers or invasive sorts;
 10. Graze or keep cattle;
 11. Store lumber permanently or deposit and dispose of solid or liquid waste;
 12. Erect overhead power and other lines at the territory of the natural reserve;
 13. Hunt, except for hunting parties organized traditionally on certain dates and in case of a contagious disease among game (sanitary hunt);
 14. Discharge of waste and unprocessed water into canals;
 15. Use forest paths for public transportation;
 16. Operate motor vehicles, except for the requirements of tending the natural reserve and business vehicles;
 17. Parking of vehicles outside the lots allocated for the purpose;
 18. Set fire outside the lots allocated for the purpose.
- 3) There are provisions for using the natural and cultural values in a manner which secures the protection and conservation of the area of forest eco systems and forest grounds, rehabilitation and revitalization of endangered and degraded parts of the natural reserve, development of management programmes for the populations of endangered species, ecological revitalization of a forest complex part – long-term transfers of the locust, turkey oak and American ash communities to semi-natural, i.e. natural oak forests; winter felling, clear cut on smaller surfaces, establishment of forest order, forestry works aimed at rejuvenation, conservation of stability and preservation of health status of elements, application of chemical and biological means to repel phytopathologic and entomologic diseases under special conditions, conservation of individual tree trunks of forest fruits and autochthonous species of trees and bushes, suppression of herbaceous and woody invasive species (*Acer negundo*, *Amorpha fruticosa*, *Ailanthus glandulosa*, *Solidago serotina*, *Asclepias syriaca*, and others), priority removal of woody invasive species, sustainable development of sports and recreational tourism and other development potentials in conformity to functions and developmental possibilities, landscaping of the area, education and sports-recreational trails according to a special programme; controlled movement of visitors (holidaymakers and others), presentation of popularization of natural and cultural values, inclusion of local inhabitants in planned developmental activities and their participation in overall tourism offer, culling of wild species of fungi, plants and animals in accordance with valid provisions, 'apiculture, setting up and arrangement of feeding spots for game, scientific work and monitoring of status of natural rarities.

Article 6

In the region of 2nd degree of protection regime, it is forbidden to:

1. In the period between March 15 and August 15 to move or perform any work at the minimum distance of 150 m from the nest of a black stork;
2. Park vehicles;
3. There are provisions for: conservation and improvement of common oak high forests, rehabilitation and reconstruction of damaged and degraded parts of forest eco systems, development of a study on revitalization of oak

forests as a scientific and expert basis for forest rejuvenation, preservation of mixed composition of forests intensifying the share of autochthonous species and old trees, removal of vegetation in order to enlighten the common oak saplings, designing and landscaping of educational paths, controlled construction of forest roads and their traffic.

Article 7

Protection and development of the Natural Monument "Šuma Junaković" is realized according to the programme of conservation and development.

The Programme from paragraph 1 of this Article contains in particular: duties and activities of priority in implementing regimes of protection from Articles 5 and 6 of this Decision.

The Programme from paragraph 1 of this Article is adopted for the period of five years and is realized according to the annual programme containing tasks and duties to be realized in current year, dynamics of their execution, and amount of necessary funds.

The Programme, with previously obtained opinions of the municipal management bodies authorised for matters concerning forestry and water economy, urbanism, science, education and culture, is approved by the municipal managing body authorised for matters concerning environmental protection.

Article 8

The JP "Vojvodinašume" (hereinafter: manager) manages the Natural Monument "Šuma Junaković".

Article 9

The manager, while performing the duties of protecting and developing the Natural Monument "Šuma Junaković", secures: implementation of the stipulated protection regimes aimed at conservation and improvement of the natural reserve, the cultural, educational, informational-propaganda and other activities, enabling performance of scientific activities, adopting a mid-term and annual programmes of protection and development.

The manager submits a report on the realization of the Programme from Article 8 of this Decision by December 15 of the current year to the managing body authorised for matters concerning environmental protection.

Article 10

The manager, in performing the duties of protecting and developing the Natural Monument "Šuma Junaković", secures the marking of the natural reserve, internal peace and order, and the ranger service in accordance to the act it adopts, upon agreement by the managing body authorised for matters concerning protection.

The Act from paragraph 1 of this Article regulates the rules for implementing the protection and development regimes, and especially: way and conditions of movement and sojourn of visitors, use of recreational and other spaces, placement of information and other signs, protection measures for the performance of scientific research activities, conditions for executing allowed activities, and special measures and limitations in implementing the protection regime.

The rules set by the Act from paragraph 1 of this Article, and other necessary information required for the implementation of the protection regime, have to be announced publicly in a proper way so that they are accessible to users and visitors.

Article 11

The funds for the protection and development of the Natural Monument "Šuma Junaković" are secured by the profit realized in performing the guardian office, from the municipal budget funds, and from other sources in accordance with the law.

Article 12

The Programme from Article 7 will be adopted by the guardian within six months upon entering of this Decision into force, and the annual programme within 90 days after this Programme enters into force.

Until the Programme is adopted the duties related to protection and development may be executed by the guardian according to a temporary programme of protection and development which is adopted within 60 days after this Decision enters into effect.

Article 13

The plans and programmes of landscaping, forestry, hunting, water economy, agriculture, and other bases and programmes covering the protected area, will be harmonized with the Spatial Plan of the Republic and the programme and regime of protection as set by this Decision.

Article 14

Upon entering of this Decision into force, the Decision of the Apatin municipal assembly No. 463-1/83-01/P of 21 April 1983 ("The Official Gazette of the Municipality of Apatin", No. 5/1983) shall expire.

Article 15

This Decision shall enter into force on the eighth day after its publication in "The Official Gazette of the Municipality of Apatin".

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