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The participation at field surveys during 2007 and 2008 on the established European ATBI+M pilot sites, Mercantour / Alpi Marittime (PNM/PNAM) and Gemer, is documented in this report (Table 1). Field activities started at PNM/PNAM in 2007, while those in the Gemer area were started in 2008.

ATBI+M Mercantour/Alpi Marittime (PNM/PNAM)

A total of 95 signed Terms of Reference (ToRs) for individual participation were received at SMNS Stuttgart between 2007 and 2008 (40 and 45, respectively). Number of scientists per team ranged between 1 and 6 with an average value of 2.7 in both years (Table 1). Number of days per survey varied between 1 and 12, and between 1 and 21 in 2007 and 2008, respectively. Number of nationalities was 6 in 2007, and increased to 9 in 2008. In 2009, scientists from Austria, Belgium, and the United Kingdom visited the parks in addition to scientists from Germany, Denmark, France, Hungary, Italy, and the Netherlands (Table 1). In both years, the number of participants was higher in Alpi Marittime when compared with Mercantour, yet it has to be said, that a high proportion of scientists visited both parks. The number of surveys was higher as the number of participants, indicating that a part of the scientists repeatedly visited the sites. This was mostly the case in Alpi Marittime, especially in 2008. Interestingly, the proportion of scientists from EDIT partner institutions was remarkably higher in 2007 and decreased proportionally in 2008. This is not an indication that interest from scientists from EDIT partner institutions declined, it moreover shows that interest of scientists from non-EDIT partner institutions to participate at ATBI+M activities remarkably increased.

ATBI+M Gemer region

A total of 37 signed ToRs for individual participation were received at SMNS Stuttgart during 2008 (Table 1). The number of participants was not as high as in PNM/PNAM during the first year and also the number of surveys (26) was lower compared to the other ATBI+M site. Scientists involved in field surveys belonged to seven nations. Remarkably, a strong involvement of scientists from Slovakia, the Czech Republic, and Poland was noticed. Proportional participation of scientists from EDIT partner institutions was higher than that of scientist from non-EDIT partners, yet it did not reach the same level of participation as in the first year of activities at the ATBI+M site Mercantour/Alpi Marittime. The majority of the field surveys were carried out in the Muranska planina natural park. As soon as the remaining datasets have been delivered, a more precise assignment to the three natural parks will be undertaken. Field activities at Gemer are expected to be significantly increased in 2009 and scientists having visited PNM/PNAM will be encouraged to participate in the second ATBI+M site as well.

Table 1. Participation at field surveys on the European established ATBI+M sites Mercantour/Alpi Marittime and Gemer

Year	ATBI+M PNM/PNAM		ATBI+M Gemer		
	Mercantour	Alpi Marittime	Muranska Planina	Slovensky Raj	Slovensky Kras
2007					
No. of signed ToRs ¹⁾		40			
Average number scientists/team		2.7			
Average number of days / survey		6			
Number of nationalities		6 ²⁾			
Number of participants	22	35			
% EDIT partners	90.9	64.8			
Number of surveys	24	43			
% EDIT partners	91.6	68.8			
2008					
No. of signed ToRs		45		37	
Average number scientists/team		2.7		2.1	
Average number of days / survey		5		4	
Number of nationalities		9 ³⁾		7 ⁴⁾	
Number of participants	33	49		25	
% EDIT partners	54.5	30.6		56.0	
Number of surveys	38	78		26	
% EDIT partners	48.7	21.8		53.8	

1) ToRs = Terms of reference

2) DE, DK, FR, HU, IT, NL

3) AT, BE, DE, DK, FR, HU, IT, NL, UK

4) CZ, DE, FR, HU, IT, PL, SK