

# Albania



## BASIC COUNTRY INFORMATION

Population (est. in millions)	3.5
Area (sq. km)	28,748
GDP/capita (USD)	3,000
GDP (% of real growth)	7.5
Unemployment rate (%)	16
Average monthly wage (USD)	97*
Inflation (%)	1

Source: The World Factbook 2001

\* Institute of Statistics

## Administrative Bodies Responsible for Environmental Protection

### Ministries

#### ■ MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCY (NEA)

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#### Minister

Ethem Ruka

#### Satistics

*2000 Budget*  
73 million Albanian leke  
*Share of State Budget*  
0.032%  
*Number of Employees*  
73

#### History

*Date Current Structure Established*  
September 2001

*Ministry's Previous Name*  
National Environmental Agency

#### Key Responsibilities

- environmental protection (air pollution abatement, surface water and groundwater protection, nature conservation, landscape protection, waste management, noise and vibration reduction, forest protection, mineral and arable land protection, and wildlife protection)
- environmental impact assessment
- national research, development, education and training

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**Note:** All persons may be reached at the NEA's main address.

#### SUB-NATIONAL STRUCTURES

##### 12 Regional Environmental Agencies

#### Key Responsibilities

- issuing permits
- supervising and enforcing environmental laws and regulations
- water protection (surface and sub-surface)
- soil protection
- air protection
- waste and hazardous waste management
- environmental impact assessment

#### ■ MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

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#### Key Responsibilities

- soil conservation
- plant protection (including pesticide registration)
- forest protection
- nature conservation of protected and non-protected areas
- wildlife protection and animal husbandry (hunting, animal health)

#### ■ MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TOURISM

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#### Key Responsibilities

- regulation of marine and transport pollution

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#### Key Responsibilities

- urban solid waste management
- sewage management
- water management
- territorial planning

#### ■ MINISTRY OF PUBLIC ECONOMY AND PRIVATISATION

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#### Key Responsibilities

- hazardous waste management
- industrial waste recycling
- industrial discharge and emission control
- mineral waste management
- air, waste and oil pollution control

## Environmental Monitoring

### Administrative Bodies Responsible for Environmental Monitoring

No single institute oversees environmental monitoring in Albania, see Annex I.

### Monitoring Responsibilities (by sector)

#### ■ AIR

##### Hydrometeorological Institute

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#### Activities

- urban air pollution
- SO<sub>2</sub>, SPM measurements
- publication of the *Hydrometeorological Bulletin* in Albanian

##### Institute of Public Health

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#### Activities

- urban air pollution
- SO<sub>2</sub>, SPM, NO<sub>x</sub> and soot measurements

#### ■ FORESTS

##### Research Institute of Forestry and Pastures

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#### ■ NATIONAL PARKS AND PROTECTED AREAS

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#### ■ OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND NOISE

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#### Activities

- industrial noise

#### ■ RURAL ENVIRONMENT

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#### ■ SOIL

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#### Activities

- soil conservation

## ■ WASTE – HOUSEHOLD

### Ministry of Public Works

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**Note:** Responsibilities regarding household waste will soon be delegated to local governments.

## ■ WASTE – INDUSTRIAL AND HAZARDOUS

### Institute of Chemical Technology

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#### Activities

- chemical pollution
- pesticides

## ■ WASTE – NUCLEAR

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#### Activities

- nuclear waste survey

## ■ WATER – RIVERS, LAKES

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#### Activities

- chemical pollution
- measurement of Cu, K, Mg, Na, HCO<sub>3</sub>, CO<sub>3</sub>, PO<sub>4</sub>, Cl, SO<sub>4</sub>, NO<sub>3</sub>, NO<sub>2</sub>, NH<sub>4</sub>, BOD, ROD, TSC and pH

## ■ WATER – MARINE ENVIRONMENT

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#### Activities

- chemical pollution
- measurement of BOD<sub>5</sub>, COD, N and P in effluent and sea water

### Tirana University, Department of Organic Chemistry

Tirana, Albania  
Alqi Cullhaj, Professor  
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#### Activities

- chemical pollution
- measurement of DET, HH<sup>+</sup>, PHC<sup>+</sup> and PHE in effluent; HH<sup>+</sup> in sea water and sediment; CD and HGT in biota and sediment; AS, CU, CR, HGT and NI in effluent

### Institute of Public Health

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#### Activities

- microbiological pollution

## ■ WATER – GROUNDWATER

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#### Activities

- groundwater pollution

## ■ WILDLIFE

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### Museum of Natural Sciences

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## Administrative Bodies Responsible for Public Access to Environmental Information

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#### Publications

##### Local Language

Annual Report  
Report on the Environmental Situation in Albania  
National Environmental Action Plan  
Newsletter

##### English

Annual Report  
Report on the Environmental Situation in Albania  
National Environmental Action Plan

### ■ CENTRAL STATISTICAL OFFICE

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### ■ UNEP INFOTERRA NATIONAL FOCAL POINT

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## Administrative Bodies Responsible for Enforcement and Control of Environmental Regulations

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#### Key Responsibilities

- implementation of laws and by-laws on environmental preservation and protection
- control and enforcement of environmental protection laws
- participation in drafting environmental laws and regulations

### ■ MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

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### ■ MINISTRY OF PUBLIC ECONOMY AND PRIVATISATION

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# Annex I

## Organisational Chart: Environmental Monitoring Network

