Govor dr. Mirka Đurovića, rukovodioca Centra za zaštitu biodiverziteta Jadrana „Boka akvarijum“ Instituta za biologiju mora Univerziteta Crne Gore na završnom događaju projekta „MonteAqua“

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Poštovani prijatelji, kolege i saradnici

Nakon skoro 3 godine intenzivnog i posvjećenog rada želim da iskažem veliko zadovoljstvo i izjavim da je realizovan jedan od najzahtjevnijih međunarodnih projekata Instituta za biologiju mora – AKVARIJUM Boka. Time se, usuđujem se reći, upalila nova luča u našem Institutu, ujedno i na Univerzitetu Crne Gore, u Kotoru, gradu pod okriljem UNESCO-a i uopšte u Crnoj Gori.

Naše zadovoljstvo je utoliko veće jer danas, nakon više pokušaja decenijama unazad, prisustvujemo ostvarenju ove jedinstvene atrakcije u Crnoj Gori kao rezultat predanog i posvjećenog rada svih koji su bili uključeni u ovaj projekat i ostalih saradnika Instituta.

Danas, sa ponosom, a uz veliku podršku inostranih donatora i domaćih partnera, uz posvećeni rad naših naučnika i istraživača, u trenutku kada Institut za biologiju mora obilježava 59 godina svoga postojanja smještenog u predivnom istorijskom zdanju – Palati Radoničić, otvaramo u okviru njega prvi morski akvarijum pod nazivom AKVARIJUM Boka u čast jednom od najljepših zaliva na svijetu.

Dugačak je spisak ljudi i institucija kojima dugujemo neizmjernu zahvalnost na doprinosu u ostvarenju ovog cilja i to činim ovim putem. Prvenstveno Vladi i Ambasadi Kraljevine Norveške koja je opredijelila najveća finansijska sredstva, zatim Ministarstvu poljoprivrede i ruralnog razvoja i tadašnjem ministru Milutinu Simoviću, Direktoratu za ribarstvo i gđi Slavici Pavlović i njenom timu, MIDAS 2 programu i gđi Gorici Radulović, Javnom preduzeću za upravljanjem morskim dobrom Crne Gore i g-din Predragu Jelušiću i g-đi Aleksandri Ivanović, arhitektonskom studiju Enforma doo iz Kotora, Mariji i Nikoli Novaković, građevinskom nadzoru All-Ing Kotor i g-đi Sanji Otašević, firmama LD Gradnja i Ramel iz Nikšića, Panaque srl iz Rima, Univerzitetu Crne Gore, Rektoru dr Danilu Nikoliću i prof. dr Dušku Bjelici, I na kraju neizostavno svim zaposlenim u institutu za biologiju mora koji su vjerovali u ovaj poduhvat i dali svoj doprinos.

Akvarijum Boka će imati 4 pravca djelovanja i to: 1. Zaštita biodiverziteta Jadranskog mora, 2. Edukacija, 3. Turistička ponuda. 4. Eksperimentalna istraživanja

U svim navedenim pravcima ovaj segment Instituta će tijesno sarađivati sa već postojećim Laboratorijama u Instituta kao i sa brojnim naučnim i stručnim partnerima iz sfere nauke, obrazovanja, turizma.

Akvarijum Boka će biti dodatna vrijednost turističkoj ponudi grada Kotora i Crne Gore. Trudićemo se da prikažemo svu raskoš i bogatstvo živog svijeta Jadranskog mora, a najmlađim generacijama ćemo pripremiti niz edukativnih programa kako bi se na najbolji mogući način obrazovali u buduće ekologe i ljubitelje prirode.

Akvarijum Boka će svoja vrata otvoriti odmah nakon prestanka pandemije u Crnoj Gori a do tada ćemo Vas kroz sve dostupne kanale elektronske komunikacije obavještavati o našim stanovnicima Akvarijuma Boka.

Generacijama koje stasavaju i koje dolaze želimo da uživaju u neponovljivom i jedinstvenom morskom svijetu Bokokotorskog zaliva i Jadranskog mora!

Speech of Dr Mirko Đurović, Head of the Center for Adriatic Biodiversity Conservation “Aquarium Boka”, the Institute of Marine Biology, University of Montenegro, at the Closing event of the Project “Center for the Protection of the Biodiversity of the Sea “Boka Aquarium” - MonteAqua"

(As prepared for delivery)

Kotor, 17 December 2020

Dear friends, colleagues, and associates,

After almost 3 years of intensive and dedicated work, I would like to express my great satisfaction and declare that one of the most demanding international projects of the Institute of Marine Biology – Aquarium Boka has been realized. Thus, I dare say, a new light was lit in our Institute, as well as at the University of Montenegro, in Kotor, a city under the auspices of UNESCO and in Montenegro in general.

Our satisfaction is all the greater because today, after several attempts decades ago, we are witnessing the realization of this unique attraction in Montenegro because of hard and dedicated work of all who were involved in this project and other associates of the Institute.

Today, with pride, and with the great support of foreign donors and domestic partners, with the dedicated work of our scientists and researchers, at a time when the Institute of Marine Biology celebrates 59 years of its existence being situated in a beautiful historic building - Radoničić Palace, we are opening the first marine aquarium under the name Aquarium Boka, in an honour of one of the most beautiful bays in the world.

There is a long list of people and institutions to whom we owe immense gratitude for their contribution in achieving this goal, and I would name them. Primarily to the Government and the Embassy of the Kingdom of Norway, which allocated the largest financial resources, then to the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development and to the Minister Milutin Simović, to the Directorate of Fisheries with Ms. Slavica Pavlović and her team, to the MIDAS 2 program with Ms. Gorica Radulović, to the Public Company for Coastal Management of Montenegro with Mr. Predrag Jelušić and Ms. Aleksandra Ivanović, to the architectural studio Enforma doo from Kotor with Ms. Marija Novaković and Mr. Nikola Novaković, to the construction supervision company All-Ing Kotor with Ms. Sanja Otašević, to companies LD Gradnja and Ramel from Nikšić, Panaque srl from Rome, to the University of Montenegro with Rector Dr. Danilo Nikolić and Prof. Dr. Duško Bjelica, and finally to all employees of the Institute of Marine Biology who believed in this endeavour and gave their contribution.

Aquarium Boka will have 4 directions of action, as follows: 1. Protection of the biodiversity of the Adriatic Sea, 2. Education, 3. Tourist offer. 4. Experimental research

In all the above directions, this organizational unit of the Institute will work closely with the already existing Laboratories of the Institute, as well as with numerous scientific and professional partners in the field of science, education and tourism.

Aquarium Boka will be an additional value to the tourist offer of the city of Kotor and Montenegro. We will try to show all the splendour and richness of the living world of the Adriatic Sea, and we will prepare a series of educational programs for the youngest generations in order to educate future ecologists and nature lovers in the best possible way.

Aquarium Boka will open its doors immediately after the end of the Covid-19 epidemy in Montenegro, and until then we will inform you through all available channels of electronic communication about our residents in the Aquarium Boka.

For generations to come, we wish to enjoy the unique sea world of the Bay of Kotor and the Adriatic Sea!

Thank you for your attention.