



International Rafting Federation

Strategic plan of IRF RR&C Com

REPORT for Congress 2015

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1. Recreational rafting

1.1. An Official IRF river grade scheme:

Was proposed, but still in progress.

1.2. IRF company/tour certification/Best Practice Certification:

In progress.

Getting knowledge about IRF Company Accreditation Scheme.

Working on the Operating Standards Assessment sheet and Pre-assessment question sheet. Some remarks were put in the documents and sent for comments. Several companies were planned to be tested in practice the above sheets.

A Bulgarian company was tested in the pre-assessment sheet.

Using that the IRF WHITEWATER BEST PRACTICE CERTIFICATION was developing and finishing by Jim Davis and Gaspar Gonsz who most probably will present it on the IRF Congress in Indonesia 2015.

1.3. Recreational rafting River database and rafting companies database:

Continually in progress.

1.4. International code of conduct in the whitewater river:

In progress.

1.5. Statistics, Surveys, Prognosis:

We have created a solid online Survey, asking companies and organizations to nominate a river most endangered and a river most improved in their region. The idea of the survey was to publish at the beginning of 2015, a list of TOP 10 ENDANGERED RIVERS and TOP 10 IMPROVED RIVERS on the IRF website, as well as to make a PR campaign. This had to be a way to attract the attention of public and authorities over the rivers threats like hydroelectric damming, coal mining, liquefied natural gas fracking and other constant development threats, and also to announce widely about the conservation of some rivers which have been added to 'protected rivers' lists, have had dams removed, have been

cleaned up and the active government have been involved in creating recreation opportunities.

Survey can be seen here: <http://www.internationalrafting.com/conservation/survey-endangeredimproved-rivers/>

Than we made a research and have created the lists of threatened and improved rivers. The lists were published at www.irf.org and shared via IRF members' mailing list, Newsletter and the social networks.

The TOP 10 ENDANGERED RIVERS and TOP 10 IMPROVED RIVERS can be seen here: <http://www.internationalrafting.com/conservation/top-10-most-threatened-rivers/> <http://www.internationalrafting.com/conservation/top-10-most-improved-rivers/>

1.6. International Day of rafting

Nothing much, in progress.

1.7. Guide lines for the public and the companies

Nothing much, in progress.

2. Conservation

2.1. Database for rivers in National parks and preserved areas

Nothing much, in progress.

2.2. Database for rivers destroyed by dams or other buildings

Nothing much, in progress.

2.3. Workshop and working with the river users for the river keeping and conservation

Nothing much, in progress.

2.4. Conservation links and organization, environmental friendly and sustainable events and practices.

Nothing much, in progress.