

The state of Montenegro sued the Chinese company CRBC for the devastation of the Tara riverbed, the state secretary for ecology of the Ministry of Ecology, Spatial Planning and Urbanism, Danilo, and Mrdak stated that the Ministry would hand over all the documentation it collected to the prosecutor's office.

The river ecosystem is difficult to completely destroy and with a normal approach we can expect that in some four to five years the state of the Tara River will return to what it once was, Mrdak said. Mrdak, as a guest in the morning program of TVCG, said that the state or the Chinese company CRBC, which is building the highway, will have to invest significant funds to revitalize and rehabilitate the Tara River.

He pointed out that the Ministry does not know how it is planned to return the river to its original state.

He said that no one is against the highway, but it is against irresponsible behavior and not knowing the details of the contract and whose obligation it is.

The period of secrecy of documents expires in the summer

He said that the Ministry of Ecology, Spatial Planning and Urbanism would demand from the Government to remove the classification mark, since the two-year period for which the documents were declared secret expires in the summer.

"To see what is written in them and how it is planned to revitalize the Tara riverbed and see if it is a good and meaningful plan or to see if we can act in terms of revising the project and come up with a better and more environmentally friendly way to do it. revitalization. I'm sure it was done on the principle of the easiest engineering part – to collect all the water in a concrete trough and call it remediation. It's not remediation, it's like we have a solution to the problem of flood waters, "said Mrdak.

He stated that the complete river ecosystem is being destroyed by the concrete bed, so that this will not be allowed on their part.

Tara is the most protected river in Montenegro

Natasa Kovacevic from the NGO Green Home pointed out that the Tara is the most protected river in Montenegro.

"There are six different levels of protection and we have allowed us to behave like this. It is incomprehensible that if you had 18 variant solutions in the strategic assessment done for the highway, you should not take any of those solutions even though that report tells you it is a protected area.", Kovacevic emphasized.

She reminded that the Report of the European Commission states that we must implement measures for the protection of that area, and that a case concerning Tara is being



conducted in the Council of Europe.

Devastated river ecosystem to Mojkovac

Mrdak explained that the Tara River has double UNESCO protection – the entire catchment area is under the "Man and Biosphere" program, which is a bit more liberal but calls for a responsible approach to planning, and the part of the river belonging to the Durmitor National Park is under UNESCO protection. he can do nothing.

"The part of the river that belongs to the Durmitor National Park is not endangered, but it is the part that falls under the protection of the" Man and Biosphere "program. The problem is not only those seven kilometers, but the river ecosystem to Mojkovac is devastated," Mrdak said.

"For now, environmental crime is not taken seriously," Mrdak added.

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