

Goran Trivan, Serbia's Ecology Minister, said he believed there was a consensus in the Government to ban the building of small hydropower plants (SHPPs) in the country, the Beta news agency reported.

Trivan announced changes to the Law on Environmental Protection which would enable the ban of building the SHPPs in the protected areas.

"The debate about the issue lasts for at least two years. If we know that we have the least surface waters in the region, we have to take care how to preserve them, and one of the ways is this ban in the protected areas," Trivan told the state RTS TV.

He added that the mood in the Government regarding the ban remained to be seen, but said he thought there was no dilemma over the ban in the preserved space.

After the law was passed by the Parliament, the next issue that would be tackled would be a plan for the remaining parts of Serbia as to the SHPPs, Trivan said.

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