

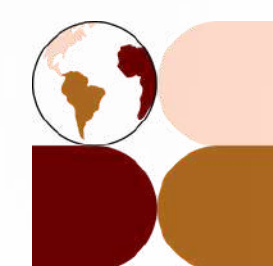


Integrated Water Resources  
Management in Kosovo

The Ibar River is the only river flowing through Kosovo, and it is the sole river creating a hydrological surplus in Kosovo. This river hosts the most significant water infrastructure, which accounts for over 70% of water reserves in Kosovo. The communities, economy, and industry throughout the entire Ibar River basin area in Kosovo depend on it.



## SIGNIFICANCE AND PRESERVATION OF THE IBAR RIVER IN KOSOVO

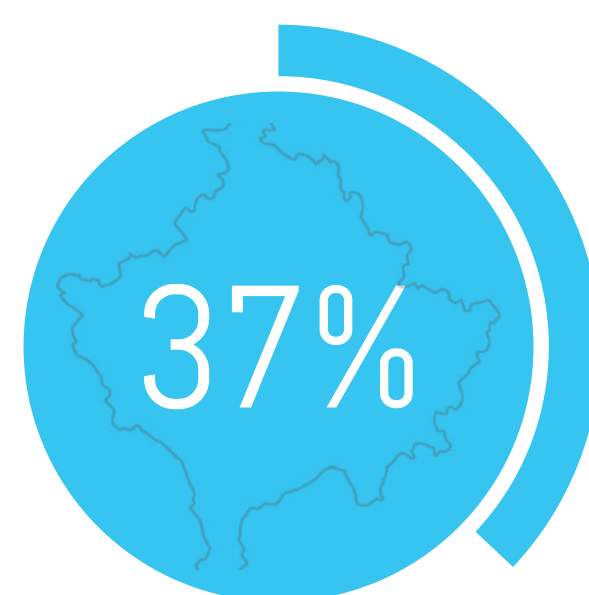


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The total surface area of the Ibar River basin in Kosovo is 4040 km<sup>2</sup>, roughly 37% of Kosovo's territory. The length of the Ibar River's course in Kosovo is 102.1 km.



Kosovo's highest population density and the greatest concentration of industrial activities are found within the Ibar River basin. In addition to being the primary source of water resources in the northern regions of Kosovo, it also experiences the most significant repercussions of economic activities and pollution. Pollution generated within the Ibar River basin is transported back to northern Kosovo through the Sitnica and Lab rivers.

The Ibar River is more than just a body of water; it is a precious resource that supports various forms of life and provides essential resources for the northern Kosovo region. Thus, it is crucial to prioritize the preservation of the river and its environment to maintain biodiversity and ensure clean water for communities.

Its significant length within Kosovo and its rich ecosystem make it a vital lifeline, providing resources for human needs and supporting biodiversity.

By preserving the Ibar River, we not only ensure the sustainability of water resources but also safeguard the natural heritage for future generations, enabling prosperity and a high quality of life in Kosovo.