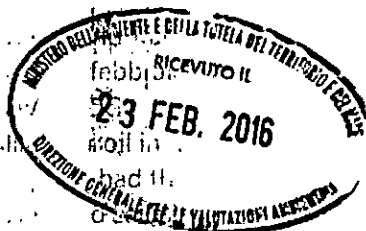


A: DVA-UDG

Da: Anne Ireland <anne.ireland@iinet.net.au>
Inviato: lunedì 22 febbraio 2016 15:04
A: A: DVA-UDG
Oggetto: drilling for oil in Montenegro
Allegati: Last year I had the wonderful opportunity to travel through Italy and then do a cycling and sailing tour around the Southern Dalmatian coast.docx

MINISTERO DELL'AMBIENTE E DELLA TUTELA
DEL TERRITORIO E DEL MARE
Direzione Generale per le Valutazioni e le Autorizzazioni Ambientali

REGISTRO UFFICIALE - INGRESSO
Prot. 0004641 DVA del 23/02/2016



Last year I had the wonderful opportunity to travel through Italy and then do a cycling and sailing tour around the Southern Dalmatian coast. It was the second time I have visited the coast of Croatia.

The people of Croatia rely heavily on tourism to earn money and most of the tourism is on the coast. Any damage to the Adriatic Sea from an oil spill would destroy their lively hoods as well as damaging the environment that would take many decades to recover.

Any drilling for oil in the Adriatic Sea or near it must be stopped.

Yours sincerely,

Anne Barrow

ps

I totally agree with these comments sent to me via a Croatian friend

"I strongly urge the Government of Montenegro to end the hazardous offshore drilling project in the Adriatic Sea. Not only would one oil incident similar to the one in the Gulf of Mexico, permanently destroy the entire ecosystem, but the cumulative effect of the expected expansion of multiple wells creates a permanent pollution situation for the region and the health of its citizens for effectively 30 years! The negative effects down-current on fishing, tourism, and real estate are amplified due to the direction of major ocean currents that circulate toward Croatia, Slovenia and Italy within the mostly-enclosed Adriatic. Incredibly, some of the granted drilling areas coincide with undersea deposits of unexploded ordnance dating from the second world war and the recent conflict in former Yugoslavia**, which further makes this project unsound. This project must be stopped and renewable energy alternatives should be pursued for our future."