

6.5. Appendix 5: Pre-Construction and Pre-Clearance Surveys

With reference to minimizing disturbance and mitigating negative impact of motorway pre-construction, the Contractor will implement as follows:

- ✓ Inventory of the PBF/CH habitats subject to removal (permanent loss) based on the final design. Complete alignment, including access roads and tunnel entries;
- ✓ Pre-construction checks aimed at species presence. Full alignment, with focus on hollow trees and other places of shelter.
- ✓ Pre-construction surveys to determine locations and specifications germane to the best preventative solutions for installation of equipment that averts motorway crossing (exclusion fences, sound barriers) to minimise mortality in the motorway operation phase. This is the most relevant for the area of Kolibari (km 4+300 to km 4+900) and Pevci settlement of Kichevo (km 11+250 to km 12+000).
- ✓ Pre-construction surveys to determine the necessity of supplementary wildlife passages to adequately facilitate animal movement. This is particularly applicable to the flatland area from km 7+000 to km 9+400.
- ✓ Pre-clearance check for nesting birds; the entire alignment.
- ✓ Pre-construction checks for occurrence of mammals (otter holts or lie-ups) in the areas where bridge crossings are located. Conducted at bridge crossings, the focus being on the Zajaska Reka river.