

REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA'S NATIONAL STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN IN ORGANIC AGRICULTURE

**Developing organic agriculture
with national forces**

Introduction

- 2004 – Law on organic
- 2006 – All major regulations
- December 2006 – First phase of NSAP
 - First workshop (participants):
 - Governmental (MAFWE, NEA...)
 - Education (University, high-schools)
 - FA (Individual, Regional, National)
 - Companies involved in organic production (exporters, processors...)
 - NGO & Projects (FiBL, MAASP, SIDA, GTZ)

Introduction

Results from the First workshop

Kind of support policy NASP should consider

Areas of significance	Average
Primary production (agriculture, wild collection)	34
Market development (domestic & int'l)	25
Processing & marketing	16
Research & education	14
Policy (legislation, control)	9
TOTAL	100

Introduction

- May 2007 – Second workshop
 - Same participants structure
 - Overview to the conclusions of the first workshop
 - Opinions on proposed points of interest
- September 2007 – Final workshop
 - Presenting final conclusions
 - Proposing goals & activities

Macedonia - Facts & Figures



Total area (km²)

25.713

Agricultural land (ha) 1.260.000

Arable land (ha) 560.000

Pastures (ha) 704.000

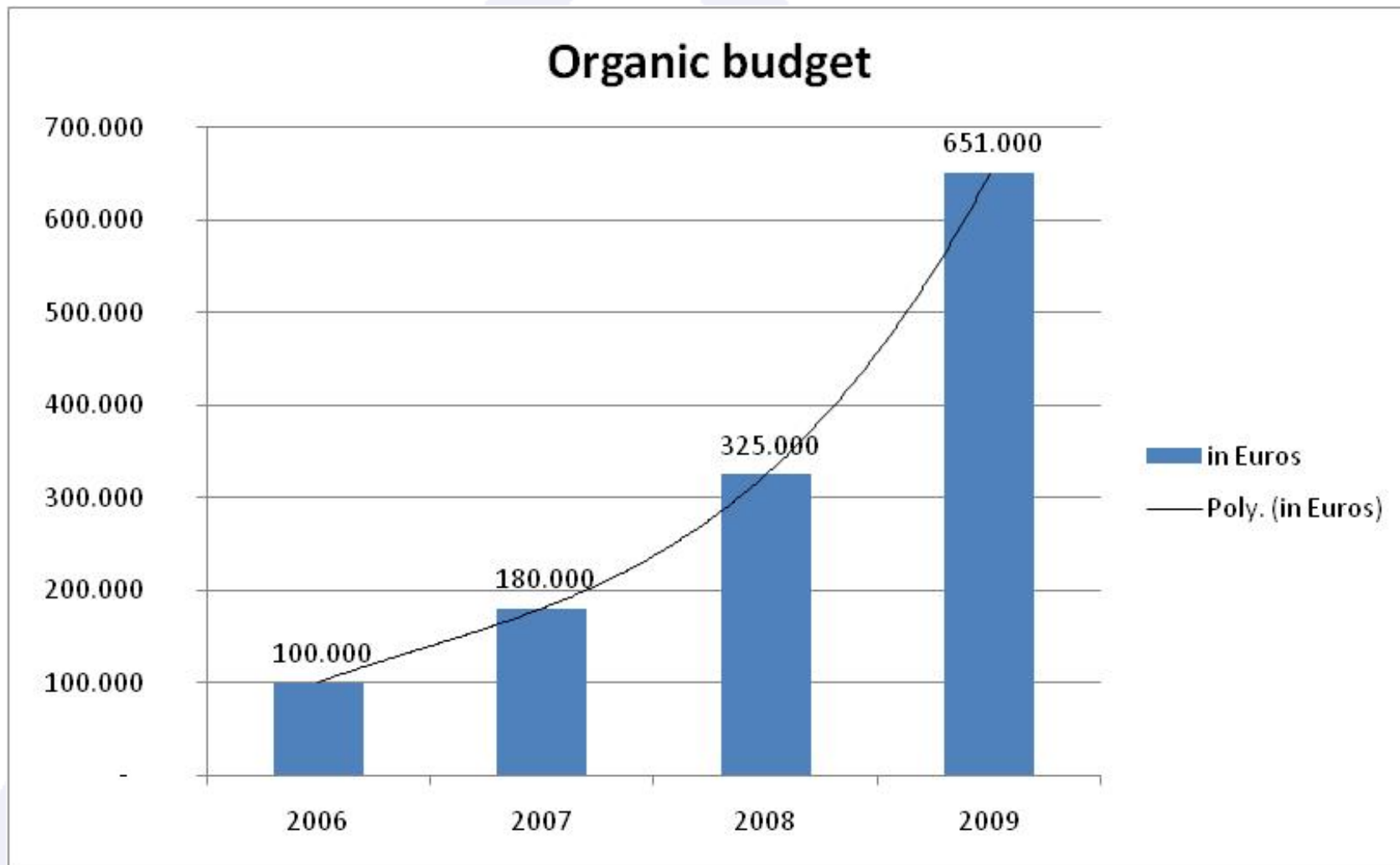
Strategic goals

- 1.To develop target-oriented schemes of Gov't subsidies for organic agriculture;
- 2.By 2011 organic agriculture should have 2% of the arable land, and area under collection of indigenous species to be at 5% of the total arable land in Macedonia;
- 3.By 2011 the majority of domestic consumers should understand what organic agriculture is all about, and to "create" domestic demand for such production;
- 4.By 2011 sustainable export activities should be established;

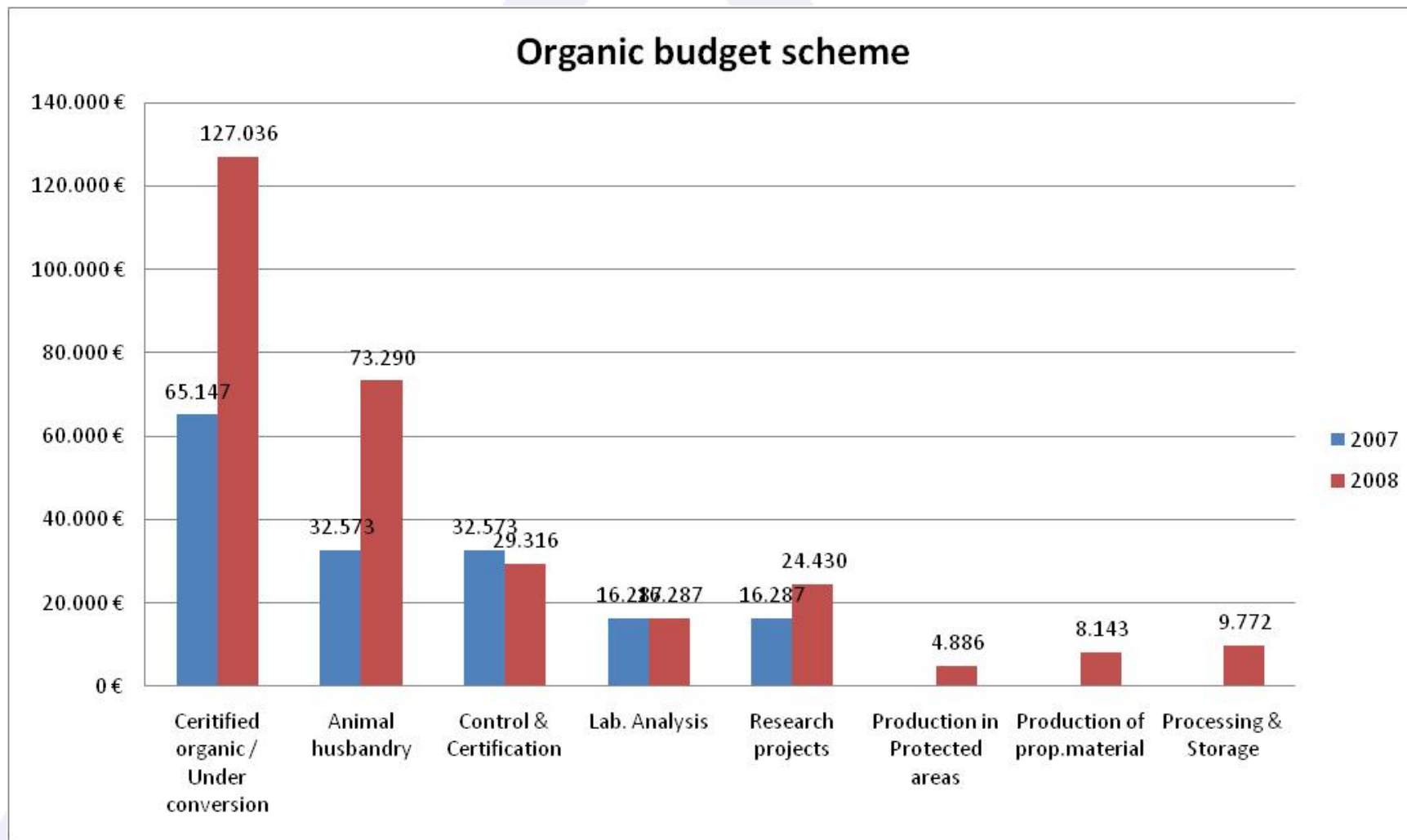
Strategic goals

4. Organic products & eco-regions to become a part of IPARD 2007-2010, as a base for the development of eco-tourism;
5. To improve efficiency of advisory services (public & private partnership);
6. To ensure effective vertical & horizontal coordination and collaboration among institutions and NGO's;
7. To improve relations with EU member states in order to provide exchange of knowledge, information and skills;
8. To cooperate with other int'l organizations and IFOAM;
9. To ensure submission of annual reports, as well as M&E of different programs and activities.

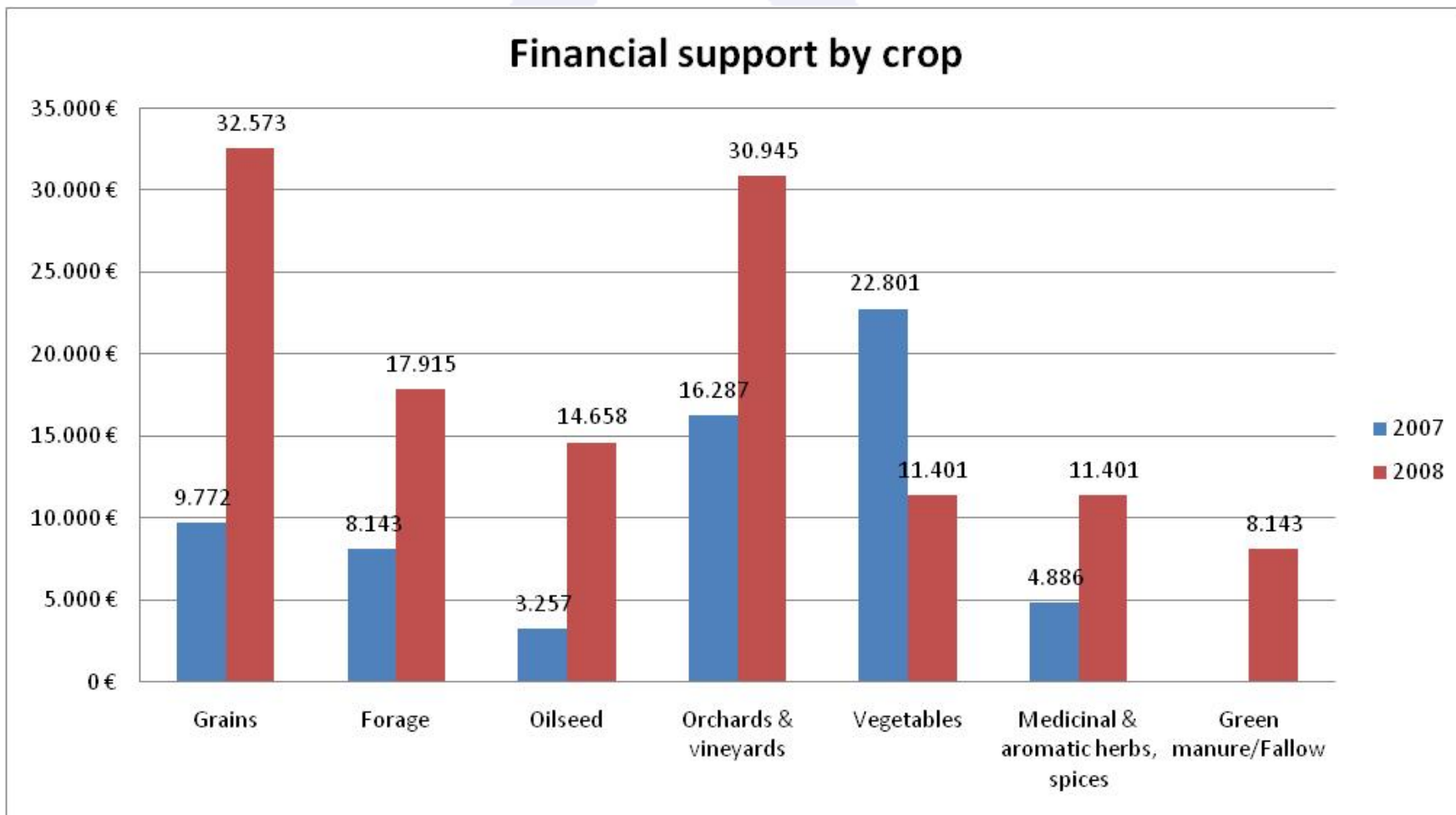
Support volume



Support structure

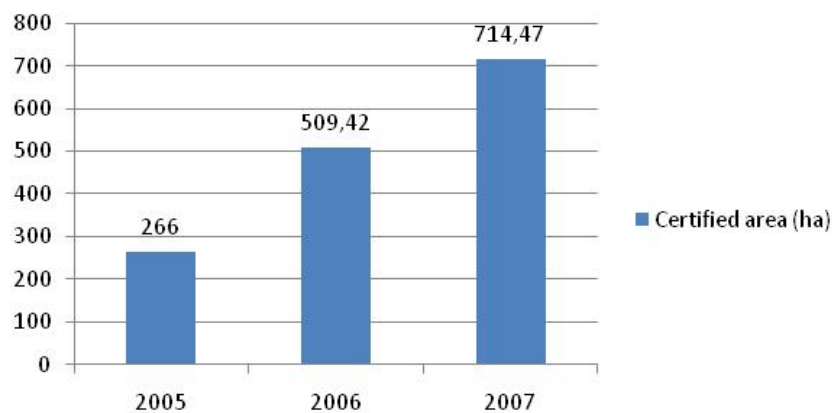


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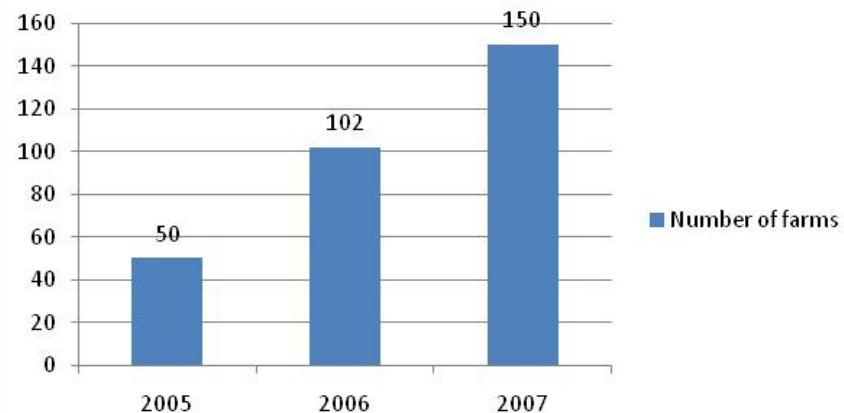


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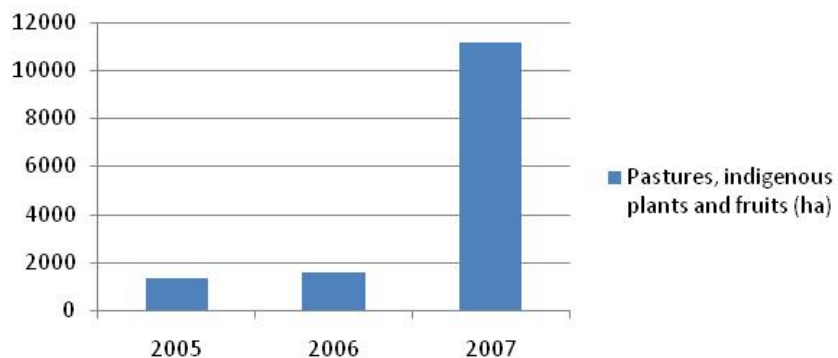
Certified area (ha)



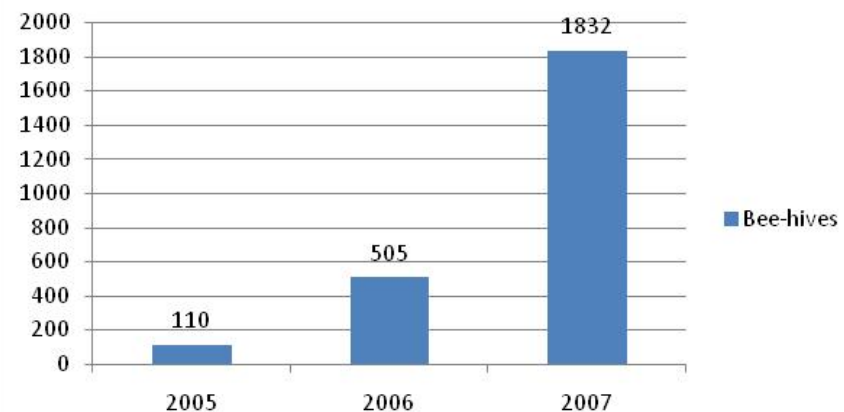
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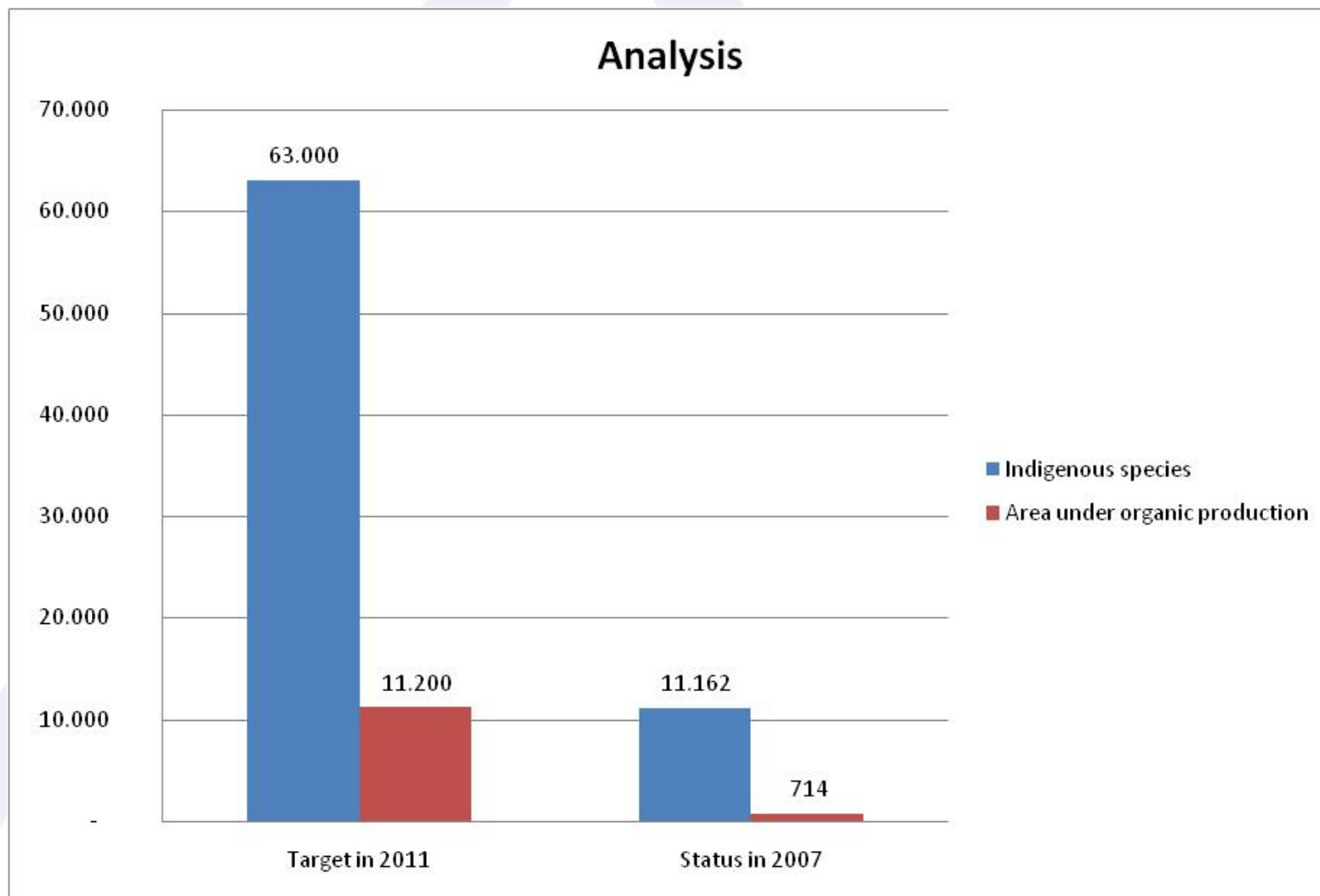
Pastures, indigenous plants and fruits (ha)



Bee-hives



Evaluation



Processing & Trade

1. Increase the number of processing companies;
2. To improve the knowledge & skills of the employees in the registered companies for applied technology in processing organic products;
3. To increase the number of organic products on the market

Market development

Domestic

1. To improve market's transparency;
2. To improve public awareness on the benefit of organic food;
3. To increase sales of organic products;
4. To stimulate the development of eco-tourism followed by the sales of organic products;

International

1. To improve understanding of foreign markets and to improve Macedonian products' competitiveness
2. To increase sales of Macedonian organic products

Training & Education

1. Organic agriculture to become part of the education process in high-schools and faculties;
2. To improve the knowledge on organic agriculture among all stakeholders;
3. To establish permanent cooperation in the area of T&E with Int'l institutions

Research

1. To initiate research activities in organic production;
2. To initiate research for the potential of Macedonia's natural resources;
3. To coordinate the activities between scientific institutions and projects (domestic & Int'l)

Policy, Legislation, Control

1. To harmonize all domestic organic regulations with the Int'l ones, especially with EU regulations;
2. To establish continuous support policy on organic agriculture;
3. To improve the level of knowledge of the institutions included in the system of organic agriculture (knowledge, HRD, infrastructure)
4. Effective implementation of system of control;
5. To improve mutual communication of all stakeholders;
6. Sustainable exploration of natural resources;
7. Effective implementation of the NAP