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Set of measures to address the environmental consequences of the direct and indirect impacts of the war in Ukraine on the Carpathians

In response to the Russian military aggression in Ukraine and its various negative consequences for the Carpathian region, the Carpathian Convention under the leadership of Poland, holding the Presidency of the Convention, demonstrated support and reaffirmed its close cooperation with Ukraine. In this respect, the Carpathian Ministerial Conference was held on 21-22 November 2022 in Rzeszów, Poland, which witnessed an adoption of the **Ministerial Declaration of the Carpathian Convention on the impact of war on the environment in Ukraine and the need for cooperation and assistance**¹. Based on the Ministerial Declaration and its provisions, as well as with reference to the report on impact of war on natural environment of the Carpathians in Ukraine², which was prepared as a background material for the ministerial conference, the consultations regarding possible support activities for Ukraine were initiated by Poland with support of the Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention.

These consultations allowed for elaboration of the list of needs of environmental protection institutions of the Carpathian region in Ukraine by the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Natural Resources of Ukraine³ and to substantiate further discussion on possible measures by the Carpathian Convention and relevant stakeholders and partners.

As a possible at the given time response to the presented needs for cooperation and assistance to Ukraine, the following measures are proposed to be undertaken within the Carpathian Convention framework and with possible support of the Parties and stakeholders to the Convention:

- **Supporting active participation of Ukraine in the Carpathian Convention activities**
This might include establishing of a group of Ukraine representatives (governmental, regional, local, civil society, academia) directly involved in the Carpathian Convention sectoral activities.
- **Supporting capacity building for the relevant stakeholders:**
Provide trainings, webinars, twinning programmes to support building capacities of the relevant stakeholders in Ukraine for the benefit of Ukraine and the Carpathian region. This might include organization of various trainings and study visits to the Carpathian countries for a group of employees of protected areas administration from the Ukrainian Carpathians. Such a training programme and related study visits could be organized jointly by the Carpathian Parties and the Secretariat in the 2024. A detailed programme, thematic scope, and contributions by volunteering Parties to be elaborated in the due course based on the further discussion with the Carpathian Convention Parties.

¹ The Ministerial Declaration is annexed, see Annex 1, p. 3 or [online](#)

² [Report on impact of war on natural environment of the Carpathians in Ukraine](#).

³ See annex 3

- **Addressing key sectors**

Support to Ukraine will be provided in areas of cooperation relevant for the Carpathian region from the environmental and sustainable development perspective, including: biodiversity, natural resources management, protected areas, forestry, agriculture, rural development, sustainable tourism, circular economy, reducing pollution.

- **Cooperation and exchange among university**

Promote and facilitate activities supporting Ukrainian scientists and institutions, establishing better cooperation with Ukrainian universities, developing of a joint course or a study programme, particularly in the context of the Science for the Carpathian cooperation.

- **Keeping Ukrainian Carpathians under review**

To the extent possible, observing further the direct and indirect impacts of the war on the Carpathian region (as initiate by the [report](#)).

- **Strengthening environmental governance**

Activities supporting implementation of the Carpathian Convention in Ukraine will simultaneously enable Ukraine to implement the environmental commitments of various international frameworks (e.g. EU environmental polices or CBD GBF), and fostering shifting Ukrainian policy development and implementation towards EU values and standards.

- **Building partnership**

Provide further support to Ukraine will facilitate building and catalyzing partnerships in a global, regional, bilateral and transboundary context.

- **Ukraine support platform under Convention**

Carpathian Convention platform for collaboration between different stakeholders and the development of activities that generate support.

- **Carpathian Convention Cooperation Project**

Setting up the “Carpathian Convention cooperation project” by the Secretariat as a practical tool for enabling support activities listed above.

As the immediate steps to be undertaken within the presented framework of support to Ukraine, the Secretariat was requested by the Ukraine and Poland to assist in elaborating a large international project that will respond to some of the needs voiced by Ukraine, particularly in respect to enhancing protected areas network for biodiversity conservation in the Ukrainian part of the Carpathians.

In addition, the Secretariat will elaborate an inventory of ongoing initiatives focusing on support to Ukraine, which are relevant for the Carpathian Convention aspects. This will enable exchange, building synergies and further cooperation for the benefit of green recovery and reconstruction of Ukraine.

This presented document shall be considered as a rolling document that might require further updates and revisions in order to provide relevant and feasible assistance within the framework of the Carpathian Convention.

Annex 1



Ministerial Declaration of the Carpathian Convention on the impact of war on the environment in Ukraine and the need for cooperation and assistance

We, the Ministers and High-Level Representatives of the Czech Republic, Hungary, the Republic of Poland, Romania, the Republic of Serbia, the Slovak Republic and Ukraine, being responsible for implementation of the Framework Convention on the Protection and Sustainable Development of the Carpathians (hereinafter referred to as the “Carpathian Convention”), having met in Rzeszów, Poland on 22 November 2022, on the occasion of the Carpathian Ministerial Conference

Taking into account the Russian military aggression in Ukraine and its negative ecological, socio-economic and humanitarian consequences for the Carpathian region;

Recalling the provisions of the Carpathian Convention on the importance of sub-regional cooperation for the protection and sustainable development of the Carpathians;

Stressing the efforts invested in building strong collaboration and friendship for sustainable future of the unique Carpathian region, which the Ukrainian part of the Carpathians constitute a remarkable and critical part of;

Noting the statement by the deputy minister of environmental protection and natural resources of Ukraine and the report on the impact of war on the natural environment of the Carpathians in Ukraine and the identified needs to address its consequences

- reaffirm our close cooperation with Ukraine on the further implementation of the Carpathian Convention for the protection and sustainable development of the whole Carpathian region;
- express our will to assist Ukraine in possible measures needed to address the environmental consequences of the direct and indirect impacts of the war in Ukraine on the Carpathians, particularly on the natural environment and on the nature protection services;
- emphasize the role of the Carpathian Convention as an important intergovernmental mechanism and in this respect recommend further consultation with relevant actors on providing support to measures needed to address the consequences of the direct and indirect impacts of the war in Ukraine on the Carpathians, as appropriate;
- invite stakeholders and partners to contribute to the process of green recovery and reconstruction of Ukraine.

Annex 2

The needs of environmental protection institutions of the Carpathian region (list provided by the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Natural Resources of Ukraine)

Priority of the issue	I	II	III	IV	V
Name of the institution	The needs in vehicle	Land issues	The needs in office equipment	Uniform needs	Other needs (technical and training)
Carpathian Biosphere Reserve	Off-road passenger cars - 5 units, Cargo (dumper, four-wheel drive, up to 2 tons) - 3 units, Cargo (dumper, four-wheel drive, over 5 tons) - 1 unit,	Land management projects regarding the allocation of land plots to the institution (+ estimated development cost, UAH, \$) 2,687,040 hryvnias / \$72,780	Uninterruptible power supply units - 50 pcs., scanners - 5 pcs., cartridges for printers - 50 pcs.	50 sets of uniform, snowshoes - 75 pairs.	photo traps (55 pcs.), thermal imager (12 pcs.); ultrasonic altimeter (1 pc.); SLR digital camera (5 pcs.); LED headlamp (3 pcs.); binoculars (2 pcs.); binoculars (5 pcs.), , sleeping bags Winter-Autumn - 15 pcs.,
Nature reserve "Gorgany"	Off-road passenger cars - 2 units	-	Smartphones with SMART - 10 pcs	-	-
National natural park «Synevyr»	Off-road passenger cars - 5 units, 1 bus, 10 motorcycles, 5 ATVs, 50 bicycles.	Land management projects regarding the allocation of land plots to the institution (+ estimated development cost, UAH, \$) 377.8 hectares/ 94450 hryvnias / \$2360 Development of a land management project regarding the organization and establishment of the boundaries of the territory of the plots included in the institution without withdrawal (+ estimated cost of development, UAH, \$) 13192 ha/ 3957600 hryvnias / \$98940	-	-	-
Uzhanskyi National natural park	Off-road passenger cars - 5 units, 1 minibus, fire truck,	Land management projects regarding the allocation of land plots to the institution (+ estimated development cost, UAH, \$) 4,130,000 hryvnias / \$111,865 Development of a land management project regarding the organization	5 computers, 5 laptops, 5 printers (1 of them is color)	70 sets of uniform, snowshoes - 15 pairs.	-

	tractor with attached equipment Mountain bikes - 20 pcs.	and establishment of the boundaries of the territory of the plots included in the institution without withdrawal (+ estimated cost of development, UAH, \$) 2,300,000 hryvnias / \$62,298			
National natural park «Zacharovany Krai»	1 truck; 2 off-road passenger cars	-	2 computers, 2 laptops.	48 sets of uniform	-
Karpatskyi National natural park	2 trucks 5 cars	Land management projects regarding the allocation of land plots to the institution (+ estimated development cost, UAH, \$) 12,000,000 hryvnias / \$325,029 Development of a land management project regarding the organization and establishment of the boundaries of the territory of the plots included in the institution without withdrawal (+ estimated cost of development, UAH, \$) 5,500,000 hryvnias / \$148,942	Smartphones (33 pcs.) with SMART software	Summer uniform (38 sets)	-
Verkhovynskyi National natural park	4 off-road passenger cars, 1 dump truck	The project of land management regarding the allocation of land plots to the institution (+ estimated development cost, UAH, \$) 961,966 hryvnias / \$26,305	-	62 sets of uniform and shoes	-
National natural park «Hutsulshchyna»	7 off-road passenger cars	Land management projects regarding the allocation of land plots to the institution (+ estimated development cost, UAH, \$) 5,472.2 hectares/ 2,527,336 hryvnias / \$68,455 Development of a land management project regarding the organization and establishment of the boundaries of the territory of the plots included in the institution without withdrawal (+ estimated cost of development, UAH, \$)	-	-	3- solid fuel boilers,

		24,665 hectares/ 12,077,584 hryvnias / \$327,131			
National natural park «Syniohora»	3 off-road passenger cars; 1 truck.	The project of land management regarding the allocation of land plots to the institution (+ estimated development cost, UAH, \$) 2,000,000 hryvnias / \$54,172 Other projects 1,900,000 hryvnias / \$51,463	9 computers with Web cameras; 3 multifunctional printers; 3 routers	30 sets of uniform and shoes	staff training (30 employees) in modern methods of ecosystem protection and scientific research; internship of 3 researchers abroad.
National natural park «Skolivsky Beskydy»	1- cargo, 7 off-road passenger cars 1-fire engine 6-motorcycles	Development of a land management project regarding the organization and establishment of the boundaries of the territory of the plots included in the institution without withdrawal (+ estimated cost of development, UAH, \$) 1,650,300 hryvnias / \$44,700 Other projects 280,000 hryvnias / \$7,584	Smartphones for electronic accounting of wood – 7 pcs. electronic measuring fork - 3 pcs., laser rangefinder - 3 pcs., laser altimeter - 2 pcs., portable thermal device - 3, computer equipment up to EOD-6	83 sets of uniforms and shoes	Chainsaw - 3 pcs.
National natural park «Boykivshchyna»	2 off-road passenger cars, tractor DTZ S404 K with equipment	Development of a land management project regarding the organization and establishment of the boundaries of the territory of the plots included in the institution without withdrawal (+ estimated cost of development, UAH, \$) 12,240 ha/ 340,000 hryvnias / \$9,210	5 computers, 2 laptops	67 sets of uniform and shoes, snowshoes - 10 pairs	rangefinders (1), ultrasonic altimeters (1). Camera traps (20), binoculars (4), binoculars (1),
National natural park «Korolivsky Beskydy»	3 off-road passenger cars, 1 tractor	Development of the Land Management Project regarding the allocation of land plots to the institution (+ estimated development cost, UAH, \$) 8,691 ha/ 2,500,000 hryvnias / \$67,720	20 computers, 2 copiers, 1 risograph, smartphones – 11 pcs.,	36 sets of uniform and shoes	1 acoustic system 3 cameras, portable radios - 36 pcs., video surveillance system - 1 pc., photo traps - 15 pcs.
Cheremoskyi National natural park	4 pcs. off-road passenger cars; 2 pcs. trucks	-	A3 scanner – 1 pc., A3 printer - 1 pc.	50 sets of uniform and shoes	laser range finder – 1 pc., binoculars - 3 pcs., photo traps - 10 pcs.,

					lanterns - 4 pcs., quadcopter - 1 pc. thermal imager - 1 pc.
Vyzhnytskyi National natural park	5 off-road passenger cars	Land management projects regarding the allocation of land plots to the institution (+ estimated development cost, UAH, \$) 1,372 ha/ 650,000 hryvnias / \$16,650 Development of a land management project regarding the organization and establishment of the boundaries of the territory of the plots included in the institution without withdrawal (+ estimated cost of development, UAH, \$) 2,981.1 ha/ 1,375,000 hryvnias / \$35,200 Other projects 7,002.7 ha / 875,000 hryvnias / \$22,500	-	15 sets of uniform and shoes	altimeter - 2
Regional landscape park «Nadsyanski y»	1 passenger car	-	Printer for color printing - 1 pc.	3 sets of uniform	5 Binoculars, 1 camera
Regional landscape park «Verkhniodn istrovsky Beskydy»	1 off-road passenger car	-	Laptops - 4 pcs., tablets - 2 pcs.,	4 sets of uniform	4 binoculars, 1 camera

Annex 3 – Support framework within the Carpathian Convention

