Renewing the Memorandum of Cooperation between Convention on Biological Diversity Alpine Convention Carpathian Convention









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## **Cooperation with CBD**

- In 2008, CBD AC CC Memorandum of Cooperation recognizing the relevance of cooperating towards the common goal of biodiversity conservation
- Implementing the CBD Programme of Work on Mountain Biological Diversity
- AC and CC observer status to the CBD

# **Renewed in light of GBF**

 exceptional opportunity for enhancing synergies and reinforcing the implementation of biodiversity-related conventions and processes

 initiating common activities for the implementation of this new framework;

- AC and CC play a substantial role in translating and supporting the global biodiversity goals and targets at the regional level
- example emphasizing the importance of cooperation to achieve the objectives of the post-2020 GBF

enhance the GBF implementation in the Alps and the Carpathians

**OBJECTIVE** 

strengthen experience sharing with other mountain regions of the world



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#### **AREAS OF COOPERATION**

- exchange of information and experience
- communication and awareness-raising
- initiate further joint activities, with special reference to the post-2020 GBF and the CBD Programme of Work on Mountain Biological Diversity
- cooperate to promote active participation of all the relevant stakeholders
- jointly promote mainstreaming biodiversity into all sectors
- cooperate in fundraising for mountain-tomountain partnership programmes

## **PRIORITY THEMATIC FIELDS:**

- enhancement or restoration of ecological connectivity,
- strengthening networks of protected areas,
- sustainable management and protection of large carnivores,
- support to and promotion of ecosystem restoration,
- improvement of species conservation and management of invasive species;
- Protection of wilderness areas, old growth forests and other vulnerable mountain zones,
- support to the conservation of network of water bodies and wetlands;
- promoting environmentally friendly agriculture and food chains;
- strengthening of synergies between biodiversity conservation and climate change mitigation and adaptation
- promotion of the role of mountain ecosystems in providing crucial ecosystem services;
- ➤ harmonisation of reporting, targets and indicators.



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# **Process is finalized !**



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