



BioREGIO Work Package 4

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General description

I. Main outputs expected

- **Study on regional development opportunities** represented by protected areas and natural assets in the Carpathians
- **Study on common integrated management measures** including assessment, standards, methodology and strategy for
 - Forests
 - Wetlands
 - Large carnivores and herbivores
 - High Nature Value Farmlands
- **Study on financial mechanisms and economic tools for protected areas** (ISCC in cooperation with Lead Partner – Piatra Craiului National Park)
- **Networks improved** - CNPA (ISCC)



Study on regional development opportunities I

Why?

- Values and benefits of protected areas and natural assets
- Differences between urban and rural areas; difficulties in the countryside (economic, social, demographic etc.)
- Areas with most natural values often are the least developed ones
- Tendency of EU policies and funds (e.g. guidelines, Communications, funding streams, payment for ecosystem services)
- Information on funding opportunities
- Opportunities not used to their capacities



Jointly for our common future



Study on regional development opportunities II



Sustainable development refers to “development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs”



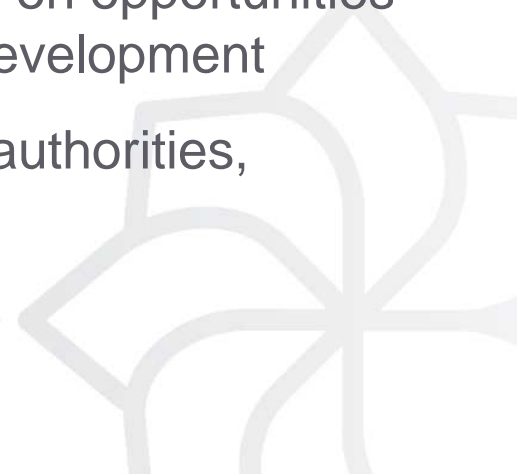
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OBJECTIVES

To develop a comprehensive report on regional development opportunities represented by protected areas and natural assets in the Carpathian ecoregion focusing on tourism, forest management, fisheries, agriculture /organic products, energy, game management and non-timber forest products

A useful, practical study with examples on how to build on opportunities of protected areas and natural assets for regional development

Targeted at stakeholders (e.g. businesses operating), authorities, protected area managers, businesses and NGOs



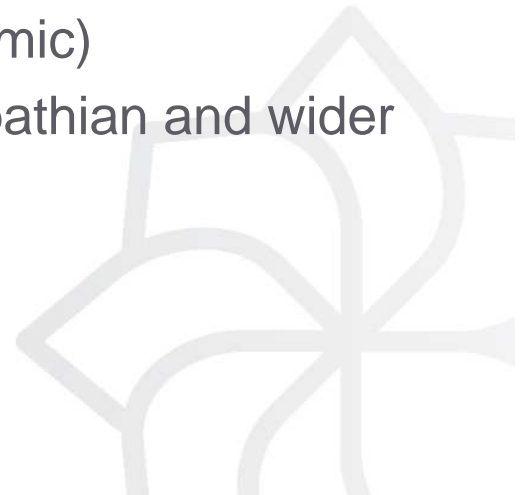
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METHODOLOGY 1

Literature and policy review:

Focus:

- Legislation
- Soft policy tools (strategies, plans, programmes etc.)
- Current situation (both natural and socio-economic)
- Existing good practice examples (from the Carpathian and wider EU)



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METHODOLOGY 2

Involvement of local stakeholders

- Stakeholder Consultation Meetings in HU, RO, SK, RS

Involvement of experts

- **Project partners** via questionnaire
- **Additional experts** via targeted interviews & Work Package 4 Meetings

Focus:

- Specificities of the Carpathians
- On-ground experience
- Limitations and obstacles to regional development and use of opportunities of protected areas
- To fill information gaps



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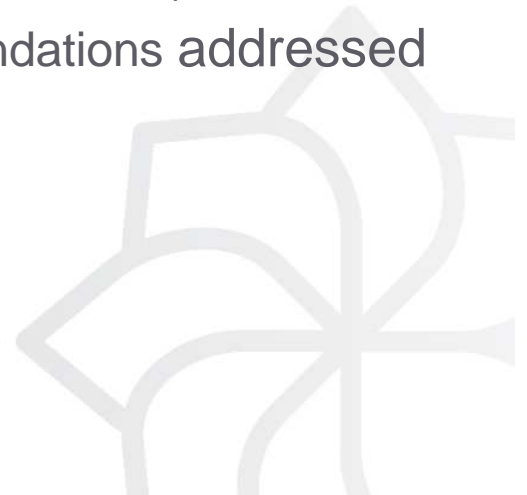
1. Introduction

2. Protected areas and natural assets in the Carpathians

3. Sectoral analysis and recommendations by sectors

- Challenges (main barriers, main pressures on biodiversity etc.)
- Opportunities (incl. funding)
- Good practice examples (2 examples of existing businesses)
- Recommendations (to the point, practical recommendations addressed to 3 audiences: authorities, businesses and NGOs)

4. Conclusions



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SECTORS

- Tourism, incl. hunting & angling
- Agriculture and organic products
- Forestry
- Game management
- Non-timber forest products
- Fisheries
- Energy



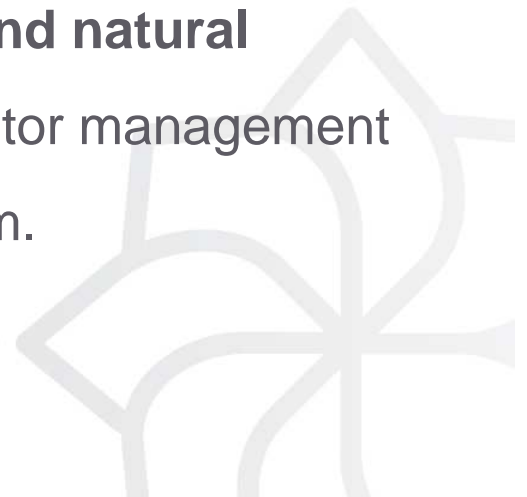


Study on Common Integrated Management Measures I

RATIONALE & PURPOSE

There is a need for **harmonizing protected area and natural resource management** including all relevant sectors and stakeholders as contribution to the implementation of the Biodiversity Protocol ratified by the Carpathian Convention.

The study will be a **practical tool to protected area and natural resource managers** how to plan, implement and monitor management measures that include all sectors related to the problem.



Study on Common Integrated Management Measures II

WHAT ARE CIMM?

Common management measures should be **concrete strategic approaches and actions** that can be implemented by one or more target groups, directly contributing to the **long term favourable conservation state** of the asset.



Study on Common Integrated Management Measures III

WHAT ARE CIMM?

Standards and measures shall outline the lower limits for integrated management for each natural asset, a baseline for conservation including values and threats.

Recommendations for improvement of management measures and monitoring will be elaborated and presented to the Parties of the Carpathian Convention



Study on Common Integrated Management Measures IV

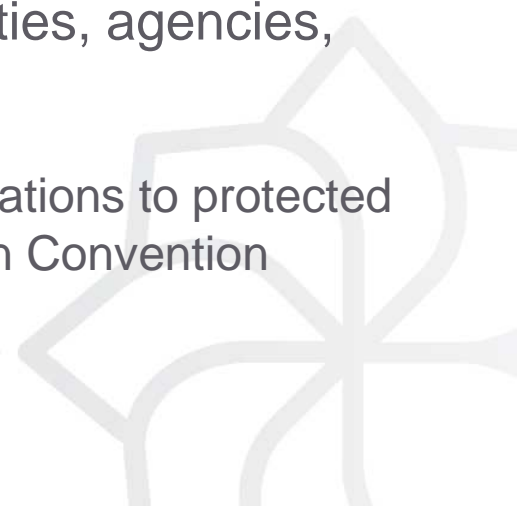
CIMM for what?

- Forests
- High Nature Value Farmlands (HNVF)
- Large Carnivores and large herbivores
- Wetlands



Target groups: Protected area managers, local authorities, agencies,
natural resource managers

Focused on natural assets management with possible applications to protected
areas and recommendations to the Parties of the Carpathian Convention



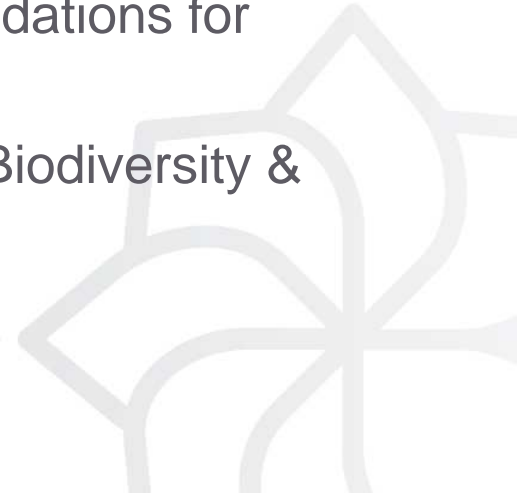
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METHODOLOGY

Draft structure development by the expert
Establishment of expert **working groups** on
forests, large carnivores & herbivores
wetlands, HNMF - expert

Stakeholder Consultation Meetings to
discuss values, threats and management
measures in practice at the local level and recommendations for
improvements

Consultations with the Carpathian Convention WG on Biodiversity &
Carpathian Network of Protected Areas



Study on Common Integrated Management Measures V

CONTENT

- A. Introduction and summary
- B. Assessment: key characteristics, current management measures, main threats
- C. Strategy
 - C1. Ideal management requirements for the asset and its variants
 - C2. Targets and Management Objectives
 - C2.1 Existing targets, obligations and objectives
 - C2.2 Proposed goal and targets



CONTENT

D. Management and Monitoring

D1. Management measures

Specific & wider conservation management measures

Measures related to the enabling environment

Essential research priorities

Other measures

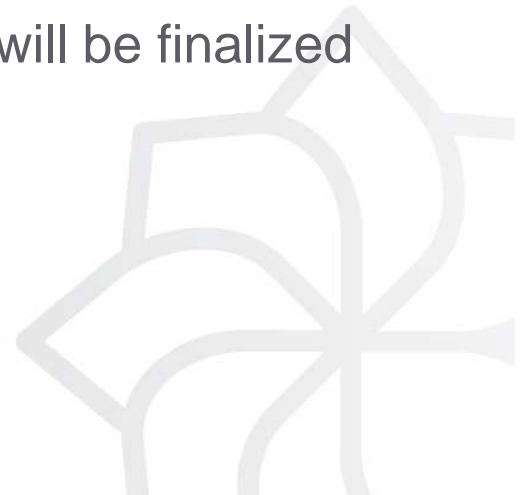
D2. Measures required for monitoring the asset and variants, and the effectiveness of management

Monitoring & information management



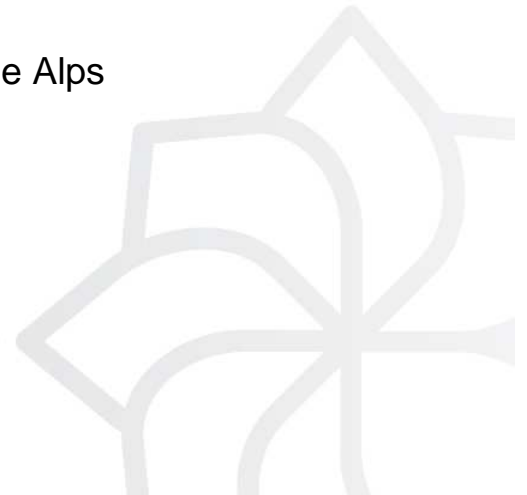
Next steps

- **4th and final WP4 meeting** to be held in Hungary in June together with WP6
Final draft of the studies will be discussed together with experts, working groups and project partners
- Studies will be finalized end of September 2013
- Study on financial mechanisms for protected areas will be finalized in September 2013



Linkage with other Work Packages

- **WP6 – Pilot projects**
 - Joint meeting is planned on 25-27 June to discuss and incorporate the CIMM that are planned for the transboundary pilot areas
- **WP7 – Intergovernmental platform and stakeholder involvement**
 - all 4 Stakeholder Consultation Meetings have taken place in HU, RO, SK and RS to gain input from the local level for the 2 studies, reports are on the way
- **WP5 – Continuity and connectivity**
 - Input of case studies on regional development opportunities from the Alps



Other activities WWF is responsible for

- WP3 : Organization of 2nd CNPA Conference, Tatranská Javorina, SK, 23-26 April 2013
In cooperation with the State Nature Conservancy
- WP3: Development of the Common Integrated Biodiversity Information System
Ongoing restructuring and preparation of the platform for data input from other work packages
- WP7: Pan-Carpathian Day of Parks = Carpathian Parks Day

[pls address any other presentation so far]



Thank you for your attention!

