



Role and contribution of the Carpathian Convention into the post-2020 process/ Memorandum of Cooperation between CBD, Alpine and the Carpathian Conventions in the light of the post-2020 GBF



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Advocacy

Advocating for raising the importance of mountain biodiversity in the post-2020 GBF process and promoting the Carpathian Convention

Increasing the attention of the Carpathian stakeholders to the post-2020 GBF and the need for synergies between the processes

Mandate

- Carpathian Convention COP6 Decisions – chapter on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework

Empowerment

- Empowering the GBF process in the region
- CC as regional mechanism for the implementation of CBD and the GBF
- enhancing synergies among different biodiversity-related conventions
- streamlining and strengthening efforts for achieving the core objectives of both conventions

Commitment

- Carpathian Commitments for the implementation of the Post-2020 GBF
- Ministerial declaration on protecting the Carpathian biodiversity

Strengthening the cooperation for better protection of mountain biodiversity

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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 MOC in the light of the post-2020 GBF

- exceptional opportunity for **enhancing synergies** and reinforcing the implementation of biodiversity-related conventions and processes to halt biodiversity loss and restore ecosystems
- 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, including through establishing or renewing cooperation frameworks.

OBJECTIVE

to enhance the **post-2020 GBF implementation in the Alps and the Carpathians**, and to 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-to-mountain 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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UPDATES AND NEXT STEPS

Consultation process finalized

- Text of the MoC approved by all Parties involved

Signing in progress

- Signing the new MoC only after adoption of the Post-2020 GBF
- CBD COP15 takes place in December 2022 in Canada

Implementation to start ASAP

- Need for consultation on the priority actions implementing the MoC
- Bringing the MoC provision to life by projects on the ground
- Important role of various stakeholders

HEADS UP! – Mountain Biodiversity side event at the CBD COP15
(pending approval)





Thank you for your
attention!

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