

Improving the Financial sustainability of the Carpathian Network of Protected Areas

Medium Size GEF Project

UNDP Romania, Romanian National Forest
Administration

Objective

The objective is to secure the financial sustainability of Romania's Carpathian network of PAs, and share the experience with the other administrations of Carpathian Protected Areas.

Component 1 - Supportive legislative framework and Sustainable PA Financing Strategy

Set of by-laws developed and amendments to existing laws adopted

Sustainable Financing Strategy (SFS) for 22 large PAs in the Romanian Carpathians developed

Government commits to gradually increase funding

Model business plans developed to demonstrate specific market-based revenue mechanisms for 5 clusters of PAs in the Romanian Carpathians

Set of PA diversified income-generation mechanisms (market and non-market options) validated in at least 3 PAs (Vanatori Neamt Nature Park, Parcul National Craiului National Park and Maramuresului Mountains Nature Park)

capacities of management authorities and other local stakeholders to realize sustainable financing of PAs developed

critical number of PA finance professionals trained

Carpathian National Association of Protected Area administrations established in Romania

improved information management linking PA management plans (programs and activities) with financial management/accounting systems

lessons and knowledge documented and transferred to key actors representing PAs from other Carpathian countries

Learning community

Countries

- Romania
- Czech
- Poland
- Slovakia
- Ukraine
- Serbia
- Hungary

Organization

- CZ, SK, PL, UA, HU - budgetary institutions
- Poland changed recently
- RO – Various – NFA, Local Authorities, Universities
- SRB - state enterprise

Objectives

- permanent cooperation framework on financing PAs
- improve financial management
- offer for sharing best examples of legislation and institutional framework
- offer information on PAs financing opportunities – self financing or from projects
- cooperation with other networks in this field – especially Alparc and Danube Parks

Structure and members

- Core working group on finance within CNPA - WGF – 1 person/country - keep costs low + CNPA SC
- PAs from the network
- scientists, academic, S4C
- National authorities, other structures linked to PAs
- other networks - Alparc, Danube
- Partners in international projects in the region
- Potential donors, land owners, resource users
- ENGLISH

CORE WORKING GROUP

involvement in financial decision-making or direct responsibility of financial management, either at the administration level or at the central level;

familiarized with the daily PA activities, management planning, costs, income generating activities.

willing to take part as active members in the core team

skills;

preferably experienced in international cooperation projects;

Key thematic areas

The project will develop a series of training modules which will include topics such as:

Financial analysis and result-oriented cost accounting

Optimization of financial management systems

Assessing cost-saving opportunities and developing strategies

Screening and selection of financial mechanisms

Financial feasibility analysis

Formulation of PA financial strategies

Development of learning material

- project reports
- documented processes from the activities of the project
- webpages designers
- project booklet - project team
- training modules - developed by a specialized body (NGO, academic institution etc) – ex. Nature Conservancy training modules for PAs management

Delivery

- CNPA site - carpathianparks.org
- WWF CHM - natura2000.ro
- Association - ariirotejate.eu
- Carpathian convention carpathianconvention.org
- printed best practice booklet for PAs - maybe a version for WCPA???
- explained methodologies of the project findings
- creating training modules or guidelines for trainers for students and professionals - to be used in universities, training NGOs etc.(Propark in Ro)

2012

- select and appoint the members of the core WGF
- replication of financial analysis - SK - January, Ukraine, Serbia, Poland...
- meeting of the WGF – June/July ?
- autumn - start working on training modules
- put info on virtual delivery mechs. - permanent, as activities are finalized
- end of year - meeting of WGF for business plans, booklet, modules