



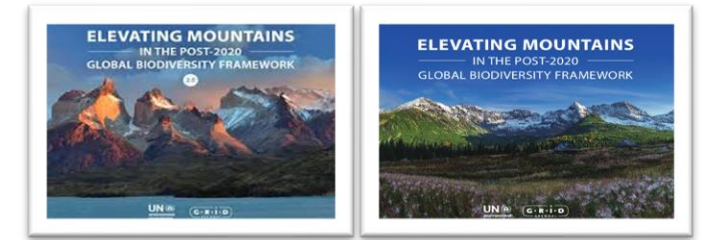
## 13th Carpathian Convention Working Group on Biodiversity

Presentation of a draft Memorandum of Cooperation between CBD, Alpine and the Carpathian Conventions in the light of the post-2020 GBF

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# Promoting the Carpathians at the global level: Carpathian Convention implementation of the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework

## Global process

- New global biodiversity framework under auspices of the Convention on Biological Diversity to be adopted at CBD COP15 in 2022
- active engagement of the Secretariat in raising the importance of mountain biodiversity and promoting the Carpathian Convention with the global process

## Role and contribution of the Carpathian Convention

- CC as regional mechanism for the implementation, an example of unique regional cooperation
- advocating for mountain biodiversity (insights, policy briefs, indicators, side-events)
- enhancing synergies among different biodiversity-related conventions + review of implementation and reporting (DaRT)
- possible Carpathian Commitments for the implementation of the Post-2020 GBF

## Memorandum of Cooperation

- trilateral MoC between the CBD, the Alpine Convention and the Carpathian Convention
- updated and undergoing consultation, to be signed after COP 15
- instrument for enhancing synergies and supporting common activities on topic of mutual interest



# Strengthening the cooperation for better protection of mountain biodiversity

## Alpine and the Carpathian Conventions

- currently the **only two legally binding** instruments worldwide dedicated to the environmental protection and sustainable development of transnational mountain regions
- placing the **conservation and restoration** of mountain biodiversity **at the top of their agendas**
- undertaking considerable efforts to **mainstream biodiversity** into other sectors
- Serving as **role models for other mountain regions** and inspire collaboration and knowledge exchange

## Cooperation with CBD

- In 2008, CBD –AC – CC Memorandum of Cooperation recognising 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

## Post-2020 global biodiversity framework

- exceptional opportunity for **enhancing synergies** and reinforcing the implementation of biodiversity-related conventions and processes to halt biodiversity loss and restore ecosystems
- AC and CC play a substantial role in **translating** and supporting the **global biodiversity goals and targets at the regional level**
- important instrument **for GBF implementation in the Alps and the Carpathians**, and **sharing with other mountain regions of the world**
- example emphasizing the **importance of cooperation** to achieve the objectives of the post-2020 GBF, including through establishing or renewing cooperation frameworks

# Draft text of the Memorandum of Cooperation – composition and provisions

## Preamble recognizing

- objectives of the three conventions, most relevant instruments, declarations, decisions, PoWs
- role that the Alpine and the Carpathian Conventions play in promoting the importance of the mountain ecosystems
- relevant UN instruments, programmes and resolutions
- relevant EU environmental policies, strategies and programmes
- need for better engagement of regional and local authorities, local communities, civil society and other stakeholders in the implementation of the three Conventions

## Art. 1 - OBJECTIVE

to enhance the cooperation between the CBD, the Alpine Convention and the Carpathian Convention (acting through their Secretariats) with regard to the implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework in the Alpine and the Carpathian regions, and to strengthen experience sharing with other mountain regions of the world.

## Art. 2 – AREAS OF COOPERATION

- exchange of information and experience
- communication and awareness-raising
- 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

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### 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

## OTHER ARTICLES :

- Organization of cooperation
- Focal Points
- Use of Logos
- Dispute Settlement
- Effectiveness, Amendment and Termination



## NEXT STEPS

### Finalizing consultation process within the Convention

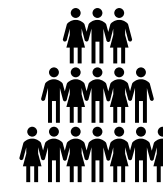
- Positive response from the Carpathian Convention Focal Points
- Sharing with the WG Biodiversity and discussion at the 13<sup>th</sup> Carpathian Convention Working Group on Biodiversity
- Ongoing consultation process within the Alpine Convention
- Sharing revised draft with AC and CC and CBD
- Final agreement on the MoC text

### Adoption of the Post-2020 GBF

- Signing the new MoC only after adoption of the Post-2020 GBF
- CBD COP15 later this year, dates to be confirmed
- High-level Mountain side event at CBD COP15 presenting the new MoC

### Signing of the MoC

- At the next suitable occasion, e.g. Carpathian Convention Ministerial Conference in Poland later in 2022
- Developing the Carpathian Commitments for the Post-2020 GBF
- Active implementation of the MoC





Thank you for your  
attention!

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