



Strategic Action Plan for Forests

Forest protection and
management in the
Carpathian ecoregion –
challenges and opportunities

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WWF Danube-Carpathian Programme





WWF in the region

WWF - DCP Strategy in 25 words

	Carpathians	Danube
Species	Large carnivores - habitats - corridors	Sturgeons
Places	Landscapes - PAs –efficient management - HCVF - Responsible Forest Management - Wilderness	Floodplain Wetlands
Threats and Drivers	Illegal developments - stop imminent threats	Navigation, hydro
Policy Frameworks	Carpathian Convention EU Directives and Regulations	ICPDR WFD
Crosscutting issues	Protected Areas High conservation value forests	



WWF-DCP priorities and work on forests

Priorities for Carpathian forests and Carpathian Convention

Forest Protection

Virgin Forests

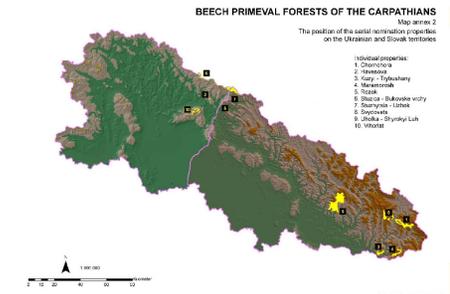
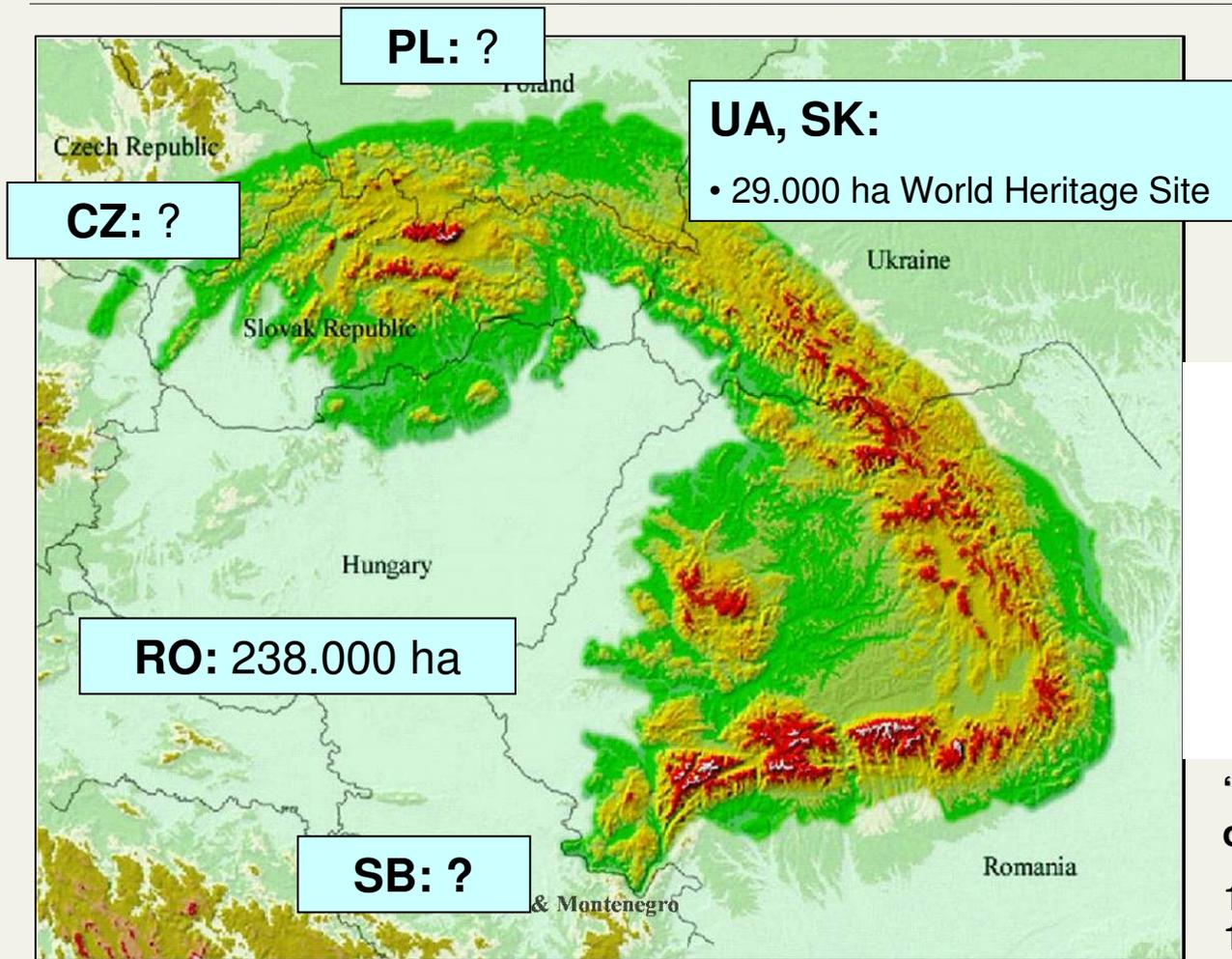
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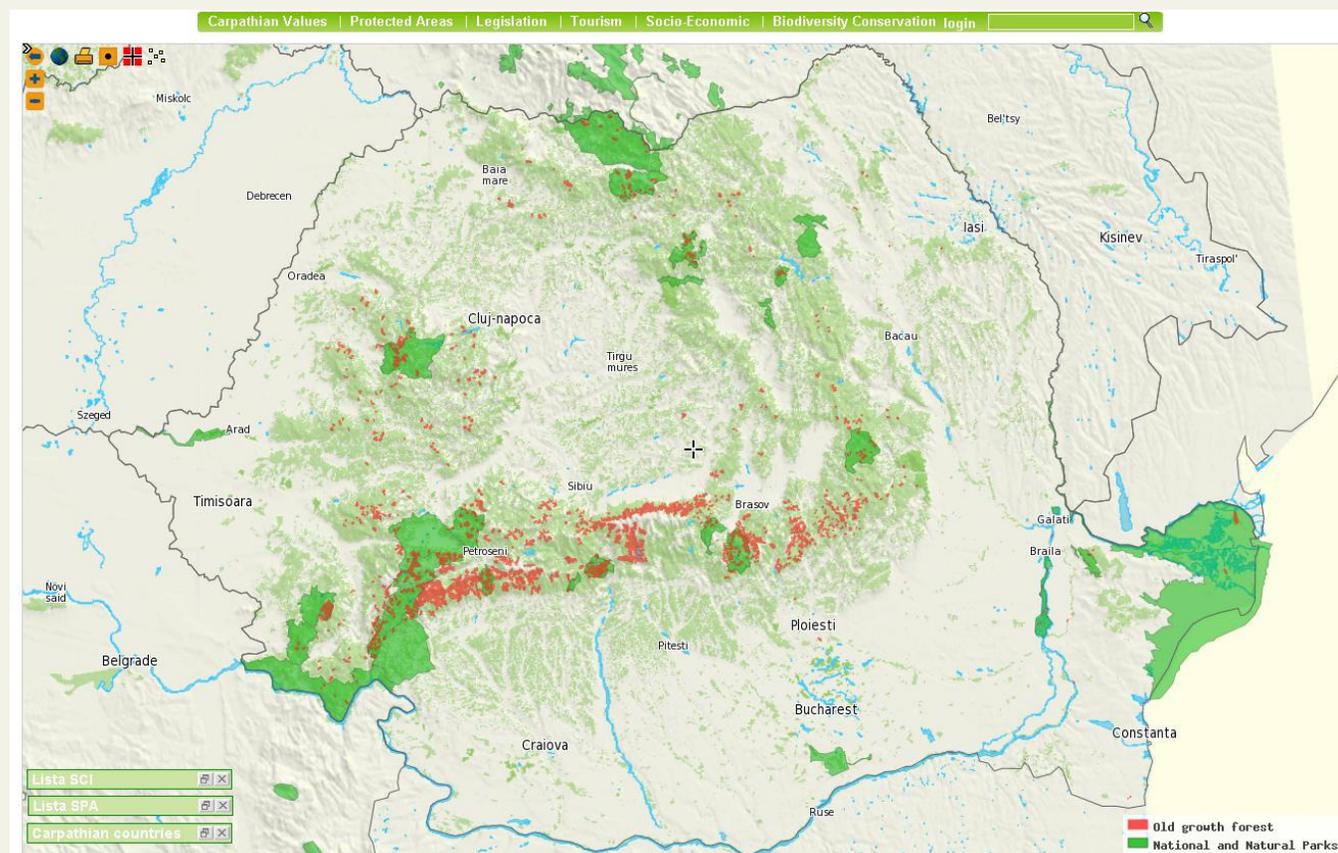


“Beech Primeval Forests of the Carpathians”

15.158 ha in Ukraine
14.120 ha in Slovakia

Virgin forests in Romania

- 2001-2004 Forest Research and Planning Institute from Romania, identified 238.000 ha of virgin forests in Romania
- However, not all of them are protected
- A re-evaluation is needed



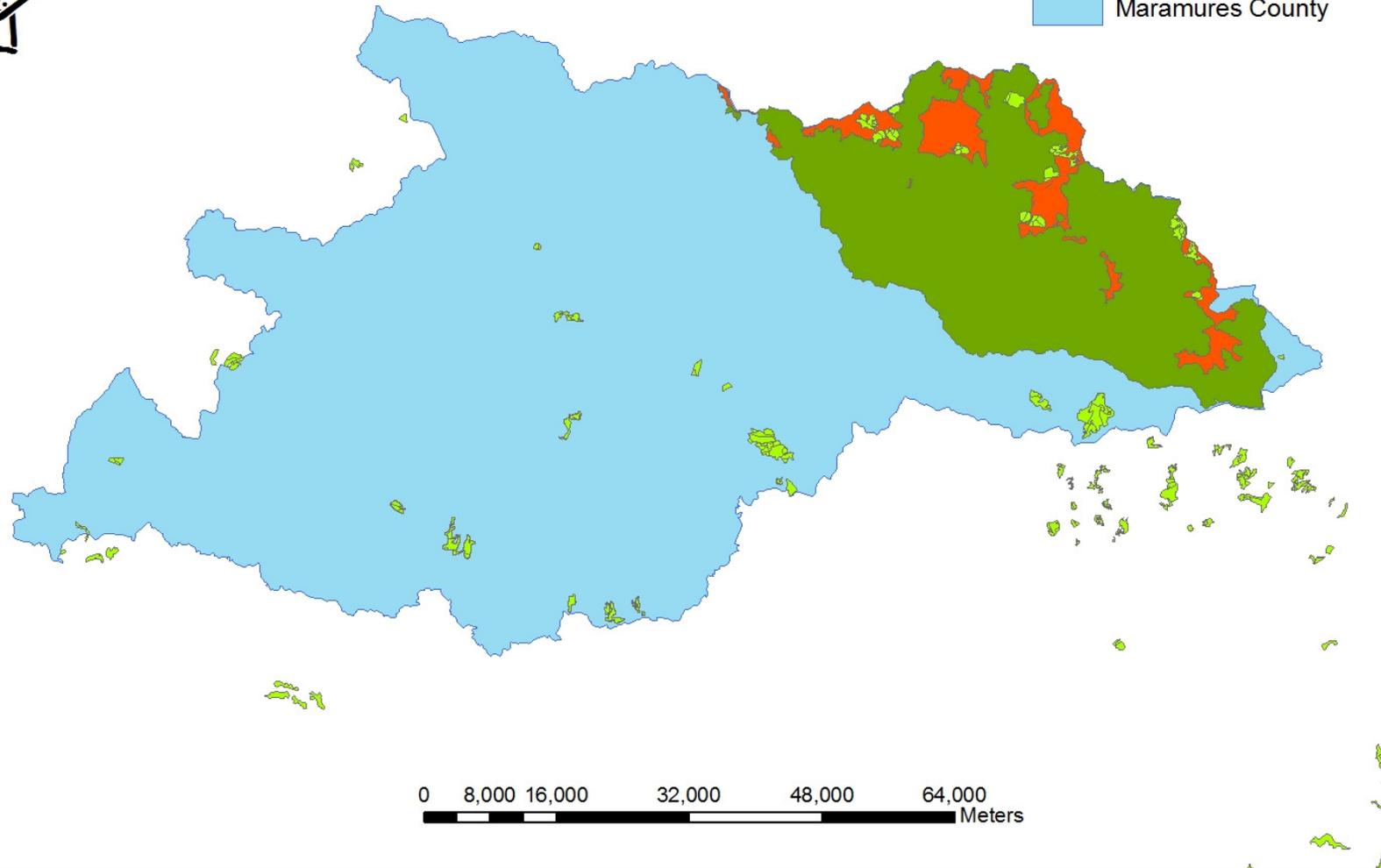






Legend

-  Primeval forests
-  Core area
-  MM Nature Park
-  Maramures County



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Virgin forests

- December 2011 - the minister of environment signed a protocol for their protection
- Virgin forest on the public agenda
- Public interest and support (ca 110,000 people signed WWF petition in Nov-Dec 2011).





Forest Management

Responsible Forest Management – forest certification

1. Global High Conservation Value Forests (HCVF) Toolkit adapted for Romania and Ukraine.
2. Field identification of HCVF in Romania and Ukraine – ca 2 million hectares surveyed for HCVF.
3. FSC certification of forest management for state and private forests (700,000 ha certified, 1.9 million ha in progress).
4. Chain of Custody (CoC) FSC certification for wood processing companies (86 companies in Romania in 2011).
4. Training for foresters and NGO's on responsible forest management.
5. Development of Integrated Forest Management Planning (IFMP).
6. Improved forestry legislation in Romania





Forest Management

Illegal logging

- EU Timber Regulation (implementation in 2013)
- Forest Law Enforcement Governance and Trade - FLEGT

SUMAL tracking tool in Romania, possible adaptation in Ukraine





WWF-DCP's projects and initiatives related to the Forest Protocol

Connectivity and Climate Change Adaptation





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