



Review of the COP6 Decision related to the Protocol on sustainable forest management and the Strategic Action Plan

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Veľká Fatra National Park, Slovakia_photo Miloslav Brandt

The Carpathian Convention

- **Adopted and signed on 22 May 2003 in Kiev, Ukraine**
- **Entered in force on 4 January 2006**
- Ratified by all the seven Carpathian countries (Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovaia, Ukraine), as:
 - framework Convention for cooperation and multi-sectoral policy coordination
 - platform for joint strategies for sustainable development
 - forum for dialogue between all stakeholders involved
- Since 2004, UNEP Vienna Office provides the Secretariat for the Carpathian Convention

Goal: Environmental Protection and Sustainable Development of the Carpathian Region




Institutional Structure



Conference of the Parties (COP)

Carpathian Convention Implementation Committee (CCIC)




Protocol on Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biological and Landscape Diversity

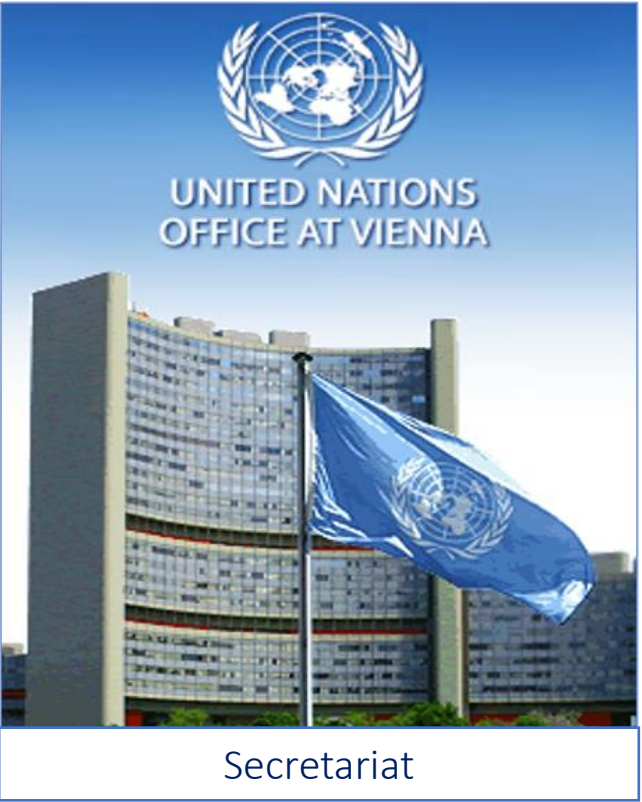

Protocol on Sustainable Tourism


Protocol on Sustainable Forest Management


Protocol on Sustainable Transport


Protocol on Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development

 Protocol in place



Meetings of the Working Group on Sustainable Forest Management

8 meetings organized so far:

- **Levice, Slovakia, 2022**
- Zvolen, Slovakia, 2019
- Sopron, Hungary, 2017
- Brasov, Romania , 2016
- Rzeszow, Poland, 2013
- Baia Mare, Romania, 2013
- Donji Milanovac, Serbia, 2009 and 2012
- Bratislava, Slovak Republic, 2008

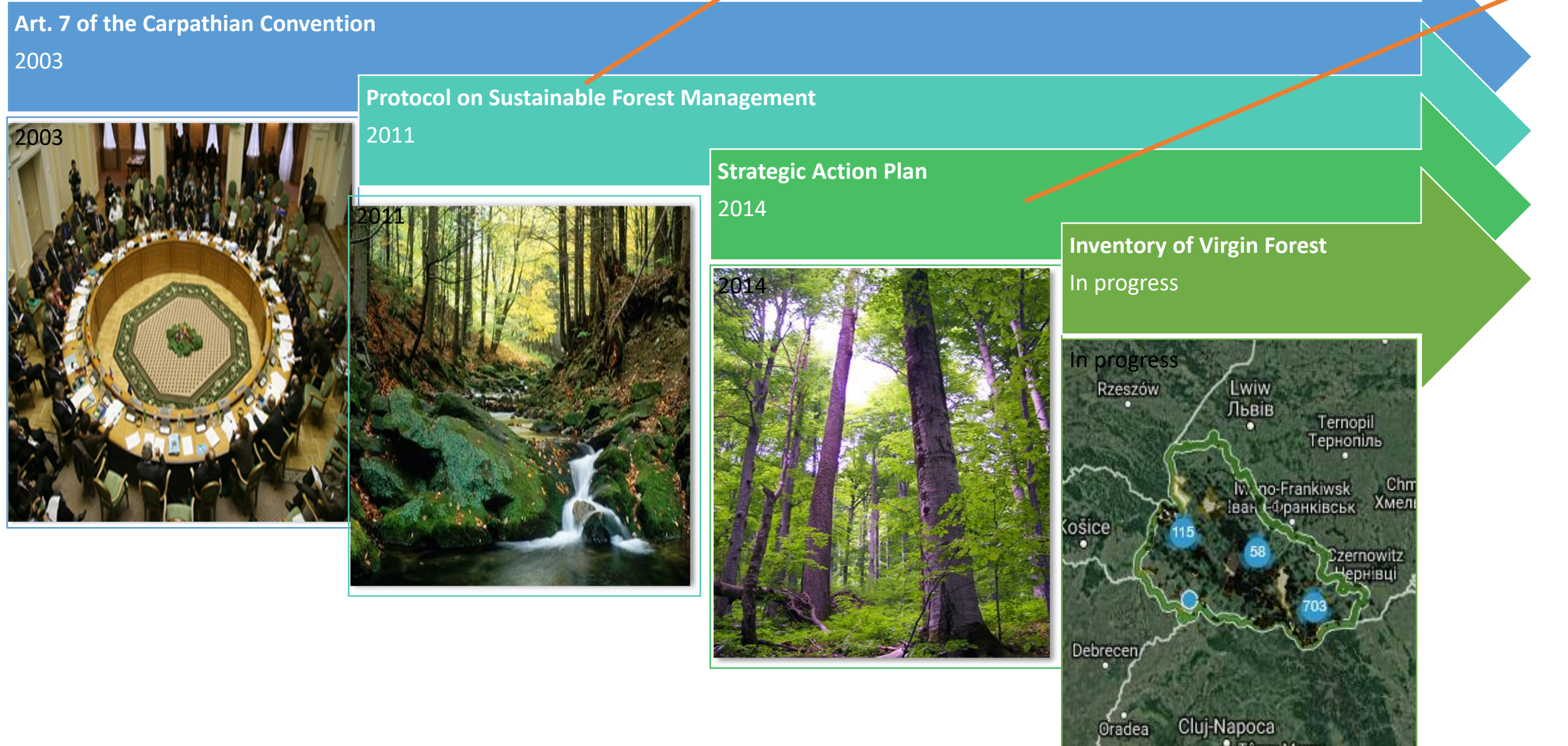


WG Forest structure of work

Objective: to promote the sustainable management and protection of Carpathian forests bringing benefits to present and future generations

**18 Objectives
43 Actions**

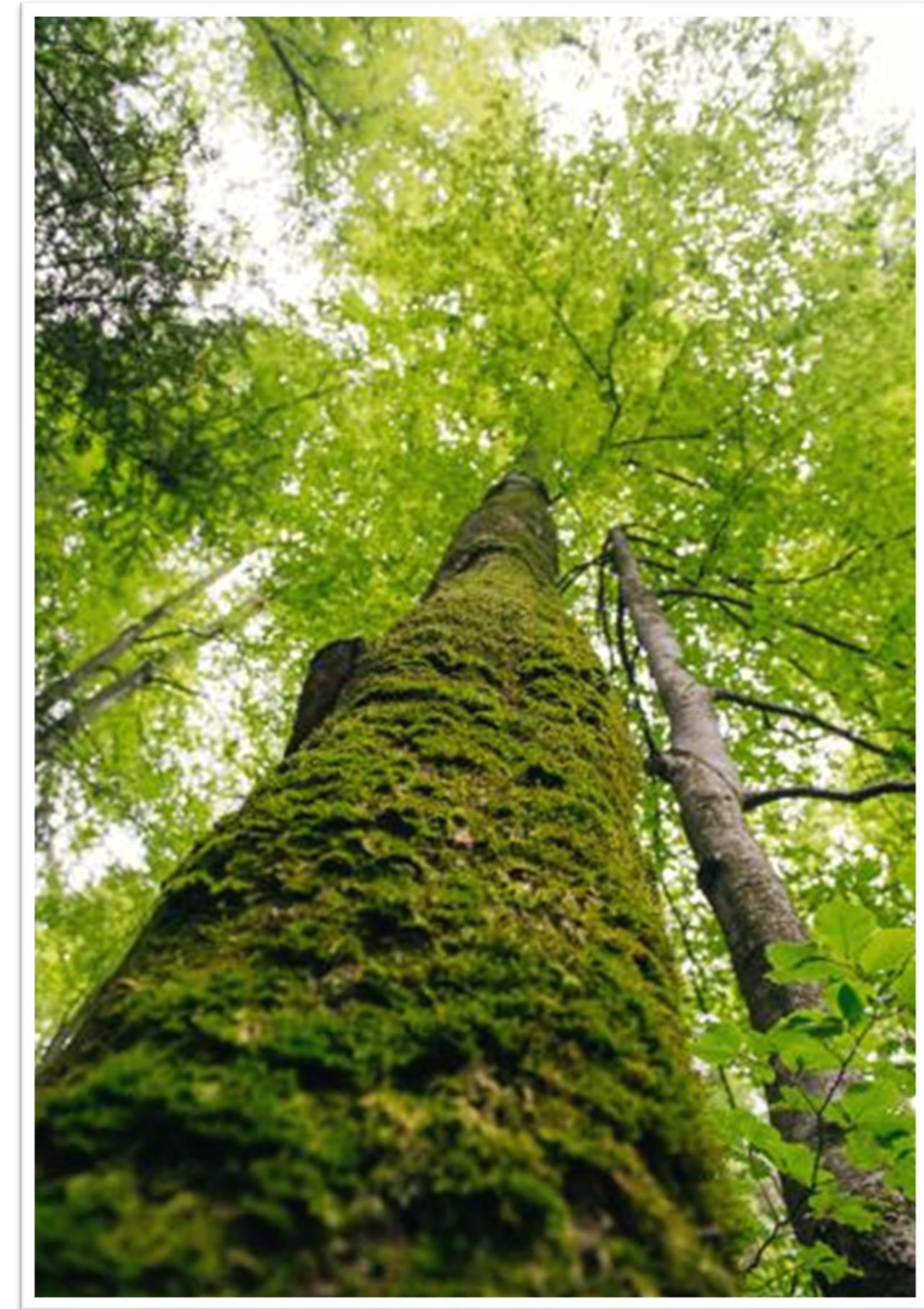
Supporting implementation of the new EU forest strategy for 2030



Protocol on Sustainable Forest Management

To achieve the objectives, Parties shall cooperate on:

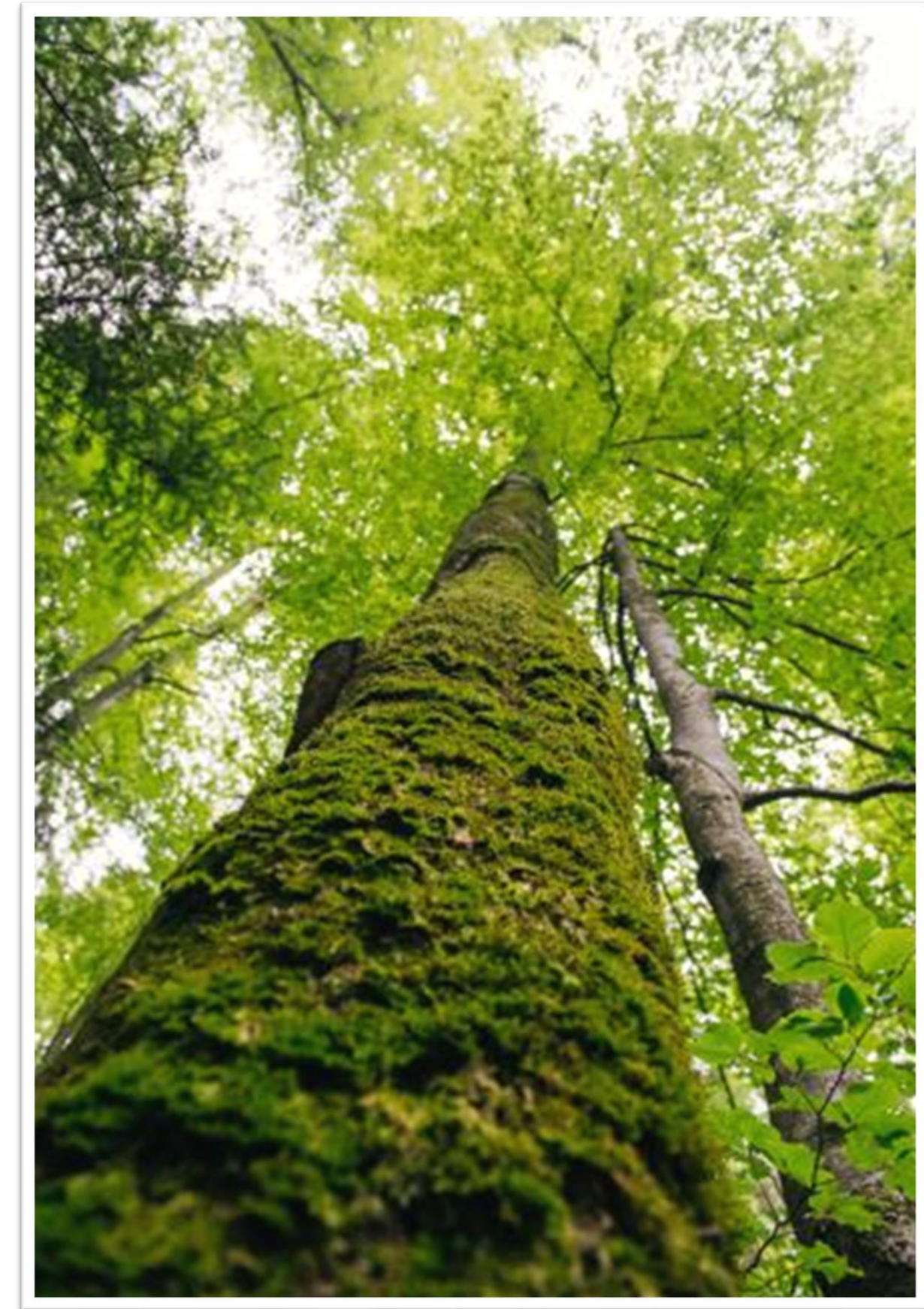
- Maintaining/enlarging forest cover
- Ensuring the productive functions of forest
- Identifying and protecting natural and virgin forests
- Forest Management in Protected Area
- Promoting the restoration of close to nature forests
- Enhancing the role of the forest-based sector in mitigating climate change
- Promoting the cultural heritage of the forest
- Enhancing the social functions of the forests;
- Harmonizing the policies related to sustainable wildlife management and ecological networks with regard to forest management objectives and measures
- Strengthening the governance of the forestry sector, enforcing forest law, combatting illegal logging
- Cooperating on harmonising the forest monitoring in the Carpathians
- Promoting and coordinating scientific research and information exchange
- Participating in common programs and projects



WG Forest ongoing priorities

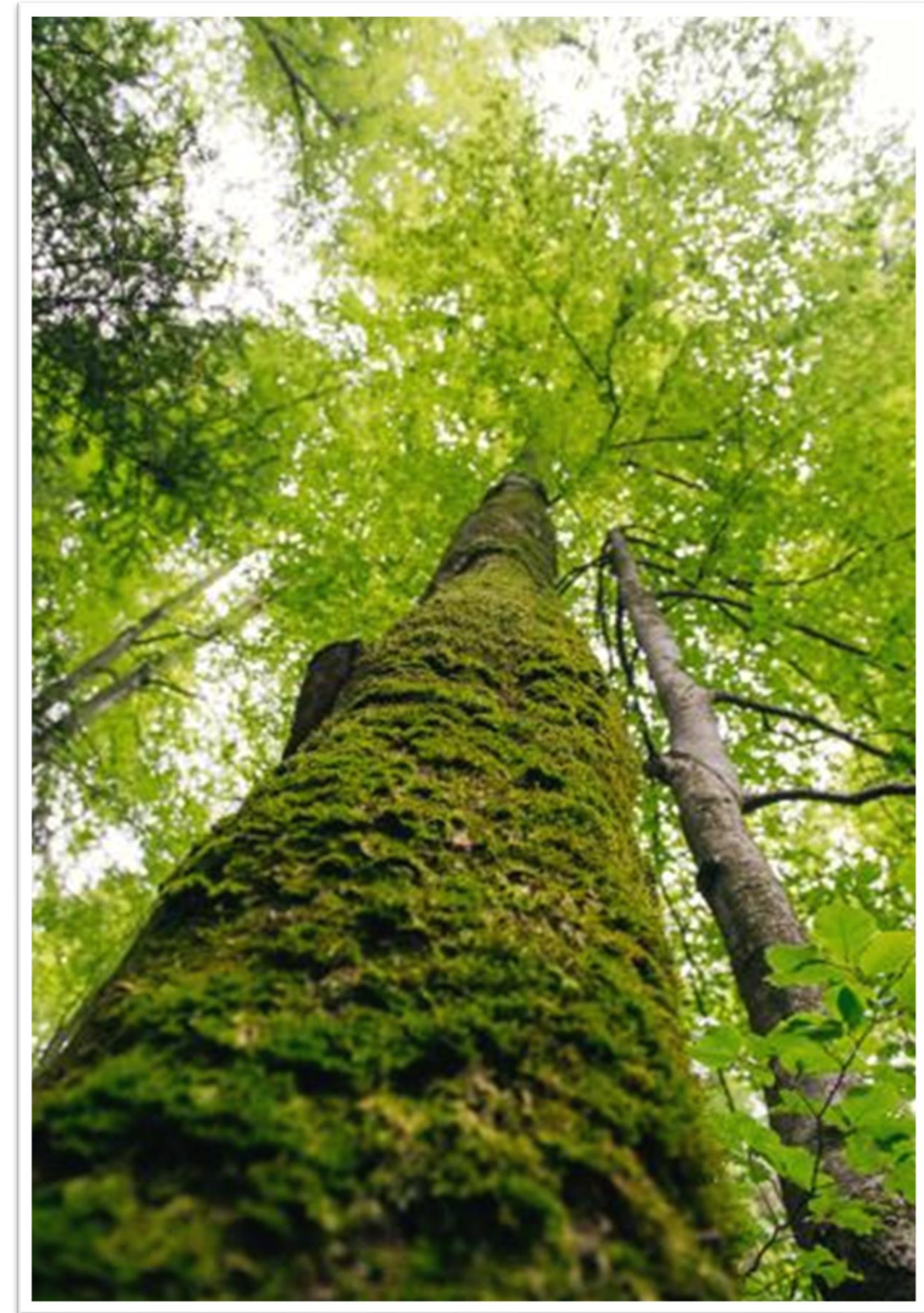
WG Forest in 2019 decided that priorities for the next implementation period shall be:

- close-to-nature forest management,
- climate change,
- mapping of the virgin and natural forest



COP6 Decisions relevant for the WG Forest

- emphasized the role of multifunctional and sustainable forest management in ensuring forest ecosystems resilience
- encouraged the WG Forest to continue its work on **identification and protection of natural and virgin forests**, on **promotion of close to nature forestry**, and on **forestry and climate change** in order to implement the respective objectives of the Strategic Action Plan, undertake relevant actions and propose concrete activities in this respect, with the support of the Secretariat and relevant partners.
- invited the WG Forest, EEA, the European Topic Centre on Urban, Land, and Soil Systems (ETC-ULS), as well as other relevant actors, to continue cooperation and knowledge sharing with the Carpathian Convention and the WG Forest to achieve the implementation of Article 10 of the Forest Protocol with reference to the **finalization of the Inventory of Virgin Forests of the Carpathians**,
- requested the WG Forest and partners to support the **development of the assessment of the impacts of climate change on the Carpathian forests and their ecosystem services**,
- requested exchange information and **coordinate efforts to address the problem on illegal logging** taking into account already existing mechanisms and platforms, as appropriate.



Next steps

Revising the priorities and developing a WG Forest Work Plan until 2026!

→ **Task for our meeting!**



Thank you for your
attention!

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