



NATIONAL REPORT

ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROTOCOL ON CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE USE OF BIOLOGICAL AND LANDSCAPE DIVERSITY TO THE FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON THE PROTECTION AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CARPATHIANS

National Report to be submitted to the Interim Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention

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Introduction & background

This National Report has been elaborated in accordance with the Protocol on Conservation and Sustainable use of Biological and Landscape Diversity¹ done in Bucharest on 19 June 2009 and entered into force on 28 April 2010 with the Framework Convention on the Protection and Sustainable Development of the Carpathians², and the Strategic Action Plan for the Implementation of the Protocol on Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biological and Landscape Diversity adopted at the Third Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Carpathian Convention (COP3)³.

Following Article 28.1 of the Protocol, *“The Parties shall regularly report to the Conference of the Parties on measures related to this Protocol and the results of the measures taken”*.

According to Article 29.1 of the same Protocol, *“The Parties shall regularly examine and evaluate the effectiveness of the provisions of this Protocol”*.

¹ Hereinafter named “the Protocol”

² Hereinafter named “the Convention”

³ Hereinafter named “the SAP”

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1. GENERAL INFORMATION OF NATIONAL IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS AND CHALLENGES

1.1. Which are the legal, policy and institutional achievements on national and regional levels since the adoption of the Protocol in your country, aiming at its implementation and the realisation of its objectives?

Please give a short summary of all relevant measures, laws, projects, programs, initiatives, multilateral agreements, etc.

1.2. Please give a description of the Carpathian region of your national territory to which the Protocol is applicable in accordance with Article 2 of the Protocol.

2. ACHIEVEMENTS AND FURTHER IMPLEMENTATION INFORMATION

2.1. Please indicate by marking an "X" in the appropriate column below, the level of realisation of the expected results listed in the SAP according to the objective.

Please provide further information and details, if appropriate, on the activities developed in order to achieve the expected results in the indicated field.

Objective 1 – Harmonisation of policies and strategies and integration into other sectoral policies				
<i>Pursuant to Articles 4, 5, 6 and 7 of the Protocol</i>				
Results expected	Comprehensive measures taken (fully achieved)	Some measures taken (partially achieved)	Not achieved	No information
Policies and strategies aiming at the conservation, restoration and sustainable use of biological and landscape diversity of the Carpathians developed and implemented				
<i>Possible comments and details</i>				
Biodiversity Protocol SAP: Action 1.1 – Biodiversity Protocol: art. 4				
Integrated national policies taking into account the provisions of the Protocol developed				
<i>Possible comments and details</i>				
Biodiversity Protocol SAP: Action 1.2 – Biodiversity Protocol: art. 5				

Issues relevant for the Protocol included in the agenda of the national inter-ministerial Working Groups				
<i>Possible comments and details</i>				
Biodiversity Protocol SAP: Action 1.2 – Biodiversity Protocol: art. 5				
Regular contacts with the relevant international bodies responsible for, or involved in development or revision of other regional or global sectoral policies and strategies which could have influence on the conservation and sustainable use of biological and landscape diversity in the Carpathians and update on their activities ensured				
<i>Possible comments and details</i>				
Biodiversity Protocol SAP: Action 1.2 – Biodiversity Protocol: art. 7				
Participation of at least one Carpathian representative in relevant international conference/meeting and involvement of the relevant international bodies in the conference/meetings organized within the Convention ensured				
<i>Possible comments and details</i>				
Biodiversity Protocol SAP: Action 1.2 – Biodiversity Protocol: art. 7				
Contacts with EU institutions and bodies further developed				
<i>Possible comments and details</i>				
Biodiversity Protocol SAP: Action 1.2 – Biodiversity Protocol: art. 6				
Inclusion of the issues relevant for the Biodiversity Protocol in the agenda of the consultative meetings with the institutions, regional and local authorities, and other stakeholders involved in the conservation and sustainable use of biological and landscape diversity in the Carpathians of each Party				
<i>Possible comments and details</i>				
Biodiversity Protocol SAP: Action 1.3 – Biodiversity Protocol: art. 6				

Objective 2 – Conservation, maintenance, restoration and sustainable use of natural and semi-natural habitats				
<i>Pursuant to Articles 8 and 10 of the Protocol</i>				
Results expected	Comprehensive measures taken (fully achieved)	Some measures taken (partially achieved)	Not achieved	No information
Scientific data, national inventories and maps of natural and semi-natural habitats compiled, analysed and if necessary updated				
<i>Possible comments and details</i>				
Biodiversity Protocol SAP: Action 2.1 – Biodiversity Protocol: art. 8				
National inputs to the elaboration of Carpathian Red List of Habitats provided				
<i>Possible comments and details</i>				
Biodiversity Protocol SAP: Action 2.1 – Biodiversity Protocol: art. 8				
Guidelines for special conservation measures and on possible harmonisation and coordination of measures, in particular in border areas and transboundary Protected Areas, elaborated				
<i>Possible comments and details</i>				
Biodiversity Protocol SAP: Action 2.2 – Biodiversity Protocol: art. 8				
Priorities for common actions identified, programmes and projects, in particular in border areas and transboundary Protected Areas, prepared and implemented				
<i>Possible comments and details</i>				
Biodiversity Protocol SAP: Action 2.2 – Biodiversity Protocol: art. 8				
Assessment of the identified threats to the conservation status of endangered natural and semi-natural habitat types listed in the Carpathian Red List of Habitats elaborated				

<i>Possible comments and details</i>				
Biodiversity Protocol SAP: Action 2.2 – Biodiversity Protocol: art. 8				
Common projects aimed at long-term conservation or maintenance, restoration and sustainable use of endangered natural and semi-natural habitat types listed in the Carpathian Red List of Habitats elaborated and implemented				
<i>Possible comments and details</i>				
Biodiversity Protocol SAP: Action 2.2 – Biodiversity Protocol: art. 8				
Inclusion of the foreseen activities aimed at reaching objective 2 in the agenda of the meetings of the common expert networks such as the Working Group on Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biological and Landscape Diversity of the Carpathian Convention (Biodiversity Working Group)				
<i>Possible comments and details</i>				
Biodiversity Protocol SAP: Action 2.2 – Biodiversity Protocol: art. 8				
Relevant existing Clearing House Mechanisms further developed				
<i>Possible comments and details</i>				
Biodiversity Protocol SAP: Action 2.2 – Biodiversity Protocol: art. 8				
Degraded habitats identified and priority list drafted				
<i>Possible comments and details</i>				
Biodiversity Protocol SAP: Action 2.3 – Biodiversity Protocol: art. 10				
Feasibility studies, proposals for site-specific restoration measures for degraded habitats and management plans elaborated				
<i>Possible comments and details</i>				
Biodiversity Protocol SAP: Action 2.3 – Biodiversity Protocol: art. 10				

Objective 3 – Conservation and sustainable use of species of flora and fauna, conservation of endangered species including endemic species and large carnivores of the Carpathians

Pursuant to Articles 11 and 12 of the Protocol

Results expected	Comprehensive measures taken (fully achieved)	Some measures taken (partially achieved)	Not achieved	No information
Scientific data, national inventories and maps concerning flora and fauna species compiled, analysed and updated				
<i>Possible comments and details</i>				
Biodiversity Protocol SAP: Action 3.1 – Biodiversity Protocol: art. 11				
Threats concerning the flora and fauna species native to the Carpathians, in particular endangered species including endemic species and large carnivores reported				
<i>Possible comments and details</i>				
Biodiversity Protocol SAP: Action 3.1 – Biodiversity Protocol: art. 12				
National inputs to the Carpathian Red List of Species provided				
<i>Possible comments and details</i>				
Biodiversity Protocol SAP: Action 3.1 – Biodiversity Protocol: art. 12				
Relevant existing Clearing House Mechanisms further developed				
<i>Possible comments and details</i>				
Biodiversity Protocol SAP: Action 3.1 – Biodiversity Protocol: art. 11				
List of target species elaborated				
<i>Possible comments and details</i>				
Biodiversity Protocol SAP: Action 3.2 – Biodiversity Protocol: art. 12				
Guidelines for special conservation measures concerning the target species elaborated, priority actions identified				

<i>Possible comments and details</i>				
Biodiversity Protocol SAP: Action 3.2 – Biodiversity Protocol: art. 12				
Implementation of special conservation measures at national, regional and local levels taken				
<i>Possible comments and details</i>				
Biodiversity Protocol SAP: Action 3.2 – Biodiversity Protocol: art. 11				
Inclusion of the activities aimed at the conservation and sustainable use of species of flora and fauna, conservation of endangered species including endemic species and large carnivores of the Carpathians in the agenda of the meetings of the expert networks, such as the Biodiversity Working Group				
<i>Possible comments and details</i>				
Biodiversity Protocol SAP: Action 3.2 – Biodiversity Protocol: art. 12				
Common bilateral or multilateral harmonised special conservation (if necessary recovery or reintroduction) action plans for species listed in the Carpathian Red List of Species and their natural habitats, in particular when this is located on both sides of the state border between the Parties, developed and implemented				
<i>Possible comments and details</i>				
Biodiversity Protocol SAP: Action 3.3 – Biodiversity Protocol: art. 12				
Common bilateral or multilateral recovery or reintroduction projects concerning species of flora and fauna native to the Carpathians developed and implemented				
<i>Possible comments and details</i>				
Biodiversity Protocol SAP: Action 3.3 – Biodiversity Protocol: art. 12				

Objective 4 – Continuity and connectivity of natural and semi-natural habitats; ecological network in the Carpathians; enhancing conservation and sustainable management inside and outside the Protected Areas

Pursuant to Articles 9 and 15 of the Protocol

Results expected	Comprehensive measures taken (fully achieved)	Some measures taken (partially achieved)	Not achieved	No information
Scientific data, national inventories and maps analysed, compiled and updated				
<i>Possible comments and details</i>				
Biodiversity Protocol SAP: Action 4.1 – Biodiversity Protocol: art.15				
Gap analysis of the Protected Area system in the Carpathians carried out: assessment of the level to which the current Protected Area system covers areas and habitats significant for the biological and landscape diversity of the Carpathians (in particular those harbouring habitats listed in the Carpathian Red List of Habitats)				
<i>Possible comments and details</i>				
Biodiversity Protocol SAP: Action 4.1 – Biodiversity Protocol: art. 9				
Identification of the areas to be included in an ecological network in the Carpathians				
<i>Possible comments and details</i>				
Biodiversity Protocol SAP: Action 4.1 – Biodiversity Protocol: art. 9				
New Protected Areas based on the results of the gap analysis established, including transboundary Protected Areas where appropriate				
<i>Possible comments and details</i>				
Biodiversity Protocol SAP: Action 4.1 – Biodiversity Protocol: art. 9				

Priority connecting corridors in border areas and natural habitats, key mainstays and migratory routes of species listed in the Carpathian Red List of Species identified and delineated				
<i>Possible comments and details</i>				
Biodiversity Protocol SAP: Action 4.1 – Biodiversity Protocol: art.15				
Methodology for the creation of the ecological network, based on existing similar experiences, developed				
<i>Possible comments and details</i>				
Biodiversity Protocol SAP: Action 4.1 – Biodiversity Protocol: art.15				
Catalogue of measures aimed at reaching objective 4 including all the already existing measures of national and regional legislations developed, taking into account the results and experiences of ongoing projects				
<i>Possible comments and details</i>				
Biodiversity Protocol SAP: Action 4.1 – Biodiversity Protocol: art.15				
Tools of ecological connectivity developed, linking Protected Areas where necessary or beneficial				
<i>Possible comments and details</i>				
Biodiversity Protocol SAP: Action 4.1 – Biodiversity Protocol: art.15				
Pilot areas delineated, defined measures applied, tested and adapted				
<i>Possible comments and details</i>				
Biodiversity Protocol SAP: Action 4.1 – Biodiversity Protocol: art. 9				
Measures aimed at improving and ensuring continuity and connectivity of natural and semi-natural habitats harmonized and coordinated undertaken in border areas in the Carpathians, in particular in transboundary Protected Areas				

<i>Possible comments and details</i>				
Biodiversity Protocol SAP: Action 4.1 – Biodiversity Protocol: art.15				
Priority common actions aimed at reaching objective 4 identified				
<i>Possible comments and details</i>				
Biodiversity Protocol SAP: Action 4.1 – Biodiversity Protocol: art. 15				
Financial programmes to submit project proposals aimed at reaching objective 4 identified and project proposals prepared				
<i>Possible comments and details</i>				
Biodiversity Protocol SAP: Action 4.1 – Biodiversity Protocol: art.15				
Exchange of lessons learned, experiences and specific efforts to integrate Protected Areas into broader landscapes, as well as sector plans and strategies				
<i>Possible comments and details</i>				
Biodiversity Protocol SAP: Action 4.1 – Biodiversity Protocol: art.15				
Exchange of lessons learned, experiences and specific efforts on the management effectiveness of measures undertaken inside Protected Areas				
<i>Possible comments and details</i>				
Biodiversity Protocol SAP: Action 4.1 – Biodiversity Protocol: art.15				

Objective 5 – Prevention of introduction of invasive alien species and/or genetically modified organisms threatening ecosystems, habitats or species, their control or eradication

Pursuant to Article 13 of the Protocol

Results expected	Comprehensive measures taken (fully achieved)	Some measures taken (partially achieved)	Not achieved	No information
National policies and/or strategies to prevent the introduction or release of invasive alien species and/or genetically modified organisms which have adverse environmental impacts that could affect the biological diversity, ecosystems, habitats or species of the Carpathians developed				
<i>Possible comments and details</i>				
Biodiversity Protocol SAP: Action 5.1 – Biodiversity Protocol: art.13				
Assessment on current and potential future threats to the biological diversity, ecosystems, habitats or species of the Carpathians caused by introduction or release of invasive alien species and/or genetically modified organisms carried out				
<i>Possible comments and details</i>				
Biodiversity Protocol SAP: Action 5.2 – Biodiversity Protocol: art.13				
Guidelines on harmonisation and coordination of measures, and identification of priorities for common action to prevent introduction or release of invasive alien species and/or genetically modified organisms, and if need be, aiming at control or eradication of such species elaborated				
<i>Possible comments and details</i>				
Biodiversity Protocol SAP: Action 5.2 – Biodiversity Protocol: art.13				

Measures aimed at reaching objective 5 adopted				
<i>Possible comments and details</i>				
Biodiversity Protocol SAP: Action 5.2 – Biodiversity Protocol: art.13				
Inputs to the list of invasive alien species provided				
<i>Possible comments and details</i>				
Biodiversity Protocol SAP: Action 5.2 – Biodiversity Protocol: art.13				

Objective 6 – Supporting cooperation under the Carpathian Network of Protected Areas				
<i>Pursuant to Articles 7, 14 and 20 of the Protocol</i>				
Results expected	Comprehensive measures taken (fully achieved)	Some measures taken (partially achieved)	Not achieved	No information
List of Protected Areas designated as members of the CNPA updated				
<i>Possible comments and details</i>				
Biodiversity Protocol SAP: Action 6.1 – Biodiversity Protocol: art.14				
Identification of resources for cooperation allocated				
<i>Possible comments and details</i>				
Biodiversity Protocol SAP: Action 6.1 – Biodiversity Protocol: art.7				
Communication Focal Point / contact person designated in each administration of a Protected Area being member of the CNPA				
<i>Possible comments and details</i>				
Biodiversity Protocol SAP: Action 6.1 – Biodiversity Protocol: art.14				
Resources for the participation of representatives of CNPA members and CNPA Steering Committee members in CNPA meetings and in CNPA Conferences identified and provided				
<i>Possible comments and details</i>				
Biodiversity Protocol SAP: Action 6.1 – Biodiversity Protocol: art.14				

Objective 7 – Development and implementation of management plans or conservation measures				
<i>Pursuant to Article 17 of the Protocol</i>				
Results expected	Comprehensive measures taken (fully achieved)	Some measures taken (partially achieved)	Not achieved	No information
Management plans or conservation measures to ensure long-term conservation, maintenance or restoration, continuity and connectivity, sustainable use of natural and semi-natural habitats, and restoration of degraded habitats in the Carpathians developed and implemented				
<i>Possible comments and details</i>				
Biodiversity Protocol SAP: Action 7.1 – Biodiversity Protocol: art.17				
Management plans and measures to ensure long-term conservation and sustainable use of species of flora and fauna native to the Carpathians developed and implemented				
<i>Possible comments and details</i>				
Biodiversity Protocol SAP: Action 7.1 – Biodiversity Protocol: art.17				
Effectiveness of the implementation of management plans or conservation measures aiming at protection and sustainable use of biological and landscape diversity of the Carpathians, through specific instruments such as the Carpathian Protected Areas Management Effectiveness Tracking Tool (CPAMETT), assessed				
<i>Possible comments and details</i>				
Biodiversity Protocol SAP: Action 7.2 – Biodiversity Protocol: art.17				

Objective 8 – Consultation, harmonisation and coordination of measures undertaken in border areas				
<i>Pursuant to Articles 7, 16, and 20 of the Protocol</i>				
Results expected	Comprehensive measures taken (fully achieved)	Some measures taken (partially achieved)	Not achieved	No information
Joint actions, programmes and projects implemented by neighbouring Parties in order to achieve objectives 2-5				
<i>Possible comments and details</i>				
Biodiversity Protocol SAP: Action 8.1 – Biodiversity Protocol: art.16				
Development of integrated and harmonized management plans aiming at protection and sustainable use of biological and landscape diversity of the Carpathians and achieving common standards for protection and sustainable use of habitats and species supported				
<i>Possible comments and details</i>				
Biodiversity Protocol SAP: Action 8.1 – Biodiversity Protocol: art.20				
New cooperative arrangements between administrations responsible for Protected Areas being parts of transboundary Protected Areas with their counterparts in the neighbouring Party, in particular on the harmonisation of their management objectives and measures applied, established and the existing ones enhanced				
<i>Possible comments and details</i>				
Biodiversity Protocol SAP: Action 8.2 – Biodiversity Protocol: art.16				

Budgetary and other domestic resources for transboundary cooperation in Protected Areas, and support efforts of administrations responsible for Protected Areas towards raising external funding for common projects and programs which are conducive to achieving the objectives 2-5 to be jointly undertaken in transboundary Protected Areas in the Carpathians, identified and allocated				
<i>Possible comments and details</i>				
Biodiversity Protocol SAP: Action 8.3 – Biodiversity Protocol: art.16				
External funding for common projects and programs which are conducive to achieving the objectives 2-5 to be jointly undertaken in transboundary Protected Areas in the Carpathians identified and proposals for common projects prepared				
<i>Possible comments and details</i>				
Biodiversity Protocol SAP: Action 8.3 – Biodiversity Protocol: art.20				
Joint actions among administrations responsible for Protected Areas in the Carpathians facilitated				
<i>Possible comments and details</i>				
Biodiversity Protocol SAP: Action 8.4 – Biodiversity Protocol: art.20				
Legislation and measures aimed at granting legal protective status to expansion of or new transboundary Protected Areas and to priority connecting corridors in border areas adopted				
<i>Possible comments and details</i>				
Biodiversity Protocol SAP: Action 8.5 – Biodiversity Protocol: art.16				

Objective 9 – Development of compatible monitoring systems and a joint information system				
<i>Pursuant to Articles 7, 18, 19 and 20 of the Protocol</i>				
Results expected	Comprehensive measures taken (fully achieved)	Some measures taken (partially achieved)	Not achieved	No information
Cooperation with scientific and other relevant institutions on the elaboration of guidelines on harmonisation of environmental monitoring programmes, in particular those concerning habitats and species native to the Carpathians, to ensure data comparability				
<i>Possible comments and details</i>				
Biodiversity Protocol SAP: Action 9.1 – Biodiversity Protocol: art.19				
Proposals for common monitoring programs to be jointly undertaken in the Carpathians by the Parties, in particular those concerning endangered natural and semi-natural habitat types listed in the Carpathian Red List of Habitats, and species listed in the Carpathian Red List of Species prepared				
<i>Possible comments and details</i>				
Biodiversity Protocol SAP: Action 9.1 – Biodiversity Protocol: art.18				
A common monitoring programme established				
<i>Possible comments and details</i>				
Biodiversity Protocol SAP: Action 9.1 – Biodiversity Protocol: art.18				
Inputs to a joint biodiversity information system provided				
<i>Possible comments and details</i>				
Biodiversity Protocol SAP: Action 9.2 – Biodiversity Protocol: art.18				
Relevant existing Clearing House Mechanisms further developed				

<i>Possible comments and details</i>	
Biodiversity Protocol SAP: Action 9.2 – Biodiversity Protocol: art.19	

Objective 10 – Coordination of scientific research				
<i>Pursuant to Articles 19 and 20 of the Protocol</i>				
Results expected	Comprehensive measures taken (fully achieved)	Some measures taken (partially achieved)	Not achieved	No information
Scientific research, common database and directory with regard to conservation, restoration and sustainable use of biological and landscape diversity of the Carpathians established				
<i>Possible comments and details</i>				
Biodiversity Protocol SAP: Action 10.1 – Biodiversity Protocol: art.19				
Research, scientific and technical cooperation with regard to conservation, restoration and sustainable use of biological and landscape diversity of the Carpathians at national, regional and international levels encouraged and improved, interdisciplinary research promoted				
<i>Possible comments and details</i>				
Biodiversity Protocol SAP: Action 10.2 – Biodiversity Protocol: art.19				
Funds to submit common scientific projects with regard to conservation, restoration and sustainable use of biological and landscape diversity of the Carpathians identified and projects prepared and developed				
<i>Possible comments and details</i>				
Biodiversity Protocol SAP: Action 10.2 – Biodiversity Protocol: art.20				

New cooperative agreements and arrangements with regard to conservation, restoration and sustainable use of biological and landscape diversity of the Carpathians established and existing ones enhanced				
<i>Possible comments and details</i>				
Biodiversity Protocol SAP: Action 10.3 – Biodiversity Protocol: art.20				
Workshops and Conferences organized, publications developed, results included in the Carpathian Convention and national websites / Clearing House Mechanisms				
<i>Possible comments and details</i>				
Biodiversity Protocol SAP: Action 10.4 – Biodiversity Protocol: art.19				
Effective coordination of research in supporting the implementation of the Birds and Habitats Directives specifically related to species protection and research; providing up-dated information to the European “Red List of Species” and to relevant databases				
<i>Possible comments and details</i>				
Biodiversity Protocol SAP: Action 10.4 – Biodiversity Protocol: art.19				

Objective 11 – Ensuring implementation of the Strategic Action Plan				
<i>Pursuant to Article 21 of the Protocol</i>				
Results expected	Comprehensive measures taken (fully achieved)	Some measures taken (partially achieved)	Not achieved	No information
Relevant experts appointed to the Biodiversity Working Group and other expert networks				
<i>Possible comments and details</i>				
Biodiversity Protocol SAP: Actions 11.1 and 11.2				

Objective 12 – Prevention of environmental damages				
<i>Pursuant to Article 22 of the Protocol</i>				
Results expected	Comprehensive measures taken (fully achieved)	Some measures taken (partially achieved)	Not achieved	No information
Information on measures aimed at prevention of environmental damages or for compensation of inevitable negative impacts on the biological and landscape diversity of the Carpathians exchanged				
<i>Possible comments and details</i>				
Biodiversity Protocol SAP: Action 12.1 – Biodiversity Protocol: art.22				

Objective 13 – International cooperation				
<i>Pursuant to Article 7 of the Protocol</i>				
Results expected	Comprehensive measures taken (fully achieved)	Some measures taken (partially achieved)	Not achieved	No information
National inputs to a common directory of institutions and organisations, both national and international, with regard to conservation, restoration and sustainable use of biological and landscape diversity of the Carpathians on the Convention web site provided				
<i>Possible comments and details</i>				
Biodiversity Protocol SAP: Action 13.1 – Biodiversity Protocol: art.7				

New cooperative arrangements and agreements between institutions and organisations, both national and international, with regard to conservation, restoration and sustainable use of biological and landscape diversity of the Carpathians elaborated and adopted				
<i>Possible comments and details</i>				
Biodiversity Protocol SAP: Action 13.1 – Biodiversity Protocol: art.7				
New cooperative arrangements for facilitating international cooperation between regional and local authorities adopted and common implementation of the existing ones ensured				
<i>Possible comments and details</i>				
Biodiversity Protocol SAP: Action 13.2 – Biodiversity Protocol: art.7				

Objective 14 – Consideration of traditional knowledge and practices				
<i>Pursuant to Article 23 of the Protocol</i>				
Results expected	Comprehensive measures taken (fully achieved)	Some measures taken (partially achieved)	Not achieved	No information
Participation of the Biodiversity Working Group and national expert networks in the Working Group on Cultural Heritage and Traditional Knowledge and vice-versa ensured				
<i>Possible comments and details</i>				
Biodiversity Protocol SAP: Action 14.1 – Biodiversity Protocol: art.23				

Objective 15 – Education, information and public awareness				
<i>Pursuant to Article 24 of the Protocol</i>				
Results expected	Comprehensive measures taken (fully achieved)	Some measures taken (partially achieved)	Not achieved	No information
Conferences and Workshops organized, publications drafted and published, trainings organised regarding the objectives, measures and implementation of the Strategic Action Plan for the Implementation of the Protocol on Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biological and Landscape Diversity				
<i>Please give examples / details on what achieved</i>				
Biodiversity Protocol SAP: Action 15.1 – Biodiversity Protocol: art.24				
Information related to the Protocol in the national web sites ensured				
<i>Possible comments and details</i>				
Biodiversity Protocol SAP: Action 15.1 – Biodiversity Protocol: art.24				
Information on Carpathian Convention included in educational curricula				
<i>Possible comments and details</i>				
Biodiversity Protocol SAP: Action 15.1 – Biodiversity Protocol: art.24				
Information on Carpathian Convention included in national awareness raising strategies				
<i>Possible comments and details</i>				
Biodiversity Protocol SAP: Action 15.1 – Biodiversity Protocol: art.24				
Detailed communication plan elaborated				
<i>Possible comments and details</i>				
Biodiversity Protocol SAP: Action 15.2 – Biodiversity Protocol: art.24				

2.2. Have you taken complementary measures to those planned by the present Protocol?
If yes, please, list them.

2.3. What have been the most successful aspects of implementation of the Protocol?

2.4. What have been the greatest difficulties in this implementation? Please tick your answers in the following list.

Lack of political will and support	
Limited public participation and stakeholder involvement	
Lack of integration of the objectives of the Protocol into other sectors	
Inadequate capacity to act, caused by institutional weakness	
Lack of transfer of technology and/or expertise	
Lack of adequate scientific research capacities to support all the objectives	
Lack of public education and awareness at all levels	
Loss of biodiversity and its related goods and services not properly understood/documentated	
Lack of financial, human, technical resources	
Lack of economic incentive measures	
Lack of synergies at national and international levels	
Lack of cooperation between involved stakeholders at local and national levels	
Lack of effective partnerships	
Lack of appropriate policies and laws	
Lack of precise definitions of potential misunderstanding notions	
Population/local communities pressure	
Lack of knowledge and practice ecosystem-based approaches to management	
Others (please specify)	
<i>Possible comments and details</i>	

2.5. Which institutions in your country are the driving forces to implement the objectives of the Protocol? Are they in contact with similar institutions in your neighbouring countries?

2.6. Are the local authorities or other stakeholders (NGOs, private sector, ...) encouraged to contribute to the implementation of the Protocol in their objectives

and activities? Have they undertaken activities or actions aiming at implement better and further the Protocol? If yes, in which particular field (degraded habitats, endangered species, water and river basins management, industry and energy, spatial planning, tourism, Protected Areas, communication, research, cooperation, information, ...)?

- 2.7. Is there a special unit/committee responsible for the consultation and mediation between all the stakeholders at national level?
- 2.8. Do you have any other general comments or recommendations on the implementation of the Protocol?