



Conseil International de la Chasse et de la Conservation du Gibier
Internationaler Rat zur Erhaltung des Wildes und der Jagd
International Council for Game and Wildlife Conservation

President

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ESTABLISHING A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR
GAME AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION (CIC) AND THE FRAMEWORK
CONVENTION ON THE PROTECTION AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF
THE CARPATHIANS (CARPATHIAN CONVENTION)

During the General Assembly of the CIC, Dr. Harald Egerer (UNEP, Vienna) encouraged the CIC to start a collaboration with the Carpathian Convention. CIC welcomes this initiative and suggests a formal partnership.

CIC offers its network and expertise to the Carpathian Convention and its working groups to work together in promoting sustainable wildlife management. As a first step, we suggest to implement a management strategy for large carnivores and their prey in the Carpathian Mountains. In line with this we propose to concentrate specifically on the following issues:

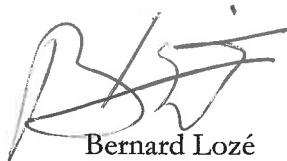
1) CIC can contribute to have hunters organized in specialized wildlife management and conservation groups specifically in the following areas:

- 1) Improvement of research data and monitoring techniques
- 2) Identification of wildlife disease management
- 3) Fight against wildlife crime
- 4) Recognition of hunting traditions in the region and the value of hunting to wildlife conservation in all seven participating countries
- 5) Establishing common wildlife management plans, e.g. for large carnivores and their prey, for the area of the Carpathian Mountains.

2) CIC using its wide networks in coordination with state members and CIC national delegations will be engaged to work on developing transnational landscape level wildlife research, monitoring, management and conservation plans. This will be conducted in close collaboration with FACE and other interested partners.

Carpathian Mountain issues and their ecological importance will be one of the main themes in the next CIC General Assembly in Brussels (April 2016). It would be our pleasure to present some results of our joint efforts in Brussels. Thus, we propose to proceed with establishing a partnership at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

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Bernard Lozé

President of the CIC