



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 Framework Convention on the Protection and Sustainable Development of the Carpathians¹, its Protocol on Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biological and Landscape Diversity² done in Bucharest on 19 June 2009 which entered into force on 28 April 2010, and its Strategic Action Plan 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 Convention”

² Hereinafter named “the Protocol”

³ Hereinafter named “the SAP”

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A. GENERAL INFORMATION OF NATIONAL IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS AND CHALLENGES

A.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.

Please give a narrative description of the main features (geography, biological and landscape diversity) of the Carpathian region of your national territory.

B. ACHIEVEMENTS AND FURTHER IMPLEMENTATION INFORMATION

B.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, in particular to the Objectives 2, 3, 4 and 5.

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
1.a. Policies and strategies aiming at the conservation, restoration and sustainable use of biological and landscape diversity of the Carpathians developed, implemented and harmonised				
<i>Possible comments and details</i>				
Biodiversity Protocol SAP: Action 1.1 – Biodiversity Protocol: Art. 4				

1.b. The provisions of the Protocol integrated into national sectoral policies?				
<i>Possible comments and details</i>				
Biodiversity Protocol SAP: Action 1.2 – Biodiversity Protocol: Art. 5				
1.c. 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				
1.d. 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				
1.e. 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				
1.f. Active cooperation at international level and cooperation with regional and local authorities encouraged				
<i>Possible comments and details</i>				
Biodiversity Protocol SAP: Action 1.2 – Biodiversity Protocol: Art. 7				

1.g. 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, 10, 16 and 18 of the Protocol</i>				
Results expected	Comprehensive measures taken (fully achieved)	Some measures taken (partially achieved)	Not achieved	No information
2.a. 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				
2.b. 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				
2.c. 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 and 16				

2.d. Priorities for common actions identified				
<i>Possible comments and details</i>				
Biodiversity Protocol SAP: Action 2.2 – Biodiversity Protocol: Art. 8 and 16				
2.e. 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				
2.f. 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				
2.g. Inclusion of the foreseen activities aimed at reaching objective 2 in the agenda of the expert meetings				
<i>Possible comments and details</i>				
Biodiversity Protocol SAP: Action 2.2 – Biodiversity Protocol: Art. 8				
2.h. National results of research on habitats integrated into joint information system				
<i>Possible comments and details</i>				
Biodiversity Protocol SAP: Action 9.2 – Biodiversity Protocol: Art. 18				
2.i. Degraded habitats identified and priority list drafted				
<i>Possible comments and details</i>				
Biodiversity Protocol SAP: Action 2.3 – Biodiversity Protocol: Art. 10				

2.j. 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				
<i>Pursuant to Articles 11, 12, 16 and 18 of the Protocol</i>				
Results expected	Comprehensive measures taken (fully achieved)	Some measures taken (partially achieved)	Not achieved	No information
3.a. 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 and 12				
3.b. 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. 11 and 12				
3.c. 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				

3.d. National results of research on species integrated into joint information system				
<i>Possible comments and details</i>				
Biodiversity Protocol SAP: Action 3.1 and 3.2– Biodiversity Protocol: Art. 18				
3.e. List of target species which require special conservation measures elaborated				
<i>Possible comments and details</i>				
Biodiversity Protocol SAP: Action 3.2 – Biodiversity Protocol: Art. 12				
3.f. 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				
3.g. 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 and 12				
3.h. 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 expert meetings				
<i>Possible comments and details</i>				
Biodiversity Protocol SAP: Action 3.2 – Biodiversity Protocol: Art. 12				

3.i. 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 and 16				
3.j. 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 <i>Pursuant to Articles 9, 14, 15 and 16 of the Protocol</i>				
Results expected	Comprehensive measures taken (fully achieved)	Some measures taken (partially achieved)	Not achieved	No information
4.a. 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.9 and 15				
4.b. 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, mainstays, priority connecting corridors and migratory routes of species listed in the Carpathian Red List of Species)				
<i>Possible comments and details</i>				
Biodiversity Protocol SAP: Action 4.1 – Biodiversity Protocol: Art. 9 and 15				
4.c. 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 and 15				
4.d. 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 and 15				
4.e. Priority connecting corridors, 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. 9, 15 and 16				
4.f. Inputs to methodology for the creation of the ecological network provided and methodology applied				
<i>Possible comments and details</i>				
Biodiversity Protocol SAP: Action 4.1 – Biodiversity Protocol: Art. 9				
4.g. Inputs to catalogue of measures aimed at reaching objective 4 including all the already existing measures of national and regional legislations provided, 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. 9 and 15				
4.h. Inputs to the tools of ecological connectivity provided, linking Protected Areas where necessary or beneficial				
<i>Possible comments and details</i>				
Biodiversity Protocol SAP: Action 4.1 – Biodiversity Protocol: Art. 9 and 15				
4.i. Measures aimed at improving and ensuring continuity and connectivity of natural and semi-natural habitats harmonized, coordinated and 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. 9, 15 and 16				
4.j. Priority common actions aimed at improving and ensuring continuity and connectivity of natural and semi-natural habitats to be undertaken in border areas in the Carpathians, in particular in transboundary protected areas identified				
<i>Possible comments and details</i>				
Biodiversity Protocol SAP: Action 4.1 – Biodiversity Protocol: Art. 9, 15, and 16				
4.k. National and international resources in order to reach objective 4 identified and project proposals prepared				
<i>Possible comments and details</i>				
Biodiversity Protocol SAP: Action 4.1 – Biodiversity Protocol: Art. 9,14 and 15				

Objective 5 – Prevention of introduction of invasive alien species and/or genetically modified organisms threatening ecosystems, habitats or species, their control or eradication <i>Pursuant to Article 13 of the Protocol</i>				
Results expected	Comprehensive measures taken (fully achieved)	Some measures taken (partially achieved)	Not achieved	No information
5.a. 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				
5.b. 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				
5.c. 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				

5.d. Measures aimed at reaching objective 5 adopted				
<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 and 14 of the Protocol</i>				
Results expected	Comprehensive measures taken (fully achieved)	Some measures taken (partially achieved)	Not achieved	No information
6.a. 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				
6.b. Resources allocated to designated CNPA National Focal Points for the CNPA cooperation				
<i>Possible comments and details</i>				
Biodiversity Protocol SAP: Action 6.2 – Biodiversity Protocol: Art.7 and 14				
6.c. 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 6.3 – Biodiversity Protocol: Art.14				
6.d. Resources for the participation of representatives of CNPA members in CNPA meetings and in CNPA Conferences provided				
<i>Possible comments and details</i>				
Biodiversity Protocol SAP: Action 6.4 – 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
7.a. 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				
7.b. 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				
7.c. Effectiveness of the implementation of management plans or conservation measures aiming at protection and sustainable use of biological and landscape diversity of the Carpathians assessed, for example through the CPAMETT				
<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
8.a. 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 and 20				
8.b. Harmonization, development and implementation of management plans aiming at cross sectoral integration, 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. 16 and 20				
8.c. 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.7 and 16				

<p>8.d. Budgetary and other domestic resources for transboundary cooperation in protected areas identified and allocated, and 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 supported</p>				
<p><i>Possible comments and details</i></p>				
<p>Biodiversity Protocol SAP: Action 8.3 – Biodiversity Protocol: Art.16</p>				
<p>8.e. 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</p>				
<p><i>Possible comments and details</i></p>				
<p>Biodiversity Protocol SAP: Action 8.3 – Biodiversity Protocol: Art.20</p>				
<p>8.f. Common actions jointly undertaken by administrations responsible for protected areas, in particular in transboundary protected areas in the Carpathians supported</p>				
<p><i>Possible comments and details</i></p>				
<p>Biodiversity Protocol SAP: Action 8.4 – Biodiversity Protocol: Art.20</p>				
<p>8.g. Legal protective status granted to priority connecting corridors in border areas</p>				
<p><i>Possible comments and details</i></p>				
<p>Biodiversity Protocol SAP: Action 8.5 – Biodiversity Protocol: Art.16</p>				

Objective 9 – Development of compatible monitoring systems and a joint information system <i>Pursuant to Articles 18, and 19 of the Protocol</i>				
Results expected	Comprehensive measures taken (fully achieved)	Some measures taken (partially achieved)	Not achieved	No information
9.a. Inputs to the joint information system provided				
<i>Possible comments and details</i>				
Biodiversity Protocol SAP: Action 9.2 – Biodiversity Protocol: art.18				
9.b. 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, promoted				
<i>Possible comments and details</i>				
Biodiversity Protocol SAP: Action 9.1 – Biodiversity Protocol: art.19				
9.c. 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				

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
10.a. Directory of scientific institutions and database of scientific research developed and updated				
<i>Possible comments and details</i>				
Biodiversity Protocol SAP: Action 10.1 – Biodiversity Protocol: Art.19				
10.b. 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				
10.c. 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				
10.d. 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				

10.e. 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
11.a. 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 – Biodiversity Protocol: Art. 21				

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
13.a. 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				
13.b. 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 concluded				
<i>Possible comments and details</i>				
Biodiversity Protocol SAP: Action 13.1 – Biodiversity Protocol: Art.7				
13.c. Cooperative arrangements for facilitating international cooperation between regional and local authorities concluded and common implementation of the existing ones supported				
<i>Possible comments and details</i>				
Biodiversity Protocol SAP: Action 13.2 – Biodiversity Protocol: Art.7				

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
15.a. 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				
15.b. Public access to information related to the implementation of the Protocol ensured on the national web sites				
<i>Possible comments and details</i>				

Biodiversity Protocol SAP: Action 15.1 – Biodiversity Protocol: Art.24				
15.c. Measures on education and awareness raising conducted				
<i>Possible comments and details</i>				
Biodiversity Protocol SAP: Action 15.1 – Biodiversity Protocol: Art.24				
15.d. Detailed communication plan on the access of the public to the information related to the implementation of the Protocol elaborated				
<i>Possible comments and details</i>				
Biodiversity Protocol SAP: Action 15.2 – Biodiversity Protocol: Art.24				

B.2 Have you taken complementary measures to those planned by the present Protocol? If yes, please, list them.

B.3 What have been the most successful aspects of implementation of the Protocol?

B.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>	

B.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?

B.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, ...)?

B.7 Is there a special unit/committee responsible for the consultation and mediation between all the stakeholders at national level?

B.8 Do you have any other general comments or recommendations on the implementation of the Protocol?