



CARPATHIAN NETWORK OF PROTECTED AREAS 4TH MEETING OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE

MEETING REPORT

19 June 2008, Bucharest, Romania

The 4th meeting of the CNPA Steering Committee was held at the Romanian National Forest Administration Office on 19 June 2008 in Bucharest, Romania.

The meeting was attended by the National Focal Points for CNPA from the Carpathian countries with the exemption of Serbia, UNEP Vienna - Interim Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention, as well as observers: ALPARC Task Force Protected Areas – Permanent Secretariat of the Alpine Convention, WWF-DCP, EURAC (see Annex 1 - List of participants).

The Meeting was opened by Mr. Mircea Verghelet who chaired the meeting together with Mr. Harald Egerer, Executive Secretary of the UNEP Vienna - Interim Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention (ISCC). Mr. Verghelet welcomed the participants and initiated an introduction round.

Further, the meeting adopted the revised Agenda of the Meeting (see Annex 2 – Agenda).

1. Institutional arrangements for the CNPA

Under Agenda item 1 the Meeting took note of the COP2 decisions on the CNPA related matters.

Decision COP2/1

6. takes note of the proposal for a permanent arrangement for the Carpathian Network of Protected Areas (CNPA) established under the Carpathian Convention Implementation Committee (CCIC) and submitted for further consideration and decision by COP3, and requests the CNPA Steering Committee to further discuss and elaborate that proposal taking into account results of the Protected Areas Conference to be held on 23-24 September 2008 (in Brasov, Romania);

7. *requests* the interim Secretariat in cooperation with CNPA Steering Committee, with the support of the ALPARC and Task Force of Protected Areas of the Alpine Convention Secretariat and in collaboration with the other CNPA partners, to prepare a Work Plan and Medium Term Strategy for CNPA, and *invites* the Protected Areas Conference to consider and provide inputs to the documents;

8. *recognizes* the need for additional human, institutional and financial resources to service the Protocol on Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biological and Landscape Diversity and manage the CNPA arrangements, *approves* the related arrangement and budget implications proposed by the interim Secretariat, contained in decision COP2/13;

While further discussing the proposal for a permanent arrangement of the CNPA, the meeting decided to establish a CNPA unit. The work of the CNPA during the coming years should continue on an interim basis until the decision on the proposal for a permanent arrangement to be taken by COP3. The CNPA SC will draft the internal rules for the CNPA Unit and for the Protected Areas Conference. Romania will provide the first draft proposal for circulation to and consideration by the CNPA Steering Committee (See Decisions by the 4th Meeting of the CNPA SC – paragraph 1).

2. Information and discussions of the working procedures of the CNPA Steering Committee

The meeting agreed that the Rules of Procedure of the Conference of the Parties to the Carpathian Convention should continue to be applied *mutatis mutandis* to the CNPA Steering Committee. A consolidated version of the Rules of Procedure, adapted and modified according to the CNPA SC needs, will be prepared by the interim Secretariat for consideration by the CNPA SC (See Decisions by the 4th Meeting of the CNPA SC – paragraph 2).

3. Way of developing the Medium Term Strategy of the CNPA for presentation and discussions at the Brasov Conference /// 5. Way of developing the draft Work Plan for 2009 for discussions at the Brasov Conference

The Second Conference of the Parties (COP2) to the Carpathian Convention requested the interim Secretariat in cooperation with the CNPA SC and with the support of the ALPARC Task Force Protected Areas and other partners, to prepare a Work Plan and a Medium Term Strategy for the CNPA that will be presented to the Protected Areas Conference.

WWF-DCP, as well as ALPARC Task Force Protected Areas expressed their interest in supporting the development of the Work Plan 2009, as well as the Medium Term Strategy of the CNPA. Mr. Martin Pavlik, ALPARC Task Force Protected Areas, presented to the Meeting a first draft of the Strategy; the document will be improved and circulated to the CNPA National Focal Points and other partners for inputs.

The Draft Medium Term Strategy, as well as the Draft Work Plan will be officially circulated (following the timetable below) by the (interim) Secretariat to the CNPA Focal Points; the draft versions of the documents with the incorporated inputs by the CNPA Focal Points and Observers will be considered and a final draft adopted by the 5th meeting of the CNPA SC, to be held prior to the Protected Area Conference (23-24 September 2008):

(See Decisions by the 4th Meeting of the CNPA SC – paragraph 3). The final draft version of the two documents, as approved by the CNPA SC, will then be presented to the Protected Areas Conference, which will consider and provide further inputs to these documents.

- First draft will be sent out – beginning of July;
- First inputs should be received – end of July;
- Second draft will be sent out – mid-August;
- Second round of inputs should be received – mid-September.

6. Agree on the final agenda and number of participants to the CNPA Conference and the EUROPARC Conference 2008 to be held in September

As requested by some participants, and with the goal of defining the membership of the CNPA, the interim Secretariat will send to all the CNPA Focal Points an official request inviting them to nominate the members of the Carpathian Network of Protected Areas. The official list should be finalized by the end of July 2008. (See Decisions by the 4th Meeting of the CNPA SC – paragraph 4)

Further, Mr. Jon Marco Church, European Academy of Bolzano – Italy, informed the meeting that EURAC, in cooperation with partners, is currently developing a project that is intended to further support the CNPA. The participants welcomed the proposal and promised to identify and propose possible areas/activities that can benefit from the project upon request.

The meeting discussed and modified the Agenda of the Conference; the final version will be circulated to the participants to the meeting in due course by Mr. Mircea Verghelet.

The Meeting agreed that the national parks administrations should receive detailed information about the Conference – an invitation letter specifying conditions to be fulfilled by participants: expenses, language abilities, financial support if available etc. This invitation letter to the Conference for the national parks administrations will be drafted and circulated to the CNPA National Focal Points by Ms. Erika Stanciu (deadline: two weeks after the 4th Meeting of the CNPA). The number of delegates to the Conference will be the one decided upon at the 2nd Meeting of the CNPA Steering Committee (22-23 November 2007, Budapest, Hungary)¹. Further, Ms. Erika Stanciu emphasized that the designated participants should speak English – working language of the Conference.

7. The CNPA logo

The final proposed logos by Romania and Slovakia were presented; the Steering Committee adopted the CNPA logo as displayed below. (See Decisions by the 4th Meeting of the CNPA SC – paragraph 5).

¹ Meeting Report – 2nd Meeting of the CNPA Steering Committee (22-23 November 2007, Budapest, Hungary) → **Czech Republic** 3 (+1) persons, **Hungary** 3 persons, **Poland** 12 (+1), **Romania** 21 persons, **Serbia** 3 (+1) persons, **Slovakia** 15 persons, **Ukraine** 10 persons, **Members of the CNPA Steering Committee, Balkans Representatives** (possible invitation) 5-7 persons



8. Fundraising – does the CNPA want to go for Swiss Contribution Funds – if yes, how

Mr. David Strobel, WWF Danube Carpathian Programme, updated the meeting on the first steps taken so far in order to obtain financing for the CNPA from the Swiss Contribution Funds (SCF) to the EU enlargement. A first meeting was convened in Vienna (hosted by the interim Secretariat on 18 February 2008); based on the meeting outcomes a proposal was drafted by the WWF DCP and circulated among the participants – representing the ministries of Environment and Finance of the 4 Carpathian countries beneficiaries of these funds. Since no feedback was received at this point, the document will be circulated again by WWF-DCP; WWF DCPO invited the CNPA Focal Points to lobby within their governments to obtain a part of the funds for developing the Carpathian Network of Protected Areas and its related activities.

9. Next meeting of the Steering Committee

The Chair proposed and the meeting agreed that the 5th Meeting of the CNPA Steering Committee will be held on 22 September (from 10 a.m.) 2008 in Brasov, Romania one day before the Protected Areas Conference.

10. Update on the GEF project

Mr. Mircea Verghelet updated the meeting on the GEF project – “Improving the Financial Sustainability of the Carpathian System of Protected Areas” – proposal that is going to be submitted on behalf of Romania by UNDP Bratislava.

ATTACHED:

- **Annex 1 – List of participants**
- **Annex 2 – Agenda**
- **Annex 3 – Decisions**

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4TH MEETING OF STEERING COMMITTEE**

AGENDA

1. Institutional arrangements for the CNPA.
2. Information and discussions of the working procedures of the CNPA Steering Committee.
3. Way of developing the Medium Term Strategy of the CNPA for presentation and discussions at the Brasov Conference.
4. CNPA activities in 2008.
5. Way of developing the draft Work Plan for 2009 for discussions at the Brasov Conference.
6. Agree on the final agenda and number of participants to the CNPA Conference and the EUROPARC 2008 Conference in September.
7. The CNPA logo.
8. Fundraising – does the CNPA want to go for Swiss Cohesion Funds – if yes, how
9. Next meeting of the Steering Committee.
10. Update on the GEF project.

4th Meeting of the CNPA Steering Committee

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DECISIONS

1. The SC decides to establish a CNPA Unit. The CNPA SC will draft the internal rules for the CNPA Unit and for the Conference of the CNPA (to be drafted by RO)
2. Apply the rules of procedure of the COP *mutatis mutandis*. The SC will adapt the rules of procedure for its own needs (to be drafted by the Secretariat).
3. Medium term strategy and work plan for 2009 for CNPA circulated by Interim Secretariat for inputs – deadline – end of July, final draft August, final inputs – September.
4. Each CNPA SC member will deliver based on the request made by the Interim Secretariat to the CNPA Focal Points the official list of CNPA members from his/her own country by the end of July.
5. The CNPA SC adopts the logo presented below and provided by the Slovak CNPA Focal Point as the official logo of the CNPA.



6. The SC takes note of the GEF project proposal provided by UNDP Bratislava.