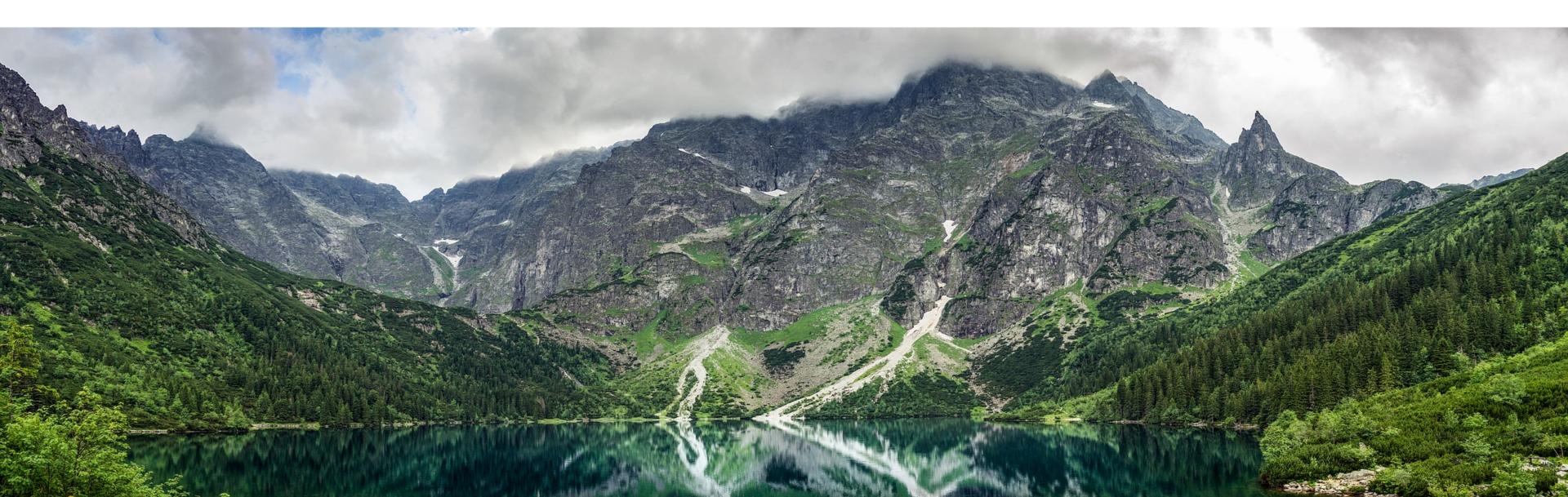


Carpathian Biodiversity Framework - introduction

14th Carpathian Convention Working Group on Biodiversity, 22-24 May 2023,

Harald Egerer
UNEP Vienna Programme Office - Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention



Involvement of the Carpathian Convention into the Kunming – Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework - *process*



Advocacy

Advocating for raising the importance of mountain biodiversity in the post-2020 GBF process and promoting the Carpathian Convention

Increasing the attention of the Carpathian stakeholders to the post-2020 GBF and the need for synergies between the processes

Mandate

Carpathian Convention COP6 Decisions – chapter on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework

Empowerment

- Empowering the GBF process in the region
- CC as regional mechanism for the implementation of CBD and the GBF
- enhancing synergies among different biodiversity-related conventions
- streamlining and strengthening efforts for achieving the core objectives of both conventions

Commitment

 Ministerial declaration on the Carpathian Commitments for the implementation of the GBF (November 2022 Rzeszów, Poland)

Carpathian Ministerial Conference

21-22 November 2022 Rzeszów, Poland

The Carpathian Ministerial Conference marks a milestone in the regional cooperation!

High-level representatives of the 7 Carpathian Convention Parties gathered to discuss the most pressing challenges of the region – biodiversity protection and the crisis in Ukraine.

Declaration adopted at the Conference:

- <u>Carpathian Commitments for the new post 2020</u> <u>global biodiversity framework implementation</u>
- Declaration on impact of the war on the environment in Ukraine and the need for cooperation and assistance











Carpathian Commitments for the post-2020 GBF implementation

- examine the possible contribution of the Carpathian region to the implementation the new global biodiversity framework at the CBD COP 15
- develop and implement a strategic document that will reflecting the GBF in the Carpathian level – Carpathian Biodiversity Framework
- sign and implement the revised Memorandum of Cooperation between the CBD, the Alpine Convention, and the Carpathian Convention in the light of the GBF
- mainstream biodiversity within and across sectors by using the integrated approach of the Carpathian Conventions
- The Carpathian Commitments could be potentially reflected in the national biodiversity strategies and action plans (NBSAPs)

Carpathian Biodiversity Framework is a tool supporting transformative actions across and within various sectors to implement the Carpathian Convention and its Protocols, setting out vision for the Carpathians as a model mountain region for sustainable development and preservation of the natural environment

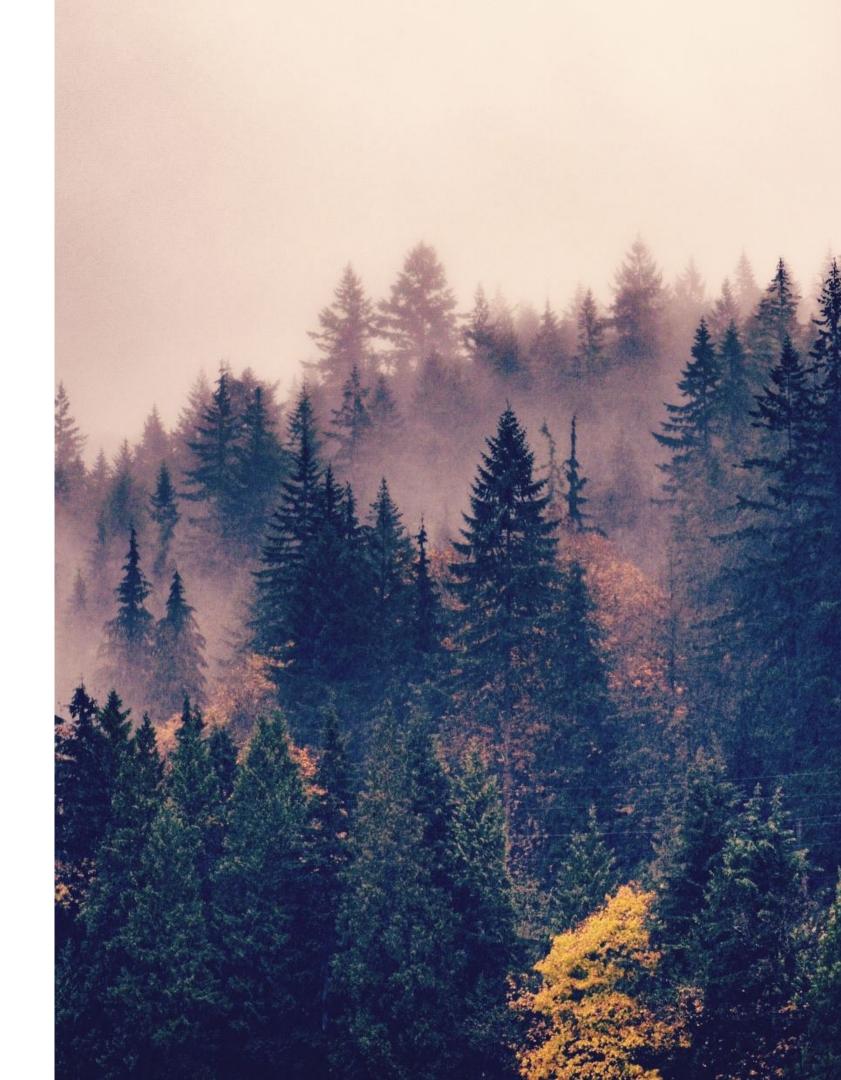
- aims at fostering joint activities in main priority areas of cooperation
- contributes to the implementation of other relevant global and European framework (e.g. GBF)
- allows for synergies with important regional, European and international objectives: CBD's Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, 2030 the EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030, SDGs of the Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development
- helps to achieve the Carpathian Convention's general objectives of the protection and sustainable development of the Carpathians



Carpathian Vision 2050

By 2050, the Carpathians is a thriving and sustainable region where people live in harmony with nature.

The biodiversity and natural beauty of the Carpathians are conserved, restored, and wisely used providing a healthy environment and essential ecosystems services for all people of the region and beyond.

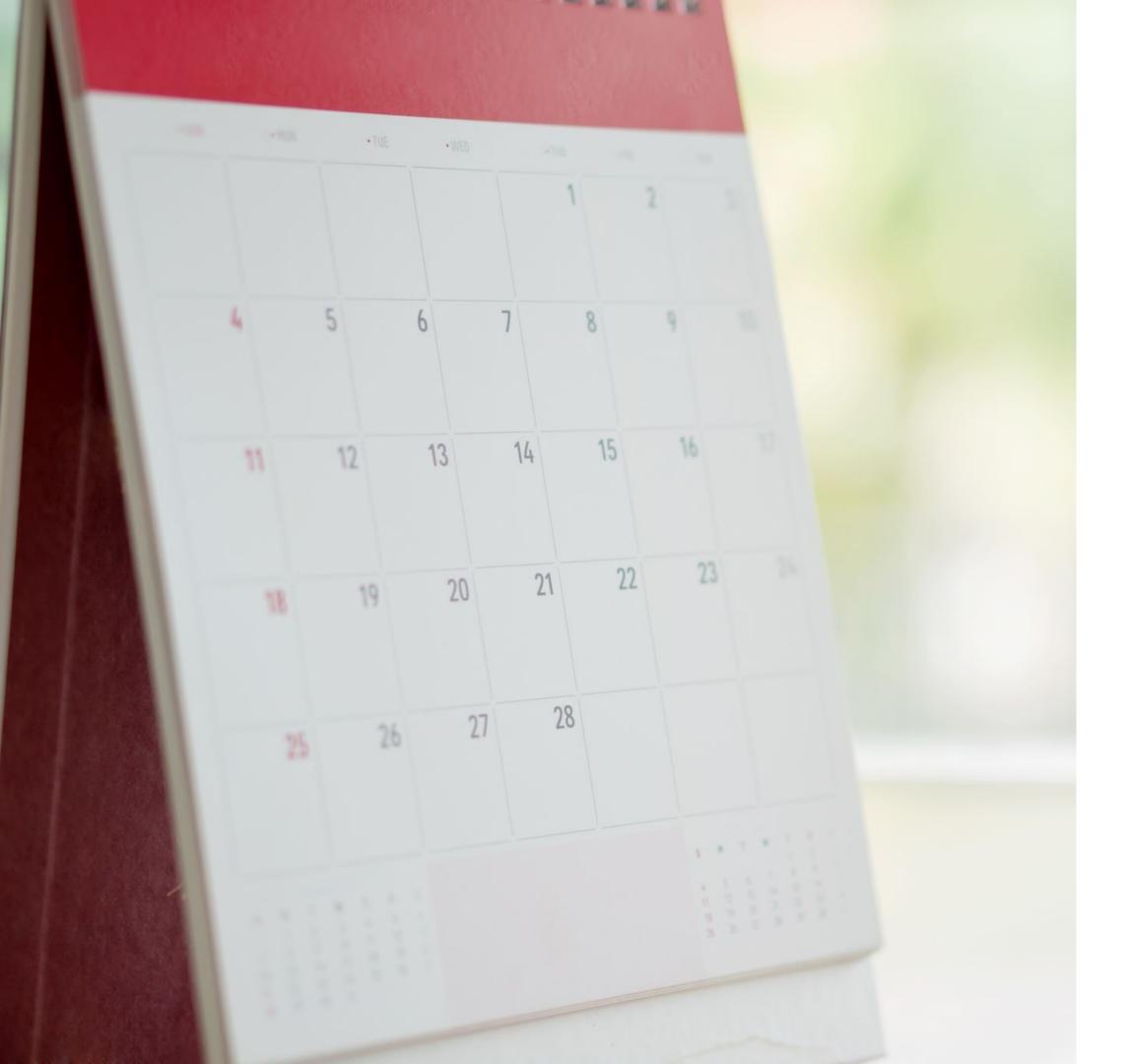


Carpathian Biodiversity Framework and its Annex

ANNEX: a comprehensive compilation of tasks and activities contributing to the implementation of the Carpathian Biodiversity Framework, and in extension, to the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, to guide Parties in their implementation of the Carpathian Convention and its Protocols

(a rolling document)





Next steps

- Ongoing consultation with the CBD and CC Focal Points
- Consultations with the CC Working Groups
- > Finalization of the document
- Adoption at the CC COP7 in October 11-13 2023 in Belgrade, Serbia

