



Carpathians Unite – mechanism of consultation and cooperation for implementation of the Carpathian Convention

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"Carpathians Unite" project

implemented in the Polish part of the Carpathians by the consortium of six partner organizations coordinated by UNEP/GRID-Warsaw Centre in cooperation with the Ministry of Environment of Poland.

Project duration: 4 years (Jan. 2012 – Dec. 2015)



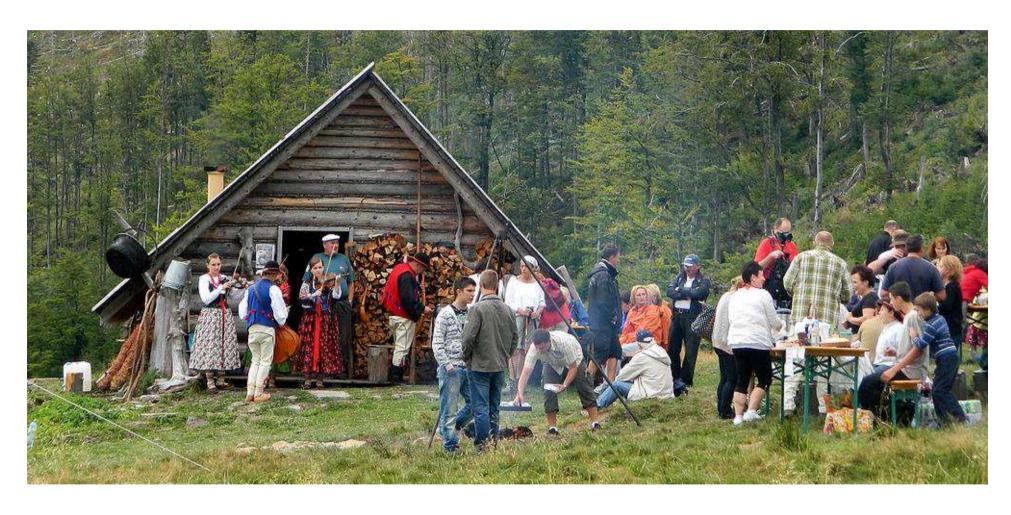


"Carpathians Unite" - Objectives:

- networking for the implementation of the Convention and its thematic Protocols in Poland
- biodiversity conservation and sustainable development of the Carpathians
- raising public awareness of the objectives of the Convention
- enhancing public support for the Convention implementation at the regional and local levels.











"Carpathians Unite" - Actions:

- Implementation of the Carpathian Convention
 - platform of consultation and cooperation
- Carpathian Informatorium
- Regional strategy of sustainable tourism development
- Traditional shepherding in the Carpathians





Action: Carpathian Informatorium





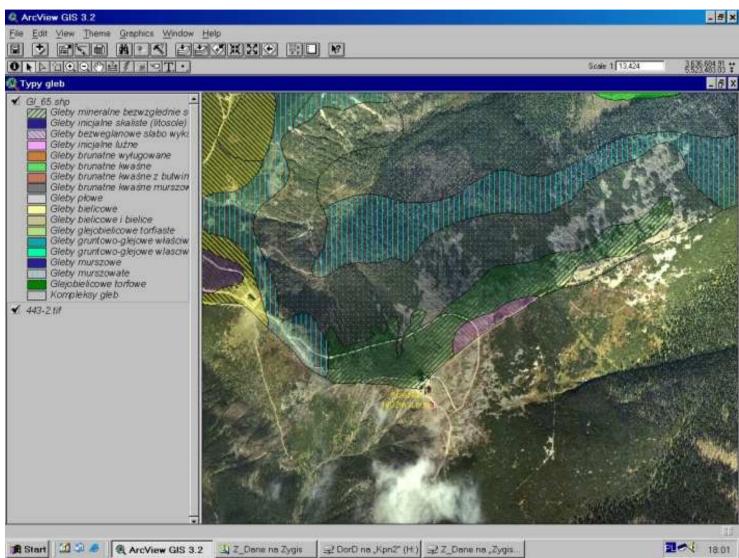


Action: Carpathian Informatorium

- gathering, processing and improving access of the public to information on the protection and sustainable development of the Carpathians
- launching web-portal fostering networking of institutions, authorities and organizations cooperating on the implementation of the Convention
- development of the national information system on the Carpathians.

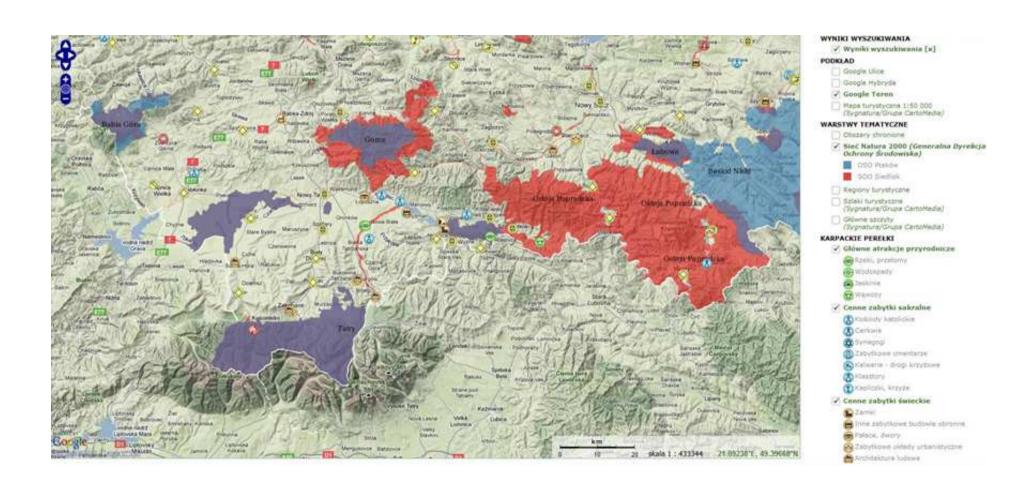
















Action: Regional strategy of sustainable tourism development









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pilot action for the implementation of the CC Sustainable Tourism Protocol (Bratislava, 2011)

preparing sustainable tourism development strategy for the Lower Beskid Mts. and adjacent regions of the Carpathian foothills

involving local self-government authorities (37 rural districts in 2 administrative Provinces) and other stakeholders in the elaboration and implementation of a regional sustainable tourism development strategy





Action: Traditional shepherding in the Carpathians









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- pilot action for the implementation of the CC Biodiversity Protocol (Bucharest, 2008)
- promoting sustainable use of natural and semi-natural habitats
- promoting the role of traditional sustainable pastoralism for the maintenance of biological diversity in mountain ecosystems
- maintaining the management of land traditionally cultivated in a sustainable manner





Action: Traditional shepherding in the Carpathians (continued)

- preserving traditional architecture, land-use patterns, and local breeds of domestic animals
- protecting cultural landscapes of the Carpathians
- development of the shepherding infrastructure
- promotion of the local traditional shepherding products



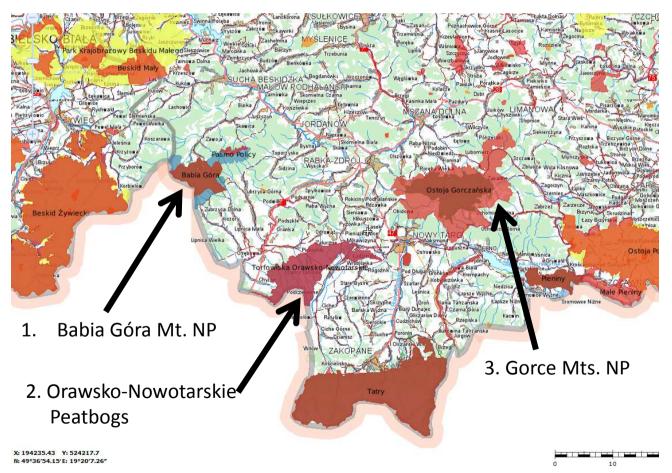








Sheep grazing under the "Carpathians Unite" project is carried out also in protected areas: National Parks and Natura 2000 sites.













Development of shepherding infrastructure







Cultural landscape protection







Promotion of local shepherding products





















Shepherding events











































- drafting the National Action Plan for the implementation of the CC Biodiversity Protocol
- promoting public participation in decision-making related to CC implementation
- facilitating the coordination, networking and cooperation between institutions, regional and local authorities
- carrying out regional consultations and raising public awareness on the Convention.





- drafting the proposal of the National Action Plan for the implementation of the CC Biodiversity Protocol
- for approval by the Minister of Environment (in 2015 ?)
- with the participation of e.g. regional state authorities and self-govts, state forests administrations, research institutes, national and landscape parks from the PL part of the Carpathians.







- Capacity building Carpathian Leader trainings for Carpathian NGO representatives from PL
- 3 day-long meetings, 12 different locations
- topics: Carpathian Convention, support for sustainable regional development, best practice patterns, communication, project management







- promoting public participation in decision-making related to CC implementation:
- later this month (26-27 September 2013)
- the first Forum of the Carpathian Municipalities
- shall gather near Sanok (Podkarpackie Province, PL)
- topics: C.Convention, Regional Operational Plans
- seminars: rural development (PricewaterhouseCoopers)
- incorporating Natura 2000 management plans into municipality land development plans (UNEP/GRID-Warsaw)





- meetings of the Carpathian Convention Working Group on Cultural Heritage and Traditional Knowledge in 2013:
- 14-16 May 2013 in Krynica (Malopolskie Province, PL)
- 9-11 Sept. 2013 in Orelec (Podkarpackie Province, PL)
- are co-organized by UNEP Vienna ISCC, Ekopsychologia Association and UNEP/GRID-Warsaw Centre
- under this activity of the "Carpathians Unite" project.
- WELCOME to the Polish part of the Carpathians!





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