## Identification of virgin forests in Romania

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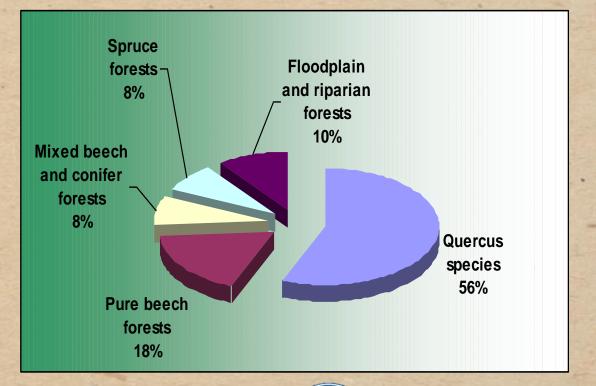


ROMANIA FORESTS' MAP 3000 years ago (approximate rebuilding) LEGEND alpine and subalpine communities forests forest steppe stenne swamp forests and marshes marshes alact sea

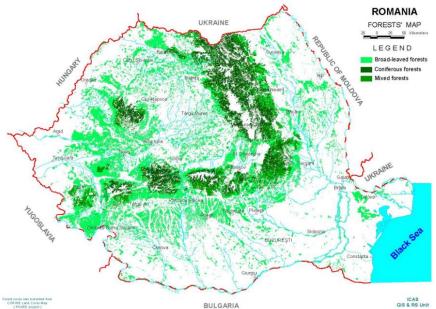
1. About 3000 years ago, the structure of the Romanian vegetal cover started to find its present form. At that time about 80% (about 18 million ha) was covered by forests, 15% by steppe vegetation and 5% by Alpine, sub-Alpine, swamp vegetation.

2. The structure by forest species was the following:

#### ROMANIAN FORESTS: AN OVERVIEW (the past)





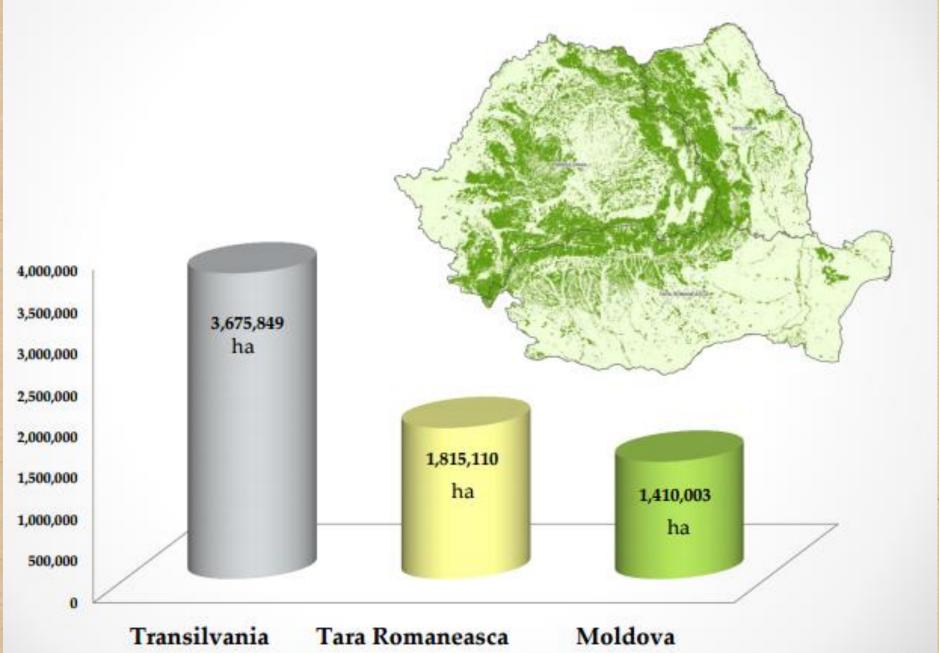


#### ROMANIAN FORESTS: AN OVERVIEW (the present)

Index	Value
National territory area	23,835,800 ha
Forest area	6,898,912 ha
Population	19,963,581 capita
Forests as % of total land area	29 %
Forest/population	0.34ha/capita
Standing growing stock	2.17 billion m <sup>3</sup>
Growing stock per ha of FAWS	279.5 m <sup>3</sup> /ha
Share of forest undisturbed by man in forest	4.1 % (≈ 280 000 ha)

(Source: National Institute of Statistics)

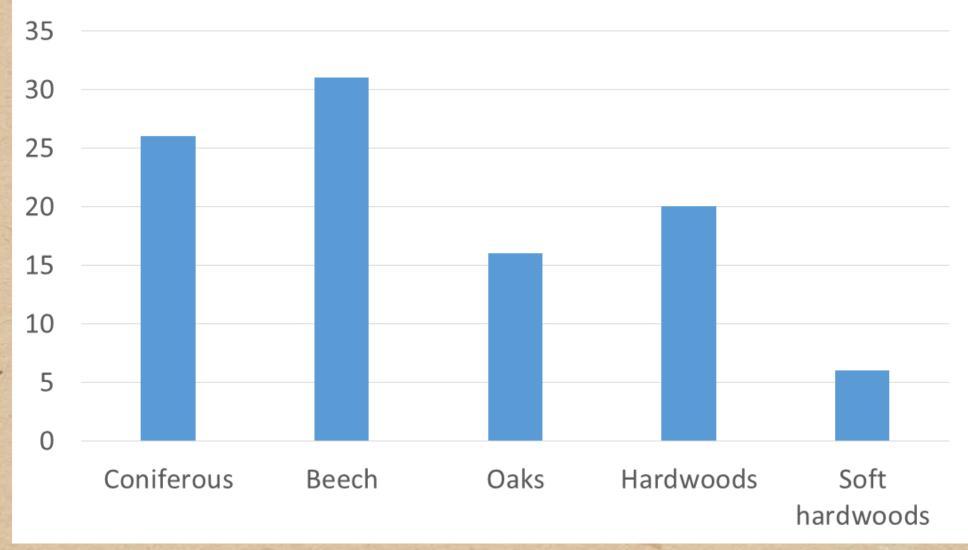




Forest distribution is not geographically uniform



#### Proportion of species / main species groups



Broadleaves are dominant in Romanian forests (over 70 %)





#### THE STATUS OF VIRGIN FORESTS: BRIEF HISTORY

- In the same time with the reduction in forested area, especially in the last five centuries, the virgin forests registered a diminishment in surface:
  - 2 million ha of virgin forests at the end of the 19th century;
  - 0.7 million ha at the beginning of the communist period (1947-1948);
  - 0.4 million ha in 1984;
  - 0.25 million ha in 2000.
- The example of PUTNA Forestry District (in Bucovina):

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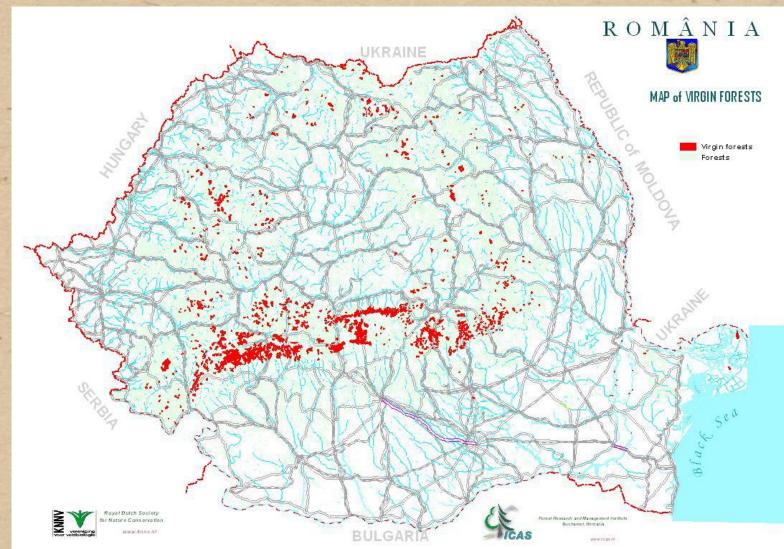
Virgin forest area in Putna Forestry District

Year



Virgin forest share (%)

#### Virgin & natural forests in Romania



Map of virgin forests in Romania according with the 2002-2004 inventory





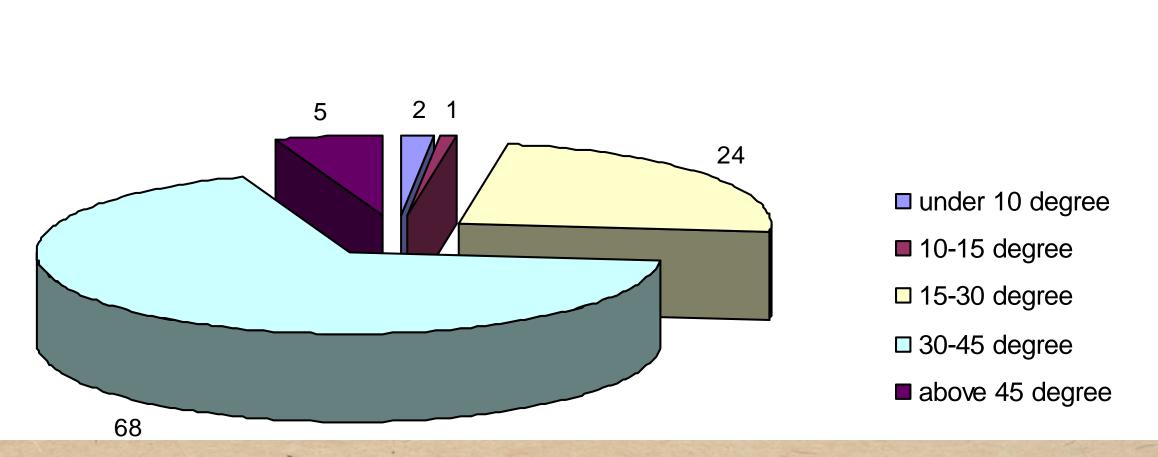


#### INVENTORY AND STRATEGY FOR SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT AND PROTECTION OF VIRGIN FORESTS IN ROMANIA (PINMATRA/2001/018) -OBJECTIVES, ACTIVITIES, APPROACH, RESULTS





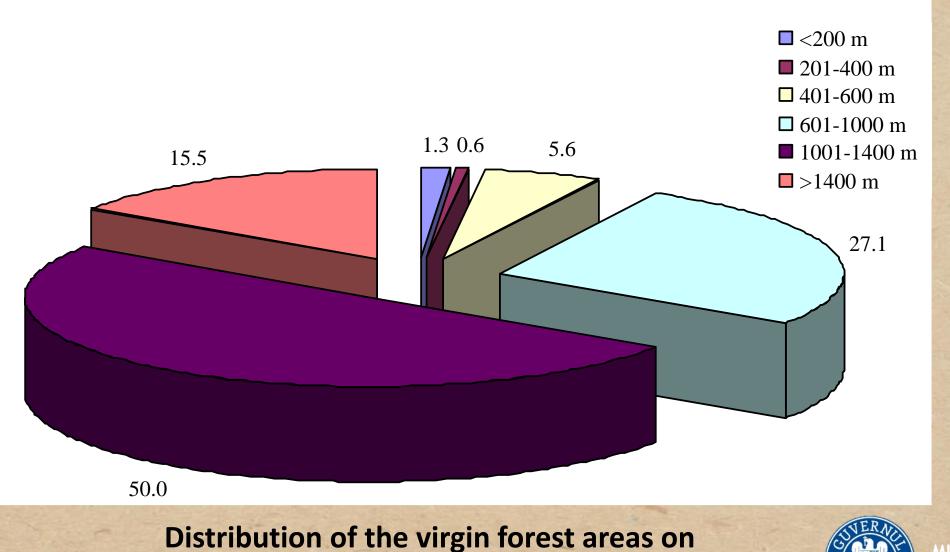
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Distribution of the virgin forest areas on slope categories



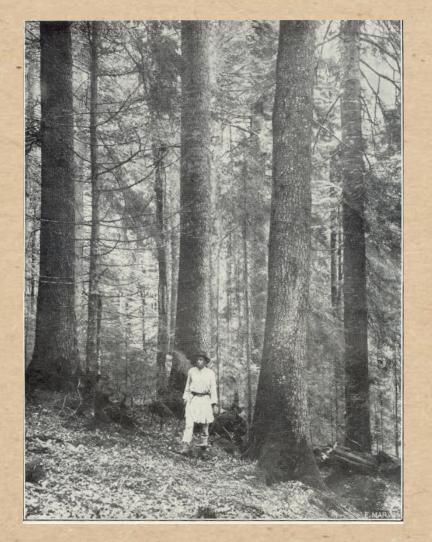
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altitude categories



#### CONTRIBUTION FACTORS IN MAINTAINING OF VIRGIN FORESTS IN ROMANIA



- inaccessibility of some forest areas in Carpathian Mountain and Danube Delta;
- setting up of protected areas as a consequence of the experts' requests;
- low value of beech wood in the past comparatively with oaks and coniferous;
- recommendations of forest management plans which stipulate the interdiction of wood harvesting in forests with particularly protection functions;
- **not performing of forestry operations** in some managed forests because they were being unprofitable.



#### **MEASURES FOR VIRGIN FORESTS' PROTECTION**

inventory, mapping and description of all virgin forests;

raising decision makers and public awareness regarding the importance of virgin forest protection;

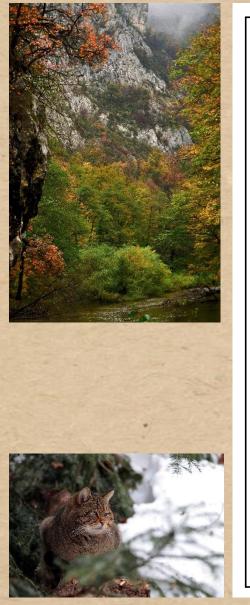
extension of existing protected areas network comprising all virgin forests;

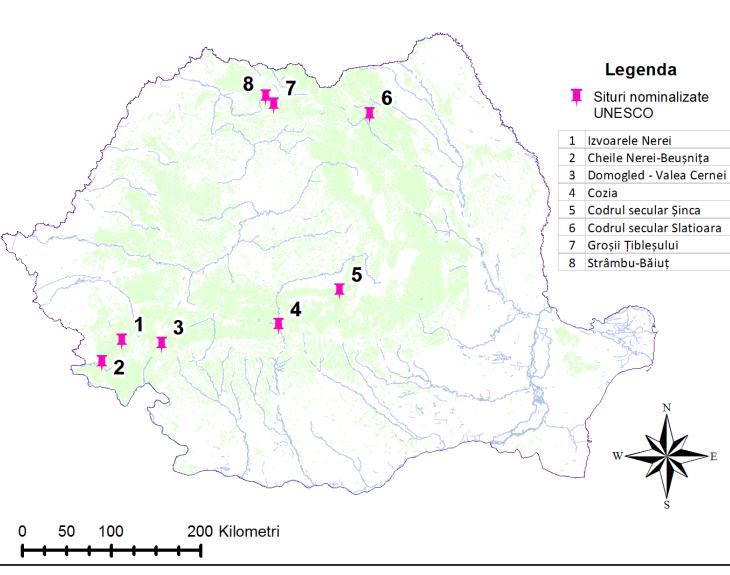
including of Romanian virgin forests in a European protected areas network and of the most valuable on UNESCO World Heritage list;

developing of a virgin forests research and monitoring program.

















#### Law 46/2008 – Forest Code – Art. 26, alin. (3)

Codul Silvic din 2008 - forma sintetica pentru data 2016-03-09

(3) Pădurile virgine și cvasivirgine vor fi strict protejate și se vor include în "Catalogul Național al Pădurilor Virgine și Cvasivirgine", constituit ca instrument de evidență și gestiune prin ordin al conducătorului autorității publice centrale care răspunde de silvicultură. Pentru recunoașterea valorii excepționale și asigurarea protecției pe termen lung, pădurile virgine și cvasivirgine se vor include, după caz, în Patrimoniul Mondial UNESCO, rezervații științifice și/sau integrarea acestora în zonele de protecție strictă a parcurilor naționale sau naturale.

#### Ministerial Order 3397/2012

Ministerial Order 1417/2016



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## 2 criteria

1. Naturalness (9 indicators)

#### 2. Area and limits (5 indicators)

- 1.4. Lipsa intervenţiilor silviculturale şi a celorlalte activităţi antropice, inclusiv a păşunatului domestic. Nu se admit cioate.
- 1.5. Prezența frecventă a lemnului mort pe picior și la sol, aflat în diferite stadii de descompunere.
- 1.4. Lipsa intervenţiilor silviculturale în ultima perioadă de 30 de ani. Se admit cel mult 5 cioate vechi la hectar, având diametre de peste 15 cm, aflate în diferite stadii de descompunere.
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## Ministerial Order 1417/2016

#### establishes the National Catalogue of virgin and natural forests

Ordinul 1417/2016 M.Of. 551 din 21-iul-2016																
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#### What we are doing now?

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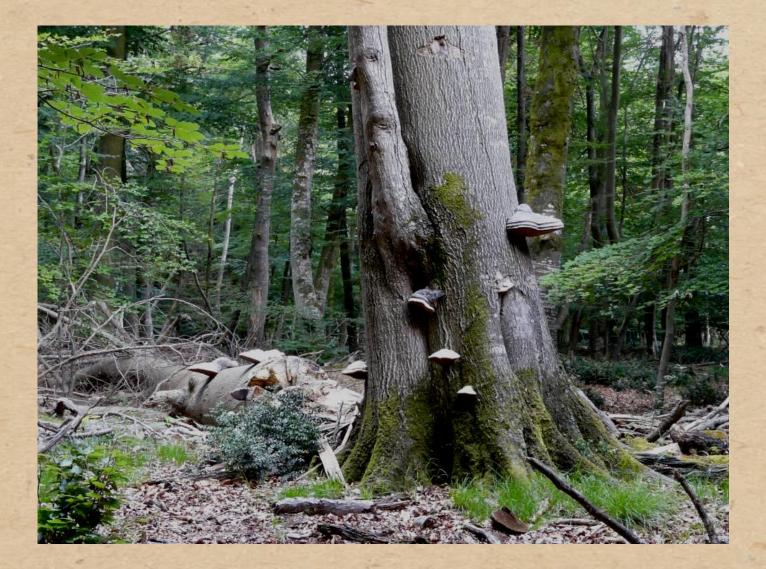
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