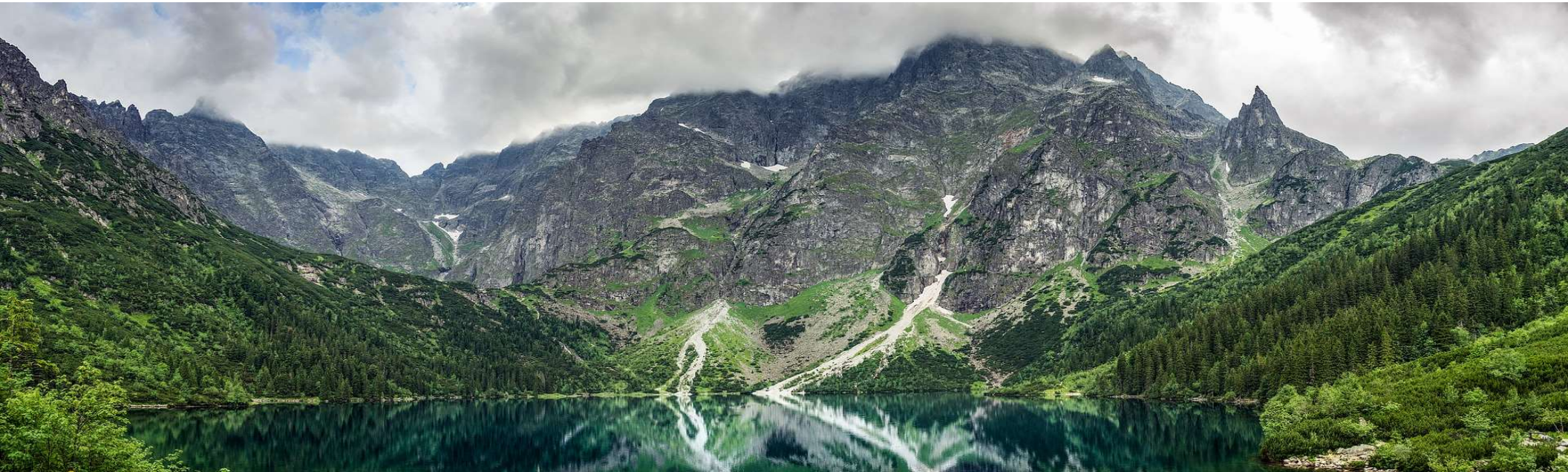


Carpathian Biodiversity Framework - introduction

9th Carpathian Convention Working Group on Forest, 16 May 2023, online

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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 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 (**including FOREST PROTOCOL**), setting out vision for the Carpathians as a model mountain region for sustainable development and preservation of the natural environment

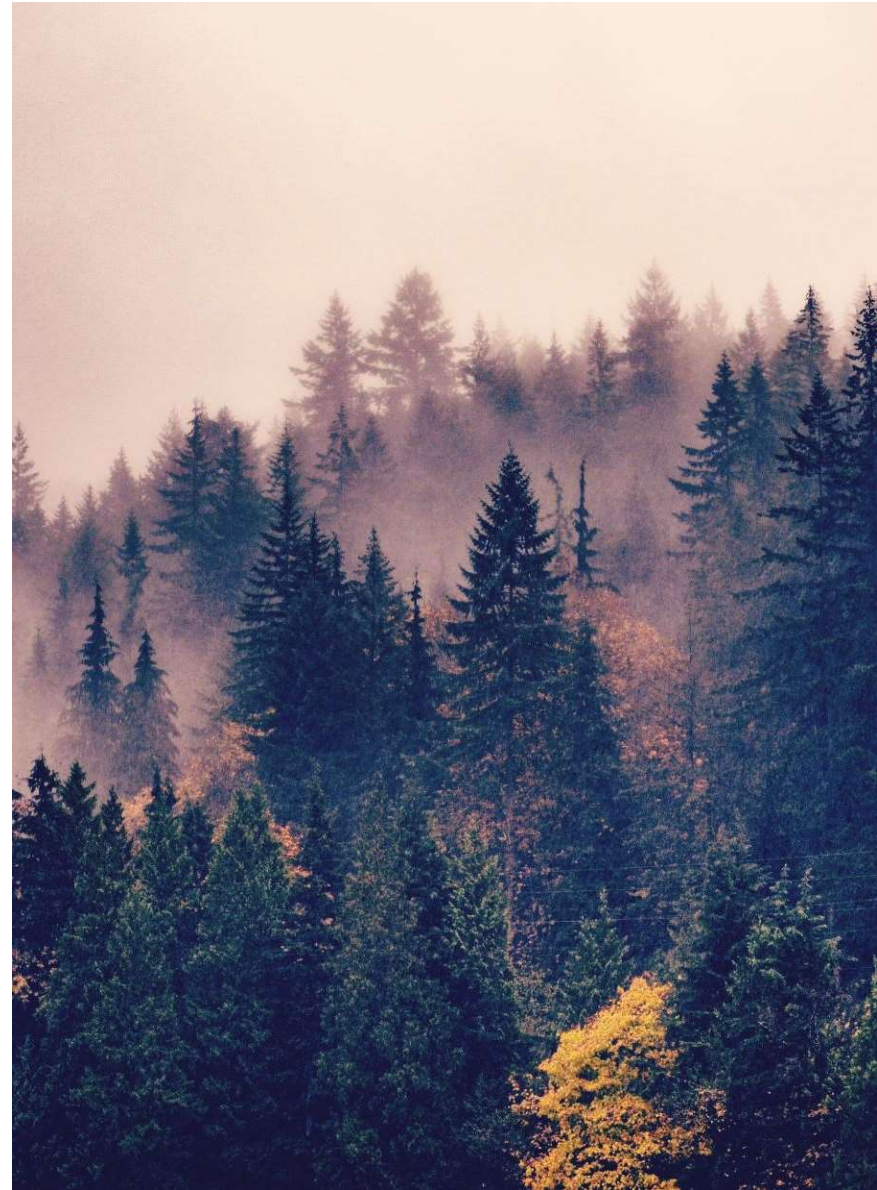
- aims at fostering joint activities in main priority areas of cooperation
- allows for synergies with important regional, European and international objectives: CBD's Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, 2030 the EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030, SDGs of the Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development
- help 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.

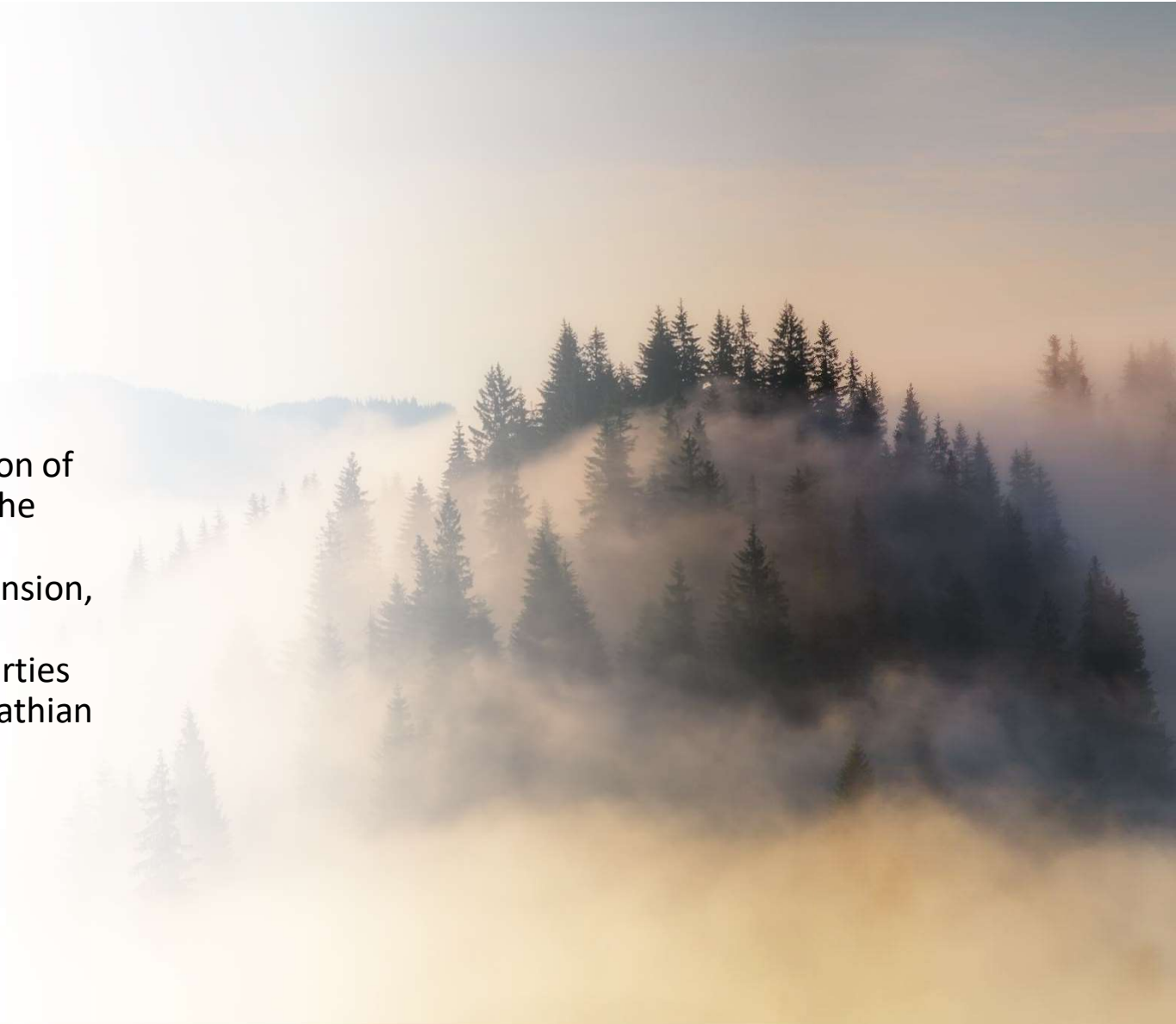
The biodiversity and natural beauty of the Carpathians are conserved, restored, and wisely used providing a healthy environment and essential ecosystems services for all people of the region and beyond.





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



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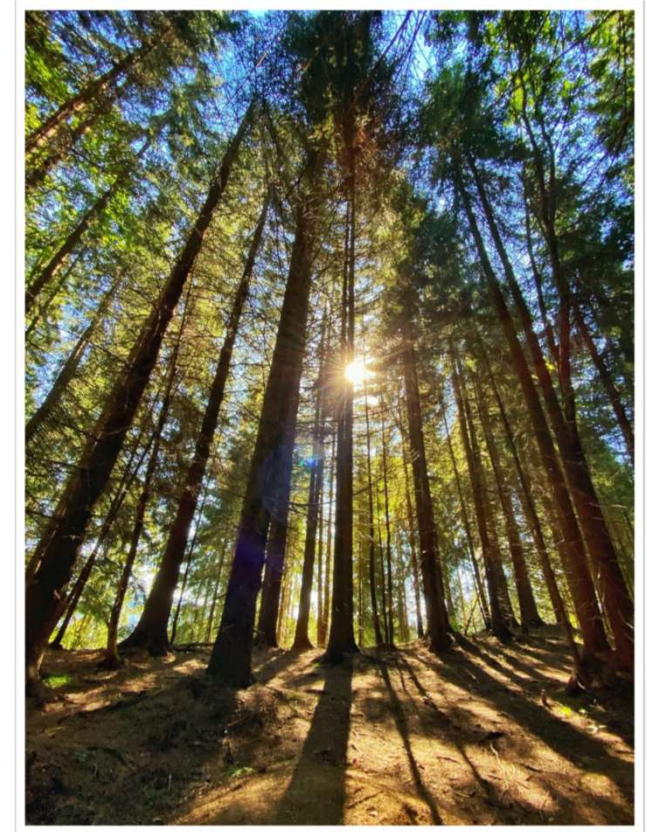
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Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework Implementation in mountain regions

Renewing	Renewing the trilateral Memorandum of Cooperation between the CBD, the Alpine Convention, and the Carpathian Convention, light of the new Global Biodiversity Framework
Enhancing	enhancing synergies and initiate common activities for the implementation of the new framework and guide the way for effective mountain biodiversity protection in the Alpine and Carpathian regions
Supporting	supporting experience and knowledge sharing with other mountain regions of the world.



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:

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



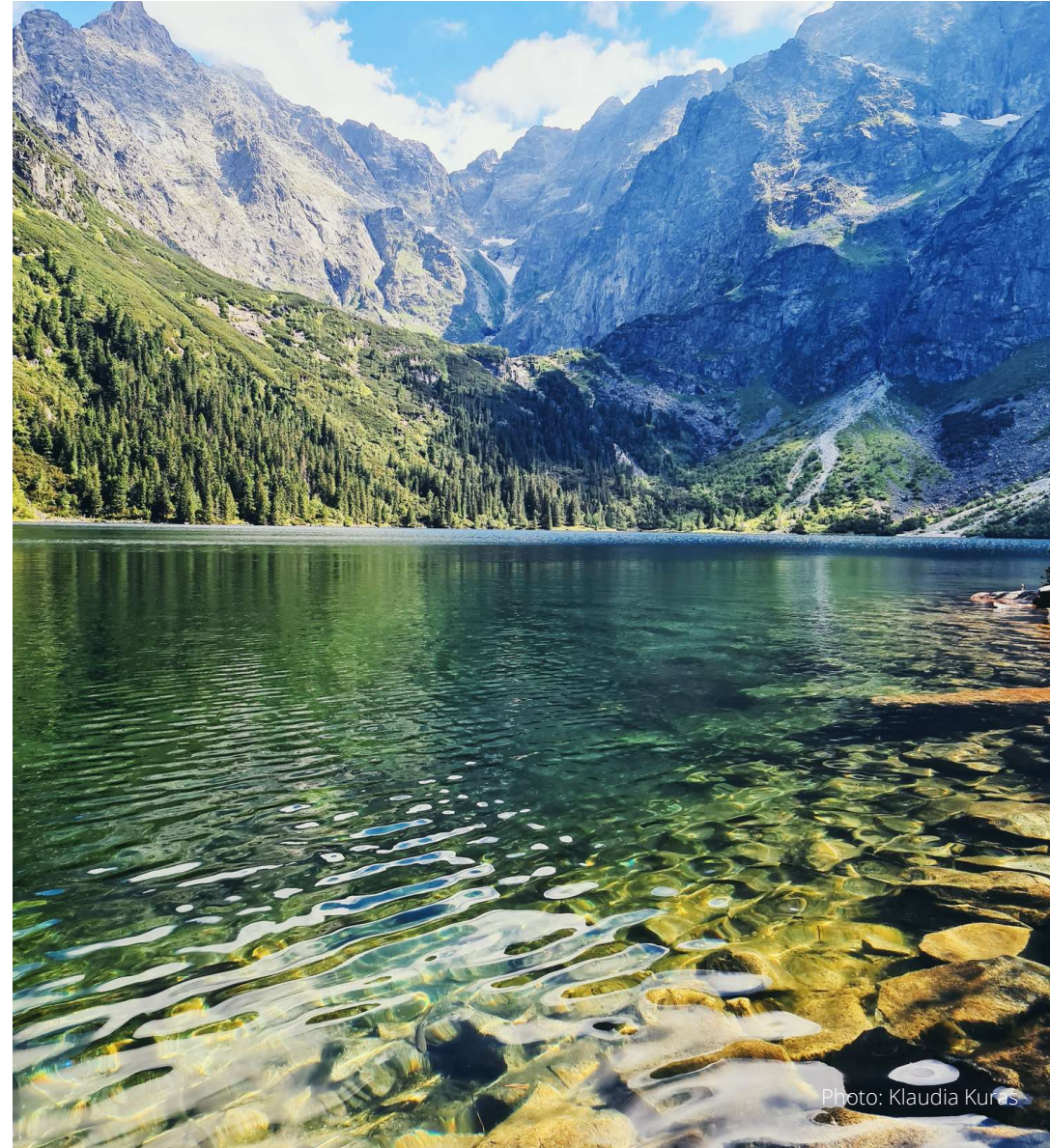
Carpathian Convention as a vehicle for implementation

- supporting implementation of the Kunming – Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF) on a regional scale
- translating the global biodiversity targets at regional level, which reflects characteristics and challenges of the regions more precisely than the global ones and can offer joint approaches in addressing regional needs
- underling the importance of regional approaches in the GBF implementation
- example for other international agreements and frameworks

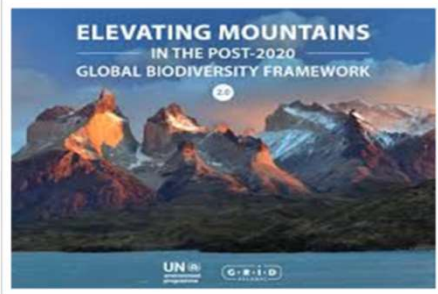
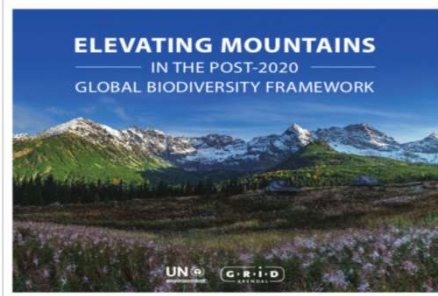


Mainstreaming mountain biodiversity into the Kunming – Montreal GBF

- Promoting mainstreaming of biodiversity using the Carpathian Convention integrated approach towards sustainable development that constitute a good instrument to mainstream biodiversity within and across sectors
- Raising the importance of mountains and mountain biodiversity at the global political agendas, including in the negotiated Post-2020 GBF



Mainstreaming mountain biodiversity into the Kunming – Montreal GBF



- ✓ Organizing thematic consultation on mountain biodiversity at the margins of various meetings, including:
 - 1st Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 GBF(OEWG-1), 27 - 30 August 2019, Nairobi, Kenya
 - 2nd Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 GBF (OEWG-2), 24 – 29 February 2029, Rome, Italy
 - meeting with the CBD Focal Points from the Carpathian Countries
 - Organization of thematic consultation on mountain biodiversity at the margins of the OEWG-1 and OEWG-2
 - Mountain Biodiversity Day, 13 January 2021
 - Regular participation at the UNEP Post-2020 GBF Working Group
- ✓ Sharing with the CBD Focal Points from the mountain countries
- ✓ Sending regular updates to the countries, CBD Secretariat, other organizations and stakeholders

Promoting the Carpathian Convention at the CBD COP15

- Making official statement on behalf of the Carpathian Convention
- Consultation with the CBD Focal Points from the Carpathian Countries and other partners
- Co-organizing a **High-level side event** Celebrating International Year of Mountains - ensuring mountain biodiversity protection within the Kunming – Montreal GBF implementation at the **CBD COP15 on 14 December 2022**



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Enhancing synergies and strengthening the cooperation for better protection of mountain biodiversity *Renewing the Memorandum of Cooperation between the CBD, the Alpine Convention and the Carpathian Convention*

Cooperation with CBD

- In 2008, CBD –AC – CC Memorandum of Cooperation recognizing the relevance of cooperating towards the common goal of biodiversity conservation.
- Implementing the CBD Programme of Work on Mountain Biological Diversity
- AC and CC observer status to the CBD

Renewed MOC in the light of the post-2020 GBF

- exceptional opportunity for **enhancing synergies** and reinforcing the implementation of biodiversity-related conventions and processes to halt biodiversity loss and restore ecosystems
- initiating common activities for the implementation of this new framework;
- AC and CC play a substantial role in **translating** and supporting the **global biodiversity goals and targets at the regional level**
- example emphasizing the **importance of cooperation** to achieve the objectives of the post-2020 GBF, including through establishing or renewing cooperation frameworks.

OBJECTIVE

to enhance the **post-2020 GBF implementation in the Alps and the Carpathians**, and to strengthen **experience sharing with other mountain regions of the world**

MoC FINALIZED!
To be signed soon and celebrated at the CC COP7!