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Recommendations addressing Carpathian Biodiversity Framework Strategic Objectives:

- Biodiversity and Forests - CBF Strategic Objective 2
- Biodiversity and Tourism - CBF Strategic Objective 3
- Biodiversity and Transport and Infrastructure - CBF Strategic Objective 4
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- Biodiversity and Climate Change - CBF Strategic Objective 6
- Biodiversity and Education and Public Awareness CBF Strategic Objective 7

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Biodiversity and Forests

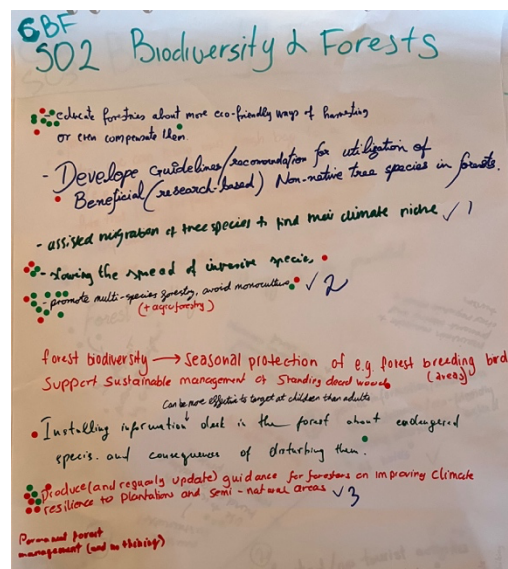
- addressing implementation of CBF Strategic Objective 2

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Key Recommendations:

- Consider implementing assisted migration of tree species and find their climate niche
- Promote mixed species of trees
- Produce and update guidance (at regular intervals) for foresters on improving climate resilience for plantations and semi natural areas.



Biodiversity and Tourism

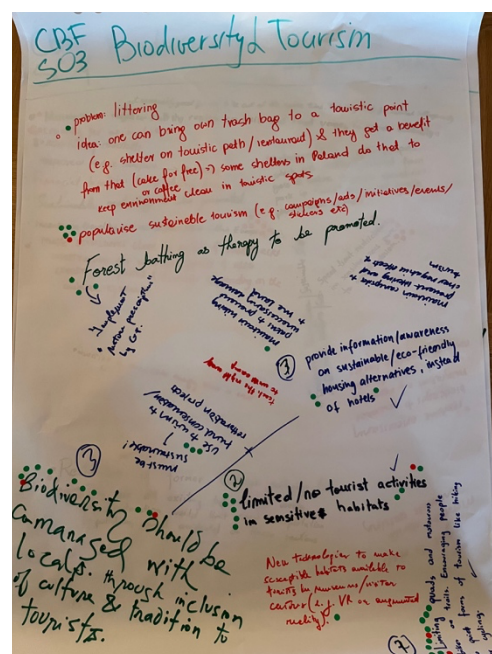
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Key Recommendations:

- Limit or ban tourist activities in sensitive habitats.
- Limit quads and mud bikes on nature trails. Instead, promote nature friendly tourist schemes like hiking, biking etc
- Provide information on eco-friendly / sustainable housing options to tourists instead of hotels.
- Collaboration with local stakeholders on biodiversity management



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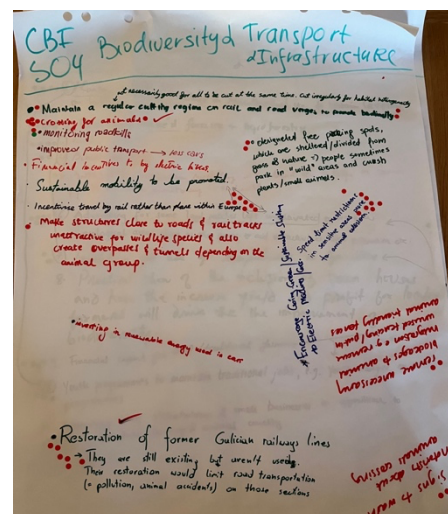
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Biodiversity and Transport and Infrastructure - addressing implementation of CBF Strategic Objective 4

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Key Recommendations:

- Impose speed limit restrictions and create animal crossings in sensitive areas prone to animal collision
- Support restoration of former Galician railway lines
 - they are still existing but aren't used. Their restoration would limit road transportation (and reduce pollution and animal accidents) on those sections
- Monitor roadkill
- Incentivise travel by rail rather than flights within Europe



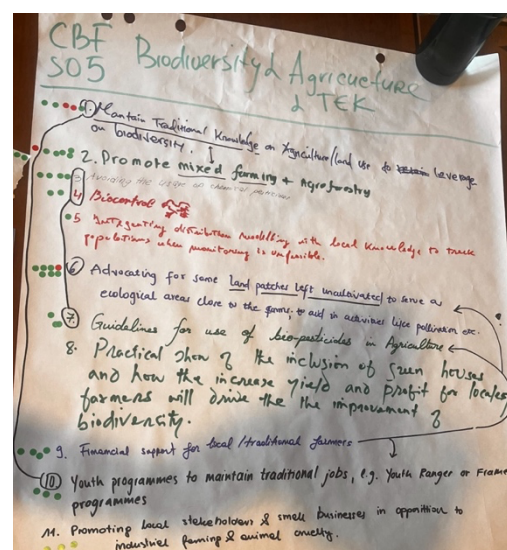
Biodiversity and Agriculture and Traditional Ecological Knowledge - addressing implementation of CBF Strategic Objective 5

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Key recommendations:

- Advocate for leaving uncultivated land patches to provide ecological areas for pollinators
- Maintain traditional knowledge on Agriculture and Land use to leverage on biodiversity
- Promote Youth programmes to maintain traditional jobs, e.g., youth ranger and framer
- Promote mixed farming + agroforestry
- Develop guidelines for the use of bioplastic in Agriculture



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Biodiversity and Climate Change

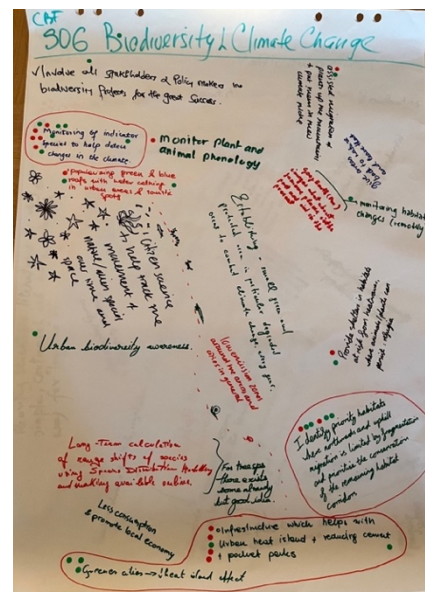
- addressing implementation of CBF Strategic Objective 6

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Key recommendations:

- Support monitoring of indicator species to help detect changes in the climate
- Identify priority habitats where northwards and uphill migration is limited by fragmentation and prioritise the conservation of the remaining habitat corridors
- Support greening communities with infrastructure which helps with urban heat island, including reducing cement and establishing “pocket parks”



Biodiversity and Education and Public Awareness

- addressing implementation of CBF Strategic Objective 7

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- Consider focusing less on technology and digitalization and more on cultural heritage, traditional knowledge and folk arts in schools (e.g. teaching how to use local natural materials)
 - use intergenerational learning to maintain traditional knowledge
- Promote cooperation between scientists, science and authorities
- Rewrite scientific literature in simple and more relatable ways

