

2012 Protected Areas for a Living Planet

The Carpathian Mountains Ecoregion

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PoWPA

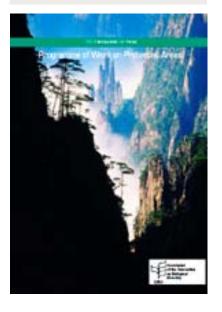
PoWPA

Adopted in 2004 by the 188 parties of the CBD at COP 7

Background: PAs are essential components in:

- National and global biodiversity conservation
- Providing ecosystem services: air & water quality, recreation & cultural value, erosion control, etc.
- In particular forest PAs: Carbon sequestration and mitigation of climate change effects



















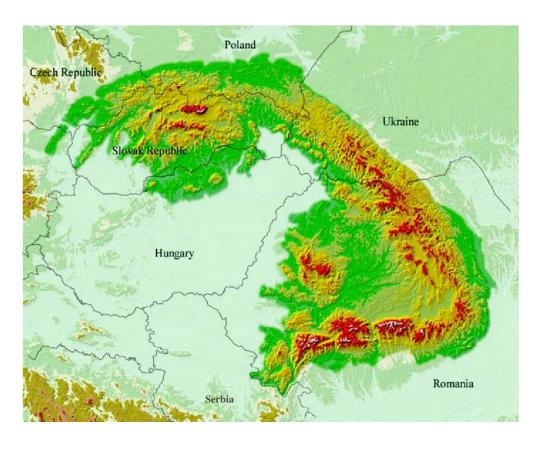


All Carpathian countries:

- Czech Republic
- Hungary
- Poland
- Romania
- Serbia
- Slovakia
- Ukraine

committed themselves to implement the PoWPA

PoWPA



WWF PA4LP project supports governments in achieving the PoWPA goals...

















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Coverage of the PoWPA

WWF-DCP 2012 PA4LP	Activities			
PoWPA Goals	Trainings and education for PA practitioners and key persons involved in PA issues.	Assessment, improvement and continuous monitoring of PA management effectiveness	Carpathian Network of Protected Areas (CNPA)	Clearing-house Mechanism
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Goal 1.2: To integrate protected areas into broader land- and seascapes and sectors so as to maintain ecological structure and function				
Goal 1.3: To establish and strengthen regional networks, transboundary protected areas (TBPAs) and collaboration between neighbouring protected areas across national boundaries				
Goal 1.4: To substantially improve site-based protected area planning and management				
Goal 1.5: To prevent and mitigate the negative impacts of key threats to protected areas				
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Goal 3.2: To build capacity for the planning, establishment and management of protected areas				
Goal 3.3: To develop, apply and transfer appropriate technologies for protected areas				
Goal 3.4: To ensure financial sustainability of protected areas and national and regional systems of protected areas				
Goal 3.5: To strengthen communication, education and public awareness				
Goal 4.1 - To develop and adopt minimum standards and best practices for national and regional protected area systems				
Goal 4.2: To evaluate and improve the effectiveness of protected areas management				
Goal 4.3: To assess and monitor protected area status and trends				
Goal 4.4: To ensure that scientific knowledge contributes to the establishment and effectiveness				



Coverage of the PoWPA

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Training and education for PA practitioners & trainers

1st step: training needs assessment

- Management planning
- Sustainable tourism mangement
- Community involvement and participation
- Effective communication techniques
- Fundraising
- Negotiating and influencing skills

Training events distributed over various countries in the region Groups composed of participants from all Carpathian countries

Practitioners: Varying groups;

Training champions: group of 14 participants

















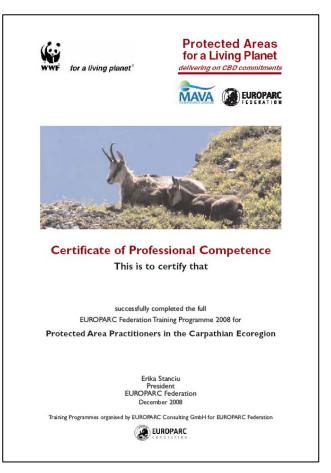


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MSc Programme Protected Area Management



- 2-year programme at the University of Klagenfurt, AT
- 8 participants from all over the Carpathians
- Started in September 2009

















ProPark: Training center for rangers and PA professionals

Established in cooperation with Fauna & Flora International

Target group: rangers and PA professionals

Current focus of activities: Romania, but with the aim to offer the services to all Carpathian countries in the future

Six major training events have taken place



Key theme: PA management (effectiveness)

Goal: involve other environmethal NGOs regarding stronger support for protected areas in terms of PA management planning

Currently, guidelines on the organization of junior ranger camps are developed by ProPark (www.propark.ro)











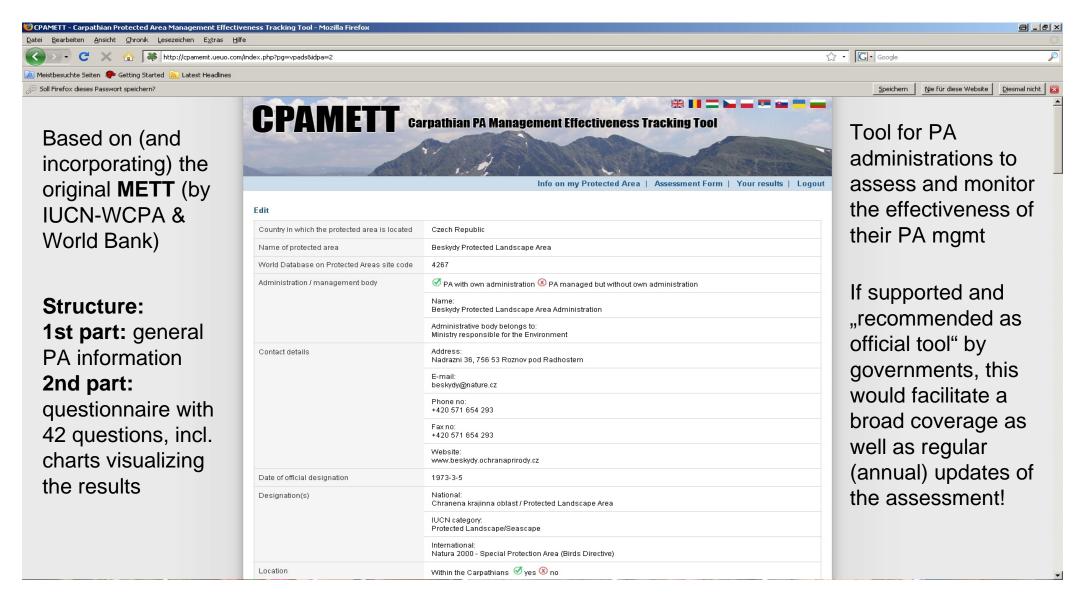








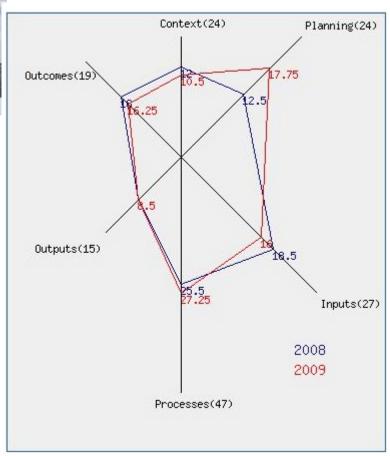
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CARPATHIAN NETWORK OF PROTECTED AREAS



CNPA - Support of a PA managers network

- Carpathian Network of Protected Areas (CNPA)
 established at COP1 of the Carpathian Convention, Kyiv,
 December 2006
- Support of biannual CNPA Steering Committee meetings
- 1st Carpathian PA Conference held in Poiana Brasov, Romania, Sep 2008, attended by 85 Carpathian PA professionals, governmental representatives, environmental NGOs and others
- Currently phase of project development and application in order to "operationalize" the CNPA and implement its strategy









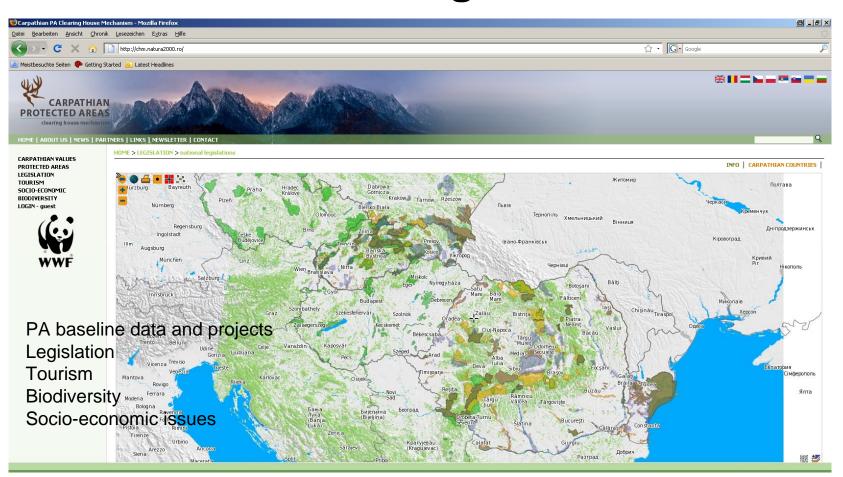








Carpathian PA Clearing-house Mechanism



Interactive map
with different
levels of access
for PA
professionals and
the public

Raw version finalized

To do: translation into all Carpathian languages

Several query functions

















Participative Management

Goal: "Prepare the scene" for future participative management schemes in Carpathian PAs:

3-step process:

- Assessment of stakeholder situation and potential for participative management / benefit sharing schemes in selected PAs of each Carpathian country through a questionnaire
- Selection of 1-3 protected areas which show favourable framework conditions to develop a PM/BS scheme
- Development of PM recommendations for the selected PA(s)



















Protected area valuation and regional development plan

Valuation of PA goods and services

Two major activities:

- (1) Identification of the value of selected Carpathian "model" PAs and development of recommendations towards a PES concept
 - Total Economic Value (Oct 2009)
 - Recommendations towards a PES concept (Dec 2009)
 - Guidelines on the valuation process (Feb 2010)

Slovensky Raj NP (SK) and Tatra NP (PL)

(1) Development of a regional development plan for one Carpathian protected area (in-depth study and concept which integrates the PA into regional, cross-sectoral planning) (2010/2011)

probably Maramures Mountains Nature Park (RO)





















European Day of Parks – May 24th

Goal: Increase public awareness on the importance and values of Carpathian PAs

- → Developing a campaign for 2010 with the following components:
 - Toolkit along with event organization at PAs to engage with the general public
 - Campaign website
 - Lobbying activities at the national and regional level



















Carpathian Ecological Network

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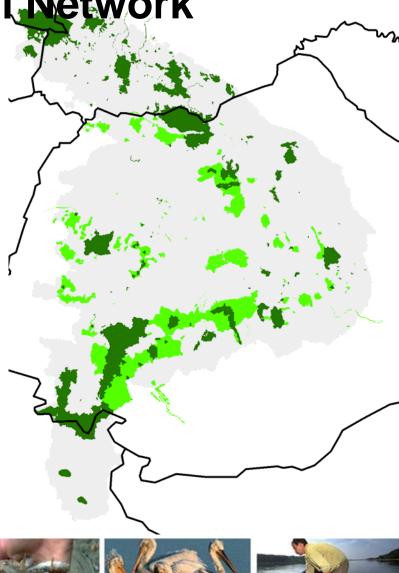
Goal: Ensure that critical gaps in the PA network are filled → higher degree of connectivity

→ Identification of critical gaps in the PA system

→ Propose identified priority areas for legal designation

Phase I: until Dec 2009 (East. Carpathians: UA, RO, SR)

Phase II: until Jun 2010 (West. Carpathians: CZ, SK, PL, HU)



















Possibilities for strengthened government cooperation

- Participation at national introduction events for the CPAMETT (2010) and support through recommending its use in the Carpathian space
- Information support in keeping the Carpathian CHM updated
- Cooperation in supporting the development of sustainable cross-sectoral concepts (2010/2011)
- Participation at the next PA4LP Steering Group and CNPA Steering Committee Meeting in Vienna (21/22 January 2010)

(invitations have been sent out on Nov 26)

















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