

CARPATHIA

European Wilderness Reserve

DECEMBER 2017 FIELD REPORT

Summary of main activities:

- Results of autumn replanting
- Wildlife conservation
- 210 ha of forest purchased for protection
- National Gala on Protected Areas
- Grants & Donations
- State subsidies for forest protection
- Patrol to prevent illegal activities
- December celebration: 8 years of activity

Replanting spring and autumn 2017

- 112 hectares
- 446,130 saplings planted (beech, fir, sycamore, alder, spruce)

Do you want to see your name here and help areas like this come back to life?



HOW? On-line recurrent donation:
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WILDLIFE CONSERVATION

A photograph of a lynx standing in a snowy, wooded area. The lynx has a light brown coat with dark spots and stripes. It is looking down and to the left. The background is a snowy forest with bare trees.

- Numerous field trips in the project area: August – December 800 bear samples and 30 wolf samples for genetic study
- Finalising inventory for 50 camera traps
- Planning hair traps for lynx
- Tracks: Wildcats, red deer, fox, chamois, bear and wild boar



Wild cat



Wild boar bed



Bear tracks



Wildlife hide

Protected Areas National Gala

- Participation in the Gala for Protected Areas, national event, 4-6 December 2017
- Speaker: Christoph Promberger – presentation about financing possibilities for protected areas
- Participants: Several Carpathia staff in different working groups, jury, and as ambassadors of our project area
- Outcome: Draft National Strategy for Protected Areas



Grants and donations

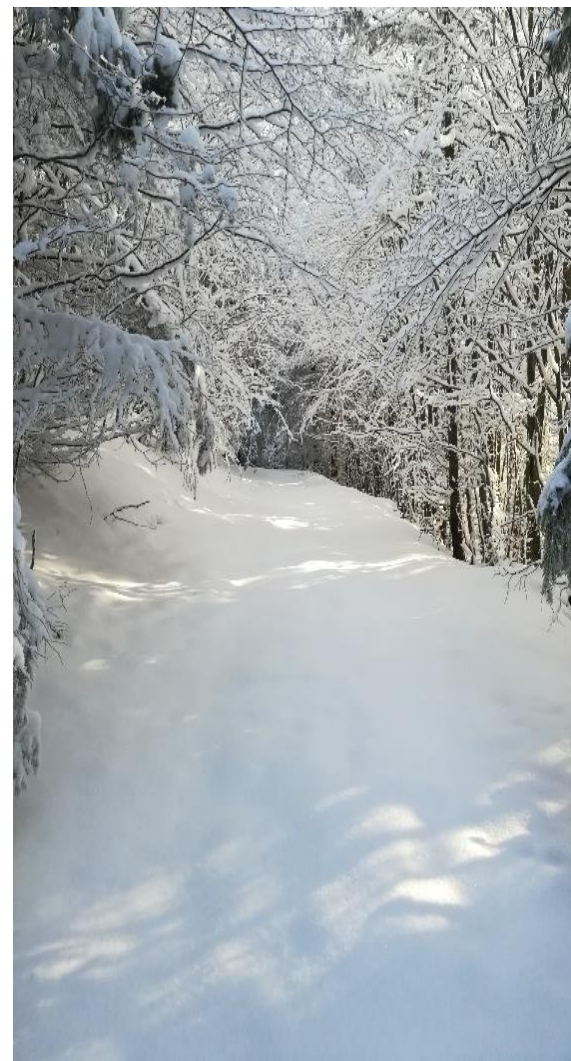
- **Pancivis Foundation** approved a grant to re-build Richita Cabin into the first Environmental Field Education Centre in Romania
- Project concept submitted to the **Endangered Landscapes Programme** for:
 - ✓ restoration measures, bison reintroduction, wildlife protection
 - ✓ human dimension research, environmental education
 - ✓ development of conservation enterprises for local communities
- **Donations:** TEMAD, Ursus Breweries, Stichting Polar Lights, TENT, Adalco Group

State subsidies

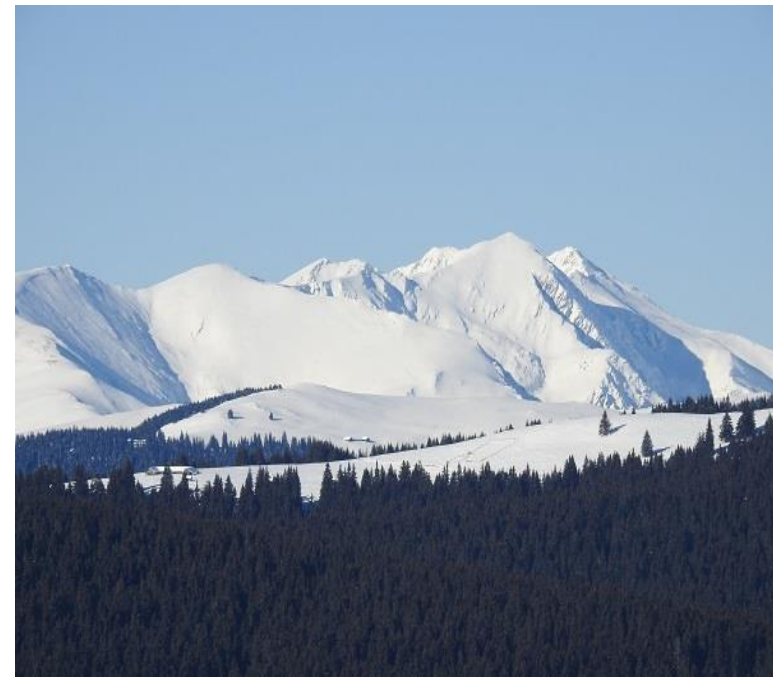
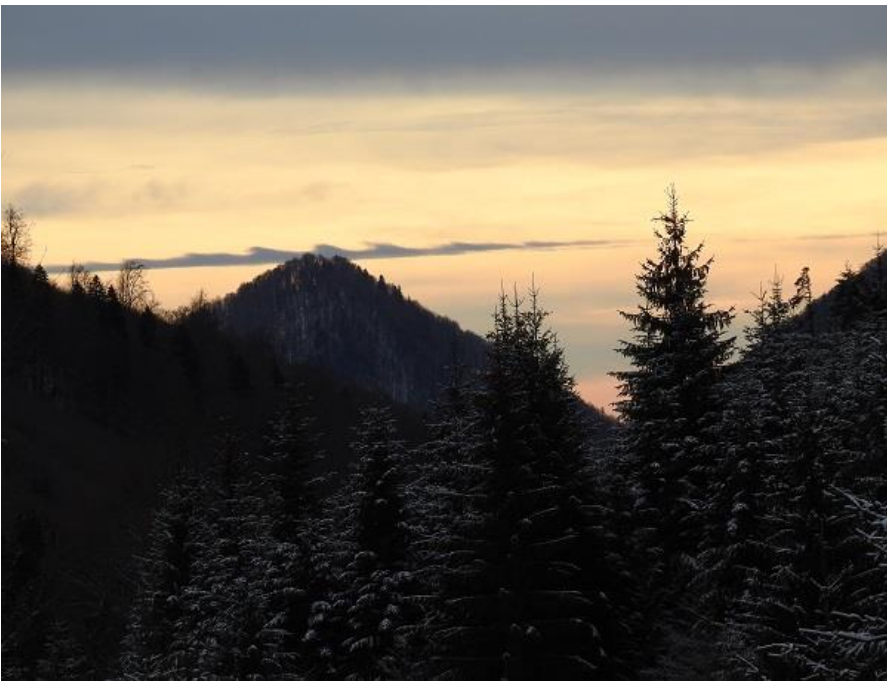
- For the first time in history, state subsidies for protected forests were paid to hundreds of land owners
- It is a new successful state programme, which will hopefully create more support for forest protection and for protected areas
- FCC entities also successfully applied



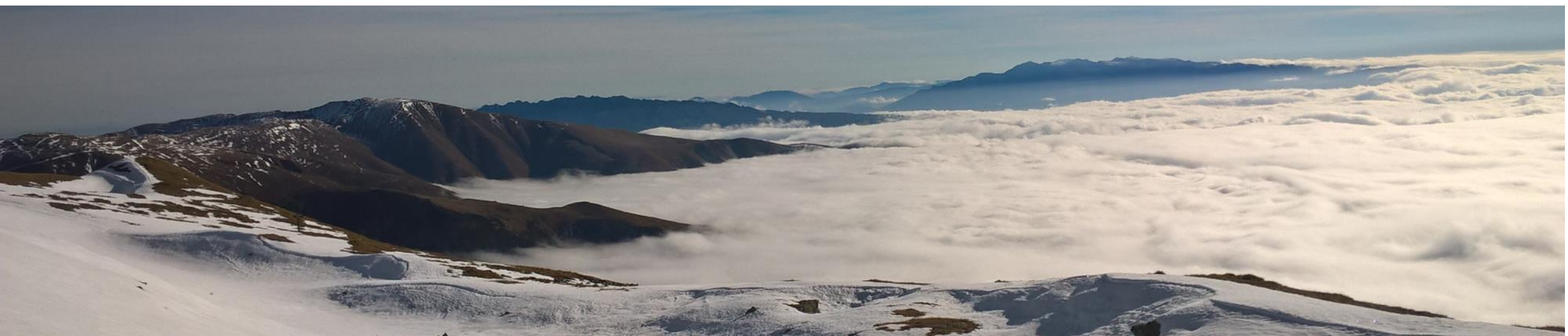
Our project area



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Rangers, biologists, protected area and wildlife specialists, forestry engineers, economists, legal and administrative personnel, communication, IT, staff of the Cobor farm and wilderness tourism staff ...

60 CARPATHIA team employees dedicated to this unique project in Europe!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



A project, a vision... We celebrate this December 8 years since the beginning of FCC.

We are proud of all of our achievements, but we couldn't have done it without YOU!

- ✓ 21,000 ha of forest saved from exploitation in Fagaras, Piatra Craiului, Iezer Papusa and Leaota Mountains
- ✓ 24,000 ha – hunting concessions leased for wildlife conservation
- ✓ 500 ha of abusive clear-cuts replanted
- ✓ 1.335.000 saplings planted; 5 tree nurseries established
- ✓ 24.000 m eroded tractor tracks repaired
- ✓ 2 Natura 2000 sites under custody
- ✓ 800 students and teachers involved in ecological education programmes



**Join us in creating a world-class wilderness reserve in the Southern
Romanian Carpathians for the benefit of biodiversity and local
communities!**

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