Summary of main activities:

• Wildlife: Monitoring & conflict management

• Ecological restoration: major spring replanting

• Activities in the Natura 2000 sites:
  - Leaota and Raul Targului – Argesel - Rausor

• Communication & community outreach

• Conservation enterprises: Cobor & wildlife hides
Wildlife Conservation – activities

- Winter sample collection of hairs or scats: Wolf 140 specimen, lynx 34 specimen
- Lynx monitoring with camera traps and winter snow tracking finished in March
- Preparation of samples for DNA analysis in the CARPATHIA lab and shipment of processed samples to the DNA laboratory in Slovenia

- Evaluation of damage produced by wild boar in the fields surrounding Rucar
- Activities for damage prevention through wild boar
- Anti poaching patrols
Wildlife Conservation – team, sample maps, DNA lab
Objective: 40 ha replanting in Valea Vâlsanului, 12 ha in Leaota and 60 ha in Valea Dâmboviței; total of 450,000 beech, fir, spruce, and sycamore saplings planted

- we used a mixture of saplings from our own tree nurseries, bought some from other nurseries, and took some from natural regeneration;
- 4.5 km of electric fence installed on Valea Vâlsanului, to prevent intrusion of livestock from nearby meadows;
- 150 seasonal workers hired from local communities;
- 30,000 seeds of fir, spruce, and sycamore sown in tree nurseries;
Replanting sites
Tree nurseries
Greenhouse
ACTIVITIES IN LEAOTA MOUNTAIN

• Field work:
  - Early flower inventory
  - Collecting additional data on bird species
RÂUL TÂRGULUI – ARGEȘEL – RÂUȘOR Natura 2000 site

- Fish and amphibian species inventory
- Report on socio-economic study of the Natura 2000 site population
FAGARAS MOUNTAINS

• Together with the Romanian Academy of Science, FCC organises an international conference about the Fagaras Mountains on December 10\textsuperscript{th}/11\textsuperscript{th}, 2018
• Panel discussions, local culture in the Fagaras Mountains, tourism fair, exhibitions
• Details: http://www.ibiol.ro/ibb/index.htm
• Register: fagaras@ibiol.ro
CONSERVATION ENTERPRISES

• Conservation enterprises are businesses, which support conservation, develop local communities, and raise funds for the protected area;

• On invitation of the Brasov County Council, we presented our eco-tourism offers at the International Tourism Fair (ITB) in Berlin.
CONSERVATION ENTERPRISES

• Inauguration of Richita wildlife hide as an attraction for visitors staying in the local guesthouses. Guests can spend a few hours hiking and then watch deer, bears, wild boar or forest birds from the hide.
CONSERVATION ENTERPRISES – COBOR FARM

• Inauguration of the bird watching hide

• Passionate bird watchers will fall in love with the great diversity of bird species in Transylvania and the beautiful landscape
CONSERVATION ENTERPRISES – COBOR FARM

MANAGEMENT:

• Planting green fences with local species: Hawthorn (*Crataegus monogyna*), dog rose (*Rosa canina*), dogwood (*Cornus sanguinea*), dewberry (*Rubus caesius*).

• Planting the garden and the greenhouse with potatoes, onions, cucumbers, beans, green peas, courgette, tomatoes, salad, carrots, celery, peppers, and many herbs.

• Maintenance of horse pasture
MANAGEMENT:

• Reintroducing the Hungarian Grey Cattle to Cobor as the traditional, autochthonous species of Transylvania
• Finishing the interior work of our guesthouses. A big thank you to architect Jan Hülsemann and interior designer Adela Chivarean for their excellent jobs!
COMMUNICATION AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- Attending the premiere of “Untamed Romania”, a 90 minute cinema movie about the beauty of Romania
- FCC is proud to have been part of this project
COMMUNICATION AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- Media event in Bucharest, presenting the results of our conservation project and our vision: Fagaras Mountains National Park
COMMUNICATION AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH

• Auction of Experiences: FCC participated for the second year to this event in Fagaras promoting our initiative and to helping to raise funds for community projects.

• Our Cobor Biodiversity Farm donated a guided evening at our bird hide, a farm tour and a dinner for two for the auction.
COMMUNICATION AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- RTC, a Bucharest based company, has joined our campaign and donated the replanting of one hectare.
- 40 employees spent a day with the FCC team and became ambassadors of a future Fagaras National Park.
JOIN US IN...

- Creating the largest forested National Park in Europe
- Annual restoration of 100 ha ecosystem on illegal clear-cuts
- Protecting wildlife on 2 hunting concessions with a total of 24,000 ha
- Sustainable development of local communities
- Environmental education projects

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