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Field report



Main activities summary

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Forest conservation and management:

Patrolling to prevent illegal activities
Scientific research



Râul Târgului – Argeșel – Râușor Natura 2000 site

- Meeting with the external experts to discuss research results so far.
- Field report on fish is finalised.
- Field report on grasslands and shrub habitats is finalised.
- Ongoing work on the report about large carnivores and forest habitats.
- School & communities caravan.

Leaota Natura 2000 site

- Field studies in Leaota recorded over 40 species of fern in the virgin forests of Leaota area, on Wildland's properties.
- Monitoring of sample plots and saplings inventory on replanting plots.

General

- A FCC representative participated at the Natura 2000 seminar for the Continental, Pannonian, Steppic and Black Sea regions, Strasbourg, France: the need of a common approach between EU states, correlate habitat conservation and protection objectives outside Natura 2000 sites, share of good practices
- Meetings at the National Agency for Natural Protected Areas regarding the custody of the Natura 2000 sites







01 Forest management

Leaota Forest Conservation

- Work in the Wildland zone: In the frame of a EU financed environmental forestry programme, we convert spruce monocultures into natural forests
- Thinning in the buffer zone of our beech forests to produce firewood for disadvantaged members of the local communities







Ecological restoration



- Collecting sycamore seeds. Preparing tree nurseries and seeding fir, sycamore and mountain ash.
- Sample plots and saplings inventory on the replanting sites.
- Replanting season: where the saplings have dried during summer we have replanted new ones. Finish the planting of small surfaces of clear-cuts – 17,000 saplings.
- Major replanting plans for spring.
- Cutting of high grass around saplings on 300 ha, which haven't grown tall enough to be above the grass, to avoid suffocation in winter.
- All activities involve seasonal workers hired from the local communities

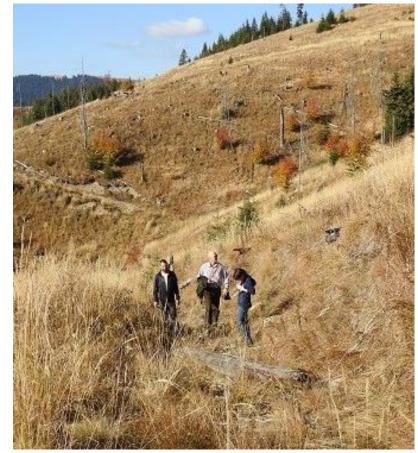








02 Ecological restoration













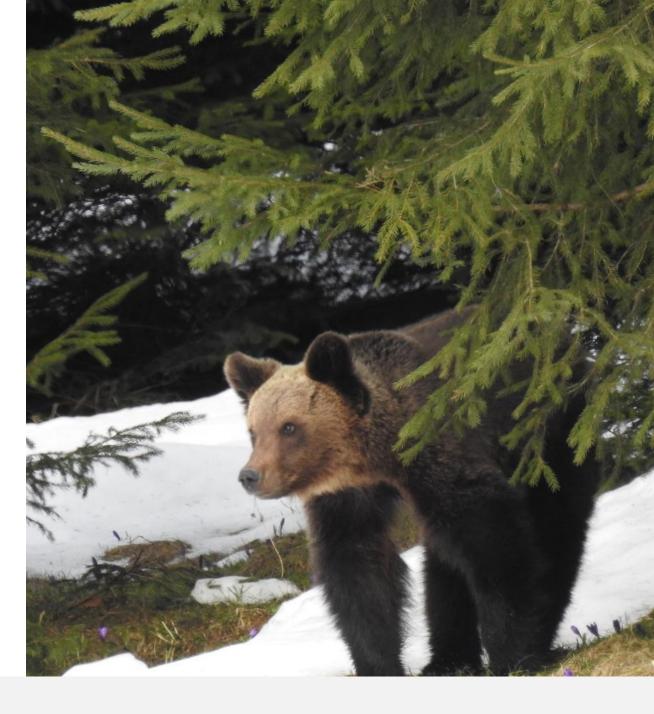


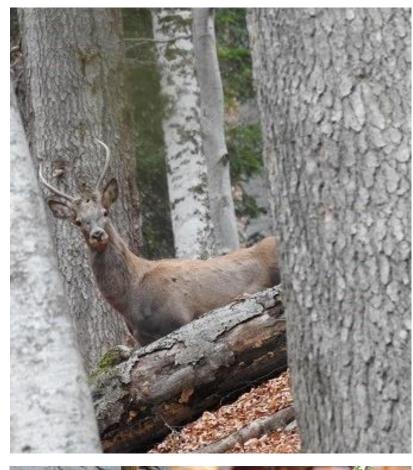


Wildlife conservation



- Chamois monitoring 20 on both hunting areas in our concession
- Assessment and compensation of wildlife damage, especially of wild boar on private meadows – one claim paid
- Anti poaching patrols
- Continue the DNA sampling for bears to determine population numbers – 700 samples August - October

















03 Wildlife

Cobor Biodiversity Farm



- Cobor biodiversity farm nominated at the Romanian Insider Awards for the Best Rural Development section
- Four of the largest, most important oak trees pastures are around Cobor - meeting about a possible future conservation project
- 18.000 bales of hay and alfalfa the best season since we started farming operations
- Prepare for the next season and spread manure on alfalfa fields
- Collecting garbage around the village











Communication & community outreach

- Gala "Rediscover Romania" Coalition Natura 2000 presenting the vision for the future of the natural protected areas to the national authorities, business environment, general public and media.
- Participation to the Protected Areas Week Brasov, organised by ProPark Foundation for Protected Areas: quiz about the county's environment, school interactive workshops, field trips, Mihai Zotta, the technical director of FCC presented in a short movie series about the people behind environmental NGOs and public debate after the movie
- Organise school & public caravans in the local communities in Raul Targului – Argesel – Rausor Natura 2000 site, as part as the management plan project









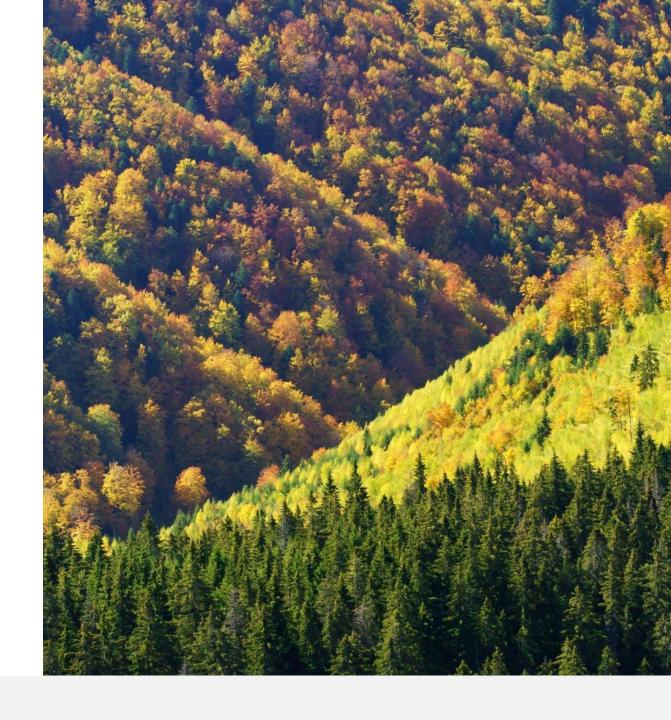






05 Communication and community outreach

- Ursus Breweries (Ciucas division) supports the CARPATHIA forest and wildlife conservation project since 2016. A team of employees from the Ciucas factory in Brasov participated at replanting in Dambovita Valley.
- MedLife Romania has supported the ecological reconstruction of 10 ha of clear cuts: babies born in their private clinics will grow up together with young trees in Eastern Fagaras mountains.

















Join us in:

- Creating the largest forested National Park in Europe
- Annual restoration of the original ecosystem on over 100 ha of 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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