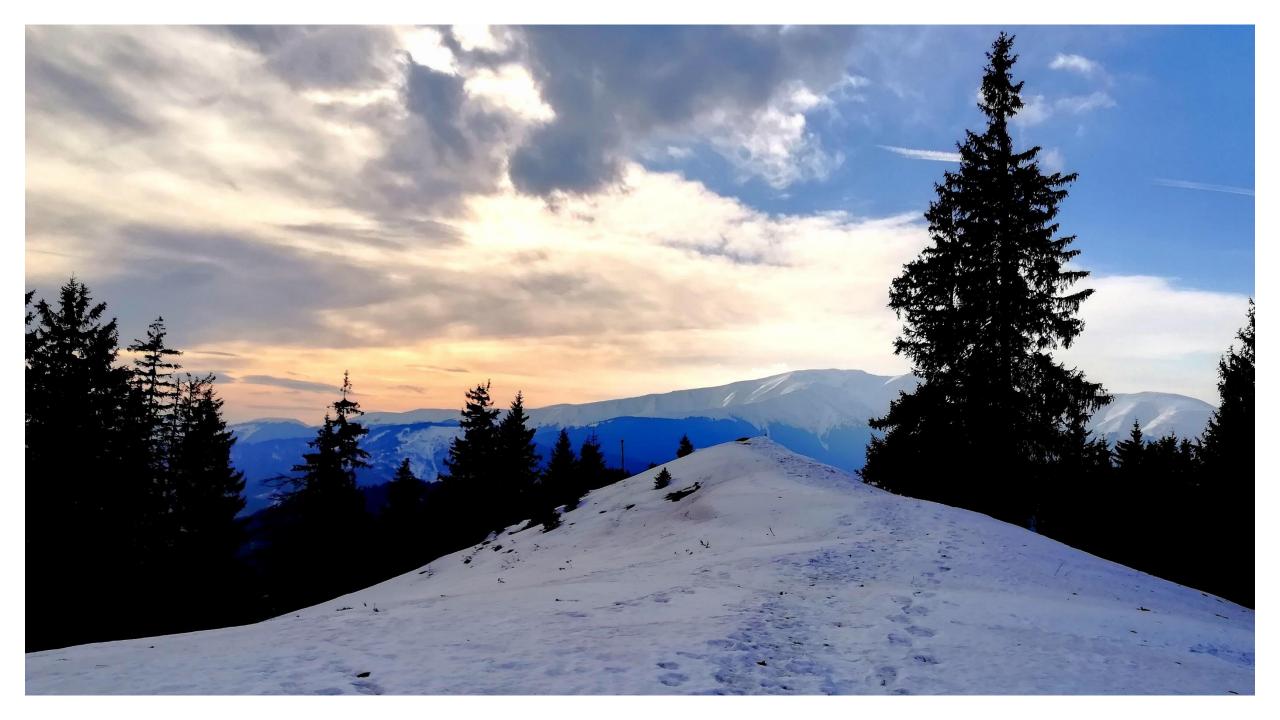




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Field report



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Forest conservation and management



Activities

- Râul Târgului Argeşel Râuşor Natura 2000 site: Ongoing work on the management plan – we are preparing to finalise and prepare the first public debate, with the local stakeholders
- Leaota Mountain: Biodiversity observations
- Fagaras Mountains, FCC project area: Study design for the evaluation of grazing capacity and on a baseline survey on the riparian areas

Together with a team of scientists from Romanian universities and research institutes, Oliviu G. Pop, our PhD Biologist, worked on the "Deviation from grazing optimum in the grassland habitats of Romania within and outside the Natura 2000 Network.", part of the "Habitats of the World" publication.











- Supplying firewood from accidental falls, for disadvantaged members of the local communities.
- This helps to decrease the pressure of illegal cuttings due to the firewood crisis and the harsh winter.





Ecological restoration



- Clear the snow on part of the inaccessible mountain trails, to be able to access the clear-cut sites
- Prepare the saplings for the spring replanting campaign
- Move 1 year old fir saplings from the green house to our tree nurseries
- Replace the old humus in the green house with fresh one
- Our plan is to replant 85 ha of clear-cuts in Fagaras Mountains
- You can join our ecological restoration campaign, donate or adopt a parcel of clear-cuts. Ask us for more details at: info@carpathia.org.









02 Ecological restoration

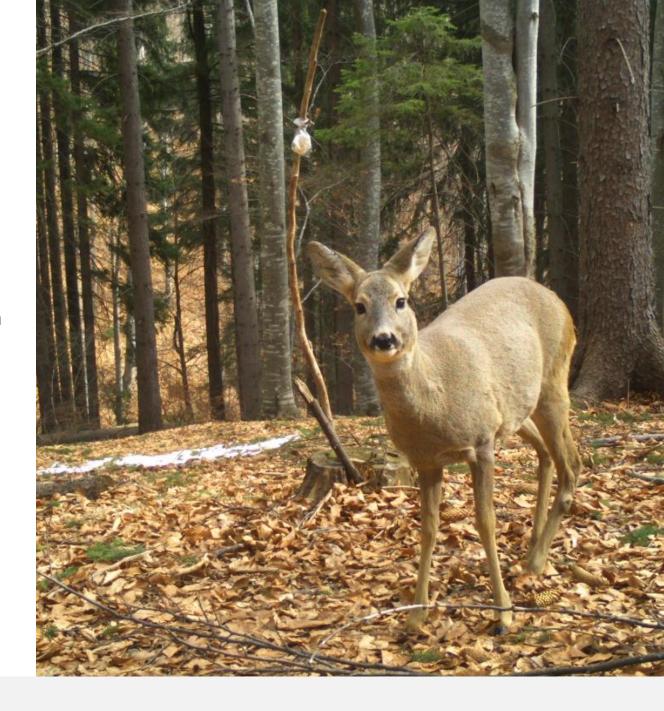
Wildlife conservation





Activities

- Continue the DNA sampling for lynx and wolf to determine population numbers: so far we have collected 69 wolf samples and 30 lynx samples
- Collected 20 DNA reference dog samples, to check on hybridization of wolves with dogs
- Check camera traps information and centralise the information into a database
- Anti poaching patrols



Camera trap photos



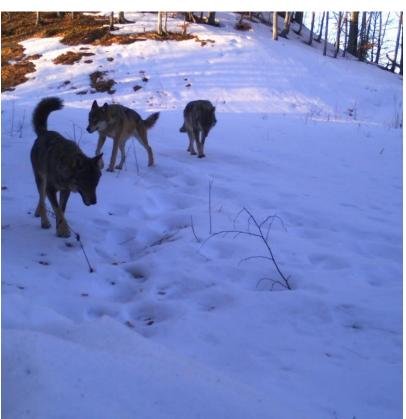












Wildlife











Cobor Biodiversity Farm

- Finishing the new shelter for the farm equipment
- We have planted 100 fruit trees of local species and we have started planting 200 hawthorn along the horse livery fence
- We are growing our own healthy vegetables
- Many more calves were born
- Visit <u>COBOR</u>, and book your Transylvanian experience at: reservation@cobor-farm.ro













Communication & community outreach



Activities

- The local guides we train for the wildlife hides, the Cobor Biodiversity Farm ecotourism programmes have started the field training: wildlife tracks interpretation and bird identification.
- We have continued the series of trainings for our employees with two new sessions: one about pollution and one about our personal footprint. It is so easy to make small changes in our habit that can make a difference! Make your own list and then start applying!

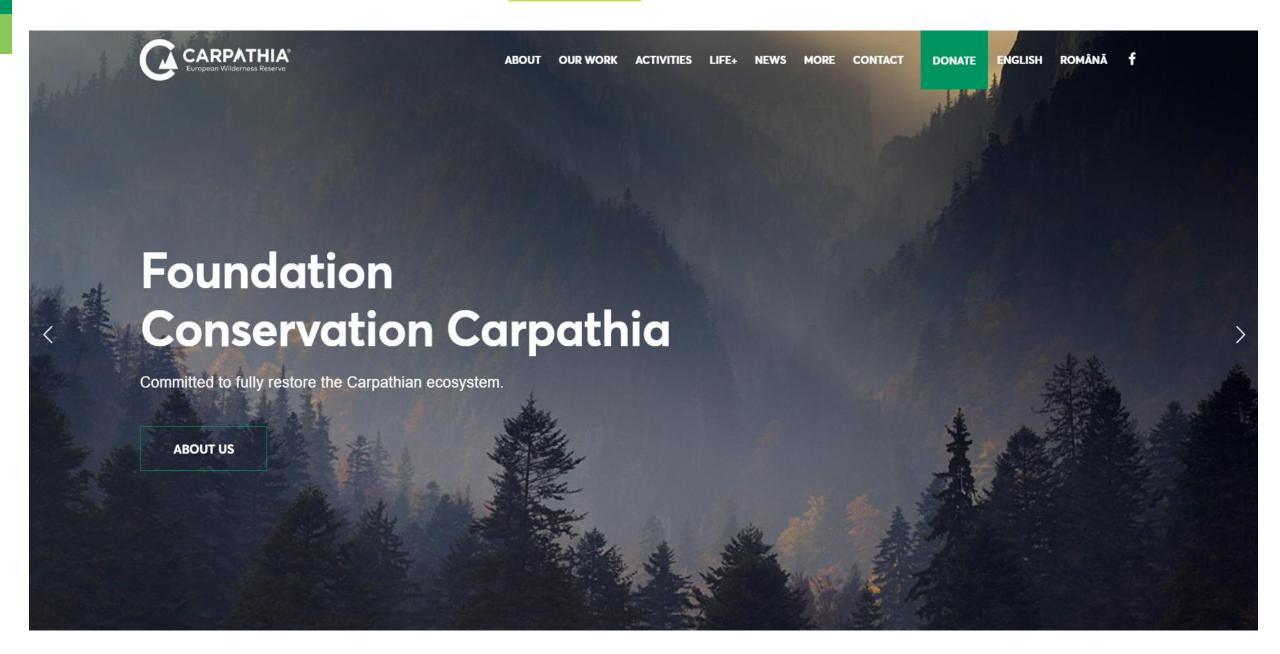
- We continue the works on the two lodges on Dambovita Valley that will become:
- ✓ an educational centre, with programmes for schools, universities and volunteers
- ✓ a research centre for biologists
- International news about FCC:

Romanian Insider de Volkskrant





End of March we have launched our new <u>CARPATHIA</u> website



- Visit CARPATHIA our ecotourism programmes were presented to the public at the Transylvania Tourism fair, in Brasov. Thank you, Brasov County Council for the invitation!
- Information about wildlife tours and Cobor farm experience at: <u>info@carpathia.org</u>.
- Fagaras County Experience auction: For the third year CARPATHIA has donated an experience into the benefit of YouthBank Fagaras, a fund that finances high school small projects in the community. The winners will spend a lovely afternoon at Cobor, having a horse cart ride and a tasty, local meal.











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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