



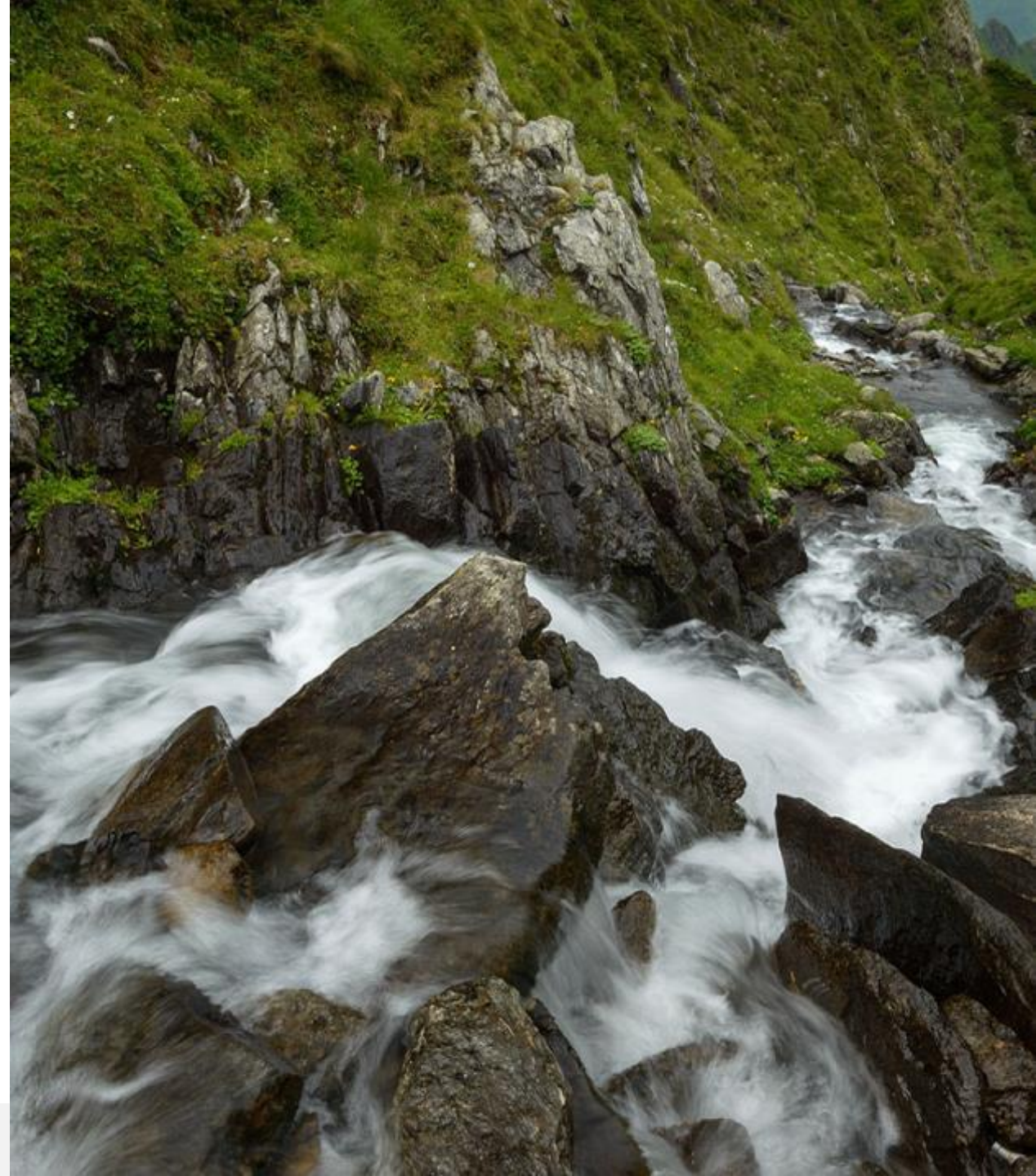
April & May 2019

Field report



Main activities summary

- 01 Forest conservation and management
- 02 Ecological restoration
- 03 Wildlife conservation
- 04 Cobor Biodiversity Farm
- 05 Communication & community outreach



01

Forest conservation and management



Activities

- Organised the public consultation for the Management Plan of Râul Târgului – Argeşel – Râuşor Natura 2000 sit.
- 30.82 ha of additional forest secured for full protection.
- Patrol to prevent illegal activities.
- Supplying firewood from accidental falls for disadvantaged members of the local communities.





02

Ecological restoration



- Fir and spruce seeds have germinated in our greenhouse and tree nurseries
- Juniper seeding in the alpine areas.
- Spring replanting together with our team of forestry engineers, rangers and about 200 people hired as seasonal workers from the local communities.
- **103 ha** of clear-cuts have been restored in Făgăraș and Leaota Mountains.
- You can join our ecological restoration campaign, donate or adopt a parcel of clear-cuts at: <https://www.carpathia.org/donate/>





Greenhouse





03

Wildlife conservation



Activities

- We finished DNA sampling for wolf and lynx to determine population numbers – collected a total of 69 wolf and 30 lynx samples.
- We are preparing the ground to start the DNA sampling of deer. Our objective is to collect 300 probes.
- Lynx monitoring with camera traps was completed and we are now working on the identification of the various individuals.
- Capercaillie monitoring.
- Training a rapid intervention team to solve human - wildlife conflicts: FCC rangers, county Gendarmerie and a veterinary will be on call on the wildlife concessions our project manages.











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Cobor Biodiversity Farm



Activities

- Preparing the equipment for the hay making.
- Two new horses have joined our livery herd.
- 17 Grey Hungarian calves were born.
- Building an enclosure for the Carpatin shepherd dogs.
- Planting vegetables in our garden.
- We have 50 chickens we grow for meat & eggs.
- Veterinarian activities.
- Mushroom picking with the guests.





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We have planted 120 oak trees with Nico de Transylvania, International DJ and cultural entrepreneur, in the project Forests without frontiers.

<https://www.facebook.com/nicodetran-silvania/videos/406405129942370/>

We have hosted 2 community events that aim to promote Făgăraș rural culture, great experiences in nature and our conservation project:

- Flavours & sounds of Transylvania, with My Transylvania Association
- 4B: Bike & brunch with beavers and birds, with Transylvanian Highlands Association







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Communication &
community outreach



Activities

- FCC presented the vision for protected areas of Natura 2000 Coalition and the results of our forest conservation project at the roundtable "Future Solutions: Realities and Expectations for Environmental Policies in Europe", organized in Brussels by the Eurodeputy Adina Vălean, chair of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety.



- Attended the Virgin forests conference in Sibiu. One conclusion was that all parties must cooperate to identify old growth forests. Another important conclusion was that the Ministry of Forest and Waters must up-date the national catalogue with supplementary areas.
- Attended the round table discussions of the LIFE16 GIE/DE/000661 project “Improving coexistence between people and large carnivores in Europe, through communication and partnership”.



- We have continued the series of trainings for our employees with one new session: Sustainable agriculture & conservation enterprises ideas.
- Together with ProPark Foundation for Protected Areas we started planning the first national event under our new project financed through the Endangered Landscape Programme.



- High school students from Ploiești, visited our project area together with the Forest Guard Ploiesti and helped with alder planting along the Dâmbovița river, in the project of restoring the riparian galleries.
- During a visit to Dâmbovită Valley, 12th grade students from Astra Technological High School Pitești had the opportunity to learn about our forest conservation project.
- We were invited as speakers at the German High School in Brasov for an Environment workshop to present our forest conservation project.



- Old and new president of FCC, Hansjörg Wyss and Charlie Burrell, together with FCC's co-funder Hedi Wyss have visited our project to discuss general strategy and next steps.
- Duncan Grossart, the new Director of The European Nature Trust. As part of our board of directors, TENT will focus on organizing high profile events to support our forest conservation project.



- FCC was the partner of Regaseste Romania National Conference, organised by ProPark Foundation for Protected Areas.
- This year's edition was an open invitation to the private sector to contribute with conservation leaders to the change we want to see in protecting nature.



For the second year, RTC company joined us for a day of replanting: In total 2 ha of clear-cuts and 8,000 saplings – a new forest is growing in Leaota and the Făgăraș Mountains.



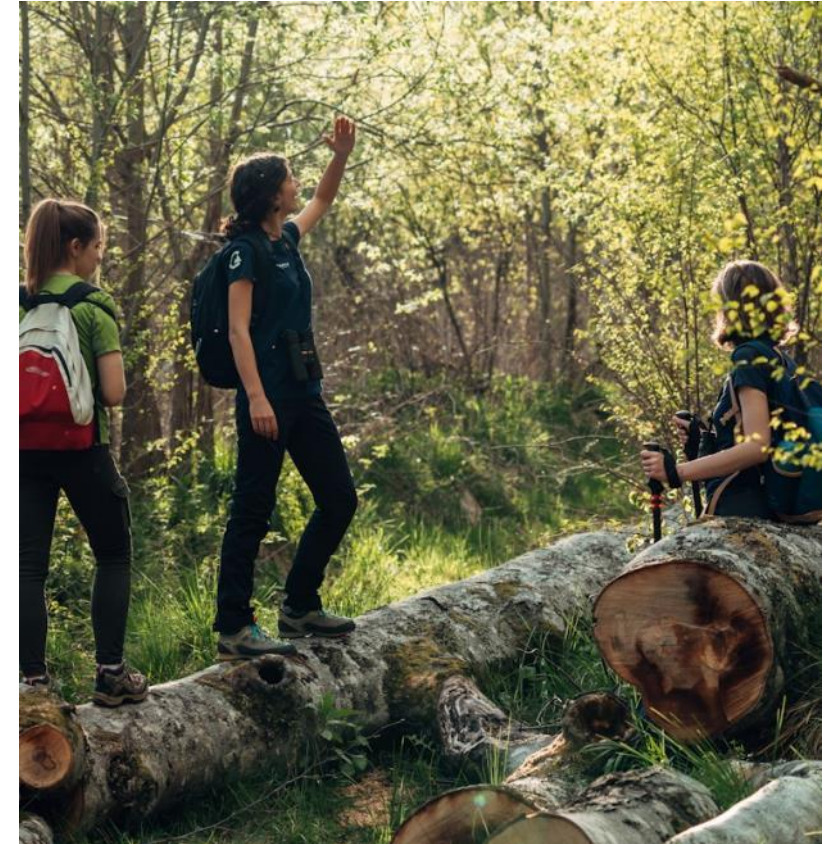
- S-KARP, Romanian producer of outdoor shoes organised in partnership with FCC a waste cleanup campaign in Dâmbovița Valley.
- We want to thank all volunteers for their work and S-KARP for their financial contribution and their 100 lei discount voucher for participants to make this clean-up possible.



- Our local guides for the wildlife hides and the Cobor Biodiversity Farm have been trained on the partnership between conservation and sustainable tourism development, nature interpretation, eco-touristic destinations and activities. Thank you, Bogdan Papuc, Romanian Ecotourism Association, for delivering the training.



- Visit CARPATHIA – ask about our ecotourism programmes at info@carpathia.org. Book a wildlife experience and your trip will contribute to forest conservation.





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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