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Field report



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Forest conservation and management



Activities

- Organised the public and private consultation for the Râul Târgului Management Plan, Argeşel, Râuşor Natura 2000 site.
- 48 ha of additional forest secured for full protection.
- Several spruce trees were illegally cut. The perpetrators were later identified, and legal action was taken. Our field team patrols to prevent such illegal activities.
- Due to heavy rains the mountain roads were eroded.





Eroded road



Dead wood track – eaten by bugs



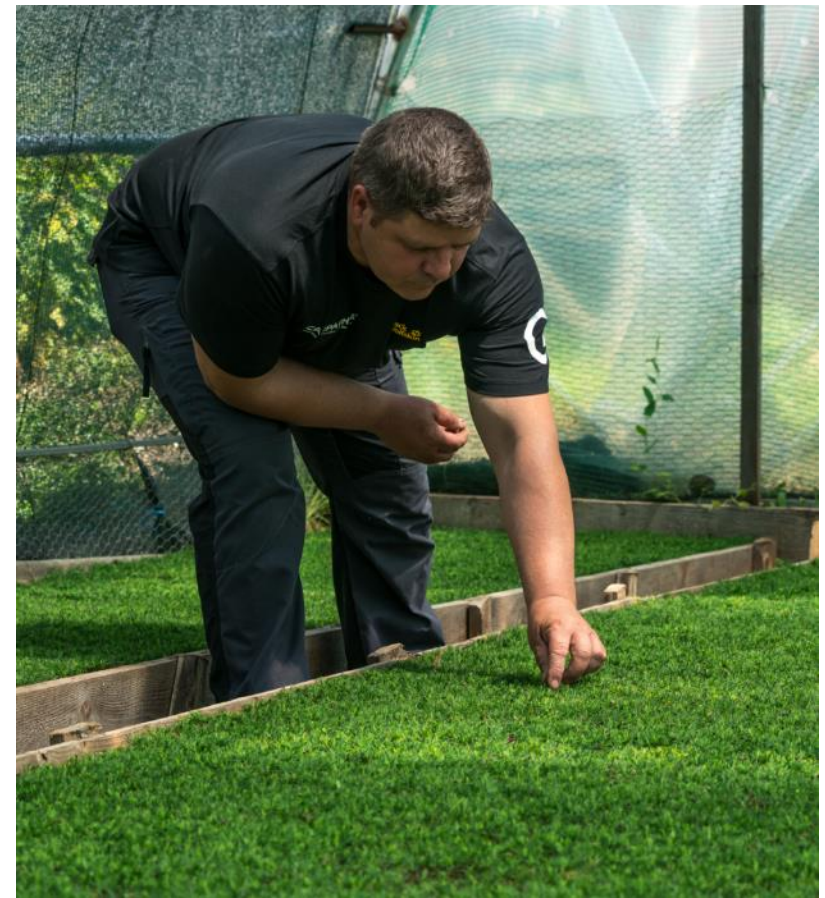
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Ecological restoration



- We have begun the monitoring of the replanted surfaces, in order to measure the success and identify where we need to return to refill with saplings.
- We have fixed the fence that protects the largest restoration area CARPATHIA has on Vâlsanului Valley, to prevent the grazing of domestic animals.
- The grass is growing faster than the planted saplings. Soon, we will need to organise teams to cut the grass around it, so they don't get suffocated.
- Spruce and fir is growing fast in our greenhouse.
- Evaluation of the erosion tracks at Vâlsanului Valley and making plans to restore it.
- Field work on Dâmbovița Valley: Identifying and mapping the riparian habitats, identifying three alien invasive species and the areas suitable for habitat restoration.
- You can join our ecological restoration campaign, donate or adopt a parcel of clear-cuts at: <https://www.carpathia.org/donate/>





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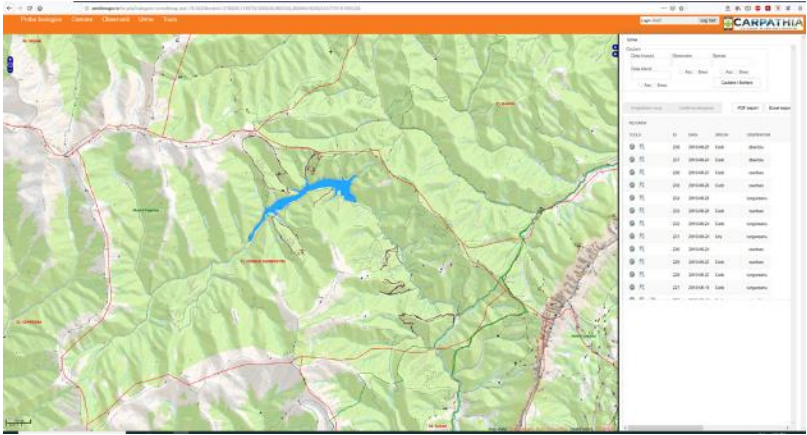
Wildlife conservation



Activities

- We have started the DNA sampling of deer. Our objective is to collect 300 probes. So far, we have collected 15 samples, on 60 km. While hiking to collect samples, we “collect” human samples as well – waste left in the woods.
- We are in the process of authorising the 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. A clear way of working will be disseminated within the local communities. In the meantime, our team is responding to the wildlife situation in the local communities.
- Patrols to prevent poaching and illegal fishing.









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Cobor Biodiversity Farm



Activities

- 25 new Grey Hungarian female cattle and one happy bull have freshened our heard. After a month long quarantine, they will enjoy the Cobor pastures; we have reached a “grey” number of 99 cattle! 😊
- Local staff and a German volunteer, Mona, take care of all of the 49 horses from the Cobor horse accommodation & rehabilitation centre.
- We are glad to announce the birth of Tara-Sam in Cobor! He is the foal of the English Thoroughbred Cosimo and the Shagya Arab mare Opal.
- Three female Carpatin shepherd dogs have had puppies.
- The first alfalfa crop has been mowed.
- Other farming activities.





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Communication &
community outreach



- We are the happy winners of the first place prize at the Civil Society Gala – Environment section.
- Our last two years results on forest conservation, ecological restoration, wildlife protection and environmental education impressed the jury.
- We would like to thank our partners, companies and foundations for their support: Wyss Foundation, OAK Foundation, MedLife, Ursus Breweries, Environmental Partnership Foundation and MOL Romania, Alpha Bank, Frankfurt Zoological Society, Foresta Futura Foundation, Montaigne Long Now Funding S.A., Endangered Landscapes Programme/Arcadia Fund.



- A group of Environmental sciences students from the Northeastern Boston University USA came for a practice & study trip in our project area.
- For a week they have been involved in our field work together with our biologists, wildlife experts, forest engineers, biodiversity farm & tourism team.

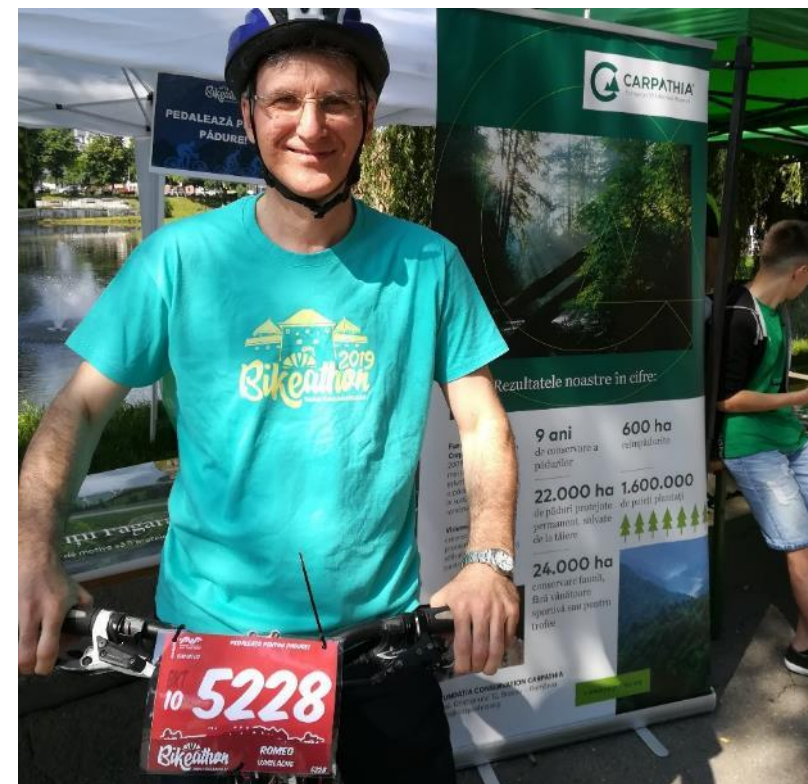


CARPATHIA encourages sports in nature. We were happy to promote our project and to meet new supporters at **three** important national events:

- **Bikeathon Făgăraș & Brașov Heroes marathon**, two amazing community charitable sports events, where we have participated with our replanting project
- More than 120 people chose to cycle or run for a new forest in the Făgăraș Mountains and a total of 1,700 Euro were raised for ecological restoration.

Congratulations Făgăraș County and Brașov Community Foundations for the events!

<https://www.carpathia.org/fcc-at-brasov-heroes-bikeathon-fagaras/>



- **Carpathian DHL marathon**, a top mountain trekking national & international charity event, dedicated this year to the Paralympic Committee is organised annually in the heart of one of the last wild places in Europe - the Carpathian Mountains – Leaota region.
- The competition gathered 1,500 participants. As event partner, CARPATHIA has supported one (winning 😊) team and promoted its vision to create a world-class wilderness reserve in the Southern Romanian Carpathians.

Check the future event we will be part of here: <https://carpathianmtb.ro/>



- We support the local events in the communities and their sustainable development
- We were happy to be part of Lerești Commune Days & Egg Pretzels Festival, to celebrate the traditions, small producers and the beauty of Făgăraș Mountains.



- For four days we have hosted the media trip of a group of important top journalists from UK.
- Thank you, The European Nature Trust for organising it.



- Representatives from Wildlife WorldWide and Alpinschule Innsbruck/Jack Wolfskin have visited our project area to evaluate possibilities for eco-tourism programmes in the next years.
- We look forward to host many visitors of these travel agencies in the future.



- In 2019, at the wildlife hides we have so far 236 guests on the books.
- Book a wildlife experience and your trip will contribute to forest conservation.

Visit CARPATHIA – ask about our ecotourism programmes at info@carpathia.org.





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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