



July & August 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

- 97 ha of additional forest secured for full protection.
- We have completed the vegetation survey in spruce monocultures and meadow habitats. A total number of 20 monitoring plots were set for monitoring.
- Transects monitoring.
- Mapping the areas with fallen trees.
- Several spruce trees were illegally cut. Some of the perpetrators were later identified, and legal action was taken. Our field team patrols to prevent such illegal activities.
- The CARPATHIA Forest Association was asked and agreed to take over the neighbouring private forest to guard.









02

Ecological restoration



- Spruce monoculture conversion works introduces species such as beech, fir, sycamore, or elm into these artificial forests to regain lost biodiversity.
- Eroded tracks and roads are being repaired.
- We have continued the monitoring of replanted surfaces in order to measure the success and identify where we need to replant saplings.
- Vegetation survey and mapping degraded riparian areas for restoration: Beside *Erigeron annuus* and *Conyza canadensis*, we identified a new alien invasive, *Impatiens parviflora*.



The fir seeded in three of our nurseries last autumn isn't doing well due to the heavy rains.

Weeding in the tree nurseries and in the green house.

We have collected mountain ash seeds, *Sorbus aucuparia*. We will seed it in our tree nurseries this autumn.

You can join our ecological restoration campaign, donate or adopt a parcel of clear-cuts at:
<https://www.carpathia.org/donate/>



03

Wildlife conservation



Activities

- Due to recurrent damage to livestock, we have obtained the legal approval to relocate a problem bear from the Rucăr area deep into the Dâmbovița Valley.
- We continued DNA sampling of deer. Our objective is to collect 300 samples, so far we have collected a total of 120.
- Preparing for the arrival of the first bison for the reintroduction.
- 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 officially on call on the wildlife concessions managed by us. In the meantime, our team is handling wildlife conflicts as professional as possible.
- Our rangers are out on patrols to prevent poaching and illegal fishing.









04

Cobor Biodiversity Farm



Activities

- Hay making season.
- The Hungarian Grey Cattle and the horses on our pastures are enjoying summer and the fresh grass.
- The dog breeding programme is going well, we have 7 puppies ready to give to the shepherds.
- We had the pleasure to host a Dutch team of journalists from the travel show 3 OP REIS, who documented the work of Foundation Conservation Carpathia and the Cobor Biodiversity Farm.







Visit [COBOR](https://cobor.ro) and book your Transylvanian experience at: reservation@cobor-farm.ro



05

Communication &
community outreach



- We have published our [annual report 2018](#).
- Enjoy the [video](#) Jimmy Cape has done during Ride Romania event organised by The European Nature Trust.
- A wonderful [documentary](#) about ecological restoration was featured in August on the National TV Digi 24.
- Another interesting documentary about our conservation project is being edited for the Dutch TV public.



- Our conservation partner Wildland has supported the Moroieni community and co-financed the development of a local health station.
- Heavy rains in our project area (Rucăr) has caused severe floods and mud avalanches, partially due to the excessive logging during the past years. FCC has helped to clear up the mud with two excavators and offered the affected families timber for the reconstruction of their houses.



Electric camping event - promoting the villages in our project area and the beauty of the forests - a partnership between CARPATHIA and My Transylvania Association.

The participants have enjoyed a wonderful experience in Dâmbovicioara - guided tours, local & tasty food, traditional songs by Hoinarii Band and electronic music mixed by DJ DEX & DJ MEET MTD, illuminated tent, starry sky.



- Folk Rock fest Piatra Craiului - 3 days of good music and activities, an opportunity for us to interact with the public and talk about the forests we protect in Piatra Craiului National Park and the general results of our almost 10 years forest conservation project in Fagăraș and Leaota mountains.



- Book a wildlife experience at one of our wildlife hides 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



**FOUNDATION
CONSERVATION
CARPATHIA**

Soseaua Cristianului 12, Brasov – Romania
info@carpathia.org

PHOTO CREDITS: Barbara & Christoph Promberger, Calin Serban, Codrut Voinescu, Constantin Simion, Dan Dinu, Daniel Mîrlea, Emil Ionescu, Ionut Crețu, Iulian Brezae, George Soare, Liviu Georgian Ungureanu, Magda Munteanu, Ruben Iosif, Orsolya Csakany, Simona Bordea.