

November 2019

Field report



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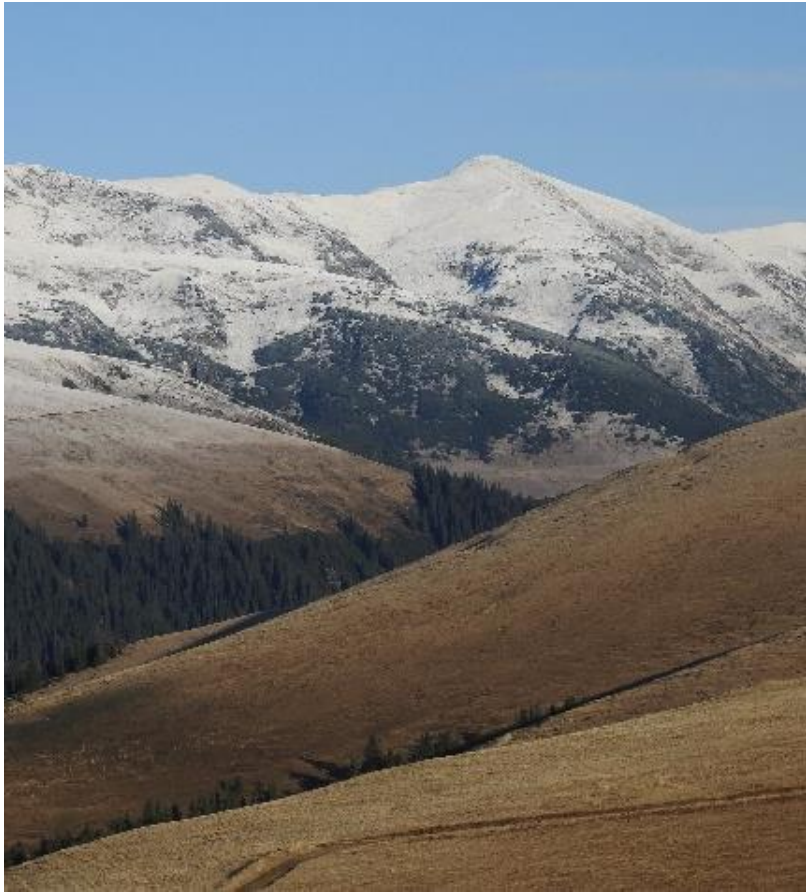
Forest conservation and management



Activities

- 26 ha of additional forest secured for full protection.
- Fire wood is being assigned to the local communities from our neighbouring forests.
- Mapping the riparian areas where measures will be taken (species richness, invasive species).







02

Ecological restoration



- End of autumn planting campaign: We have planted **43,800** saplings.
- A report was prepared for the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Waters, with clear-cut areas and surfaces which have been restored so far.
- We have planted fir seeds in our tree nurseries.
- We have collected and prepared humus from the forest to use it in our tree nurseries and green house.
- Spruce monoculture conversion work introduces species such as beech, fir, sycamore or elm into these artificial forests to regain lost biodiversity.
- You can join our ecological restoration campaign, donate or adopt clear-cut parcels at: <https://www.carpathia.org/donate/>



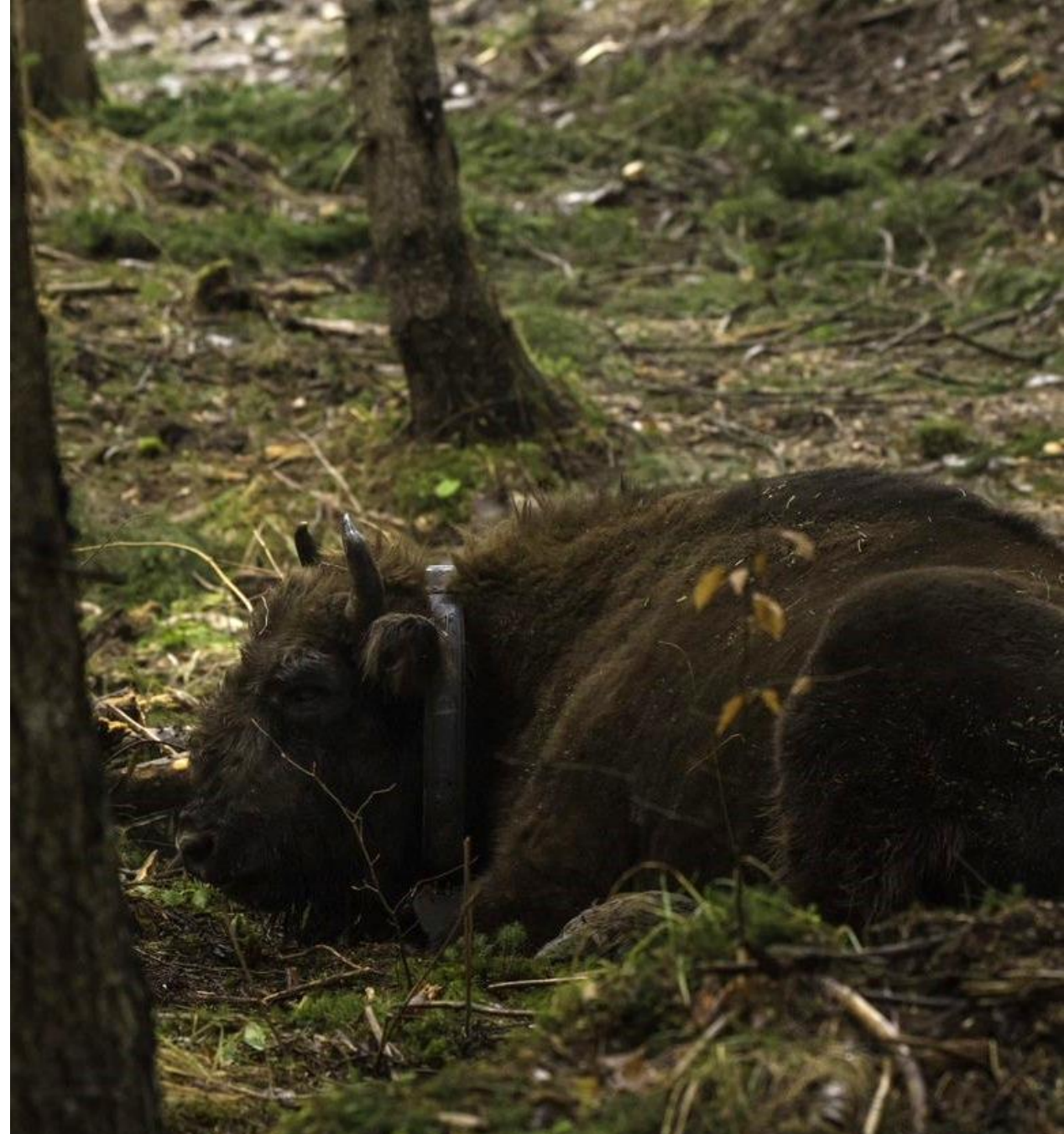
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Wildlife conservation



Activities

- After 200 years, the [Făgăraș Mountains are again HOME to European bison!](#)
- We have translocated the first four bison into an acclimatisation enclosure, and we plan to bring in another seven before the end of the year. The heard will be released into the wild next spring.



- Further camera traps installed for lynx monitoring: 18 locations have had positive results so far, and we are working on the 2018-2019 report that will estimate the abundance and density of lynx in a basic exploratory model.
- Rangers patrolling to prevent poaching and illegal fishing.



Camera trap images



- Management measures: We have received authorisation from the Ministry of Environment to relocate another problem bear that causes livestock damage and is a threat to local people.
- Conflicts have been at an unusually high level during autumn 2019: although the wildlife rapid intervention team continues its efforts to keep wild boar and bears away from the villages and despite responding to more than 100 interventions since June, problems still exist.
- A request was submitted, along with the local authorities, to the regional authorities to allow faster relocation of problem bears that are present in the communities; currently, a bear needs to cause at least two damages before legal measures can be taken (relocation to a remote forest or elimination).





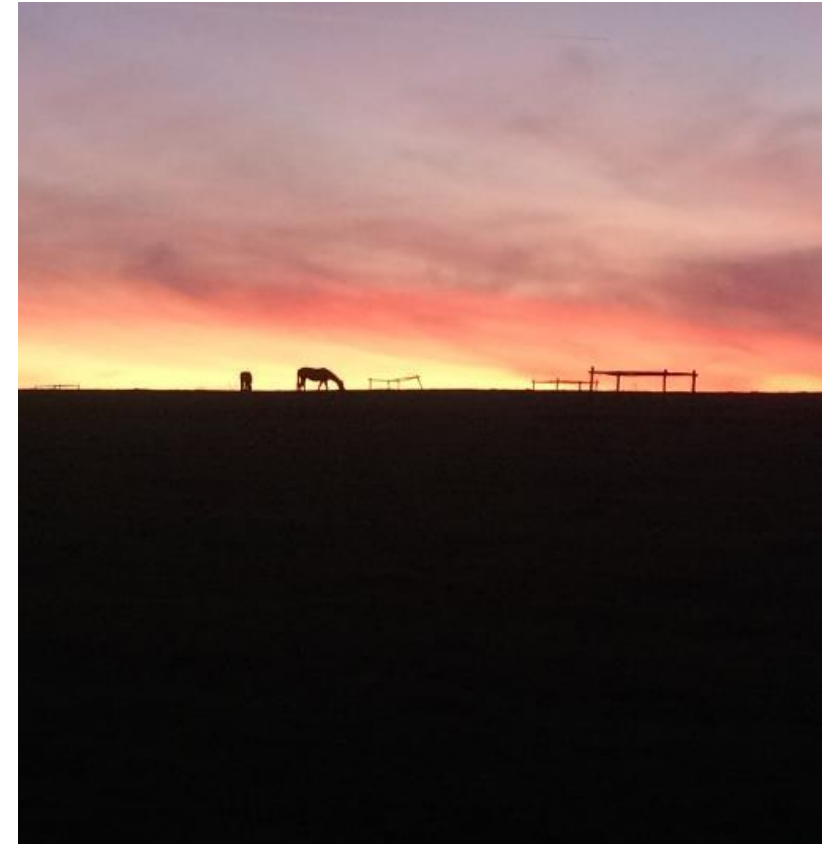
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Cobor Biodiversity Farm



Activities

- Autumn cleaning of pastures.
- Repair of the fences which surround the 20 ha of horse pastures. If you are interested in finding a good place for your horse, visit Cobor or check our [horse accommodation/rehabilitation centre offer](#).
- We have checked the oak saplings planted during last spring. We have a success rate of 30%, so in spring we will replace the dry saplings with new ones.



- We have 103 Hungarian Grey cattle and the heard is growing with some beautiful, fluffy calves, properly “dressed” for winter.
- The Carpathian Shepherd Dog breeding programme is going well and we will expand the dog kennels into a more spacious facility before the next pups are born in the spring.



- Cobor Biodiversity Farm has received, for the second time in a row, the award for “Promoter of the natural environment” at the Făgăraș Community Gala.



- Spend your [Christmas](#) or [New Year](#) holidays at Cobor!
- We look forward to welcoming you to our Transylvanian [biodiversity farm](#)!



05

Communication &
community outreach



- We have signed a new LIFE contract with the European Commission, which will cover activities until summer 2024.
- The project LIFE CARPATHIA will allow us to further develop the five pillars of activities: forest conservation, restoration of degraded habitats, wildlife conservation and management, communication & community outreach and development of conservation enterprises.



- Conference on Large Carnivore Monitoring and Conservation in the Carpathians, organised by WWF Romania, was held together with the 10th Meeting of the Carpathian Convention Working Group on Biodiversity. This gave us the opportunity to share our experience of large carnivore monitoring with other NGOs and specialists.



- Our autumn volunteers' help with planting on Valea Vâlsanului (southern Făgăraș Mountains) was much appreciated:
- ✓ Together with volunteers organised by Nico de Transylvania (international DJ and cultural entrepreneur) and with a team of locals coordinated by our chief ranger, we have planted **15,000** saplings in a heavily degraded area, within Nico's project [Forests without frontiers](#).
- ✓ Together with volunteers coordinated by the Romanian environmental NGO Agent Green we have planted **7,300** saplings.



- Our two wildlife volunteers, Maria and Bogdan, are doing a great job helping our field team with camera trap monitoring and also with interpreting the collected data.
- We are designing a volunteering programme that will be available on www.carpathia.org before the end of January. If you are looking for a green experience, you can soon join our project!



December is the last month to grant sponsorship for FY2019 and claim the related fiscal benefit.

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