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Field report



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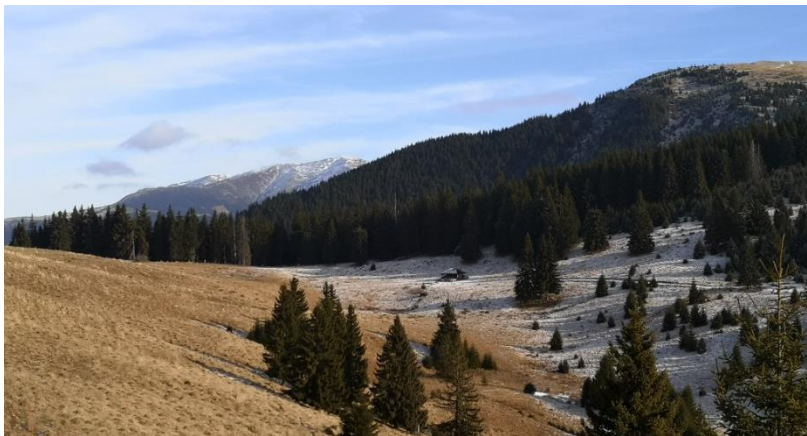
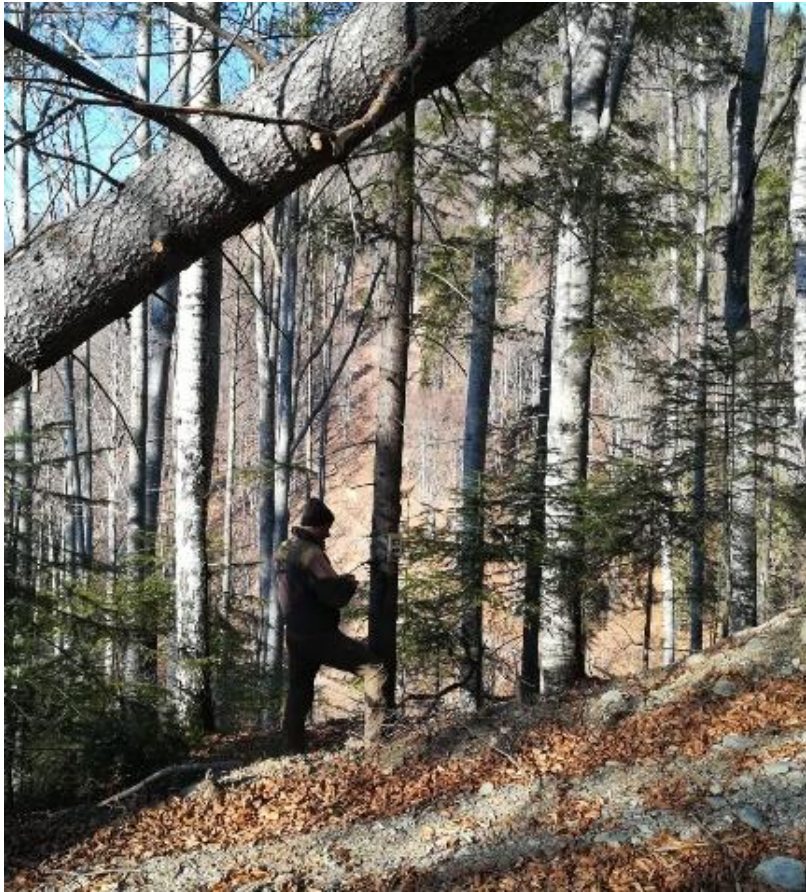
Forest conservation and management



Activities

- 30.6 ha of additional forest secured for full protection.
- We have continued to assign fire wood to the local communities from our neighbouring forests.
- Patrolling to prevent illegal activities in the forests we protect and in the neighbourhoods.









02

Ecological restoration



- Due to the lack of snow in January we have collected and prepared humus soil from the forest to use in our greenhouses.
- Depositing the juniper seeds in storage over the winter.
- Spruce monoculture conversion work: we are thinning the spruce plantations to get some light onto the ground and to prepare for the plantation of beech and other species in spring. We debark the spruce to avoid bark beetle infestation and leave the cut trees on the ground as dead wood.
- Mapping the new land properties where restoration measures will be taken in spring: zone areas, surfaces, saplings.
- 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



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After 200 years, the Făgăraș Mountains are again HOME for the European bison!

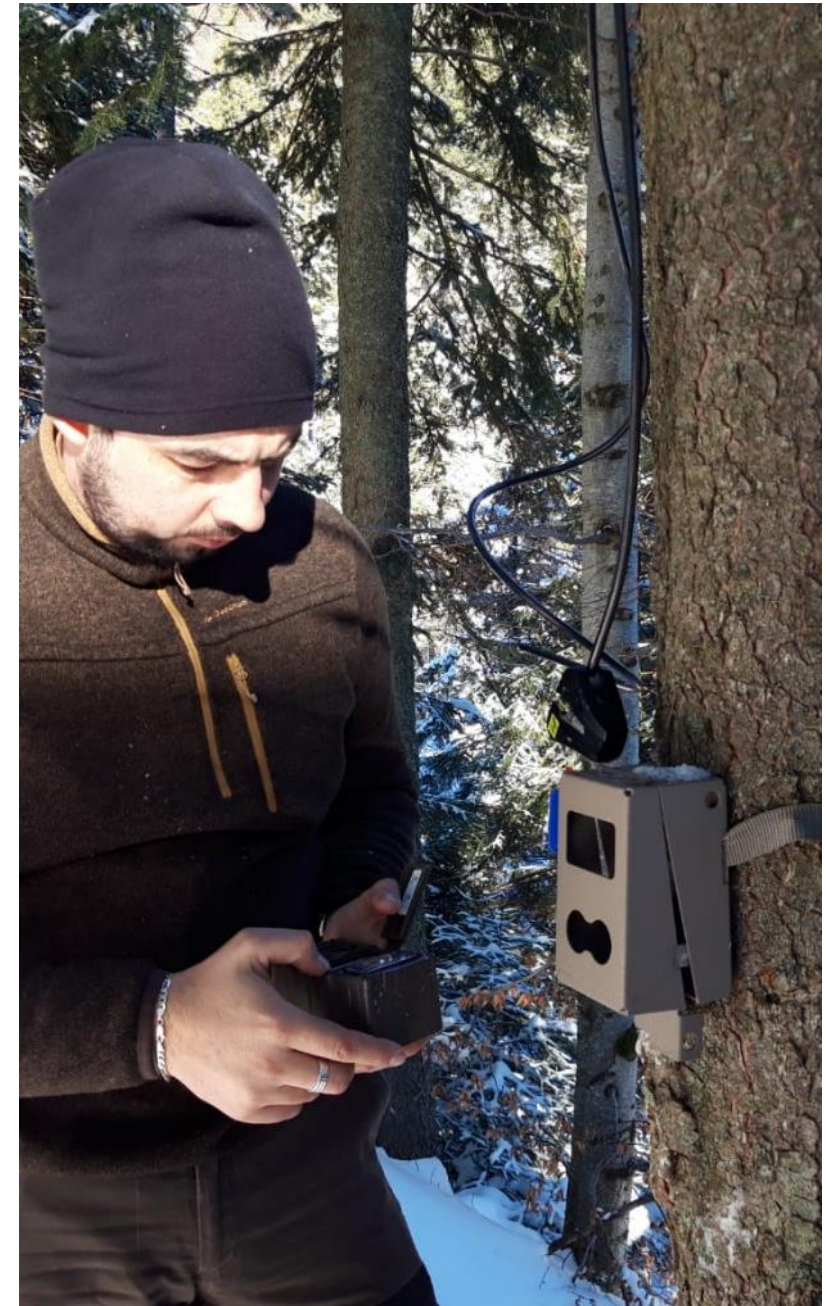
The first bison are doing well! They are currently in the quarantine enclosure and will soon be released into the acclimatisation enclosure before full release in spring.



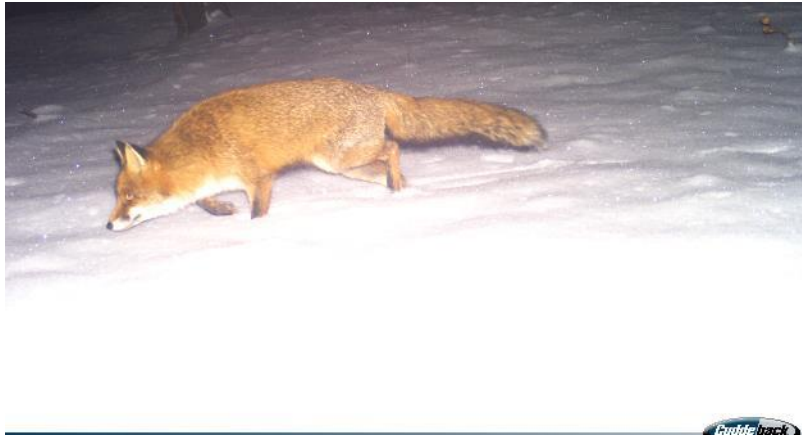
- **Management measures:** In December we still had some conflicts with bears who were not able to hibernate due to the mild winter. They roamed in search of food that was scarce in the forest due to lack of beech fructification in autumn. We also registered a few incidents of damage caused by wild boar.
- Our rangers had several meetings with the local farmers and recorded the need for more electric fences and Carpathian shepherd dogs for livestock guarding.
- We have checked the five electric fences in use.
- Rangers patrolling to prevent poaching of wildlife and fish.



- **Monitoring wildlife:** Sampling wolf and lynx scats, urine and hair continues, with our team of rangers and our volunteers Bogdan and Maria. So far, we have collected samples from 61 wolves.



Camera trap images





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Cobor Biodiversity Farm



- The horses in our pastures are doing well.
- We keep a close eye on their winter schedule: alfalfa, hay and oats for feeding, exercise for the horses with health problems to keep them in shape.
- More details about our accommodation/rehabilitation centre [here](#).
- Almost no snow so far: we made use of the time to clean up the pastures.





- We now have a herd of 111 healthy, beautiful Hungarian Grey cattle and calves.
- Our breeding programme for the Carpathian Shepherd dogs continues with positive results. Soon we will donate new puppies to farmers in the Făgăraș mountains.



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Communication &
community outreach



- “Long term monitoring of the Carpathians’ large carnivores” event at Natural Sciences Faculty, Ovidius University of Constanta gave us the opportunity to share our study.
- We participated in a workshop together with other environmental NGOs regarding wildlife monitoring and management. A common vision will be submitted to the Ministry of Environment.
- We had a meeting with the farmers in Rucar where we talked about wildlife - livestock conflicts and how to find a better way to resolve them.



- Gala CARIERE 2019, Excellence Award for Barbara and Christoph Promberger, executive directors of FCC, for all their personal and professional involvement in the preservation of the natural heritage.



- A special THANK YOU to our proofreading volunteers!
- Dr. Ruth Rusby - English
- Sebastian Kortemeyer - German
- We have launched our [volunteering programme](#). If you are looking for a green experience in CARPATHIA, you can join our project! Check the available positions!



- We welcome Marissa, our wildlife monitoring volunteer, who came from the USA for three months to help the team with collecting wildlife DNA samples and data processing.



We thank all our sponsors for their contributions!

- We thank all the Romanian businesses that answered our sponsorship appeal “the power of 20%” in 2019: Armos Services, B&B Collection, Decorio Plus, Ecologic 3R Ambalaje, Farmacia Tei, Lisec, Madex (Temad), Schneider Electric, Servelect, Siena Residence.

- Because of you, our sponsors who appreciate nature, we will continue our work to protect forests and wildlife, for the benefit of biodiversity and people. We will follow our mission to create a protected area of wilderness in the Southern Romanian Carpathians.

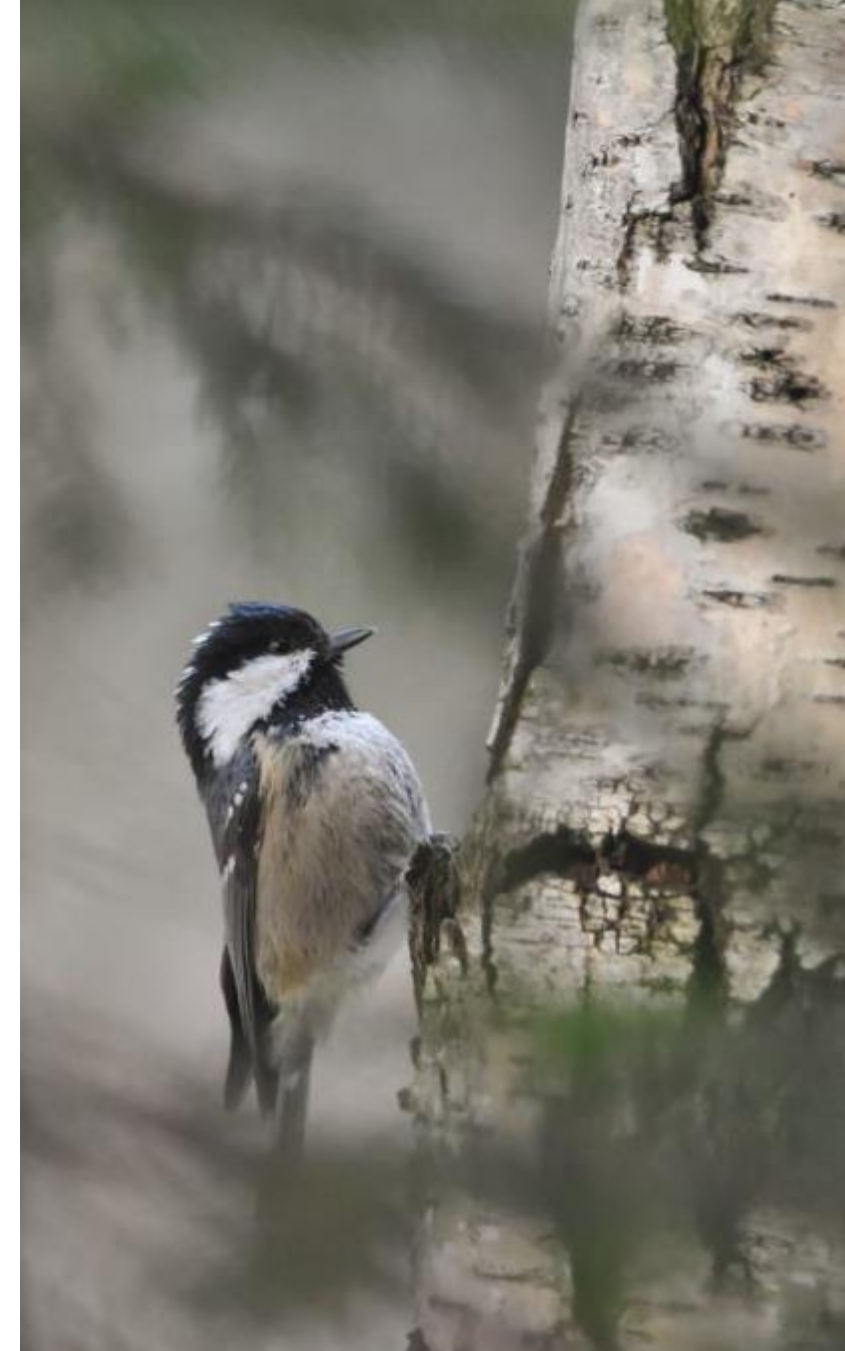


Siena Residence



If you are employed in Romania, you can redirect last year's taxes to CARPATHIA!

- **This year, 2% becomes 3.5%**
- If you received an income salary in Romania in 2019, you now can redirect 3.5% of your income tax to support our cause to protect nature and wildlife. Fill in the [230 Form](#) available only in Romanian and send it to ANAF (or NAFA, the National Agency for Fiscal Administration), no later than 25 May 2020.
- If you prefer, please send the filled in Form to our office no later than May 15 and we will send it on your behalf to ANAF. Contact us if you need assistance filling in the form.



Travel Carpathia – experience the largest rewilding project in Eastern Europe

We are very excited to announce the launch of our new website – [Travel Carpathia](#) – which brings the FCC conservation projects to life through ecotourism.

Whether you wish to experience Carpathian wildlife by staying at our [eco-friendly wilderness hides](#) or see the charismatic Grey Cattle at our [Biodiversity Farm in Cobor](#), or go on a wilderness adventure or follow a tailor-made itinerary, there is a once-in-a-lifetime experience waiting for you.

We look forward to welcoming you to Carpathia!





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 over a total of 65,000 ha.
- Sustainable development of local communities.
- Environmental education projects.



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