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Field report



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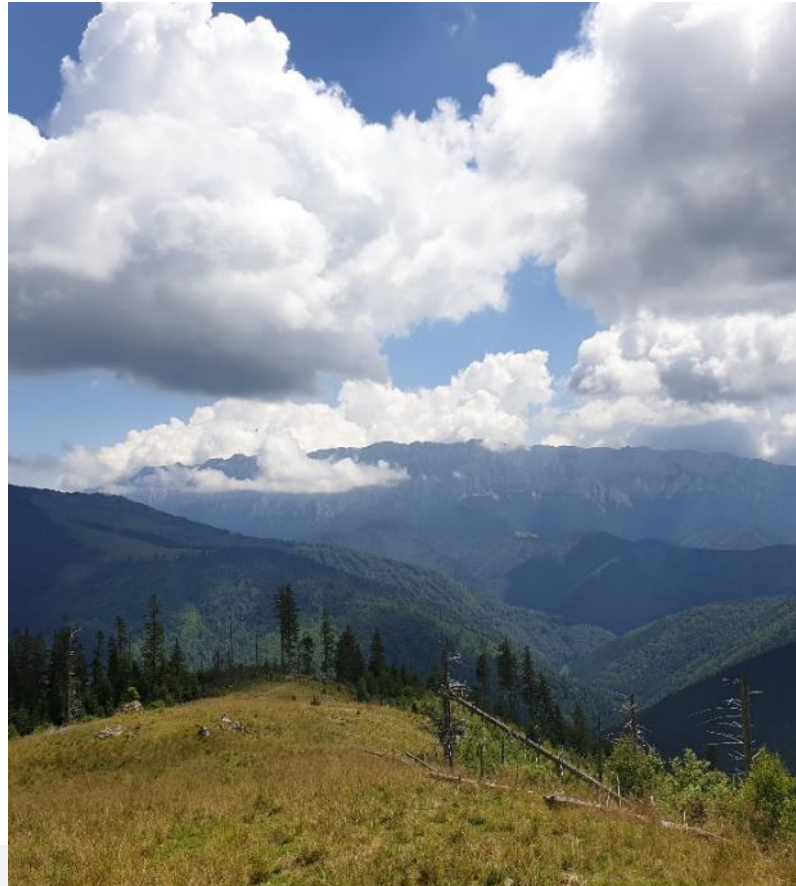
01

Forest conservation and
management



Activities

- We were able to purchase 621 ha of land for full protection.
- We have continued the study on the grazing capacity of the alpine pastures and on invasive plant species. We have discovered a rare fern species - *Athyrium distentifolium*.
- We carried out the inventory on 40 sampling plots to establish the ecological restoration plan for newly bought clear-cut areas.
- We have selected the monitoring plots for the study regarding the diversity and abundance of terrestrial arthropods.









02

Ecological restoration



- The elm seedlings started to germinate, though unfortunately to a lower degree than expected.
- We have done some work to extend one of our tree nurseries and to establish a new one.
- The seasonal workers hired from the local communities continue with weeding in the nurseries.





03

Wildlife conservation



Wildlife monitoring

- The red deer DNA sampling season is going well. In total we have managed to collect 278 scat samples.
- We have received useful help from the three volunteers, Robert, Alexandru and Olivier. Thank you for your effort and passion!

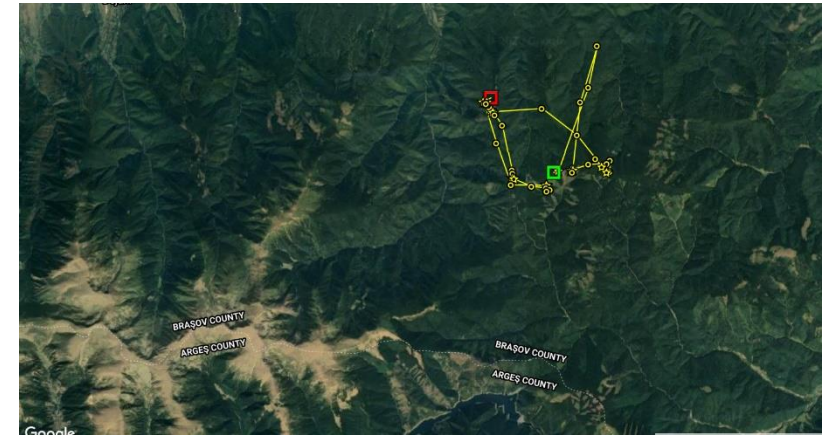


Collecting samples.



Wildlife monitoring - BISON

- Our herd of bison continues to explore their new territory in the wild and our team carries on monitoring them. So far, they have displayed very good behaviour, keeping away from the villages, but they still need to work on their manners while being photographed. ;-)
- We continue to prepare for the reintroduction of bison into other parts of the Făgăraș Mountains.



Wildlife management:

- We have registered several complaints about damages caused by wild boar to a local resident's meadows, and bears killing livestock and destroying property, attracted towards the villages by the fruit season and easy food.
- We have made preparations to install electrical fences to deter wildlife in certain hotspots. Also, we have organised several evening interventions to push wildlife back the into the forest.
- We have received authorisation from the Environmental Ministry to relocate a bear that is causing problems in one of our wildlife management units and we have installed a cage trap to capture it safely.







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Conservation Enterprise
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Cobor Biodiversity Farm



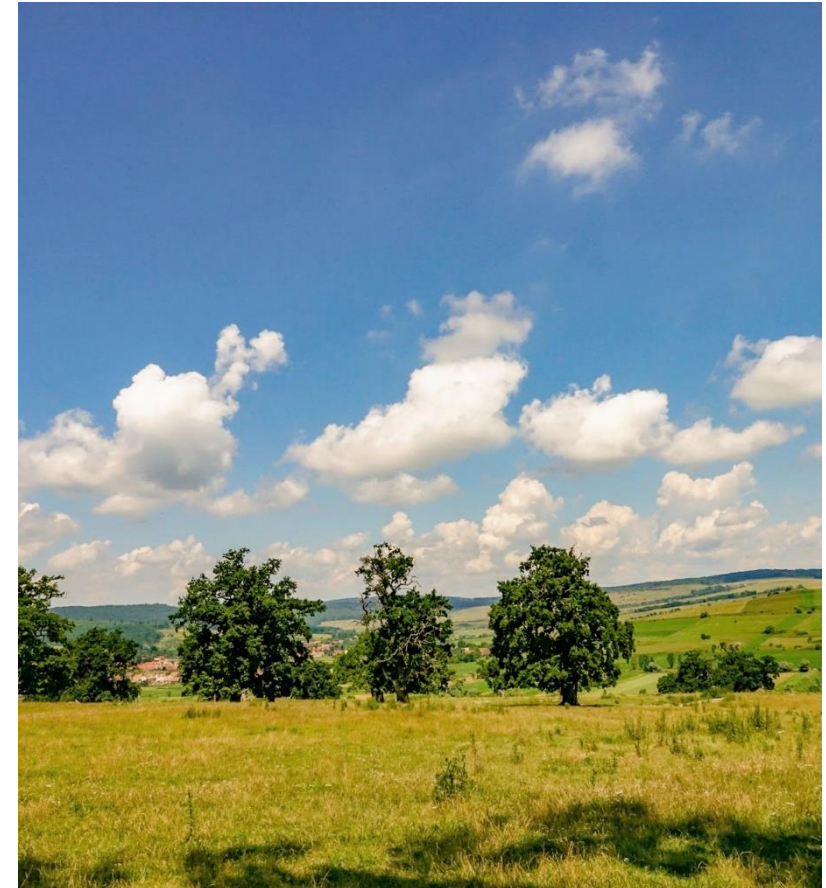
- We gathered a very good first alfalfa harvest - 4.2 tones.
- Hay-making continued to be difficult as we had a mixture of sunny and rainy days, but we managed and hope the weather will improve in August!



- Our Hungarian Grey Cattle herd keeps us busy: we managed to deworm them and to treat them for fleas and ticks. We tagged the young ones and castrated the bulls.
- The horses enjoy the freedom of more than 20 ha of pasture.



- We checked the oak saplings and they are doing well.
- We love this project of making sure we keep oak pastures with their high nature value alive for future generations.



- Busy with the farm, but taking the time to explore a bit...



- The farm is no longer a quiet place! Yes, the COVID-19 pandemic causes significant challenges, but life will move on somehow. By taking more precautionary measures, beautiful vacations in remote places such as our [Cobor Biodiversity Farm](#) are still possible.
- Each season has its own charm and July was still ideal for a botanical tour for our guests.



- We can once again welcome visitors from abroad and of course Romania.
- Have a look here <https://cobar-farm.ro/> and book your vacation at: reservations@cobar-farm.ro.





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Communication &
community outreach



- We spent a special morning with a team of children from Braşov Pedagogical Museum and tried to follow in the footsteps of the big carnivores.
- We have shown the youngsters our genetic monitoring kits and ways of working and replicas of animal tracks.
- It is amazing working with children, who are curious and keen to learn more about the subjects and the activities CARPATHIA is involved in!



- Lessons continued even during vacation. The 95 children who have received computers were keen to practice and luckily they had help from the volunteers of Casa Buna Association, who visited them once a fortnight and gave them on-line support.
- In Romania we don't know yet what form the new school year will take in the context of Covid-19. There are different scenarios, including on-line teaching. It's good to be prepared, just in case...



- We are always glad to share with the outside community the results of our forest conservation project!
- In July we had three TV crews from Germany and France who wanted to document parts of the CARPATHIA project: clear-cuts, wildlife and the vision of creating the largest forested national park in Europe.
- The meeting with the famous German actor Hannes Jaenicke was a treat for our colleagues.





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