



# Field report

January 2023



Creating the largest forested National Park in Europe





# 2022 in the Făgăraș Mountains

A glimpse back through 2022.

365 days, four seasons, life as it naturally flowed in the Făgăraș Mountains!

Images captured by one of our wildlife camera traps during 2022.

We need a National Park in the Făgăraș Mountains for these natural beauties to exist far into the future.





# Main activities summary

- 01 Forest conservation and management
- 02 Ecological restoration
- 03 Wildlife conservation
- 04 Conservation enterprise programme
- 05 Communication & community outreach





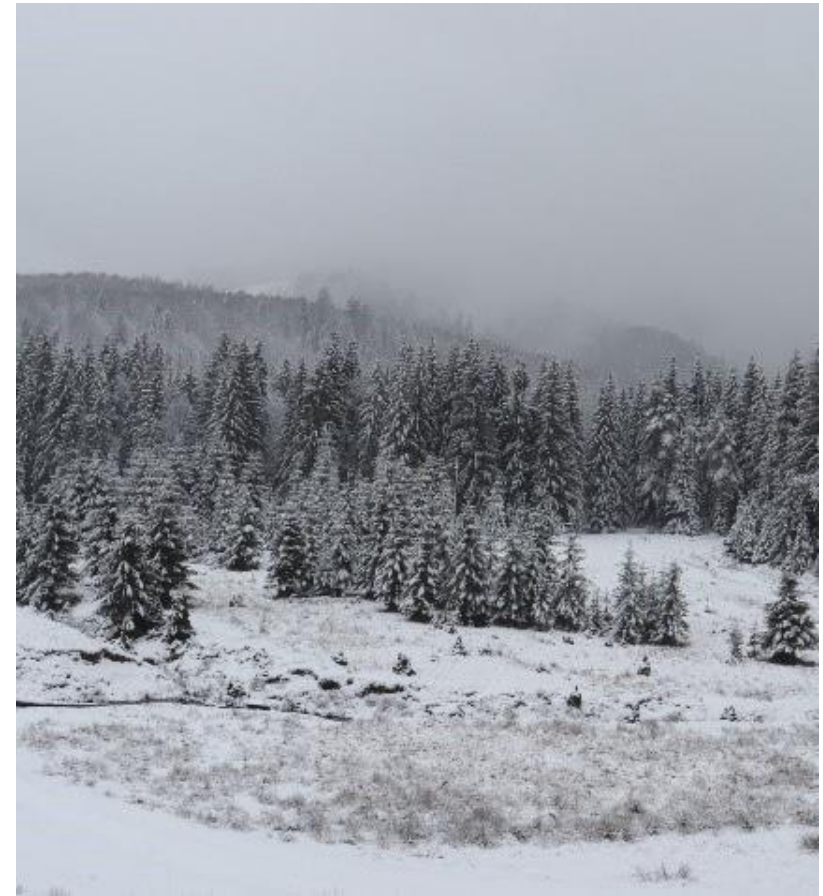
# 01

Forest conservation and  
management





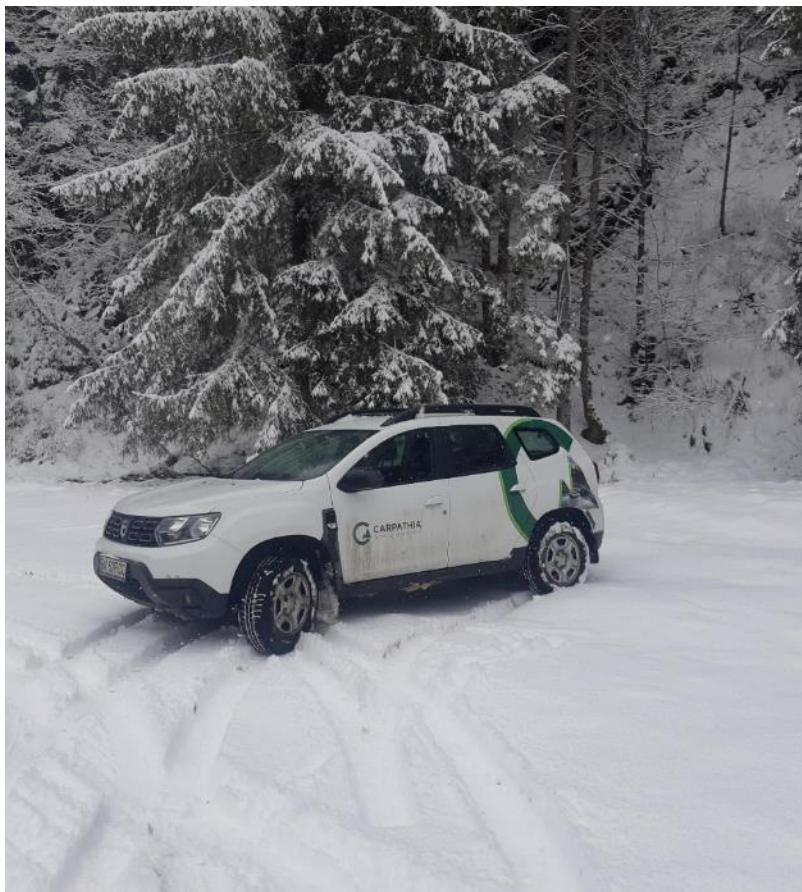
- At the heart of the Făgăraș Mountains is its vast forests, home to thousands of plant and animal species.
- They all exist in a delicate balance.





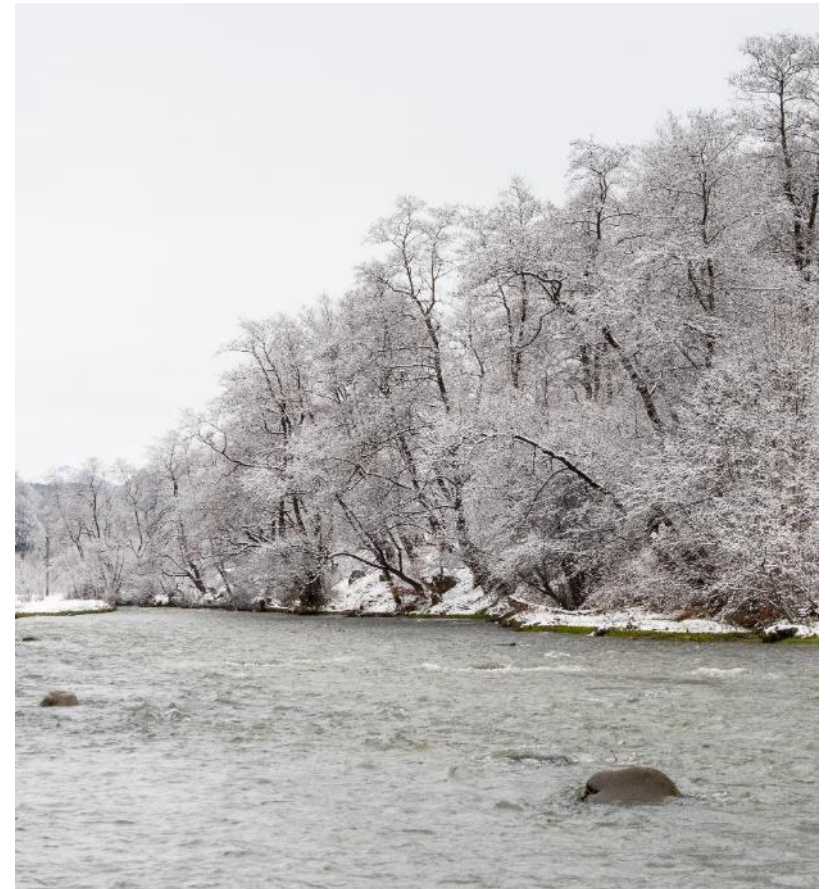
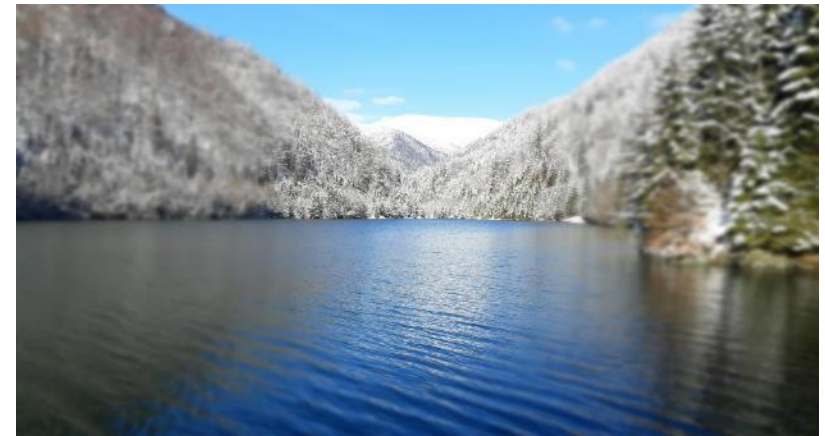
January started with unusually high temperatures.

But now, winter is finally here!





## Images from the project area











# 02

Ecological restoration





- Winter is a good time for our specialists to work on the reforestation plans for 2023.
- Are you ready to make 2023 the year you do something great for the forest? You can support our work to create new forests in the Făgăraș Mountains. Thank you!

Images from our tree nurseries and  
greenhouses 📱





# 03

Wildlife conservation





# Wildlife monitoring

- Wolf monitoring is an on-going activity during this period.
- The lack of snow and warm temperatures in early January have made it difficult to collect biological samples from the field.
- The species is difficult to study in the absence of snow, because it is harder to track recent wolf pack activity and find fresh faeces, which contain the DNA.





# Wildlife reintroductions

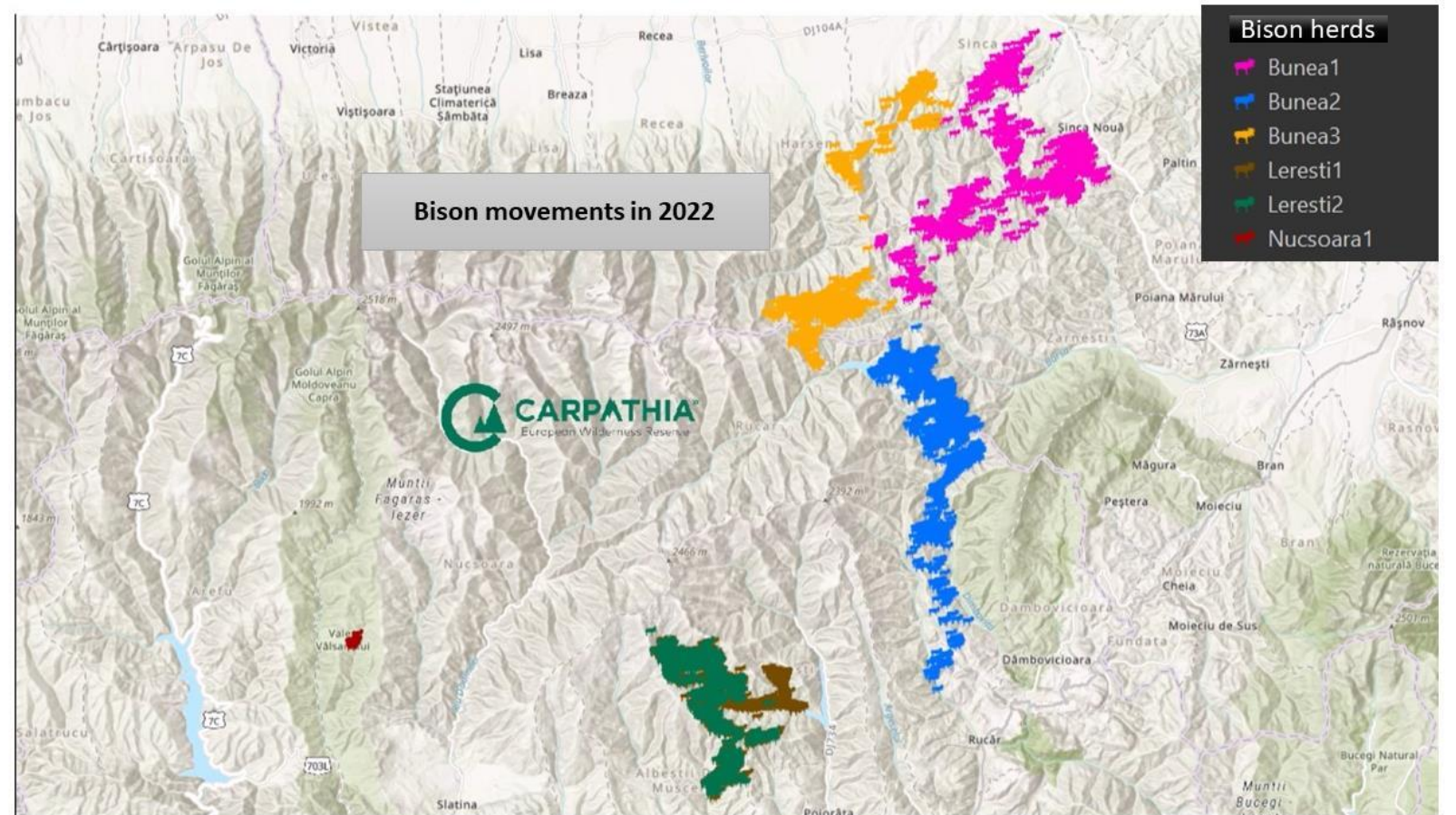
- Four more bison arrived in the Nucșoara enclosure from Germany. We are working on the documentation and logistics for the transportation of more bison from Slovakia.
- We keep monitoring our five existing herds of free-ranging bison.





# Wildlife reintroductions

- According to the data transmitted by GPS collars, we have found that the released herds of bison have roamed an area of over 16,000 hectares.
- You can see the movement of the 36 released bison in the Făgăraș Mountains, along with the six free-ranging calves in this [interactive map](#).





## Wildlife conservation

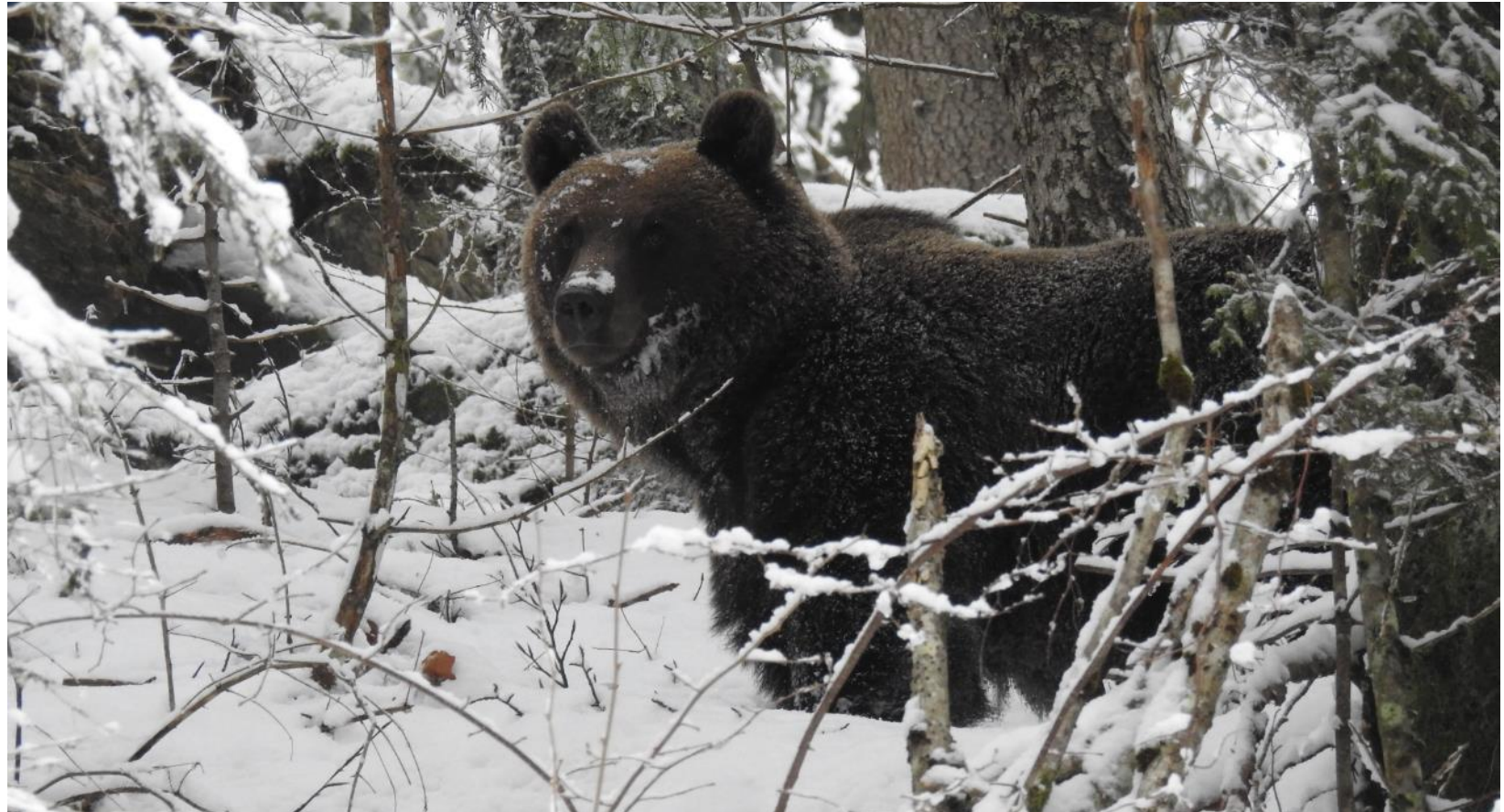
We are making plans for monitoring the golden eagle population, as well as marmots and capercaillie, the main prey of the eagles.





# Wildlife management

- Our rapid intervention teams are present in the vicinity of local communities to prevent conflicts, to install and verify electric fences.
- Our colleagues are discovering slaughterhouse waste dumped next to the road, which attracts bears, causing them to hang around the vicinity of the villages.
- Without the cooperation of the local farmers, we will never get rid of this problem.





# Wildlife images&video

Wolf Beaver Red deer





# Coșul Roadele Munților



Roadele Munților Basket

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Conservation Enterprise  
Programme



Roadele  
Munților  
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FĂGĂRAȘ CULESE



# Cobor Biodiversity Farm

- The Transylvanian Grey Cattle are doing well, calving season has started. We have four new calves in the herd.
- Feeding, watering and daily routines all go according to plan.

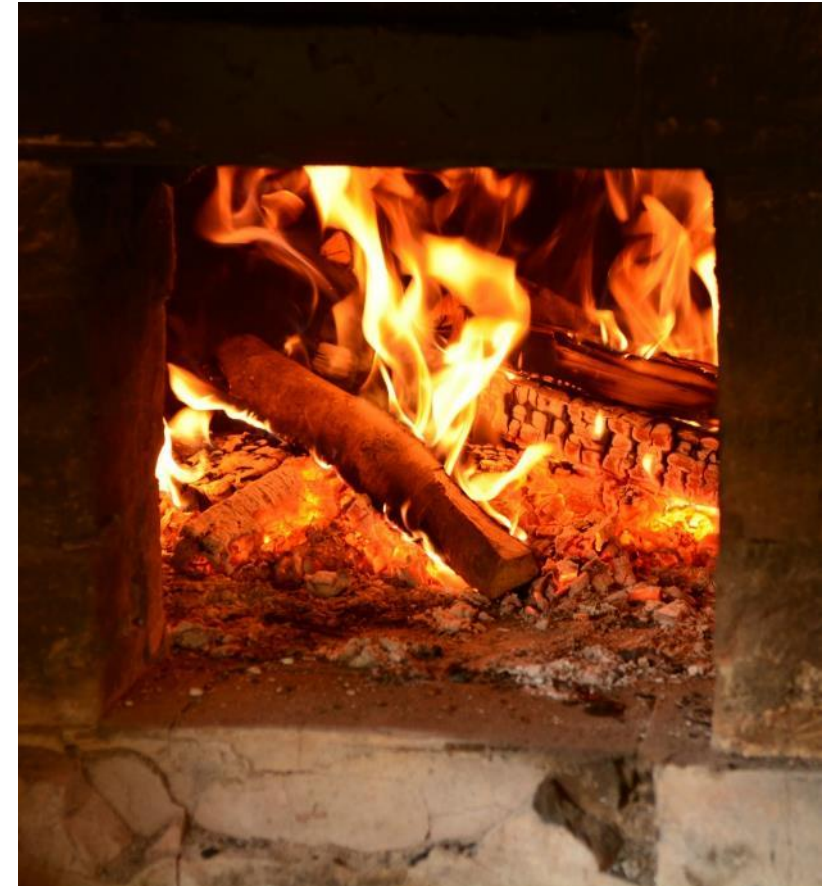




# Cobor Biodiversity Farm

2023! A year to start collecting new experiences and perspectives!

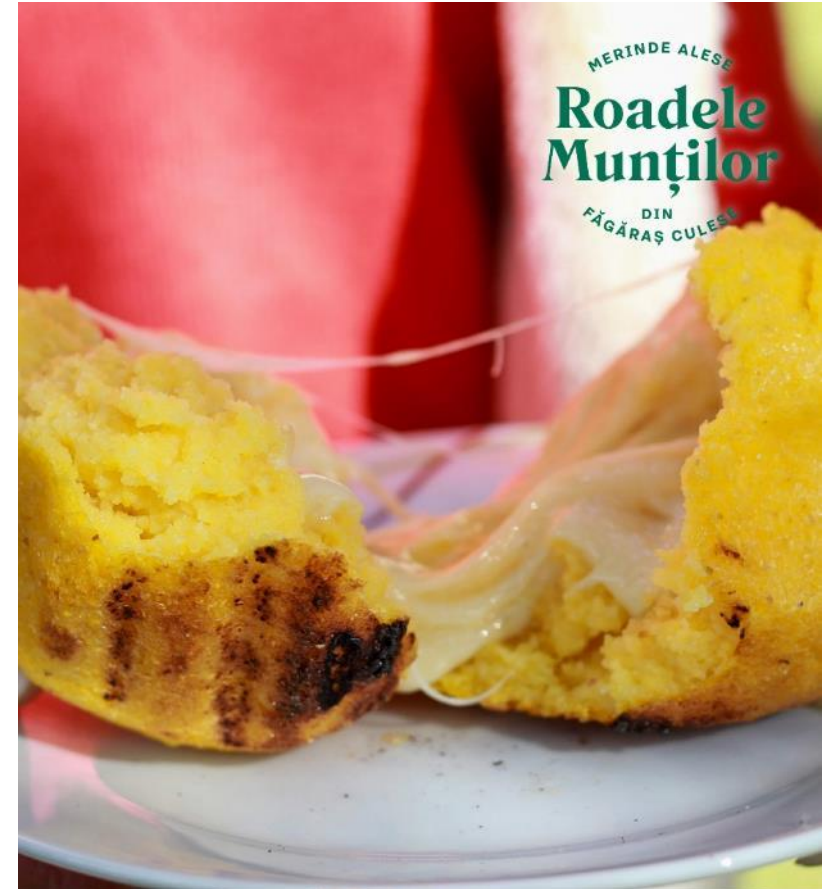
Made plans for Valentine's and Dragobete yet? Bring your crush for a romantic winter at [Cobor Biodiversity Farm](#) surrounded by beautiful nature.





# Food HUB

- We have access to good quality food and produce through the work of small local producers in the vicinity of the Făgăraș Mountains.
- Roadele Munților Făgăraș means products prepared in a simple way, according to traditional recipes from the village and an outstanding taste.





# Wildlife hides

- A new year, the same goal: protecting nature through effective solutions.
- Choose an ecotourism adventure from the Travel CARPATHIA offers in 2023 and support sustainable tourism in the Făgăraș Mountains!





# Snowshoeing in the Făgăraș Mountains

Enjoy one of the oldest winter sports around and discover the addictive pleasure of snowshoeing at the foot of the Făgăraș Mountains!

Our guides are ready to open your eyes to the thrill of this fun winter activity.

February 20-22 (2 nights accommodation)

👉 <http://bit.ly/3CskmLi>

February 23-26 (3 nights accommodation)

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March 6-8 (2 nights accommodation)

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9-12 March (3 nights accommodation)

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Book your experience now:

☎ 0754-227763

✉ [reservation@travelcarpathia.com](mailto:reservation@travelcarpathia.com)



Pe rachete  
înainte!



# 05

Communication &  
community outreach





## Go, Lerești Bisons!

The bison became a source of pride for the people from Lerești. The local football team has now changed its name into Zimbrii Lerești (The Lerești Bisons), and their logo features a bison.

Good luck and play hard! Go, Lerești Bisons!





# Făgăraș Fest 2023

Are you hungry for new experiences in the middle of nature, and have an urge to discover new places? We have a great news for you: from 7 to 9 July, Făgăraș Fest will meet you in Porumbacu de Jos, Sibiu county.

Every year this festival celebrates nature and people of the Făgăraș Mountains in a different commune. We have prepared for you a unique experience this year:

- music, dance and film
- adventure competition
- hikes on less-travelled mountain paths
- tasting from local producers
- walking experiences through villages

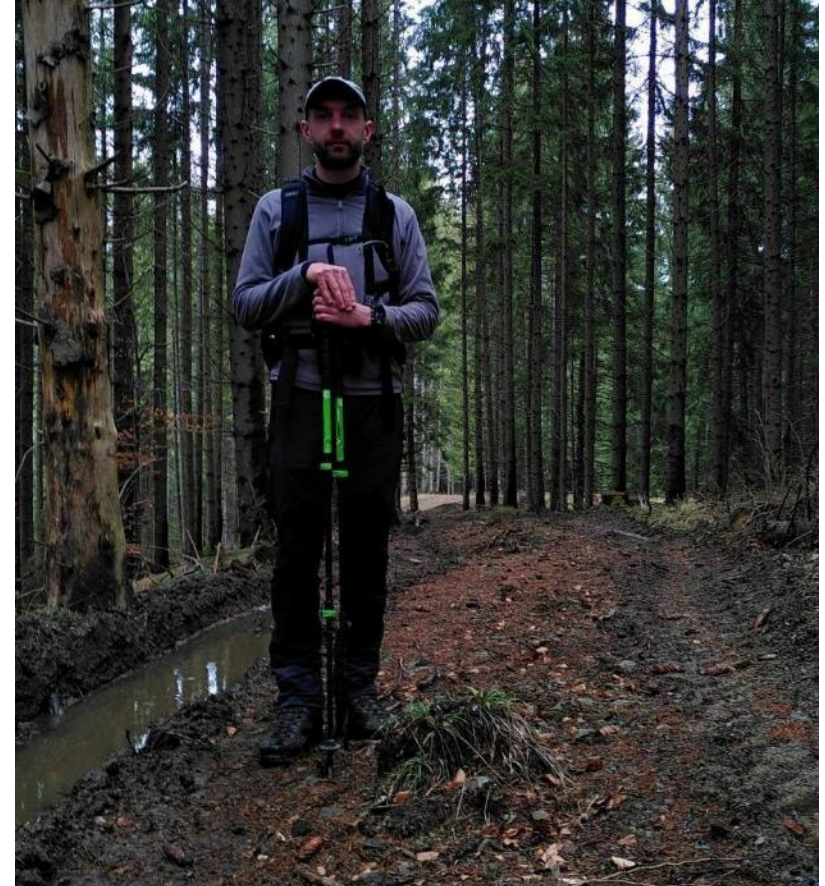
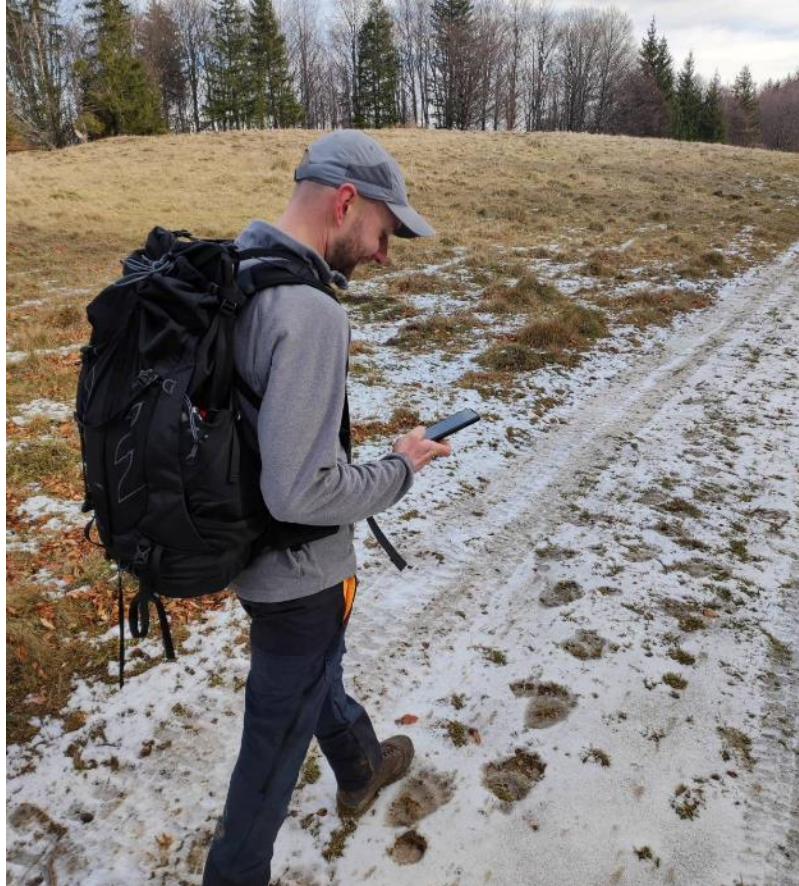
Are you ready for a new memorable edition?





# Volunteering

- Guillaume Fruquiere came from France for three months to help us with the wildlife monitoring activities. Thank you, Guillaume for your time and effort!
- We are looking for nature loving volunteers to join our efforts to protect the last virgin forests of Europe and create a world-class wilderness reserve in the Făgăraș Mountains.





# CARPATHIA TALKS

We have launched Carpathia Talks, a series of meaningful conversations about nature and its impact on what we do every day with friends and supporters of our project.

You can see here our first talks with 👉 [Marius Opreș](#), Ascendis partner and 👉 [Sergiu Opreșcu](#), Executive President of Alpha Bank.

The series is being carried out by Foundation Conservation Carpathia with financial support from the European Commission through the LIFE Nature Programme and the Arcadia Foundation through the Endangered Landscape Programmes project.

A vertical photograph of a rugged mountain landscape. In the foreground, a steep, rocky mountain slope descends from the right. In the background, more mountain peaks are visible, some partially obscured by low-hanging clouds. A faint rainbow is visible in the sky on the left side. The text "CARPATHIA TALKS" is overlaid in large, white, sans-serif capital letters in the center-right of the image.

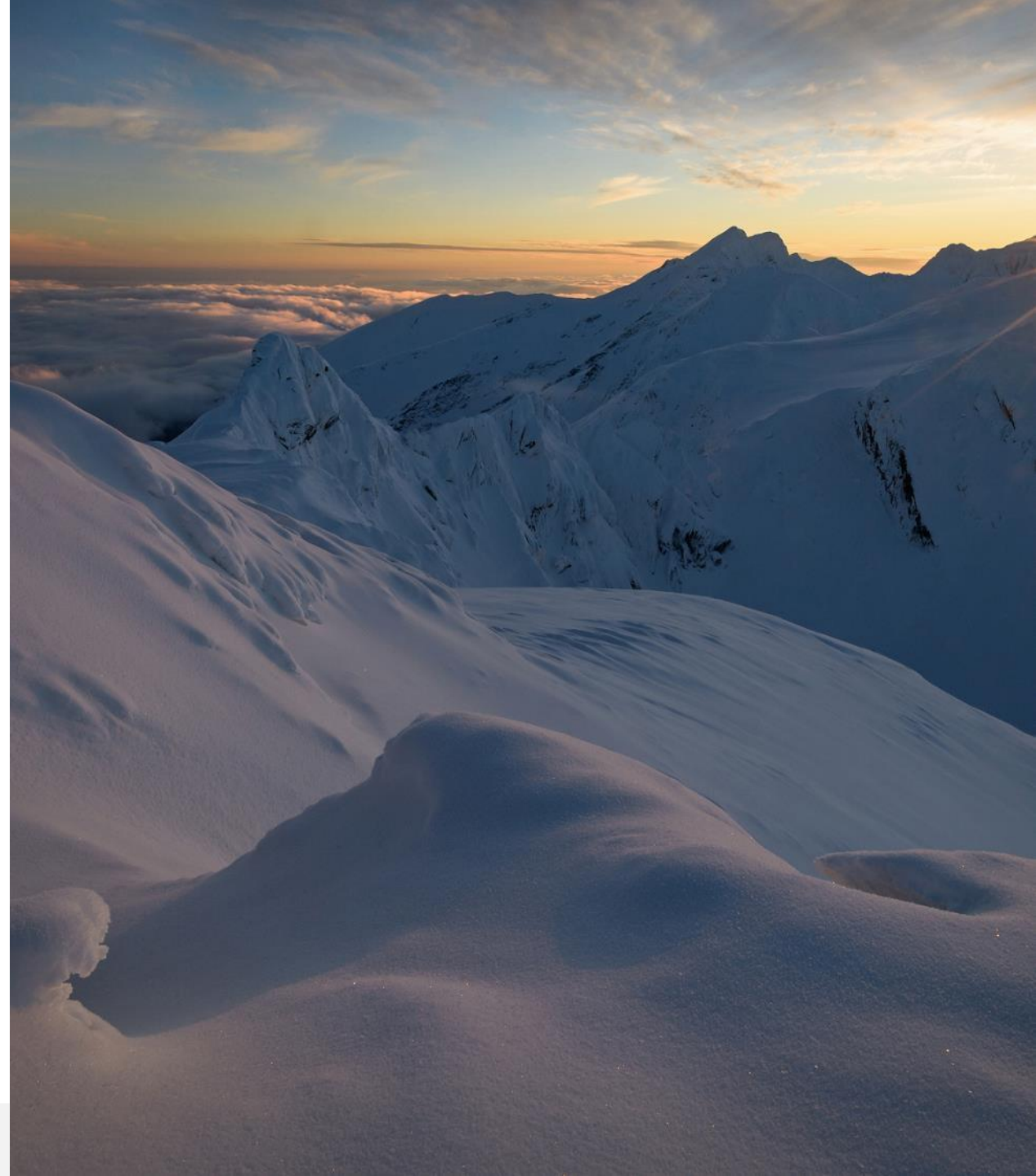
# CARPATHIA TALKS



# Făgăraș Mountains deserve to become a National Park

Our partner National Park Bavarian Forests manages tourism in a way that it minimises harm to nature as much as possible, but at the same time brings economic benefits to the area.

Read about this model of eco-tourism and simple ways for what we have in the Făgăraș Mountains [in this article](#) from Republica.ro.





## Results

26,900 ha

of forest under permanent protection, safeguarded for future generations

78,000 ha

protected for wildlife, with no sport or trophy hunting

1,906 ha

bought and restored (clear-cuts, alpine pastures, spruce monocultures)

3,717,992

trees planted in clear-cuts, river banks and restoration areas of spruce monocultures

200

locals which make a living from the CARPATHIA project

2,200

students and teachers involved in environmental education projects

20+

local producers are part of the Food HUB Roadele Munților









# Join us in:

- Creating the largest forested National Park in Europe.
- Annual restoration of the original ecosystem of over 100 ha of clear-cuts.
- Protecting wildlife across a total of 78,000 ha.
- Sustainable development of local communities.
- Environmental education projects.



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