



Field report

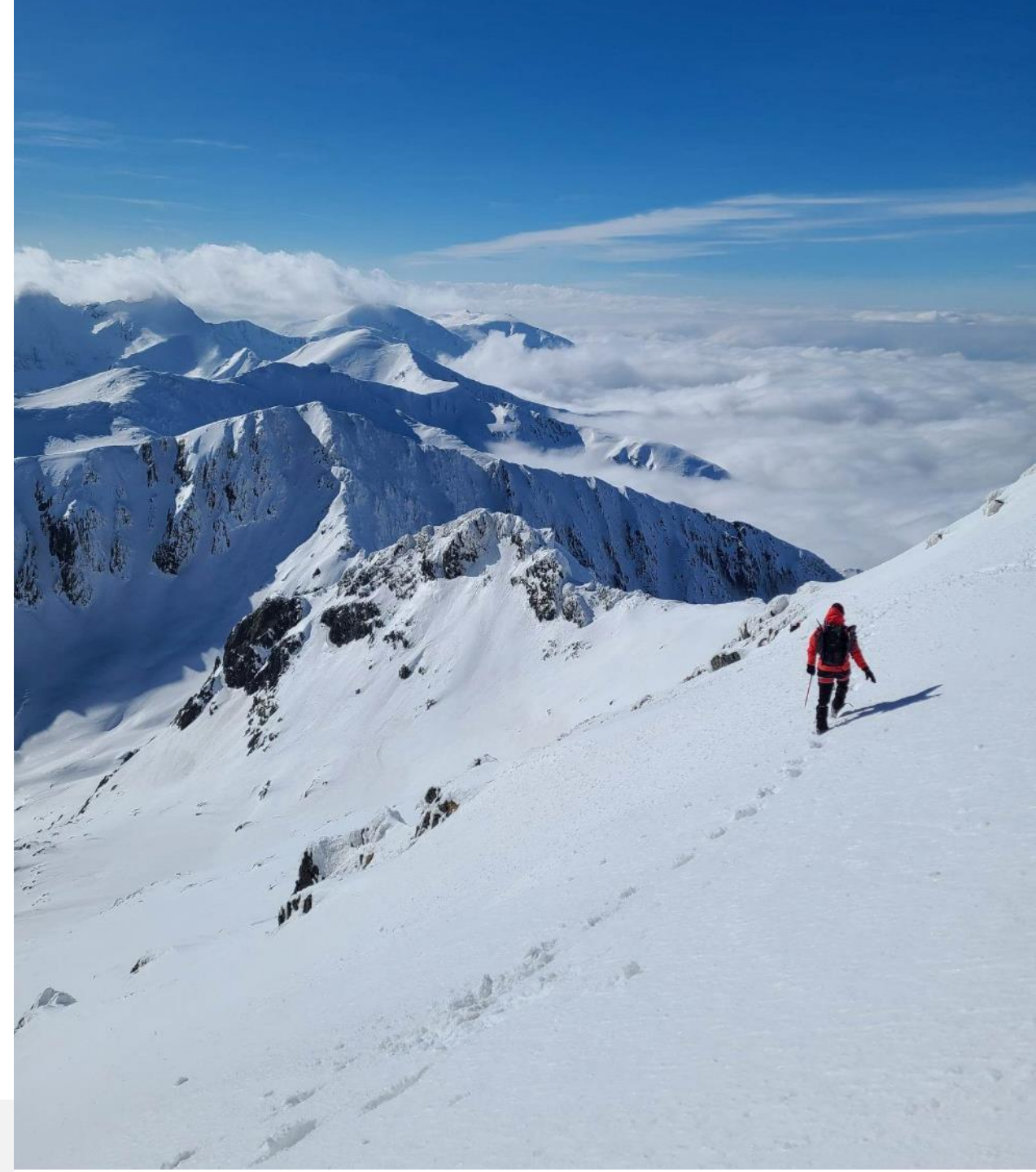
February 2023





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Forest conservation and management

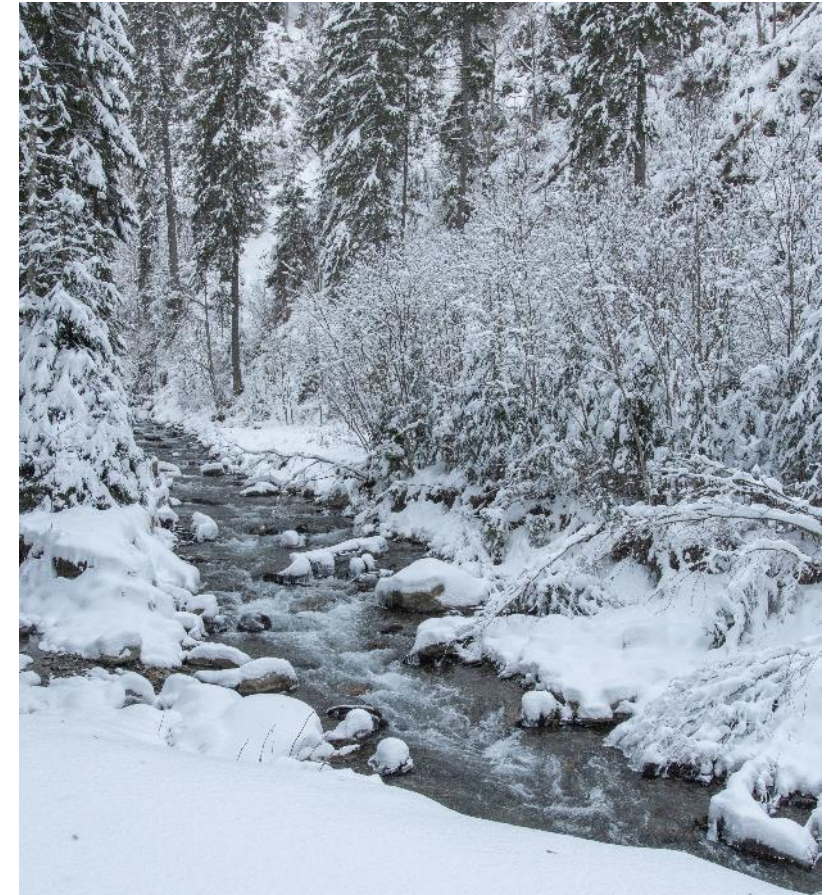
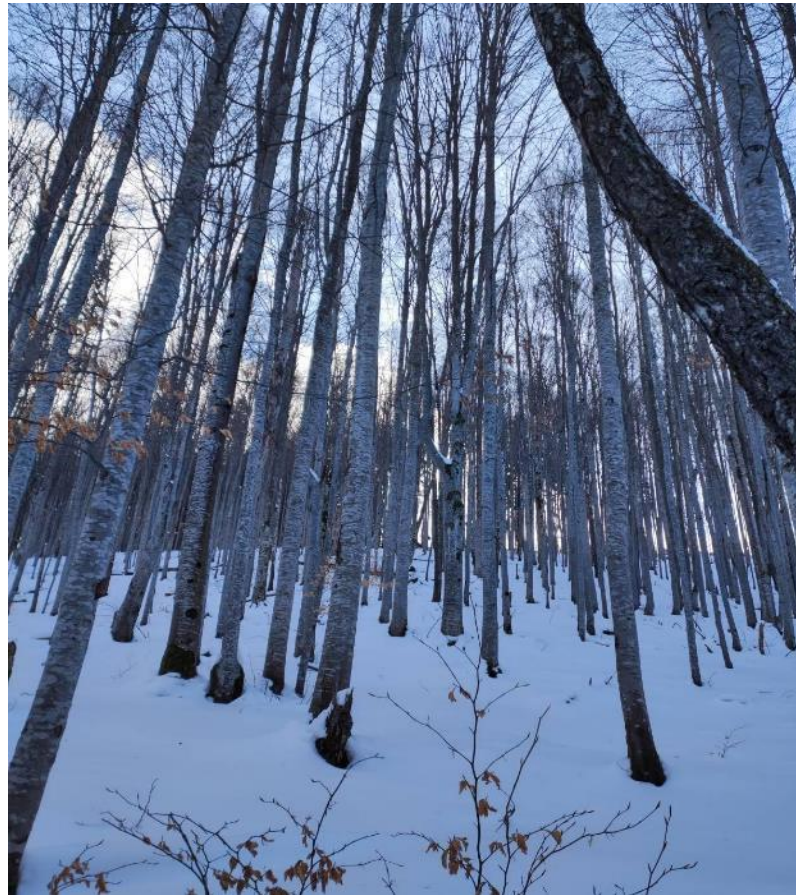


There are a myriad of reasons why we need a National Park in the Făgăraș Mountains.

Here is home to one of the world's most interesting and unique ecosystems.

Forests, springs, animals and plants need the protection of a National Park managed at the highest level, to face the challenges that threaten them, whilst mitigating climate change.

Preserving this rich natural diversity is essential to our survival.



Images from the project area









02

Ecological restoration



We've started working on the reforestation plans for 2023.

In March we will return to the Groapele area, but also to other ecological reconstruction sites severely affected by illegal logging in the past in the Făgăraș Mountains.

The reality, as presented in the Groapele area, is shocking and desolate for the viewer. The latest episode of [România, Te iubesc](#) talks about all of this.





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Wildlife conservation



Wildlife monitoring

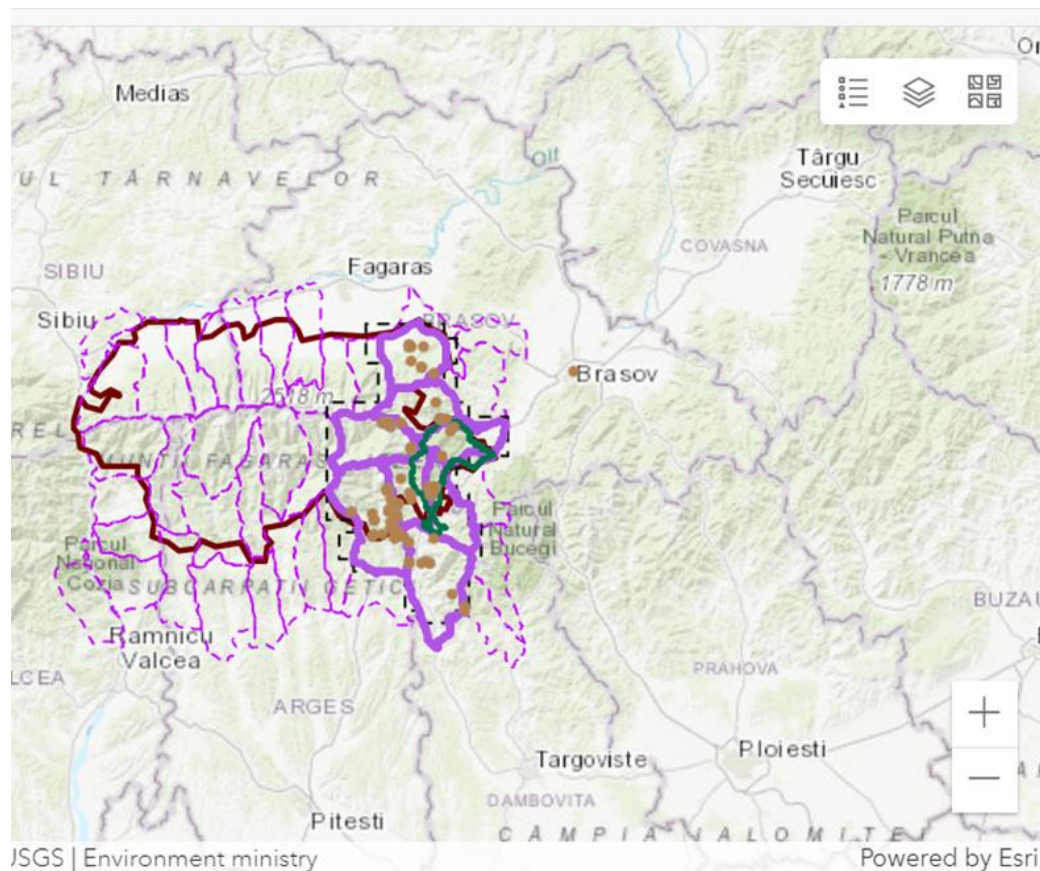
- February was the best moment to monitor the wolves, as the winter finally settled into the Făgăraș Mountains.
- Our colleagues have travelled for miles along the wolves' trails to find fresh samples of excrement, urine or hair. Fresh, meaning no older than five days, so they contain relevant genetic information.
- Winters have become milder and milder. With the earlier lack of snow, monitoring wolves became a big challenge for our team.



- Despite the lack of snow during the first part of winter, we managed to collect a total of 85 samples by the end of the month – still a bit of work left to reach our target of 250 samples.



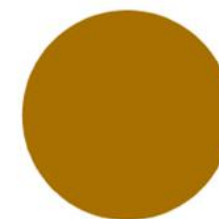
Wolf scats with lots of wild boar hair in them



Samples collected

85

Samples by species



wolf

Did You Know?

Winter is an active period for wolves.

All members of a pack regroup to patrol their territories as it is also breeding time. It is also the time when some of the offspring will start to disperse and explore other areas.

In this period wolves are often at an advantage when hunting large prey such as wild boar, red deer and roe deer. Their strategy is to pursue prey over a longer distance – a very exhausting game in deep snow.



Wildlife reintroductions

- The number of bison in the Făgăraș Mountains increased in February with six new individuals arriving from Slovakia. We currently have twelve bison in the Nucșoara acclimatization enclosure, which we will release in the spring.
- A total of 36 bison in five different herds already roam freely.



Bisons experiencing winter in the Făgăraș Mountains



Wildlife reintroductions

- We are working to obtain all permits required to reintroduce beavers from the Elbe River, Germany, to increase the genetic diversity of our Romanian population.



Wildlife management

- The rapid intervention teams are present in the field and keep a close eye on the forest. Brown bears have already started to make their presence known near the villages and we want to prevent possible damage or conflicts.
- We collect samples, identify the bears and work on some innovative intervention tools to avoid conflicts.



Wildlife images&video

Wolf Beaver Deer Bison

Wild boar Red fox



Roe deer: male (buck) and females (doe)



Wolf tracks



Eurasian lynx



Cerambyx cerdo



Capercaillie (Tetrao urogallus): female (hen)

Coșul Roadele Munților



Roadele Munților Basket

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Conservation Enterprise
Programme



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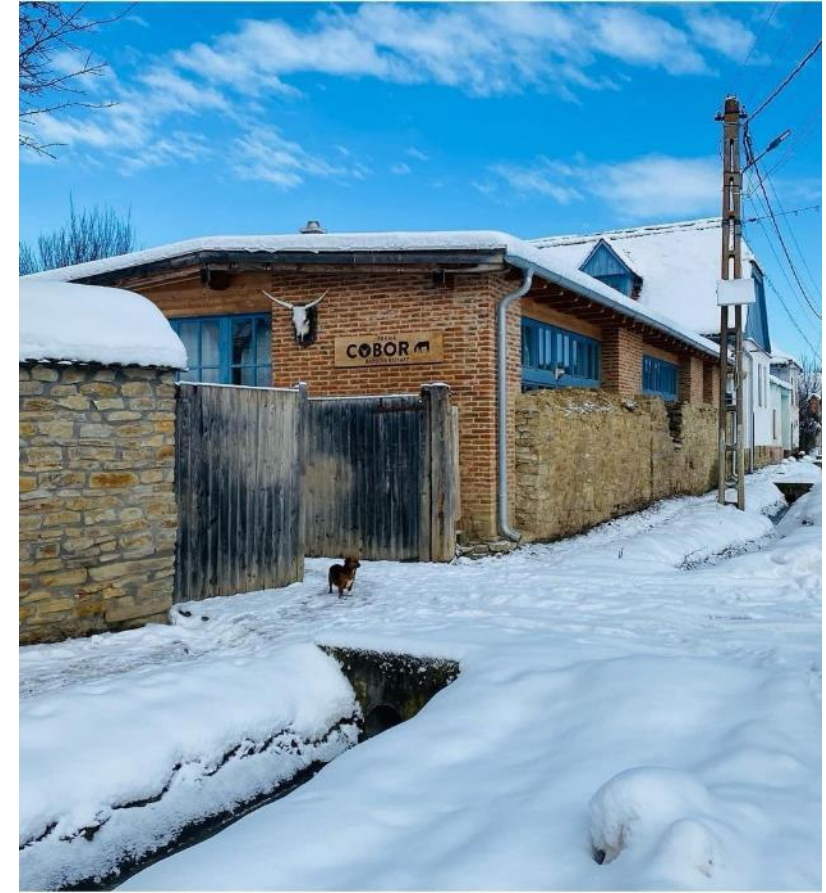
Food HUB

- Roadele Munților Făgăraș brings together more than 30 local producers and we intend to expand their activity, focusing on both business-to-business and business-to-customer options.
- We are now focusing on bringing new producers into the food hub, but also on increasing the number of products developed under the Roadele Munților brand.



Cobor Biodiversity Farm

- Our farm is certainly the perfect place to relax during winter time, with a collection of good books, letting the time flow amongst long walks, tasty food, storytelling evenings and interesting people.
- In February we hosted the iCarte, iParte book camp and the experience was amazing.



Cobor Biodiversity Farm

If luxury is about how your surroundings make you feel, come to [Cobor Biodiversity Farm](#)! Come to Transylvania and fall in love with Cobor!



Wildlife hides

Travel CARPATHIA for a breathtaking combination of outdoor experiences in the Făgăraș Mountains!

It is never too early to make plans at reservation@travelcarpathia.com.



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Communication &
community outreach



Junior Ranger Programme

We have launched the Junior Ranger Programme to create a new generation of leaders for nature. In the first stage, the programme is aimed mainly for children over 12 years old from the southern part of the Făgăraş Mountains. We plan to develop it nationwide in the future.



Fii parte
din noua generație de
Lideri pentru natură

Cobor între stejari Festival

On 3rd – 4th June we are proud to invite you to [Cobor între Stejari](#): the only event in Romania where you can enjoy experiences with all your senses at Cobor Biodiversity Farm, in the middle of nature surrounded by ancient oaks.

We will enjoy the beauty of the place, we will appreciate nature, we will dance and we will let ourselves be led by history, music, dance and joy.

For those who have energy to spare we are organizing [Carpathia Bike Tour](#), 2nd edition.



Carpathia Bike Tour

On 3rd June, the International World Bicycle Day, we are cycling with the [Carpathia Bike Tour](#), 2nd edition.

This year we are preparing a tour with more surprises during the Festival [Cobor între Stejari](#).

The event is organised by Foundation Conservation Carpathia and Cobor Biodiversity Farm, with the support of the OAK Foundation.

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CARPATHIA BIKE TOUR

3 Iunie 2023

PARTE DIN FESTIVALUL

Cobor între
Stejari
ediția 1

SUSȚINUT DE:



Făgăraș Fest 2023 line-up

The lineup of [#FăgărașFest2023](#) is ready!

🎵 Zdob și Zdub, Ovidiu Lipan Țândărică, Fanfara 10 Prăjini and Nico de Transilvania, are coming to fill our hearts with the joy of a special festival.

🏔️ The mountain is vibrating to your rhythm on 7-9 July, in Porumbacu de Sus, Sibiu.

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FĂGĂRAȘ FEST

7-9 IULIE
Porumbacu
de Sus
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MUNTELE VIBREAZĂ
ÎN RITMUL TAI



The Community Café

- We met with local NGOs and initiative groups from Țara Făgărașului in the Community Café, one of the projects of the Țara Făgărașului Community Foundation.
- We debated three topics that are essential for our lives: biodiversity, responsible consumption of resources and clean nature.



Meeting with the children of the Făgăraș Mountains

- Together with our partners from Casa Bună Association we visited several schools around the Făgăraș Mountains to talk about nature, about the forest, about wildlife, about our work for nature.
- Thank you Casa Bună Association for bringing a lot of well-being to these communities.



CARPATHIA TALKS

We have had new guests at 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 talks with 👉 [Răzvan Pascu](#), tourism and marketing consultant, and 👉 [Dan Dinu](#), photographer and film director.

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.



CARPATHIA TALKS

Thank you!

Thank you GoPro Romania's employees for supporting our cause and sending us seven cameras to use in our nature conservation activities in the Făgăraș Mountains.

Thank you for getting involved in preserving the natural wealth of the Făgăraș Mountains! We will come back with exciting footage from our work and this amazing land-and-lifescape!



Redirect 3.5% of your income tax to protect the Făgăraș Mountains!

You can be part of what we are doing by redirecting 3.5% of your income tax.

More details [HERE](#).
Thank you!



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 who 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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