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CBD – Convention on Biological Diversity

- Up for signature in 1992 at the Rio Earth Summit
- Entered into force 1993
- Based on **3 pillars**
 - Conservation
 - Sustainable use
 - Equitable sharing of benefits
- Framed into **6 thematic programs of work** and cross country issues – protected areas
- Implementation based on the **Ecosystem Approach**
- Aims at achieving a **significant reduction of the current rate of biodiversity loss** by 2010/2012





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CBD Programme of Work on Protected Areas (PoWPA's)

- Adopted in 2004 by the 188 Parties to the CBD at the COP 7
- All 7 countries of the Carpathian ecoregion are parties to the CBD, and as such have made a formal commitment to achieving the targets of the PoWPA

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CBD Programme of Work on Protected Areas (PoWPA's)





Objective

*“the establishment and maintenance by 2010 for terrestrial and by 2012 for marine areas of **comprehensive, effectively managed, and ecologically representative national and regional systems of protected areas**”.*


Specific reference to

“... establish and strengthen transboundary PA's, ...”

“... using participatory and science-based site planning processes...”

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CBD Programme of Work on Protected Areas (PoWPA's)

16 goals with specific time bound targets organized under 4 programme elements

- Direct action for planning, selecting, establishing, strengthening, managing
- Governance, participation, equity and benefit sharing
- Enabling activities
- Standards, assessment, monitoring

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CBD Programme of Work on Protected Areas (PoWPA's)

3rd Ad hoc Expert Meeting of the Carpathian Convention, 6-8 April 2005, Bolzano, Italy

- WWF DCP offers support by developing a draft proposal for the PoWPA's for the Carpathians
- First draft developed and commented by a few representatives of the Carpathian Countries

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Carthian Stakeholder Workshop Petronell – Austria, April 2006



- “Implementation of the CBD Programme of Work on Protected Areas in the Carpathian countries”
- Participants: experts and decision makers from governments, civil society and protected areas
- Organized by WWF-DCP and WWF-International



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Workshop output

Some of the priority activities identified depend to a large extent on the **capacity** and **resources** of each of the Carpathian countries (e.g. related to national legislative framework and national incentive mechanisms and institutions)

For many of the priority activities identified at the Carpathian workshop, a regional approach will bring significant benefits to the parties.



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Workshop output

Goal:

“Parties to the CBD from the Ecoregion are enabled to achieve the 2010/2012 targets of the Programme of Work on Protected Areas, in particular the establishment of a scientifically based and representative regional network of well-managed protected areas that are sustainably financed, ensure effective participation of local communities and provide social and economic benefits.”



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Action Plan – Objective 1

Establish a mechanism to drive, support and coordinate the implementation of the PoWPA’s in the region as well as to ensure effective project management and monitoring

- Establish the Project Management Team
- Establish the Project Steering Group
- Biannual project meetings
- Create PoWPA’s monitoring scheme



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Action Plan – Objective 2

Ensure that the Carpathian protected areas are supported by a network of skilled professional protected area practitioners

- Develop training programs at the regional level
- Train the trainer programs implemented (training programs, study tours) – at least 2 potential trainers for each country
- At least one model PA training system established at one university in the region
- Experience exchange programs for PA’s
- Carpathian Clearing House Mechanism, with sections in national languages
- The first Carpathian Protected Area Conference – establish a network of PA managers and supporters



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Action Plan – Objective 3

Increase participation of key stakeholders in PA design, management and benefit sharing

- Encourage participative management schemes – case studies, seminars
- Lobby for improved legislation for participative management and benefit sharing in Carpathian PA’s



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Action Plan – Objective 4

Ensure that critical gaps in the protected area network are filled, with a particular focus on the creation of large intact blocks, freshwater ecosystems, wilderness and trans-boundary PAs

- Identification of critical gaps in the PA system (large intact areas, priority freshwater ecosystems, wilderness areas)
- Propose identified priority areas for legal designation

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Action Plan – Objective 5

Improve capacity for the valuation of PA goods and services and for cross-sectoral planning for effective PA management and benefit realization and increase public awareness on the importance and values of the Carpathian PAs

- Assessment of economic and cultural values, including environmental services provided through effective PA management in three model areas
- Model plan developed for sustainable development through cross-sectoral approach for one PA
- Promotion the Carpathian PAs at the regional and European level

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