

Thematic Report on Mountain Ecosystems

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This is a thematic report of the status on mountains ecosystems, regarding the implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) in Romania, which signed the convention in 1994.

Institutions and authorities

Directorate of Biodiversity Protection and Conservation, Protected Areas and Natural Monuments (DBPCPANM), Ministry of Waters and Environmental Protection (MWEP)

Protected Areas Management Authorities (PMA) at following sites:

Retezat National Park Management Authority
Piatra Craiului Natural Park Management Authority
Vanatori Neamt Forest Park Management Authority
Rodna National Park Management Authority

Commission for the Protection of Nature Monuments of the Romanian Academy

Materials used as a basis for the report

- Approximation Strategy for the Nature Conservation Sector. MWEP. 2000
- Environment Protection Strategy, MWEP, Bucharest, 1996
- Environment Protection Strategy for Medium-Term 2000-2004 (Romanian-English-French), MWEP, Bucharest, May 2000.
- Forest Condition Monitoring in Romania in 1990-1996 by Badea, O.; Patrascoiu, N.; Geambasu, N.; Barbu, I. and Bolea, V., 1998. ROMSILVA/ICAS. ISBN 2-84207-153-0.
- National Strategy and Action Plan for Biological Diversity Conservation and Sustainable Use of its Components in Romania (NBSAP). MWEP. July, 1996.
- Romania Biodiversity Conservation Management Project Document May 1999. GEF/World Bank

Mountain Ecosystems

1. What is the relative priority your country accords to the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity in mountain ecosystems?							
a) High	X	b) Medium		c) Low			
2. How does your country assess the resources available for conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity in mountain ecosystems, both domestic and international?							
a) Good		b) Adequate		c) Limiting	X	d) Severely limiting	
3. Has your country requested financial assistance from GEF for funding the activities for conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity in mountain ecosystems?							
a) no							
b) yes, please provide details							X
<p><i>Projects developed with GEF financial assistance:</i></p> <p><i><u>Biodiversity Conservation Management Project in Romania</u> is implemented with funds provided through the Global Environmental Facility, the Romanian Government and the National Forestry Authority. This project is representing the first stage for the establishment of an efficient protected areas national system, assuring in the same time the inclusion of the biodiversity aspects in the planning and management of the forests resources from Carpathians.</i></p> <p><i>The aim of GEF alternative is biological diversity conservation and maintaining of the ecological integrity of Romanian forests, alpine ecosystems and meadows from carpathic range.</i></p> <p><i>The project is applied in distinct areas, which will constitute three different models for approaching priority problems in conservation process management and planning, which are common for many important threatened areas.</i></p> <p><i>In this way will be assured the needed experience in the replication of best practices in priorities conservation areas from carpathic region and other parts of country.</i></p> <p><i>The areas, which were selected by the Romanian Committee for biodiversity, offer possibilities for development and establish of many strategies in conservation process, including national parks, natural park (protected landscape) and a sustainable management of mountain forests with attention on biodiversity. These are:</i></p> <p><i>National park model: realized in Biosphere Reserve National Park Retezat from south-west of Carpathians region.</i></p> <p><i>Natural Park model: Natural Park Piatra Craiului from central – south part of Carpathian region;</i></p> <p><i>Sustainable management of forests model: Forest Park Vanatori – Neamt, from north-east of Carpathian region.</i></p> <p><i>Other GEF project : “<u>Maramures Biodiversity Initiative</u>.” The overall objective of the project is to ensure the long-term conservation of the globally significant biodiversity in Maramures Depression within and outside protected areas. In addition the project will aim to maintain ecological integrity of Maramures Mountains by strengthening transboundary cooperation.</i></p>							

Assessment, Identification and Monitoring

4. Has your country undertaken any assessment of direct and underlying causes of degradation and loss of biological diversity of mountain ecosystems?	
a) no, please specify the reasons	
b) yes, please specify major threats and their relative importance, as well as gaps <i>Such an assessment was made for sites with administration units. Activities considered threat for mountains ecosystems: grazing, forest exploitation, hunting, unsustainable tourism and agriculture, mining , natural hazards, etc.</i>	X
c) If yes, please specify the measures your country has taken to control the causes of loss of mountain biodiversity	
5. Has your country identified taxonomic needs for conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity of mountain ecosystems?	
a) no, please specify the reasons	
b) yes, please specify	X
6. Has your country made any assessment of the vulnerability or fragility of the mountains in your country?	
a) no, please specify the reasons	
b) yes, please specify the results and observed impacts on mountain biodiversity	X
7. Has your country made any assessment important for conservation of biological diversity of mountain ecosystems at the genetic, species and ecosystem levels? (You may wish to use the Annex I of the Convention for categories of biodiversity important for conservation)	
a) no, please specify the reasons	
b) yes, some assessments or monitoring undertaken (please specify)	X
c) yes, comprehensive assessments or monitoring programmes undertaken (please specify where results can be found, and opportunities and obstacles, if any)	

Regulatory and Information System and Action Plan

8. Has your country developed regulations, policies and programs for conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity in mountain ecosystems?	
a) no	
b) yes , please specify sectors	X
<p><i>The protection of mountain ecosystems as well as sustainable use of biological diversity and natural resources, are part of our policies for nature conservation, according with The Biodiversity Conservation National Strategy and Action Plan.</i></p> <p><i>Legal framework:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Law no. 5/2000 regarding the National Territory Landuse Planning – section III, Protected Areas.</i> - <i>Law no. 462/2001 for the approval of Governmental Emergency Ordinance 236/2000 regarding the regime of the natural protected areas, conservation of natural habitats and wild flora and fauna.</i> - <i>Governmental Decision draft for establishment of national and natural parks limits and management units.</i> <p><i>In this moment the National Agency on Mountains Zones, established under the Ministry of Agriculture, Foods and Forests is working to develop a Strategy for Mountains Zones.</i></p>	
9. Has your country applied the ecosystem approach (adopted at COP 5) in the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity in mountain ecosystems?	
a) no	
b) yes , please provide some cases or examples	X
10. Does your national biodiversity strategy and action plan cover mountain biological diversity?	
a) no, please specify why	
b) yes, please give some information on the strategy and plan, in particular on mountain biodiversity	X
11. Has your country disseminated the relevant information concerning management practices, plans and programmes for conservation and sustainable use of components of biological diversity in mountain ecosystems?	
a) no	
b) yes, please provide details where information can be retrieved concerning management practices, plans and programmes	X

Cooperation

12. Has your country undertaken any collaboration with other Parties for conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity in mountain ecosystems at the regional level or within a range of mountains	
a) no	
b) yes, please specify the objectives of this collaboration and achievements Romania adhered at the Carpathic Ecoregion Initiative, which aims the conservation and sustainable use of Carpathians. Through this initiative the conservation measures are combined with actions targeted on supporting local economy and culture.	X
13. Has your country signed or ratified any regional or international treaty concerning mountains?	
a) no Romania is involved in discussions regarding the draft proposal of “Carpathian Convention”, initiative of the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources of Ukraine	X
b) yes, please specify which treaty and provide as much as possible a report on the progress in the implementation of the treaties, including any major constraints in implementation of the treaties.	

Relevant thematic areas and cross-cutting issues

14. Has your country taken account of mountain ecosystems while implementing thematic programmes of work on agricultural; inland waters; forest; and dry and sub-humid lands biological diversity?	
a) no	
b) yes - but in only one or two thematic programmes of work)	X
c) yes, included in all programmes of work	
d) if yes, please specify details	
15. Has your country taken any measures to ensure that the tourism in mountains is sustainable?	
a) no , please specify why	
b) yes, but in early stages of development (please specify the reasons)	X
c) in advanced stages of development (please specify the reasons)	
d) relatively comprehensive measures being implemented (please specify the reasons)	

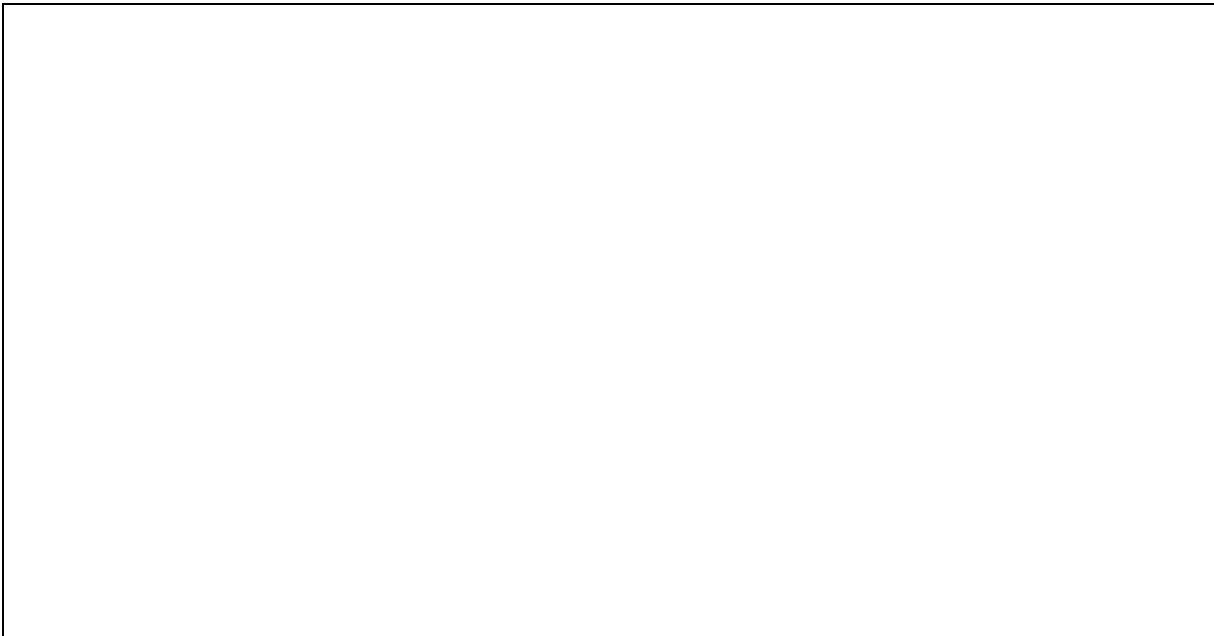
16. Has your country taken any measures to protect the traditional knowledge, innovations and practices of indigenous and local communities for conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity in mountain ecosystems?	
a) no	
b) not relevant	
c) yes, but in early stages of policy or programme development	
d) yes, in advanced stages of development	X
e) some programmes being implemented	
f) comprehensive programmes being implemented	
17. Has your country developed any programmes for the protection of natural and cultural heritages in the mountains?	
a) no	
b) yes, please provide some information in the programmes	X
18. Has your country established protected areas in mountains?	
a) no	
b) yes, please specify the percentage of mountains under protected areas out of total mountain areas in your country In Romania the percentage of mountains under protected areas is about 10% from Carpathian surface.	X
19. Has your country undertaken any activities to celebrate the International Year of Mountains and Eco-tourism?	
a) no	
b) yes, please specify	X

Case-studies

Please provide case-studies made by your country in conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity in mountain ecosystems.

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Further comments

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