

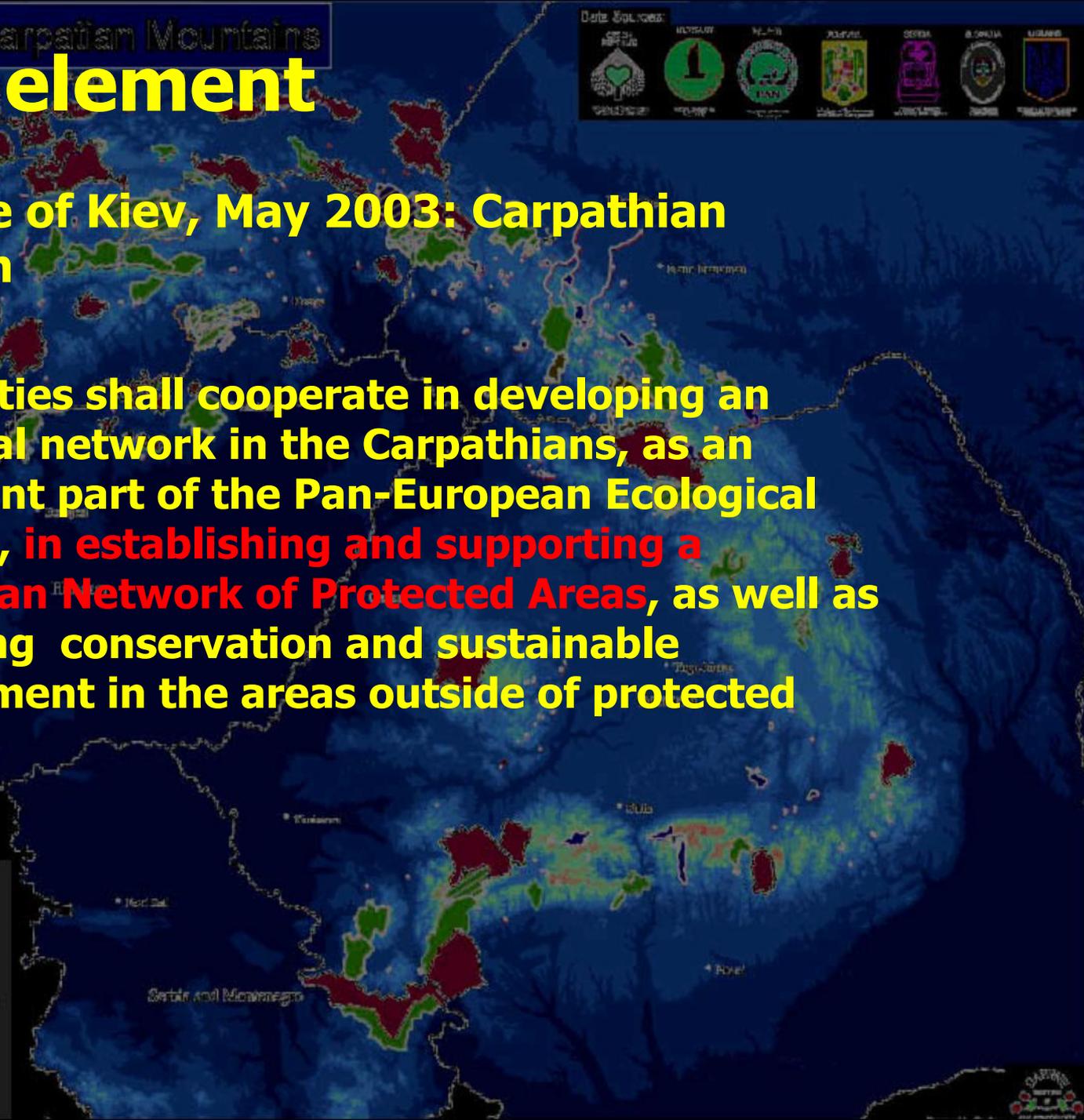
Main element



- Conference of Kiev, May 2003: Carpathian Convention
- Article 4.5.
 - “The parties shall cooperate in developing an ecological network in the Carpathians, as an continent part of the Pan-European Ecological Network, in establishing and supporting a Carpathian Network of Protected Areas, as well as enhancing conservation and sustainable management in the areas outside of protected areas.”

Legend

- European Biosphere Reserve
- Landscape Parks
- Landscape Parks and Biosphere Reserves
- National Parks
- National Parks and Biosphere Reserves
- Other



Rich biodiversity

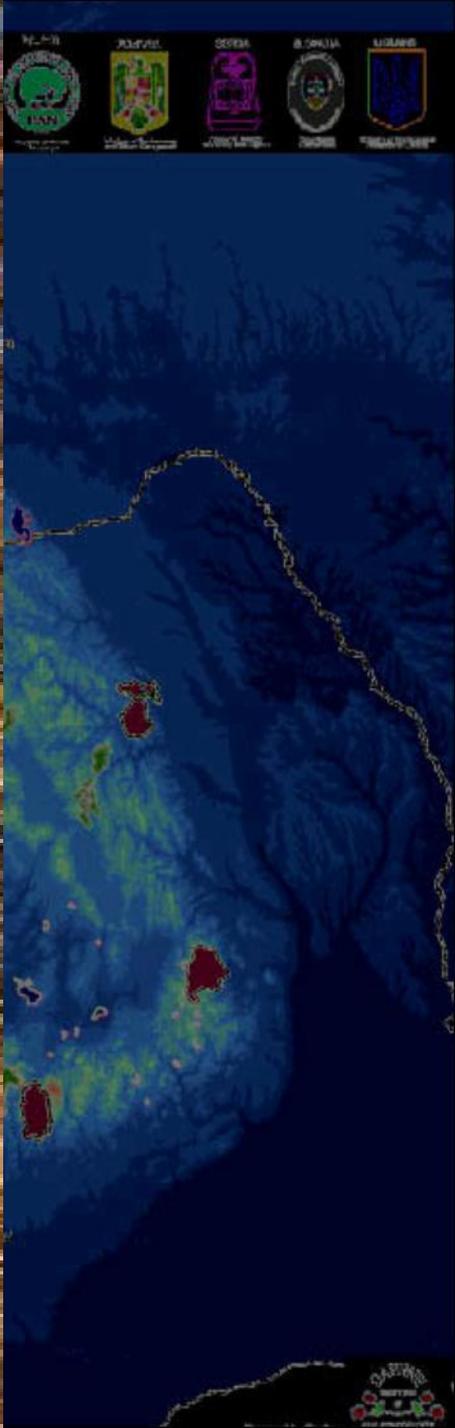


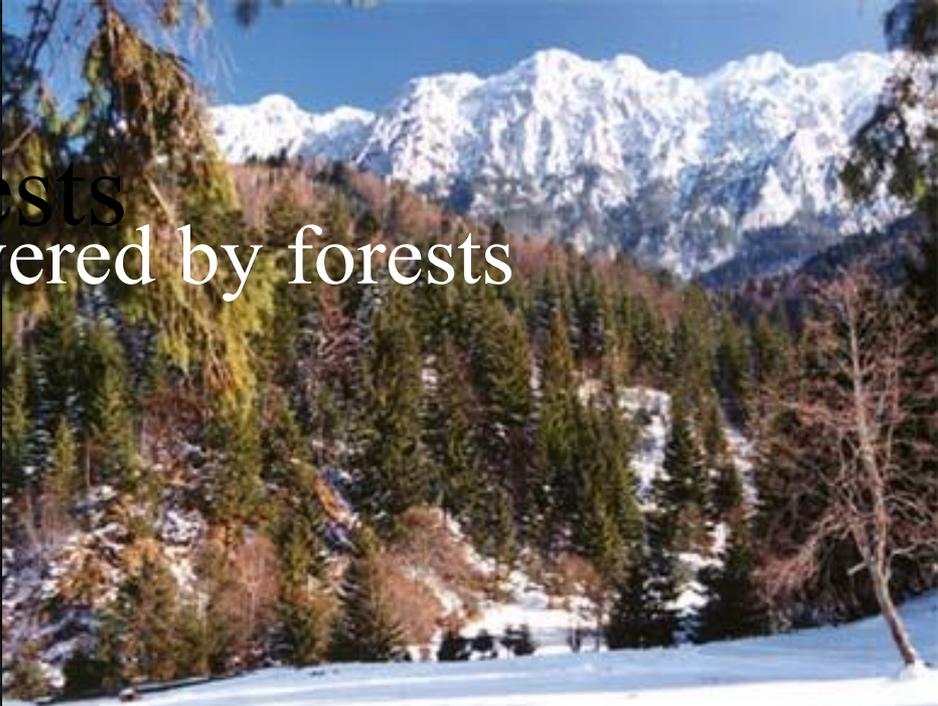
- Large carnivores – 8000 brown bears

Protected Areas in the Caucasus



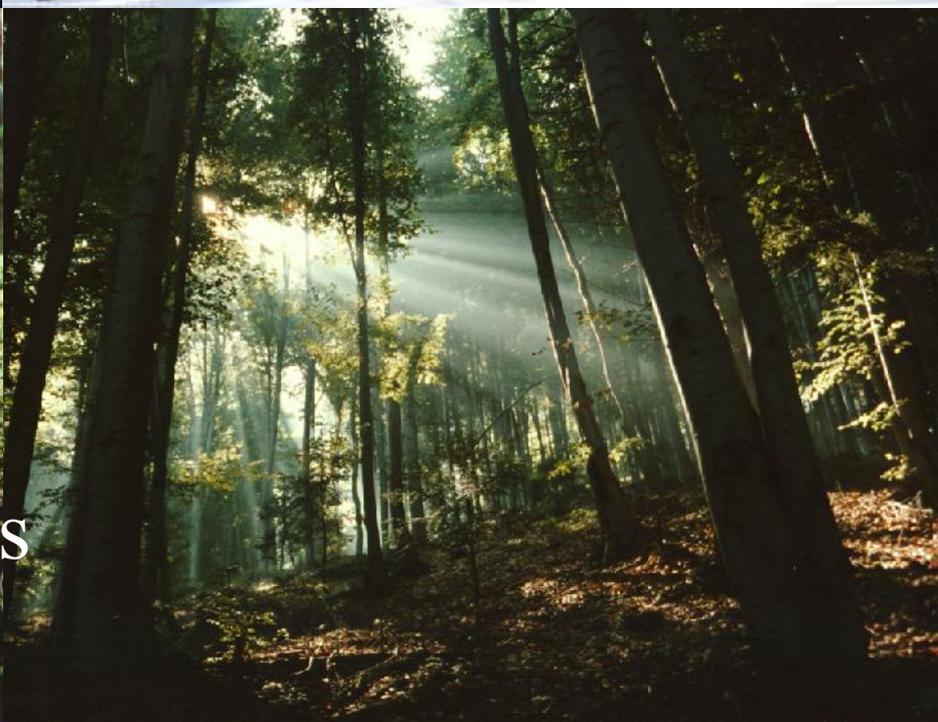
- 4000 wolves
- 3000 lynx





• Over 70% of the area – covered by forests

Forests



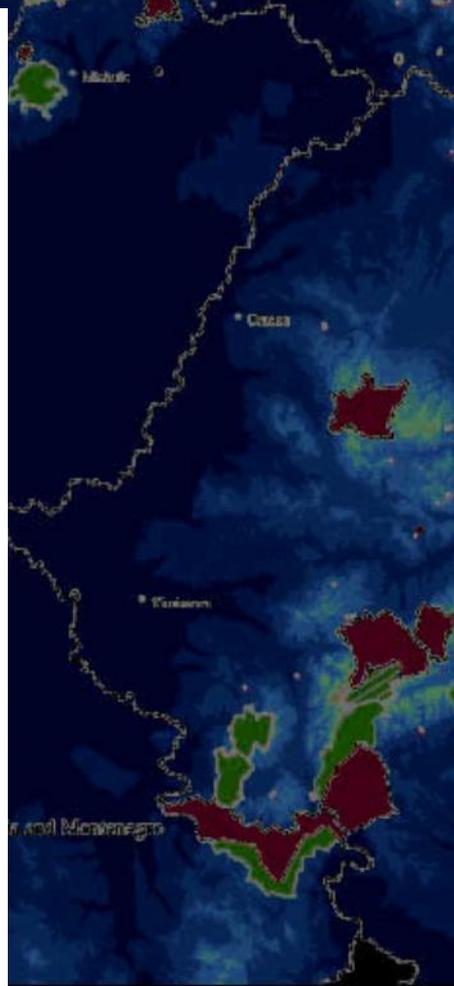
• Large areas of virgin forests

- Traditions
- Spiritual culture
- Folklore
- Architecture and rural landscape

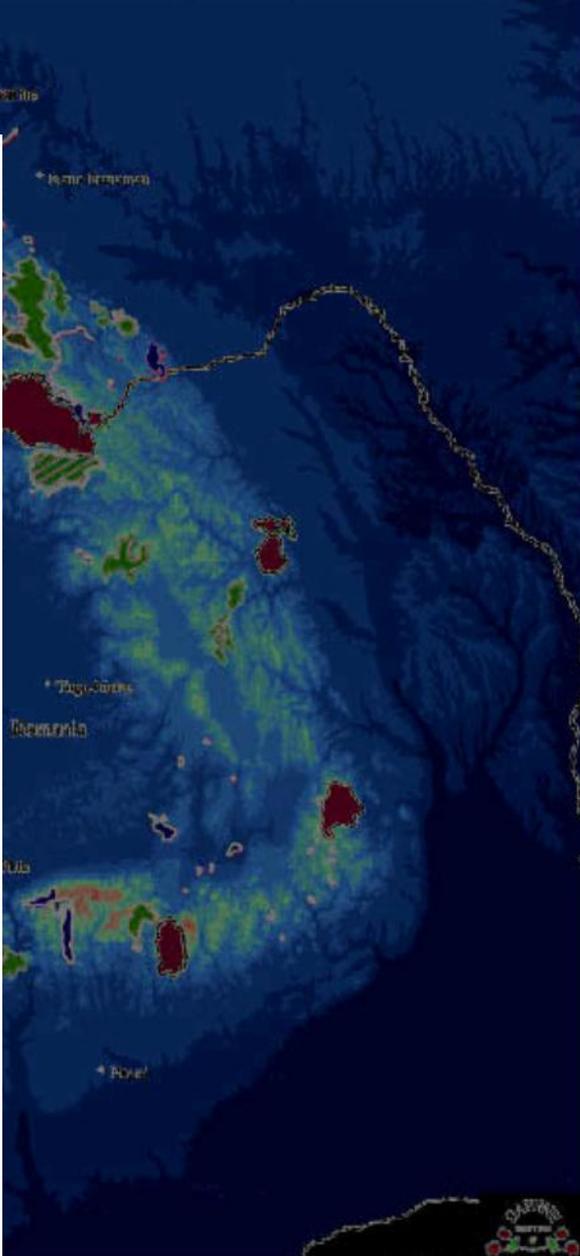


Threats

- Unsustainable rural development



Unsustainable infrastructure development



Unsustainable tourism



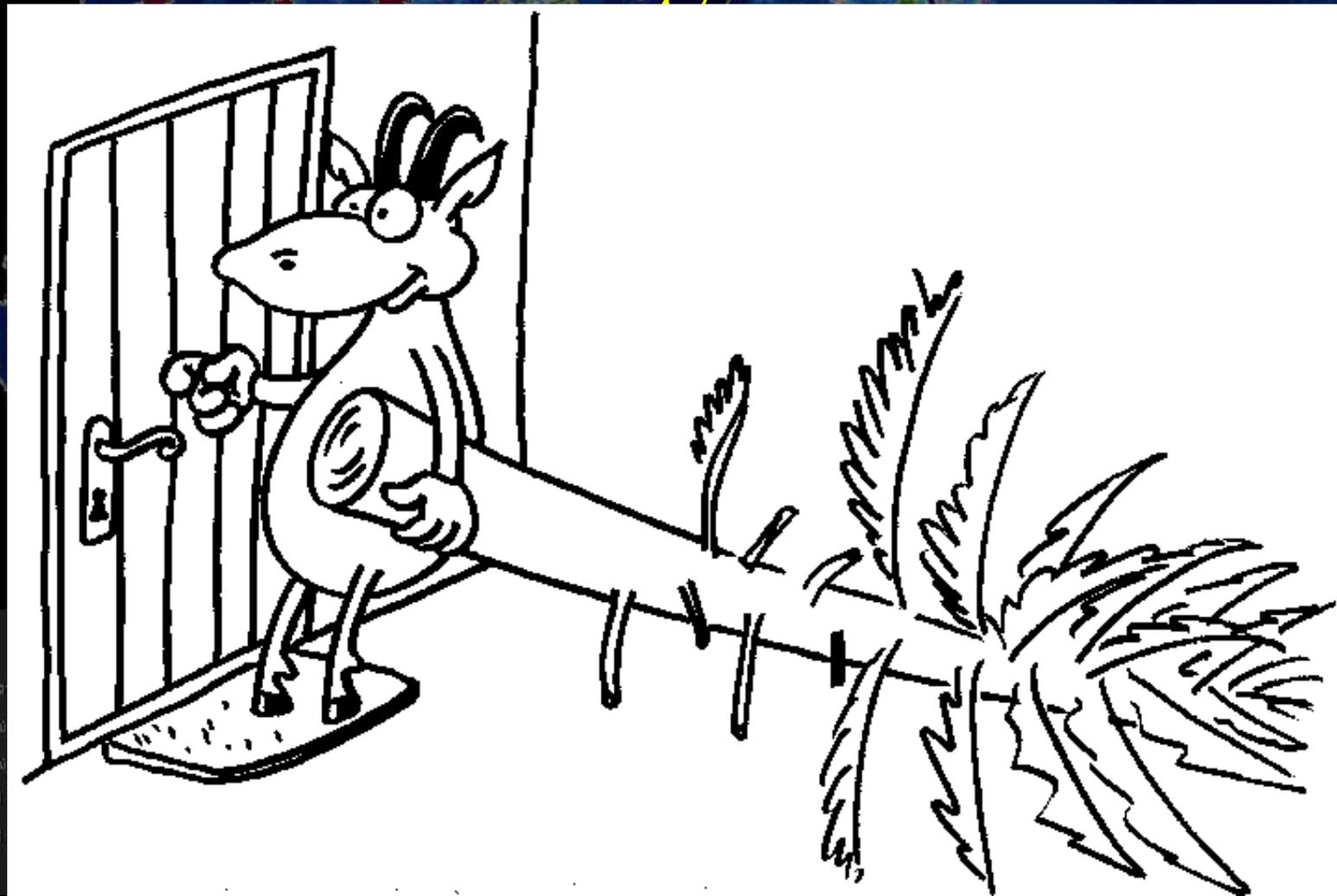
Legende



Lack of financial support



Management of recently restituted and privatized land, including forests



Legend

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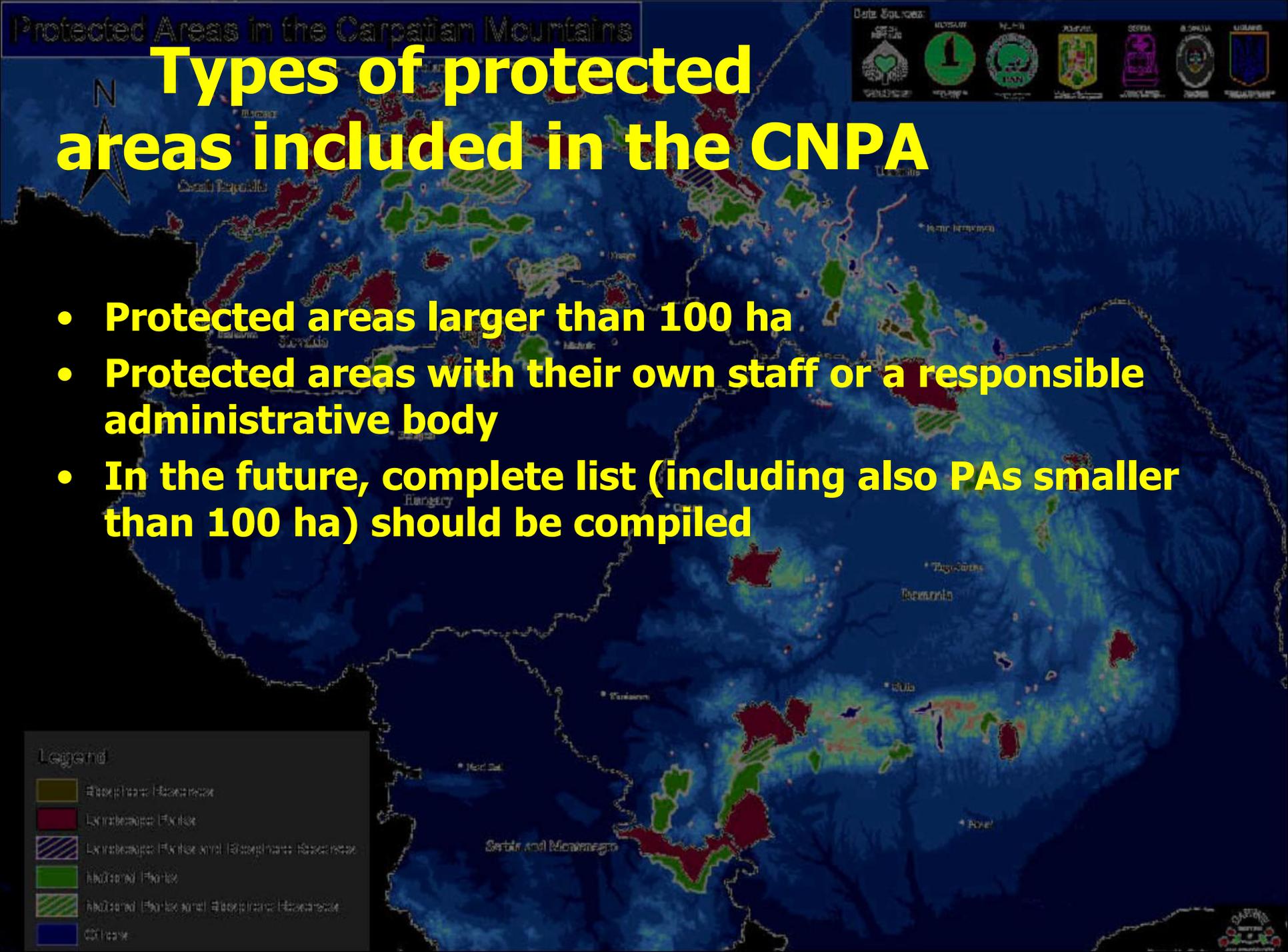


Types of protected areas included in the CNPA

- Protected areas larger than 100 ha
- Protected areas with their own staff or a responsible administrative body
- In the future, complete list (including also PAs smaller than 100 ha) should be compiled

Legend

- #topograph: Basearea
- Landscape Forest
- Landscape Forest and #topograph: Basearea
- #topograph: Forest
- #topograph: Forest and #topograph: Basearea
- CCForest

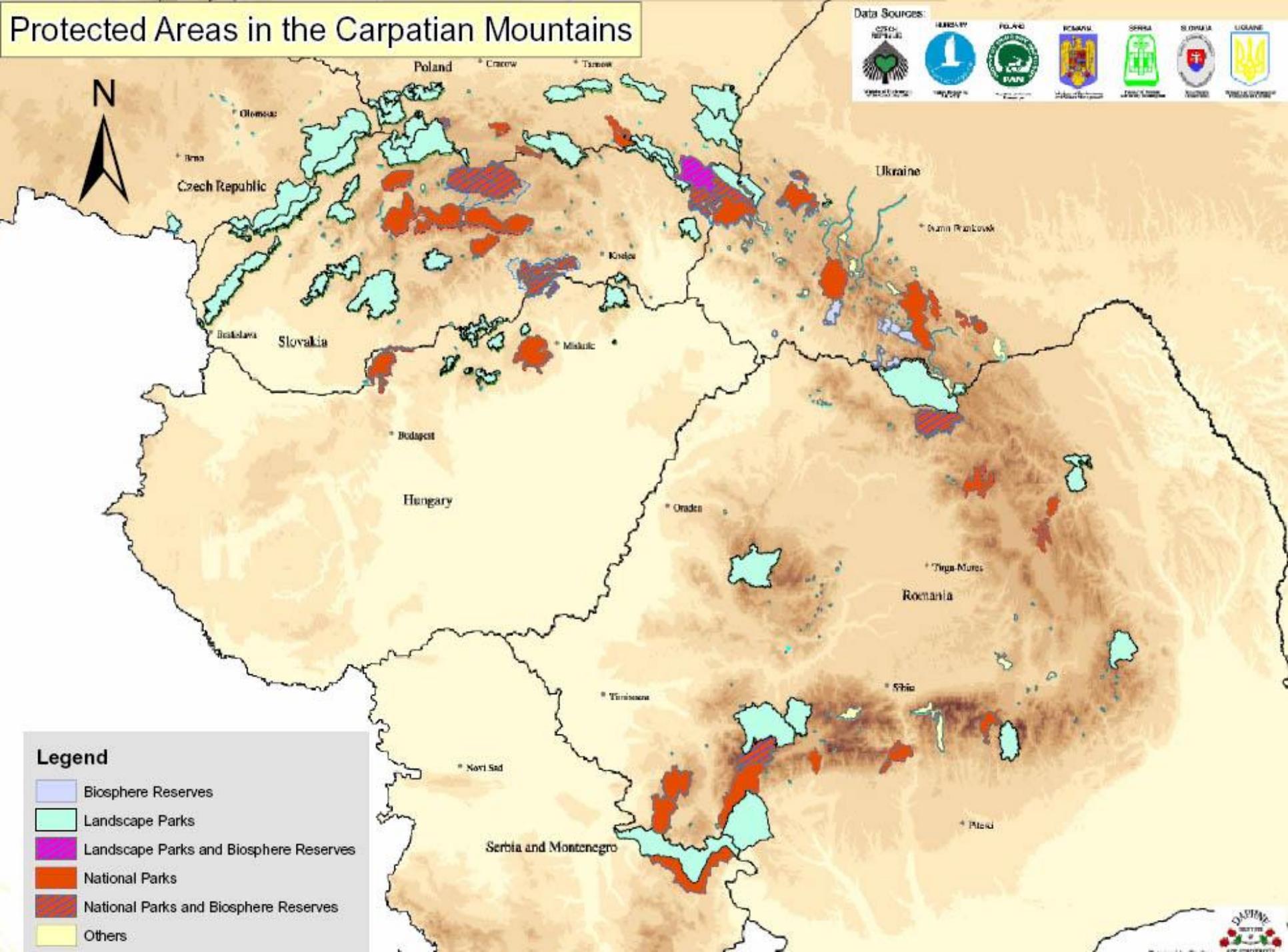


Protected Areas in the Carpatian Mountains



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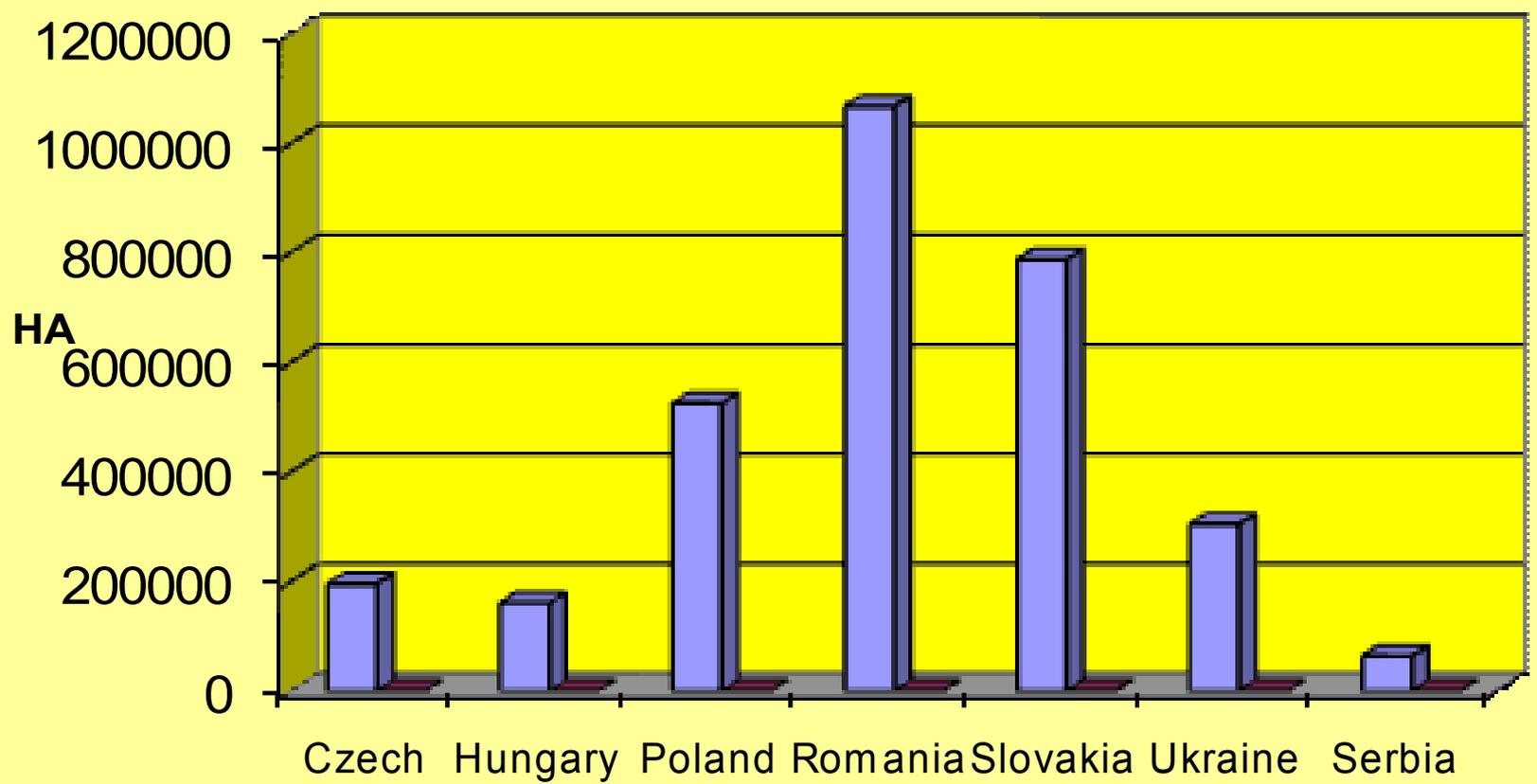
- Biosphere Reserves
- Landscape Parks
- Landscape Parks and Biosphere Reserves
- National Parks
- National Parks and Biosphere Reserves
- Others



Protected Areas in the Carpathian Mountains



Total area of major PAs (2.7 mil ha)



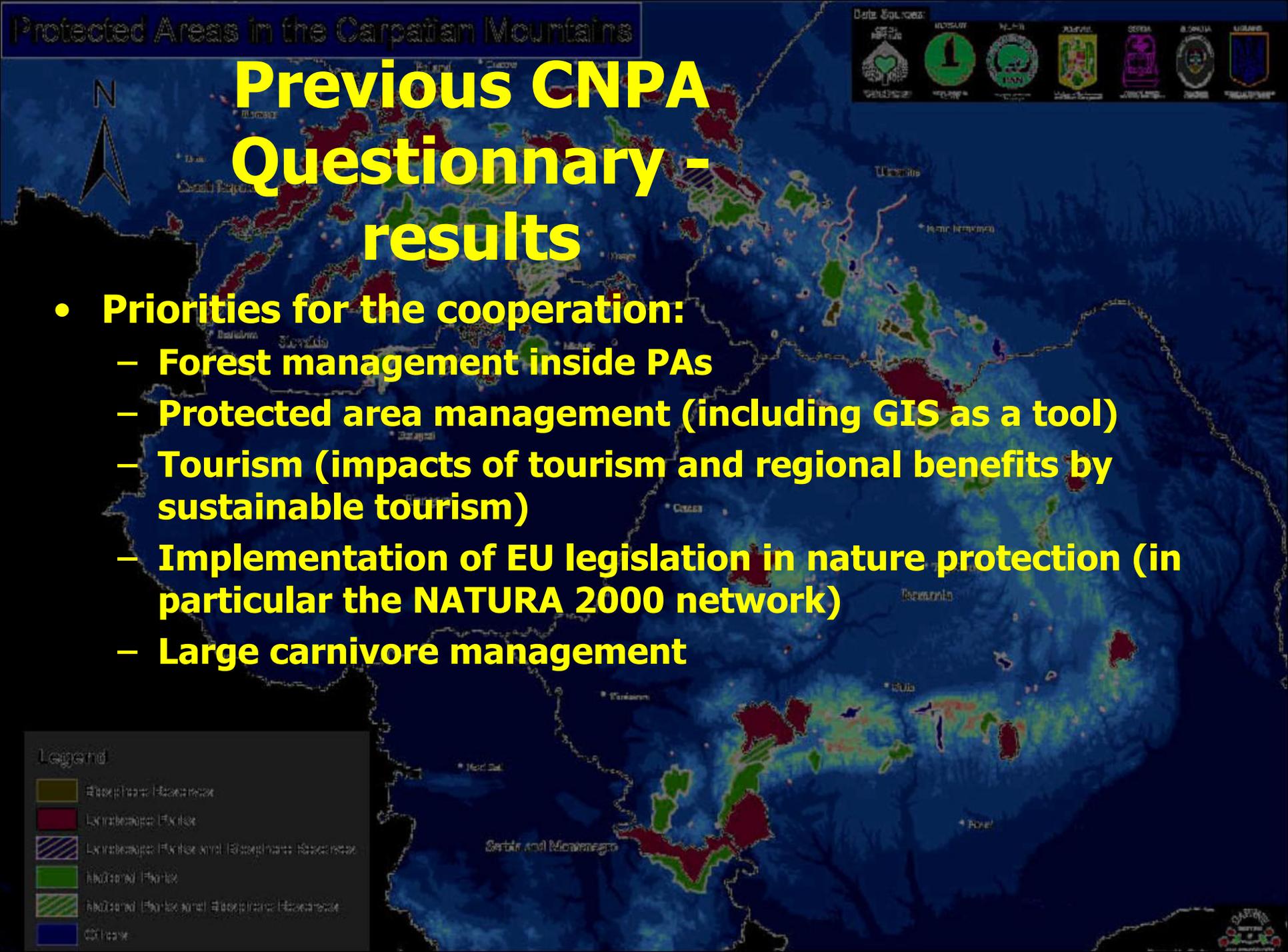


Previous CNPA Questionnaire - results

- **Priorities for the cooperation:**
 - **Forest management inside PAs**
 - **Protected area management (including GIS as a tool)**
 - **Tourism (impacts of tourism and regional benefits by sustainable tourism)**
 - **Implementation of EU legislation in nature protection (in particular the NATURA 2000 network)**
 - **Large carnivore management**

Legend

- **Administrative boundaries**
- **Ecotone Forest**
- **Ecotone Forest and Administrative boundaries**
- **Natura 2000**
- **Natura 2000 and Administrative boundaries**
- **CCP area**



Concrete actions

- In response to the questionnaire results:
 - NATURA 2000 Colloquium in Neukirchen (2004)



Legend

- #topograph. Hrvatska reka
- Extranacionalni Parkovi
- Extranacionalni Parkovi i vodni tokovi
- Nacionalni Parkovi
- Nacionalni Parkovi i #topografski Hrvatska reka
- COI zone



Concrete actions

- In response to the questionnaire results:
 - NATURA 2000 Colloquium in Neukirchen (2004)
 - Integrated management of protected areas workshop – Mala Fatra (2006)



Legend

- Natura 2000 Core Areas
- Natura 2000 Buffer Zones
- Natura 2000 Buffer Zones and Ramsar Sites
- Natura 2000 Buffer Zones
- Natura 2000 Buffer Zones and Ramsar Sites
- Ramsar Sites

Concrete actions

- In response to the questionnaire results:
 - NATURA 2000 Colloquium in Neukirchen (2004)
 - Integrated management of protected areas workshop – Mala Fatra (2006)
 - Management of tourism and sustainable development in protected areas – Piatra Craiului (2006)



Legend

- Natura 2000
- Natura 2000
- Natura 2000
- Natura 2000
- Natura 2000 and Biosphere Reserves
- Natura 2000



Protected Areas in the Carpathian Mountains



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A network of protected areas for the Carpathians

Since 2006, a new international organisation – the Carpathian Network of Protected Areas (CNPA) – has been working to conserve national resources in the Carpathians. The CNPA will coordinate joint projects designed to: improve cooperation between the seven Carpathian countries; facilitate exchanges between the Carpathian protected areas; raise awareness of the fragile ecosystems in the massif, and work to realise practical measures, such as the creation of an ecological network to ensure the survival of endangered species. There is a strong emphasis on cooperation with our Alpine neighbours.

The CNPA – background and history

The Carpathians cover an area of about 200,000 km² and have a population of approximately 17 million people in seven countries who speak seven different languages. Different categories of protected areas extend over some 36 000 km², and make up around 18% of the area covered by **the Carpathian Convention**: an international treaty on conservation and sustainable development in the whole massif. The protected areas in the network are made up of 36 national parks

- 51 nature parks and protected landscape areas
- 19 biosphere reserves
- and around 200 other protected areas

The level of protection within each category varies considerably, ranging from very strict protected areas to areas that focus mainly on rural development. The variety of conservation policies and different cultures makes the Carpathians a very diverse area even though the whole range is situated in the same biogeographical region with comparable levels of **natural and ecological diversity**. The region is home to one of the biggest populations of large carnivores and one of the most extensive forest regions in Europe. Since 1990, the number of protected areas has been constantly growing. For example, in 2003, 29 national parks were registered, and 36 in 2007. The CNPA's creation has received official support from the Alpine Network of Protected Areas (ALPARC), Germany and the Principality of Monaco since 2003, and joint activities began in 1999. After several years of negotiations between the Carpathian countries on how to organise a network of protected areas in the Carpathians, the Kiev Conference of the Contracting Parties of the Carpathian Convention **officially founded the CNPA in 2006** as a practical means of implementing the Convention's provisions on conservation. A coordination unit will be responsible for managing the projects involving protected areas in the massif.

The CNPA – contributing to the implementation of the Carpathian Convention

Conservation and sustainable development in the Carpathians are the CNPA's main priorities. Active cooperation between the Carpathian protected areas together with cooperation between protected areas in the Carpathians and other mountain ranges is vital to this task. The



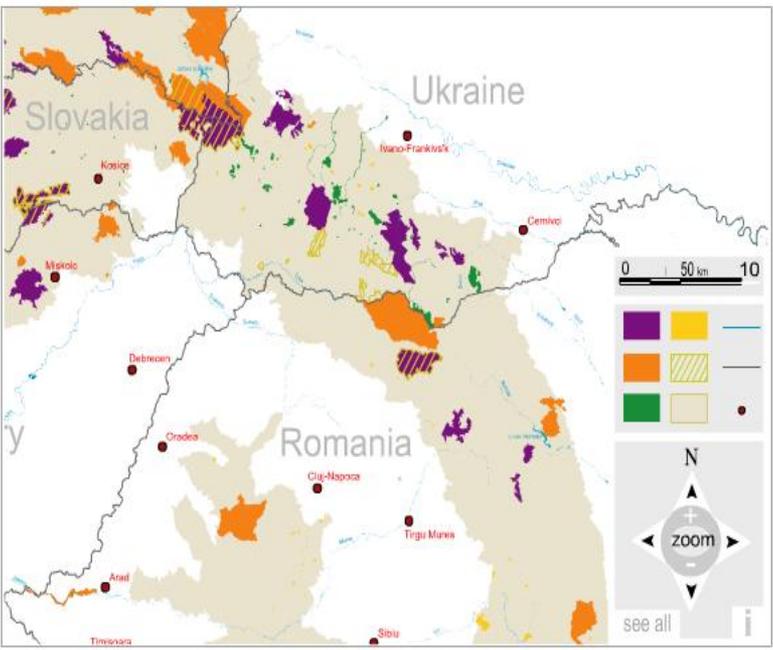


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Map of Protected Areas



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September 2008



First CNPA Conference

Together with the Europarc Conference

Location: Poiana Brasov

Period: 23-24 September

Legend

- Romania
- Hungary
- National Park
- National Park and Biosphere Reserve
- CNPAs





CNPA for the Parks

- Experience exchanges – common working groups
- Development of common projects on various topics, among interested PAs
- Common approaches in trans-boundary or similar areas
- Voice arguing for the PAs needs within the CC frame
- Easier creation of an ecological network
- Broader/common awareness activities
- Partner for the relevant organizations with activities in the CNPA region

Legend

- National Parks
- Biosphere Reserves
- Biosphere Reserves and International Biosphere Reserves
- National Parks
- National Parks and Biosphere Reserves
- CC frame