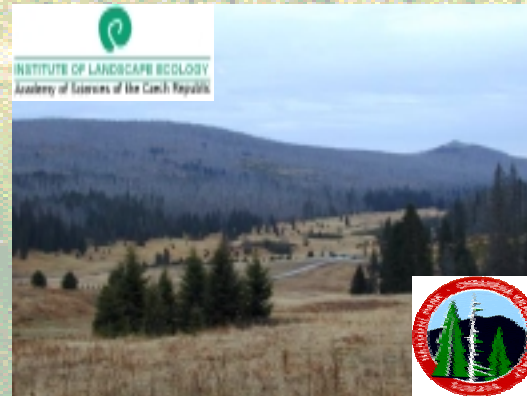


A contribution to the Carpathian Convention

Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biodiversity
through Sound Tourism Development in
Biosphere Reserves in Central and Eastern
Europe



GEF – Medium Sized Project



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Management

Leading organisation

- Ecological Tourism in Europe

Country partners

- Aggtelek ↔ Slovak Karst
- Babia Gora ↔ Horna Orava
- Sumava ↔ Bavarian Forest

Organisation

International Partners

- UNESCO – UNEP
- CEEWEB



National Partners

- MAB – Committees
- CBD Focal Points



Preparation and Implementation

Preparatory Phase

- Budget 30.000 US\$
- Timeframe 08/2001 – 02/2005

Implementation Phase

- Budget 2.602.600 US\$ (GEF: 941.900\$)
- Duration 04/2005 – 03/2008

Objectives I

- A) Support to the development and implementation of tourism management plans in relation to biodiversity objectives.

 - B) Create and strengthen an enabling environment for combining sustainable tourism development and biodiversity conservation.
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Objectives II

- C) Support international cooperation among the participating countries, especially with regard to trans- boundary cooperation, to enhance knowledge on tourism and biodiversity.
 - D) Facilitate a consultative process with key stakeholders to ensure their active participation and influence in the development of public policies for sustainable tourism development and management in vulnerable mountain and forest areas.
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Outcomes

- ➔ Improved management effectiveness of the Biosphere Reserves.
 - ➔ Long-term sustainability in local and regional tourism development.
 - ➔ Mainstreaming of biodiversity conservation issues in the tourism sector.
 - ➔ Improved knowledge on biodiversity and tourism-related issues in an integrated manner.
 - ➔ Pilot projects to implement sustainable tourism practices
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Link to the Carpathian Convention

- Strengthening national cooperation
- Supporting Working Groups
- Input to the Tourism Strategy
- Connecting protected areas with tourism
- Implementing the Convention