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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Horna Orava
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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.
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.
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
Link to the Carpathian Convention

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