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Youth Participation in Protected Area Management in Rodna Mountains, Romania

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Final Report



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Darwin project information

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1 Project Background

This project aimed to develop and implement a participatory youth-led management plan for the Rodna Mountains National Park (PNMR) in Romania (Fig. 1) that would work towards improving local livelihoods, and to promote this method as a model of regional relevance.

To achieve this purpose the project team has created eight Darwin Clubs of “Friends of PNMR” in local schools, developed the first management plan for this park, trained park staff and clubs in GIS for protected area management, participatory biodiversity monitoring and tourist guiding, and organised three national level seminars in Romania and one international symposium to disseminate results.

build contact with the newly appointed persons.

3 Project Partnerships

The local project partner in Romania was the Administration of Rodna Mountains National Park (APNMR). They were actively involved in coordinating project activities and initiating and maintaining collaboration with other institutions. Also, key partners in this project were the schools where Darwin Clubs were established, and later on the ECO RODNA association created by all those involved in participatory biodiversity monitoring to continue biodiversity conservation activities. The APNMR and the Darwin Clubs were involved in project implementation from the very beginning through regular meetings and workshops to plan and analyse results and to adapt methods.

Because the project proposal was written together by the project partners and with the consultation of the schools that were later on involved in its implementation, no major changes to the original plans have occurred. During the project's lifespan, the partnership was driven by local demand, in particular with respect to equipment and training needs; project planning and decisions were the result of close collaboration and consensus between the UK team staff, the APNMR staff and the Clubs.

Taking into account the complexity and innovatory approach of this project and the fact that in Romania, in line with other former communist countries there is no tradition in participation in its stronger forms, challenges inevitably surfaced during the project. They were addressed mainly by discussions and monthly meetings (the project manager spent a great amount of time at the project site) and through training. Transfer of knowledge from the UK to the Romanian partner was essential (especially because APNMR was created only in 2004, one year before starting this project) and covered various essential aspects of protected area management (management planning, biodiversity monitoring, using GIS, GPS, etc.) as well as project management, fundraising, organising seminars/international conferences and ecological camps, and designing information materials.

A key strength of the partnership was the enthusiasm of the local partner and school clubs (and their coordinators), which endured for the entire duration of the project and beyond. Also important was the fact that the project manager spent a large proportion of time at the project site to ensure that activities were carried out timely and effectively, and to provide constant support to local partners. In addition to this, the partnership was instrumental in building local institutional

frameworks through the creation of the ECO RODNA NGO, a significant additional achievement, not included in the original project plan but important for providing a framework for local people's participation and the future improvement of local livelihoods in ways that are sensitive to local nature.

Amongst other collaborating institutions were: the park's Scientific and Consultative Councils, the Bistrita County Forest Office, the Protected Areas Service of the RNP-Romsilva (the National Forest Administration), other protected area administrations, the Focal Centre for Biodiversity Management and Conservation (NGO), and the Emil Racovita Institute of Speleology.

No international partners were involved in designing and implementing this project. Local partnerships remain active, in particular the close collaboration between APNMR and ECO RODNA who are currently coordinating efforts to take further the model developed during this project.

4 Project Achievements

As mentioned in section 1 (Project background), the purpose of this project was to develop a participatory, youth-led management plan for the PNMR. In order to achieve that, the project had three main outputs (as documented in the project logical framework – see Annex 1): 1. Baseline and monitoring systems established; 2. Management plan developed and implemented; and 3. Experience evaluated, model developed and promoted.

4.1 Impact: achievement of positive impact on biodiversity, sustainable use or equitable sharing of biodiversity benefits

The ultimate goal of this project was to draw on UK expertise to work with Romanian partners to conserve biodiversity. Although by achieving the project purpose and outcomes as presented in the logical framework the immediate impact on biodiversity is not easily measurable, this project nevertheless has a long-term positive effect through improving local capacity for biodiversity conservation and by building social capital for biodiversity.

The evidence for achieving the project purpose rests mainly with the participatory management plan that was developed and approved by the Scientific Council of the park and by the Nature Monuments Committee of the Romanian Academy. As reported previously, the final approval by the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development (MESD) has not occurred during the

implementation of the project for reasons outside the control of the partners (in particular several policy changes, especially new requirements introduced in 2007 following which all protected areas had to revise their plans to include the new legislation and re-submit them to the MESD for approval). The latest legislation requires that management plans are approved by the National Agency for Protected Areas (ANAP), an institution under the coordination of the MESD that has not yet been established. Contacts made by the project manager and APNMR indicate that there is political will for the creation of ANAP and the approval of management plans is expected to follow shortly. The management plan forms the basis on which all park activities will be undertaken in the five years following its approval.

This project helped Romania to meet its obligations under the Convention of Biological Diversity in several ways (see point 2 above and Annex 3); moreover it addressed priorities set out in the Romanian **National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan** and the **National Environmental Action Plan** through the development of the first management plan for the Rodna Mountains National Park, through producing a field guide to common species from the park, through working with experts and training park staff and local people in techniques for biodiversity conservation and by employing participatory biodiversity monitoring. The model developed in Rodna will be implemented in four other Romanian protected areas (the Bicz Gorges – Hasmas Mountain National Park, the Calimani Mountains National Park, the Jiu Straits National Park and the Small Island of Braila Nature Park).

The collaboration between the UK and Romanian partner has been good throughout the project. This was due to continuous communication and extended visits to the project site made by the UK team, in particular the project manager. In addition to this, the partnership was instrumental in building local institutional frameworks through the creation of an NGO, ECO RODNA established by all those involved in participatory biodiversity monitoring in order to continue biodiversity conservation activities.

The greatest social impact of the project was on the Darwin Clubs and their coordinators. Through them, the impact reached the local communities and everybody knew about ‘the Darwin project’. As a consequence, numerous schools and communities where no clubs were established have asked to join the club network and ECO RODNA (Doina Jauca, APNMR director - personal communication). The main indicators used to measure the impact on the Darwin Clubs were their perception of the protected area and its biodiversity and their expectations of the project and how it helped them. The indicators were assessed through questionnaire surveys as well as through various activities undertaken as part of the summer camps (group discussions on the role of the park and its administration; team work on various topics ranging from biodiversity monitoring to

tourism and public awareness; presentations made by the pupils).

4.2 Outcomes: achievement of the project purpose and outcomes

This project has achieved its purpose and more. At the project onset APNMR was a new institution with insufficient capacity to carry out its role. Between 2005 and 2008 the park administration developed knowledge and experience (see also point 4.6 below) to enable them to access additional funds together with ECO RODNA in order to carry out biodiversity conservation activities. In addition, the equipment purchased has had a significant contribution to facilitating a modern approach to biodiversity conservation in this park; as far as we are aware the Rodna Mountains National Park is the only park in Romania where each ranger is equipped with a GPS unit. Also, extremely important is the network of institutions and individuals with whom APNMR has collaborated over the duration of this project and which includes local and national actors on whom the administration will be able to rely in the future.

Moreover, the park administration and ECO RODNA have access to a pool of more than 100 volunteers who are keen to contribute time and effort for nature conservation. Two pupils' opinions presented below and the photographs included with point 4.3 speak for the impact that this project has had on those involved.

“The initiative undertaken by APNMR – Darwin has led to the forming on new feelings amongst young people with respect to the conservation of biodiversity. I, at least, have learned to respect nature, to keep it clean and to encourage others to protect it too. Now I know endemic plant species, and threatened animals and plants, and I learned how to monitor several species of beetles and amphibians. In conclusion, the Darwin project brought me only benefits, it contributed to my education and prepared me for life.”

TARCOMAN-OCHEA ALINA, 11th grade

“I learned very many beautiful things and, in turn, I can teach others who are interested in protecting nature. Monitoring various species of animals and plants was an opportunity to perfect team work. The fact that we have such beautiful mountains should make us all interested in everything they have to offer and in learning more about them. I will give to the mountains everything that they offer us: protection and respect.”

BALOTA DAN, 12th grade

4.3 Outputs (and activities)

Overall, this project has been successful in achieving the proposed outputs as detailed in the logical framework, which formed the basis for evaluation and monitoring of progress (see point 6). The photos presented here emphasise various aspects of the work carried out. More photos are included in Annex 7.



Stakeholder meetings and workshops



Presentations made by the project team

Darwin Clubs learning various biodiversity research and monitoring techniques:



Using a GPS



Identifying plant species



Using live traps for small mammal studies



Dormouse houses used for monitoring populations

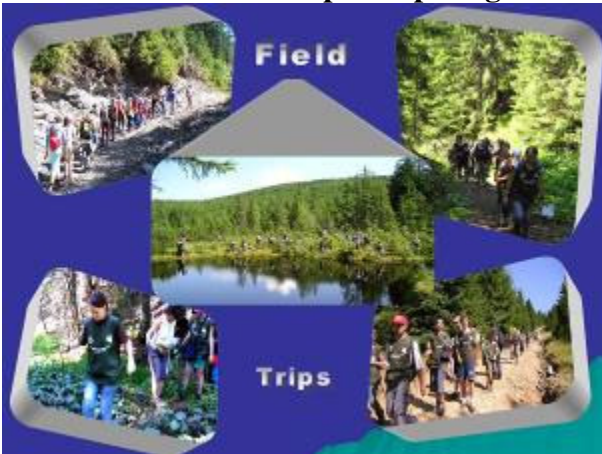


Measuring tree DBH



Using quadrates for plant surveys

Darwin Club members participating in field trips and ecological camps:



Drawings made for the field guide by the Corneliu Baba Arts High School Darwin Club:



Launching the ECO RODNA NGO



NGO logo



Darwin Clubs logo



However, some drawbacks were encountered. When the project started the APNMR team was very small, without experience in project management and biodiversity inventory and monitoring, and with insufficient equipment to carry out their duties. Later on, more staff were hired making a substantial contribution to project implementation. The capacity of the APNMR team to fulfil their duties was also increased through the equipment purchased and the training offered as part of this project.

An important, yet unexpected, problem that affected the database and GIS component of the project was the fact that the APNMR's IT officer went on maternity leave six months into the project implementation and no suitable replacement was found until the third year (the park administration headquarters are located in a rural area and it was difficult to hire someone qualified and willing to live there, especially taking into account the fact that salaries of park staff are small). The duties were partially supplemented by the project manager and the park Biologist in collaboration with the UK GIS consultant, and partially through outsourcing some of the tasks – for example the Focal Centre for Biodiversity Monitoring and Conservation was contracted to create a digital elevation model (DEM) for the park.

One of the important assumptions mentioned in the logical framework was that no “major changes in the legal requirements with respect to protected areas” would occur during project implementation. Unfortunately this was not the case. Several policy changes and new legislation passed during the project lifespan have impacted activities planned, in particular the approval and implementation of the management plan (the implementation started in practice without the plan being officially approved). This, as explained before, was due to circumstances outside the control of the project team.

4.4 Project standard measures and publications

The lists of standard measures and publications that resulted from this project are presented in Annexes 4 and 5. It is worth noting that overall the proposed measures were achieved. Where there are differences, these are highlighted. This project has also succeeded in achieving additional outputs among which the creation of an NGO stands out.

4.5 Technical and Scientific achievements and co-operation

Research within this project has been undertaken on several levels:

- 1. Questionnaire surveys** conducted at the beginning and at the end of the project in local communities to collect information on stakeholders' perception of the protected area and the role of its administration. This research was undertaken in collaboration with students from Lucian Blaga University Sibiu, Faculty of Science – Department of Sociology and Ethnology. The questionnaires were developed by the two project partners with input from the students and the results of the first set of questionnaires helped inform the way in which the park administration communicates with local communities.

In brief, the results of the first questionnaire survey which was applied between autumn 2005 and spring 2006 to 504 people from local communities showed that in general they were aware of the aims of the national park, 60% of them stating that this was the protection of plants and animals. However, when it came to the sources of information on park issues, the respondents named local sources (32%, e.g. mayor, other people from the community, etc.), mass-media (15.1%) and the local forest office and/or park administration (13.9%). About two thirds (61%) of respondents declared that they have been inside the park and named the most popular areas as their destination. However, surprisingly, more than half of the respondents (54.2%) thought their village was inside the park borders, while in reality only a few houses from one small village are included; this demonstrated the need for the park staff to increase awareness of the park limits.

Respondents also proved to lack information about the park's biodiversity, almost half of them (48%) stating that they did not know what was special about the park and only 1.4% of them could name the endemic plant species ('opaitul Muntilor Rodnei' – the Romanian common name for *Silene nivalis*) that is the emblem of these mountains and is also found in the park logo. When asked about what role they would like to have in park management almost half of them (47.8%) said that they did not want any role, while 18.3 stated they would do anything, and 17.1% declared that they would like to be volunteers (others declared that they would like to work as rangers: 8.6%; as leaders: 6.4%; or as tourist guides: 1.8%). This underlined the need for awareness campaigns on the role of public participation in the management of protected areas and the opportunities that this could bring for local communities, which were carried out through public presentations and the seminars organised in November 2006 and January 2008.

The second round of questionnaires are currently being analysed and together with the first set will form the basis for developing a communication strategy and an environmental education programme for the park. Other questionnaire surveys were conducted by the Darwin Clubs to collect information on traditional use of natural resources in the park area

and on tourism; the results of these surveys were used in the management plan. Moreover, the information collected on the traditional use of resources will be included in a future monograph of the park which is being prepared by the administration (and was included as an activity in the management plan).

- 2. Biodiversity inventories undertaken by scientists** collaborating with the project on several taxonomic groups: Lepidoptera , which led to the discovery of a new species for Romania – *Apotomis infida*, Coleoptera, Colembola, Aranea, Orthoptera and small mammals. As part of the process of developing the first management plan for this park, priority habitats and species both for monitoring and for research were identified. For groups where information was not available or was minimal (Coleoptera, Colembola, Aranea and Microlepidoptera) collaboration with specialists was necessary. This project (by providing equipment and funding) facilitated such partnerships between APNMR and various Romanian experts from the Focal Centre for Biodiversity Management and Conservation, and the Emil Racovita Institute of Speleology. The work led to the doubling of the list of species known from this park and the results were included in three papers published in Romanian journals (see Annex 5 for details).

- 3. Participatory biodiversity inventories and monitoring** undertaken by the Darwin Clubs. This work, which is detailed in Annex 7, was based on standard protocols and data collection sheets that were developed through a ‘learning by doing’ process with an emphasis on scientific methods and principles. The protocols and the data collected are centralised by the park administration and verified by scientists collaborating with the park biologist.

This aspect represented a major part of the project and although it seemed straightforward in theory, in practice it turned out to be very challenging. This was due to the fact that with the exception of the park biologist the other members of the APNMR team and the Darwin Clubs had little if any knowledge of biodiversity research techniques. Consequently, training needed to be provided in biodiversity inventory and monitoring methods, in how participation can contribute to biodiversity data collection, and in data management (see also point 4.6 Capacity building).

Careful consideration was given to designing a monitoring programme based on priorities identified through the management plan but also on the interests of the Darwin Clubs and 18 monitoring plots were established. Monitoring protocols and sheets were developed for

each of the species/habitats studied (examples are provided in Annex 7). The protocols were tested and refined during the 2006 and 2007 field seasons in order to correspond to the ability of those involved – they needed to be simple enough for school children to be able to follow and to collect the data needed, but at the same time rigorous enough to maintain adequate scientific standards.

Probably the most challenging aspect of this work relates to data management. As explained in previous reports and in section 4.3 above, a suitable IT officer was not available for the greater part of the project. As a result, data that were collected during the first two years were poorly handled and some of them were lost despite efforts made by the project manager and the park biologist. This represented a firm (albeit unnecessary) learning experience for the park administration who improved their data storage and manipulation standards.

The experience accumulated from this project component formed the core of the participatory protected area management model that was at the centre of the final symposium organised in March 2008. The lessons learned were written up and submitted for inclusion in a special issue of the International Journal of Biodiversity Science and Management which is dedicated to the symposium and includes four other cases from Central and Eastern Europe.

- 4. Collection of spatial data – technical work in GIS.** This work undertaken as part of the GIS component of the project included collection of *the first geo-referenced data* for this park in the following ways:
- Digitizing existing hard copy maps (in particular the map of forest sub-parcels - the basic forest management units – a very effort intensive undertaking but absolutely necessary taking into account the fact that 60% of the park area is covered by forests)
 - Subcontracting the Focal Centre for Biodiversity Management and Conservation to produce the digital elevation map for the park (based on hard copy maps of 40m contours)
 - Acquiring digital datasets and imagery from other institutes, projects and individuals
 - GPS data collected by schoolchildren through the Darwin Clubs
 - GPS data collected by rangers
 - Invitation of specialists to visit the Clubs and undertake studies, surveys and inventories in the park

This work has contributed to the GIS database of the park and added valuable information needed for park management. The focus in this project component was on transfer of knowledge from the UK partner to the APNMR (with the limitations imposed by the absence of the IT officer as mentioned above). No papers resulted from this work.

- 5. Social research on a meta-analysis scale**, to understand the way in which new governance modes fit the needs of post-socialist countries. This is being summarised in the editorial article for the special issue of International Journal of Biodiversity Science and Management.

4.6 Capacity building

The local capacity for biodiversity work has been strengthened by various training courses offered during the project, by institution building and by assistance and advice given by the UK partner on project proposal writing and fundraising.

4.6.1 Training was given in:

- participatory biodiversity assessment and monitoring
- adaptive management
- tourist guiding
- GIS and remote sensing for protected area management

Training in participatory biodiversity assessment and monitoring

The Rodna Mountains NP, in common with other protected areas from Romania and Central and Eastern Europe, has insufficient resources - manpower, finance, infrastructure, equipment – for effective biodiversity conservation. Hence, there was much scope for involving volunteers to assist with data collection; at the same time, this approach was new for Rodna and the whole of Romania. In addition, the park staff, with the exception of the biologist, did not have any knowledge or previous training in biodiversity research methods. Therefore, training was necessary in order to ensure that the work conducted by the Darwin Clubs would be valuable to the clubs as well as the park management.

The training was carried out in October 2005 (1 week), July and August 2006 (2 weeks) and July 2007 (1 week) and focused on:

- presentations to park staff and Darwin Clubs coordinators on the role of volunteers in biodiversity research; and the importance of data flow systems and database structures that facilitate multi-user input and quality control;
- tutorials for park staff (in particular the biologist and rangers) on how to plan a biodiversity inventory and monitoring programme, and biodiversity research methods;
- hands-on, field training for park staff and Darwin Clubs in species identification and biodiversity research methods.

Training in adaptive management

This was offered through seminars at project start up, May 2005, to provide context in changing conservation ideas; and through the practical experience of preparing the management plan, which included inbuilt adaptive components. Throughout, participatory biodiversity monitoring was presented as a tool to facilitate adaptive management.

Training in tourist guiding

This training was deemed necessary in order to give local people an opportunity to see that having a protected area nearby is not just limiting their access to resources but could improve their livelihoods as well. The questionnaire surveys undertaken in local communities showed that mainly young people were keen on learning this kind of skill. Because of this and also because contracting a certified organisation to run a training programme was beyond the financial means of this project we decided to employ the knowledge of two certified members of the park staff and to focus on pupils from the Darwin Clubs. Training was conducted in July and August 2006 as part of student camps organised by APNMR. We also collaborated with the Life Nature project LIFE05NAT/RO/000176 in hoping to provide certified training for other members of local communities; however, this training will only take place in September 2008.

Training provided during student camps included:

- presentations on the role of the tourist guide and the knowledge base needed;
- institutions offering certified courses;
- first aid and orienteering skills;
- practical application of knowledge in the field;
- presentations made by students based on the theoretical and practical knowledge accumulated.

In addition, a leaflet with information on tourist guiding skills and how to access certified courses was designed and was widely distributed in local communities.

Training in the use of GIS software and remotely sensed satellite data

This training was carried out in May 2005 (1 week), October 2005 (1 week), and March 2007 (1 week, followed by extensive one-on-one training of the then hired GIS person in July-August 2007) and included:

- Hands-on software tutorials using conservation applications as case studies.
 - A range of tutorial sessions and easily accessible presentations on:
 - GIS and remote sensing including case studies of how GIS and remote sensing have been used for conservation applications and management planning
 - Using Global Positioning Systems (GPS) for data-gathering and entry
 - Participatory survey techniques, adaptive management and the use of indicators
- These were targeted as required to a range of audiences that included the IT manager, the Park Biologist, the rangers, the teachers leading the Darwin Clubs, the students and other lay-people.
- Identification of key data sets and how to acquire or create them
 - Use and basic manipulation of satellite imagery for change detection and habitat mapping

4.6.2 Institution building and fundraising support

This project facilitated local institution building through the creation of a local NGO – ECO RODNA. Although not initially planned, this NGO represents an outstanding achievement of the project and provides the most suitable framework for the park staff and the Darwin Clubs to continue the work. UK staff, and in particular the project manager, supported fundraising initiatives and offered constructive suggestions on several funding proposals prepared by the park staff, a process that strengthened APNMR's capacity and fundraising skills. Since then, park members and ECO RODNA have been successful in securing funding from the Deutsche Bundesstiftung Umwelt & Alfred Toepfer Academy for Nature Conservation (Germany) and the Dutch Embassy in Romania (Matra KNIP project).

In addition, the equipment purchased as part of the project will continue to enable the park staff to carry out biodiversity work beyond the end of this project. Moreover, it can be used as an in-kind contribution for raising additional funds.

4.7 Sustainability and Legacy

The management plan will receive final approval (as indicated by discussions between APNMR

director and the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development); implementation of activities included in the plan has already started. Moreover, the participatory monitoring of biodiversity will continue through the strong collaboration forged between APNMR, local schools and ECO RODNA. Another important project output that will endure is the field guide to the common species from the park. Project partners will keep in touch especially through the project manager who took up a position with WWF in Romania, working amongst other tasks on the Life project “Priority forest, sub-alpine and alpine habitats in Romania” (LIFE05NAT/RO/000176) with one component focused on Rodna Mountains. The project manager will continue to be involved in the further application of the model in other protected areas.

The model developed as part of this project has been expanded to include other schools from the Rodna Mountains National Park area and will be implemented in other protected areas (the Bicaz Gorges – Hasmas Mountain National Park, the Calimani Mountains National Park, the Jiu Straits National Park and the Small Island of Braila Nature Park), an effort currently coordinated by APNMR and ECO RODNA. This will ensure further impact and legacy.

5 Lessons learned, dissemination and communication

Key lessons learned during this project that could be useful to anyone wishing to embark on such an undertaking can be summarised as follows:

1. It is very useful to conduct a questionnaire survey of local people’s opinion of the park and its administration before embarking on a management planning exercise.
2. Involve local people from the very beginning, including ‘non-traditional’ stakeholders such as schools and local pupils and teachers.
3. Establish formal partnerships through agreements signed between stakeholders.
4. Incorporate institutional capacity building for participatory protected area management.
5. For participatory biodiversity monitoring select small, clear projects using simple methods tailored to the abilities of volunteers involved. Ensure that protocols are documented and a suitable database manager is hired. Put in place processes through which data collected are verified.
6. Establish a mechanism by which data are easily and quickly integrated into decision making.
7. Ensure that access to necessary funds is easy. In the Rodna case the creation of an NGO opened up new funding opportunities.
8. Keep it simple and cost-effective.
9. Plan every stage carefully but, at the same time, be flexible and adaptive.

10. Do not underestimate the amount of time needed.
11. This project was based on an innovative approach and it would have benefited greatly from an additional year of funding. This would have allowed us to secure the approval of the management plan and to gather sufficient monitoring and distribution data to allow a statistical analysis and full distribution mapping.

The dissemination of project results has been achieved through:

- Websites - <http://www.eci.ox.ac.uk/research/humaneco/youthparticipation-romania.php> and <http://www.eci.ox.ac.uk/research/humaneco/romania-conference08.php>
- Public presentations - Annex 8 includes a list of all presentations held in local schools and communities.
- Newspapers – a few scanned copies of articles are presented in Annex 9.
- Radio interviews and TV features – details are included in Annex 4.
- National level seminars in Romania - “Participatory Management of Protected Areas in Romania – Current status and Future Trends”, 24 November, Singeorz-Bai; “European Funds for People and Nature”, 31 March 2007, Borsa; “Model of Participation in Protected Area Management – A case study on the Rodna Mountains National Park”, 11 January 2008, Blazna.
- Exchange visits with protected areas from Slovakia and Bulgaria – March 2007, High Tatra National Park and Slovenski Raj National Park in Slovakia; May 2007, Central Balkan National Park and Roussenski Lom Nature Reserve in Bulgaria.
- An international symposium, an impressive achievement, the first of its kind in Romania and in the region – “Participating in Nature: Communities and Protected Areas in Central and Eastern Europe”, 10-13 March 2008, Bistrita, Romania. The symposium was attended by 64 participants from 12 countries and selected papers form a special issue on the International Journal of Biodiversity Science and Management (see confirmation e-mail in Annex 10).
- Participation in other conferences: “The first European Congress in Conservation Biology: Diversity for Europe”, 21-26 August 2006, Eger, Hungary.
- Several publications – details are provided in Annex 5.

Target audiences ranged from local schools and communities to protected area managers and other institutions involved in conservation in Romania, to the wider public, as well as international conservation practitioners and academics.

5.1 Darwin identity

The Darwin Initiative was publicised throughout the project lifespan. Even from the very beginning the clubs established in local schools took on the name of Darwin Clubs. All documents produced during the project bear the Darwin Initiative logo. This was also included on the car purchased and on all banners used for national seminars and the international symposium organised as part of the project. The funding was acknowledged in all the media articles and interviews. Moreover, the Darwin Initiative logo was printed on vests that the Darwin Clubs used in their field activities and was the inspiration for the clubs logo that later became the logo of the ECO RODNA. Throughout, the project was known as ‘the Darwin project’.

Because of this and other Darwin Initiative funded projects there is a good perception of the Darwin Initiative in Romania, especially amongst persons and institutions involved in biodiversity conservation. However as Romania is no longer eligible for Darwin funding it must be recognised that attention has shifted to EU funding sources.

This project was distinct and with a very clear identity demonstrated by its innovative approach to protected area management.

6 Monitoring and evaluation

This project followed the original logframe without any major changes. Project monitoring and evaluation were undertaken by both partners. Based on the project logical framework, activity calendars were drafted for each semester with carefully allocated tasks to members of the team. These calendars were posted in the main office of the APNMR and progress was assessed at least quarterly through meetings and workshops. APNMR had weekly meetings when they discussed tasks and progress.

Regular internal evaluations of the work undertaken were carried out throughout the project lifespan by reporting with detailed evidence against the logframe, and by the extended presence of the project manager. No formal external evaluation has been undertaken. However, the national seminars and the international symposium organised were a chance to share experience with others and receive their input.

6.1 Actions taken in response to annual report reviews

All issues raised in the reviews were discussed and addressed together by the project partners. As a result of the reviews we have increased the appeal of the project newsletter, have updated the project website and have provided additional documents as requested by the evaluators.

7 Finance and administration

7.1 Project expenditure

| | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Totals |
|-----------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Staff Cost | | | | | |
| Rent, Rates etc | | | | | |
| T&S | | | | | |
| Collaborator | | | | | |
| Conference | | | | | |
| GIS | | | | | |
| Consultant | | | | | |
| Others | | | | | |
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7.2 Additional funds or in-kind contributions secured

The park biologist, Claudiu Iusan, secured additional funding totalling €10,000 from the Deutsche Bundesstiftung Umwelt & Alfred Toepfer Academy for Nature Conservation (Germany) to take further the work started by this project within a project titled: “Interactive network between schools, museums, NGOs and the Administration of Rodna Mountains National Park.”

7.3 Value of DI funding

This project facilitated a series of achievements that otherwise would not have occurred in Romania:

- A management plan with emphasis on strong participation that would not have been possible in the absence of this project;
- The first model of participatory biodiversity monitoring in Romania;
- Three national level, extremely successful, seminars in Romania on the topic of participation in protected areas;
- An international symposium – the only one on the theme of participation in protected areas in the region of Central and Eastern Europe.

Annex 1 Report of progress and achievements against final project logframe for the life of the project

| Project summary | Measurable Indicators | Progress and Achievements May 2005 - May 2008 | Actions required/planned for next period |
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| <p>Goal: To draw on expertise relevant to biodiversity from within the United Kingdom to work with local partners in countries rich in biodiversity but constrained in resources to achieve</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The conservation of biological diversity, • The sustainable use of its components, and • The fair and equitable sharing of the benefits arising out of the utilisation of genetic resources | | <p>(report on any contribution towards positive impact on biodiversity or positive changes in the conditions of human communities associated with biodiversity eg steps towards sustainable use or equitable sharing of costs or benefits)</p> | <p>(do not fill not applicable)</p> |
| <p>Purpose To develop and implement in collaboration with park authority and local and national stakeholders a participatory youth-led management plan for the PNMR that will work towards improving local livelihoods and to promote this method as a model of regional relevance.</p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Baseline and monitoring systems established (end y1); 2. Management plan developed and approved (end y2) and implementation commenced (end y2 and y3); 3. Experience evaluated, model developed and promoted (end y3). | <p>(report on progress towards achieving the project purpose, ie the sum of the outputs and assumptions)</p> <p>The project purpose was achieved overall. The baseline was established and participatory biodiversity monitoring activities were carried out according to an action plan. The management plan was finalised and submitted for approval – unfortunately this process has been delayed as explained elsewhere in this report. The model was documented and successfully promoted in Romania and in the region.</p> | <p>(Highlight key actions planned for next period)</p> |
| <p>Output 1. Baseline and monitoring systems established (end y1)</p> | <p>Workshops and training for 35 participants; 1 database created; 2 lists of species and habitats prioritised for management; 1 list and 1 map of monitoring sites; development of an attractive and</p> | <p>(report general progress and appropriateness of indicator)</p> <p>Most activities under this output were carried out in the first year of project implementation. In the second and third year, further biodiversity inventory and monitoring activities were undertaken and emphasis was placed on employing scientific methods and collecting geo-referenced data and using GIS. Also additional training was provided in years 2 and 3. A</p> | |

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| | popular field guide to the wildlife of PNMR. | field guide to common species from the park was developed in year three. The indicators used to measure progress in achieving this output were appropriate, facilitating evaluation and quantification of results. |
| Activity 1.1 Planning workshop (May 05) – this is relevant for activity 2.1 as well | | Completed |
| Activity 1.2 Collect information and studies on Rodna Mountains biodiversity (May-Jul 05) | | Completed |
| Activity 1.3 Collect information on traditional use of natural resources (May-Jul 05) | | Completed |
| Activity 1.4 Collect information on stakeholders' perception of the protected area and the role of its administration (Jul-Aug 05 and Jun-Jul 07) | | Completed |
| Activity 1.5 Purchasing of equipment needed for field surveys (May-Jul 05) | | Completed |
| Activity 1.6 Training workshop on participatory biodiversity surveys and monitoring (Jul 05 and 06) | | Completed |
| Activity 1.7 Training in the use of GIS techniques for protected area management (May and Oct 05, Oct 06, Oct 07) | | Completed |
| Activity 1.8 Systematic participatory inventories and monitoring (Jul 05-Apr 08) | | Completed |
| Activity 1.9 Field guide compiled (Sep 07) | | Completed; the published guide is expected to be available at the end of 2008. |
| Output 2. Management plan developed and implemented. | Workshops; training; management plan approved; annual work plan developed; 6 student clubs 'Darwin volunteers for PNMR'. | (report general progress and appropriateness of indicator) A participatory management plan was developed by May 2006; it has received the approval of the park's Scientific Council and of the Nature Monuments Committee of the Romanian Academy. The approval of the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development is still pending as explained. Eight Darwin Clubs were established in local communities. The indicators used to measure this output were straightforward and appropriate. |
| Activity 2.2 Memorandum of Understanding signed (Apr 05) | | Completed |

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| Activity 2.3 Identification of priority areas and formation of work teams (May 05) | Completed |
| Activity 2.4 Workshops (3) to analyse and synthesise findings (May & Sep 05 and Feb 06) | Completed |
| Activity 2.5 Establishment of 'Darwin volunteers for PNMR' student clubs (May 05) | Completed |
| Activity 2.6 Training in adaptive management techniques (May and Oct 05) | Completed |
| Activity 2.7 Training in tourist guiding skills (June 06) | Completed |
| Activity 2.8 Management plan drafted and distributed for comments (Mar 06) | Completed |
| Activity 2.9 Management plan finalised (May 06) | Completed |
| Activity 2.10 Annual work plans developed (July 06) and implemented (06-08) | Implementation of the management plan started although the plan has not yet received final approval |
| Output 3. Experience evaluated, model developed and promoted. | <p>Newsletter; at least 2 academic papers written; 1 model for participatory protected area management developed; 1 conference to present findings; annual presentations of results to local communities and schools; website development.</p> <p>Project results were analysed on several occasions during project workshops with the participation of both partners. Moreover, findings were disseminated locally and internationally through public presentations, conference attendance, seminars and an international conference organised for this purpose, as well as posters, brochures, and leaflets. The model proposed by this project for participatory protected area management was finalised; it was well received in Romania and in the region. Papers presented at the final conference, two of which were written by project partners, were collected in a special issue of the International Journal of Biodiversity Science and Management. Several other papers resulted from this project (see Annex 5). Indicators for this output were easily measurable and appropriate in assessing progress on this output.</p> |
| Activity 3.1 Design of Newsletter (Aug 05 – issued twice per year Aug & Feb) | Completed |
| Activity 3.2 Project web page creation (May 05 – updated continuously) | Completed |
| Activity 3.3 Presentations in local communities and schools (Sep 05, 06, 07) | Completed |

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| Activity 3.4 Workshops (3) to analyse results and develop model (Aug 06 & Mar and Sep 07) | Completed |
| Activity 3.5 Conference to disseminate results (Nov 07) | Completed |
| Activity 3.6 Conference proceedings, final report written, academic papers submitted (Mar 08) | Completed |

Annex 2 Project's final logframe, including criteria and indicators

| Project summary | Measurable Indicators | Means of verification | Important Assumptions |
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| <p>Goal:</p> <p>To draw on expertise relevant to biodiversity from within the United Kingdom to work with local partners in countries rich in biodiversity but poor in resources to achieve</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the conservation of biological diversity, • the sustainable use of its components, and • the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising out of the utilisation of genetic resources | | | |
| <p>Purpose</p> <p>To develop and implement in collaboration with park authority and local and national stakeholders a participatory youth-led management plan for the PNMR that will work towards improving local livelihoods and to promote this method as a model of regional relevance.</p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Baseline and monitoring systems established (end y1); 2. Management plan developed and approved (end y2) and implementation commenced (end y2 and y3); 3. Experience evaluated, model developed and promoted (end y3). | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reports; • Datasets and maps; • Management plan; • Publications; | <p>Stakeholder commitment to active participation in the programme.</p> |

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| <p>Outputs</p> <p>1. Baseline and monitoring systems established.</p> | <p>Workshops and training for 35 participants; 1 database created; 2 lists of species and habitats prioritised for management; 1 list and 1 map of monitoring sites; development of an attractive and popular field guide to the wildlife of PNMR.</p> | <p>List of participants; training materials; field reports; datasets – maps and inventory results; field guide compiled.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustained interest and participation of the stakeholders; • Commitment of partner institution to fulfilling the programme and continuity of its staff; • No major changes in the legal requirements with respect to protected areas; • Funding available for the whole duration of the project. |
| <p>2. Management plan developed and implemented.</p> | <p>Workshops; training; management plan approved; annual work plan developed; 6 student clubs ‘Darwin volunteers for PNMR’.</p> | <p>List of participants; workshop documents; draft and final version of management plan; comments from interested parties; letters of approval from the competent institutions; work plan for the first implementation year; statute and plan of activities for student clubs.</p> | |
| <p>3. Experience evaluated, model developed and promoted.</p> | <p>Newsletter; at least 2 academic papers written; 1 model for participatory protected area management developed; 1 conference to present findings; annual presentations of results to local communities and schools; website development.</p> | <p>Issues of the newsletter; acknowledgement of submission of papers; document detailing methodology used; list of participants and conference proceedings; project web page.</p> | |

| Activities | Activity Milestones (Summary of Project Implementation Timetable) |
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| 1. Baseline and monitoring systems established. | 1.1 Planning workshop (May 05) 1.2 Collect information and studies on Rodna Mountains biodiversity (May-Jul 05) 1.3 Collect information on traditional use of natural resources (May-Jul 05) 1.4 Collect information on stakeholders' perception of the protected area and the role of its administration (Jul-Aug 05 and Jun-Jul 07) 1.5 Purchasing of equipment needed for field surveys (May-Jul 05) 1.6 Training workshop on participatory biodiversity surveys and monitoring (Jul 05 and 06) 1.7 Training in the use of GIS techniques for protected area management (May and Oct 05, Oct 06, Oct 07) 1.8 Systematic participatory inventories and monitoring (Jul 05-Apr 08) 1.9 Field guide compiled (Sep 07) |
| 2. Management plan developed and implemented. | 2.1 Planning workshop (May 05) 2.2 Memorandum of Understanding signed (Apr 05) 2.3 Identification of priority areas and formation of work teams (May 05) 2.4 Workshops (3) to analyse and synthesise findings (May & Sep 05 and Feb 06) 2.5 Establishment of 'Darwin volunteers for PNMR' student clubs (May 05) 2.6 Training in adaptive management techniques (May and Oct 05) 2.7 Training in tourist guiding skills (June 06) 2.8 Management plan drafted and distributed for comments (Mar 06) 2.9 Management plan finalised (May 06) 2.10 Annual work plans developed (July 06) and implemented (06-08) |
| 3. Experience evaluated, model developed and promoted. | 3.1 Design of Newsletter (Aug 05 – issued twice per year Aug & Feb) 3.2 Project web page creation (May 05 – updated continuously) 3.3 Presentations in local communities and schools (Sep 05, 06, 07) 3.4 Workshops (3) to analyse results and develop model (Aug 06 & Mar and Sep 07) 3.5 Conference to disseminate results (Nov 07) 3.6 Conference proceedings, final report written, academic papers submitted (Mar 08) |

Annex 3 Project contribution to Articles under the CBD

Project Contribution to Articles under the Convention on Biological Diversity

| Article No./Title | Project % | Article Description |
|---|-----------|---|
| 6. General Measures for Conservation & Sustainable Use | 10 | Develop national strategies that integrate conservation and sustainable use. |
| 7. Identification and Monitoring | 20 | Identify and monitor components of biological diversity, particularly those requiring urgent conservation; identify processes and activities that have adverse effects; maintain and organise relevant data. |
| 8. In-situ Conservation | 20 | Establish systems of protected areas with guidelines for selection and management; regulate biological resources, promote protection of habitats; manage areas adjacent to protected areas; restore degraded ecosystems and recovery of threatened species; control risks associated with organisms modified by biotechnology; control spread of alien species; ensure compatibility between sustainable use of resources and their conservation; protect traditional lifestyles and knowledge on biological resources. |
| 9. Ex-situ Conservation | | Adopt ex-situ measures to conserve and research components of biological diversity, preferably in country of origin; facilitate recovery of threatened species; regulate and manage collection of biological resources. |
| 10. Sustainable Use of Components of Biological Diversity | 10 | Integrate conservation and sustainable use in national decisions; protect sustainable customary uses; support local populations to implement remedial actions; encourage co-operation between governments and the private sector. |
| 11. Incentive Measures | | Establish economically and socially sound incentives to conserve and promote sustainable use of biological diversity. |
| 12. Research and Training | 20 | Establish programmes for scientific and technical education in identification, conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity components; promote research contributing to the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, particularly in developing countries (in accordance with SBSTTA recommendations). |
| 13. Public Education and Awareness | 20 | Promote understanding of the importance of measures to conserve biological diversity and propagate these measures through the media; cooperate with other states and organisations in developing awareness programmes. |
| 14. Impact Assessment and Minimizing Adverse Impacts | | Introduce EIAs of appropriate projects and allow public participation; take into account environmental consequences of policies; exchange information on impacts beyond State boundaries and work to reduce hazards; promote emergency responses to hazards; examine mechanisms for re-dress of international damage. |
| 15. Access to Genetic Resources | | Whilst governments control access to their genetic resources they should also facilitate access of environmentally sound uses on mutually agreed terms; scientific research based on a country's genetic resources should ensure sharing in a fair and equitable way of results and benefits. |

| Article No./Title | Project % | Article Description |
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| 16. Access to and Transfer of Technology | | Countries shall ensure access to technologies relevant to conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity under fair and most favourable terms to the source countries (subject to patents and intellectual property rights) and ensure the private sector facilitates such assess and joint development of technologies. |
| 17. Exchange of Information | | Countries shall facilitate information exchange and repatriation including technical scientific and socio-economic research, information on training and surveying programmes and local knowledge |
| 19. Bio-safety Protocol | | Countries shall take legislative, administrative or policy measures to provide for the effective participation in biotechnological research activities and to ensure all practicable measures to promote and advance priority access on a fair and equitable basis, especially where they provide the genetic resources for such research. |
| Other Contribution | | Smaller contributions (eg of 5%) or less should be summed and included here. |
| Total % | 100% | Check % = total 100 |

Annex 4 Standard Measures

Standard measures proposed by this project are presented in blue. **What the project succeeded in achieving** is presented in black. **Additional achievements which were not planned** are written in red.

| Code | Description | Totals (plus additional detail as required) |
|--------------------------|---|--|
| Training Measures | | |
| 1a | Number of people to submit PhD thesis | n/a |
| 1b | Number of PhD qualifications obtained | n/a |
| 2 | Number of Masters qualifications obtained | n/a |
| 3 | Number of other qualifications obtained | n/a |
| 4a | Number of undergraduate students receiving training | <p>Training of 30 local students in research & monitoring: more than 100 local school pupils were trained</p> <p>Training of 30 local students in tourist guiding: 40 local pupils received training</p> |
| 4b | Number of training weeks provided to undergraduate students | <p>Participatory research and monitoring – 4 weeks: achieved</p> <p>Tourist guiding - 1 week: achieved</p> |
| 4c | Number of postgraduate students receiving training (not 1-3 above) | n/a |
| 4d | Number of training weeks for postgraduate students | n/a |
| 5 | Number of people receiving other forms of long-term (>1yr) training not leading to formal qualification(ie not categories 1-4 above) | n/a |
| 6a | Number of people receiving other forms of short-term education/training (ie not categories 1-5 above) | <p>Training 5 APNMR staff in adaptive management: achieved</p> <p>Training 3 APNMR staff in GIS: achieved (with the modifications presented in report)</p> <p>Training of 5 APNMR staff in tourist guiding: as mentioned in the 2nd half-year report we liaised with project LIFE05NAT/RO/000176 to train 5 staff in 2007; however, due to the very high costs and extensive time commitment required, this activity was not possible to be carried out before end of project. The training will be provided in September 2008.</p> |

| Code | Description | Totals (plus additional detail as required) |
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| 6b | Number of training weeks not leading to formal qualification | <p>Adaptive management - 2 weeks: achieved</p> <p>GIS - 3 weeks: achieved</p> <p>Tourist guiding - 1 week: see point 6a</p> |
| 7 | Number of types of training materials produced for use by host country(s) | <p>1 training material in adaptive management techniques: a poster was designed and distributed (800 copies)</p> <p>1 training material in GIS: as part of the GIS training a leaflet on using GPS units was produced in Romanian</p> <p>1 leaflet regarding tourist guiding was produced and distributed in local communities (500 copies in Romanian)</p> |
| Research Measures | | |
| 8 | Number of weeks spent by UK project staff on project work in host country(s) | at least 40 weeks spent by UK staff in host country: UK staff spent 80 weeks in host country |
| 9 | Number of species/habitat management plans (or action plans) produced for Governments, public authorities or other implementing agencies in the host country (s) | 1 species and habitat management plan: a management plan for the Rodna Mountain National Park was produced |
| 10 | Number of formal documents produced to assist work related to species identification, classification and recording. | 1 field guide: a field guide to common species from the park was produced |
| 11a | Number of papers published or accepted for publication in peer reviewed journals | 1 academic paper published: two academic papers were published |
| 11b | Number of papers to be submitted to peer reviewed journals | 2 academic papers submitted: 2 papers were submitted as part of a special issue of the IJBSM (see Annex 5) |
| 12a | Number of computer-based databases established (containing species/generic information) and handed over to host country | 1 database created: partners decided to enhance the existing species and habitats database; a new GIS database was created |
| 12b | Number of computer-based databases enhanced (containing species/genetic information) and handed over to host country | 1 database (see point 12a) |
| 13a | Number of species reference collections established and handed over to host country(s) | n/a |

| Code | Description | Totals (plus additional detail as required) |
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| 13b | Number of species reference collections enhanced and handed over to host country(s) | n/a |
| Dissemination Measures | | |
| 14a | Number of conferences/seminars/workshops organised to present/disseminate findings from Darwin project work | 3 workshops and 1 conference organised to disseminate findings: 3 national level seminars and one international symposium were organised |
| 14b | Number of conferences/seminars/ workshops attended at which findings from Darwin project work will be presented/ disseminated. | 1 conference attended to present project findings: The First European Congress of Conservation Biology, 2006 - Eger, Hungary |
| 15a | Number of national press releases or publicity articles in host country(s) | 3 national press releases in Romania: APNMR annual reports (3) and 2 press conferences (April 2007 and March 2008) |
| 15b | Number of local press releases or publicity articles in host country(s) | 12 local press releases in Romania (quarterly): 32 local and regional articles |
| 15c | Number of national press releases or publicity articles in UK | 3 national press releases in the UK (ECI's Annual Report): achieved |
| 15d | Number of local press releases or publicity articles in UK | 1 local press release in the UK |
| 16a | Number of issues of newsletters produced in the host country(s) | 1 newsletter (twice/year): all 6 issues were produced and distributed |
| 16b | Estimated circulation of each newsletter in the host country(s) | estimated circulation in host country – 1000: 4800 newsletters were distributed in Romania |
| 16c | Estimated circulation of each newsletter in the UK | estimated circulation in the UK – 30: on website |
| 17a | Number of dissemination networks established | n/a |
| 17b | Number of dissemination networks enhanced or extended | n/a |
| 18a | Number of national TV programmes/features in host country(s) | 1 TV programme in Romania: 1 feature on TVR1 (Romanian national network) in 2007 |
| 18b | Number of national TV programme/features in the UK | n/a |
| 18c | Number of local TV programme/features in host country | 3 local TV programmes |
| 18d | Number of local TV programme features in the | n/a |

| Code | Description | Totals (plus additional detail as required) |
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| | UK | |
| 19a | Number of national radio interviews/features in host country(s) | n/a |
| 19b | Number of national radio interviews/features in the UK | n/a |
| 19c | Number of local radio interviews/features in host country (s) | 6 local radio interviews/features in host country: 10 radio interviews on Radio Cluj (regional station) |
| 19d | Number of local radio interviews/features in the UK | n/a |
| Physical Measures | | |
| 20 | Estimated value (£s) of physical assets handed over to host country(s) | £3,400 estimated value of assets transferred to APNMR: £9,602.92 were transferred (after approval of a car purchase) |
| 21 | Number of permanent educational/training/research facilities or organisation established | 1 NGO – ECO RODNA - established to continue project work |
| 22 | Number of permanent field plots established | 18 permanent field plots to be established: all 18 permanent monitoring plots were established |
| 23 | Value of additional resources raised for project | GBP 77,166: £76,366 was contributed by the Romanian partner and it consisted in APNMR staff salaries () and in-kind contributions () – contributed on a <i>pro-rata</i> basis) |
| Other Measures used by the project and not currently included in DI standard measures | | |
| 24a | Number of public presentations made in local schools and communities | 80+ |
| 24b | Number of persons in the public | 5,834 |
| 25 | Other materials (leaflets and maps of the park) all bearing the Darwin Initiative logo | 3,800 |

Annex 5 Publications

| Type * | Detail | Publishers | Available from | Cost |
|-------------------------------------|---|--|---|---------------|
| (eg journals, manual, CDs) | (title, author, year) | (name, city) | (eg contact address, website) | £ |
| Management Plan | APNMR (2006) Planul de management al Parcului National Muntii Rodnei | APNMR, Rodna, Romania | http://www.parcrodna.ro/Media/PlanManagementPNMRmartie2008.pdf | Free |
| Policy brief | Anon (2006) Citizen science and community participation in protected area management: a new approach for European transition countries | Environmental Change Institute, Oxford, UK | http://www.eci.ox.ac.uk/research/humaneco/downloads/romania-policybrief.pdf | Free |
| Editorial, special issue of journal | Lawrence A. (2008) Participatory conservation in the post-socialist context | The International Journal of Biodiversity Science and Management; Sapiens Publishing, Kirkmahoe UK | http://www.ingentaconnect.com/content/sapi/ijbsm | \$30 plus tax |
| Peer reviewed article | Szabo AE, Lawrence A, Iusan C and Canney S. (2008) Participatory protected area management – A case study from Rodna Mountains National Park, Romania | The International Journal of Biodiversity Science and Management; Sapiens Publishing, Kirkmahoe UK | http://www.ingentaconnect.com/content/sapi/ijbsm | \$30 plus tax |
| Symposium proceedings | (2008) Proceedings of the International Symposium "Participating in Nature: | Environmental Change | http://www.eci.ox.ac.uk/research/humaneco/romania-conference08.php | Free |

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| | Communities and Protected Areas in Central and Eastern Europe” | Institute, Oxford, UK | | |
| Field guide | Iusan C and Szabo AE. (2008) Ghidul speciilor comune din Parcul National Muntii Rodnei – Field guide to common species from Rodna Mountains National Park | | Expected to be available from APNMR in December 2008. | |
| Peer reviewed article | Dincă V. and Goia M. (2005) Contributii la cunoasterea faunei lepidopterologice a Muntilor Rodnei [Contributions to knowledge on Lepidoptera from Rodna Mountains] | Bul. Inf. Societ. Lepidopt. Rom., pg.125-164 | From the journal or the authors; more information can be obtained from the park biologist: iusan2000@yahoo.com | |
| Peer reviewed article | Iusan C. (2006) Management participativ - metoda de conservare a biodiversitatii Parcului national Muntii Rodnei (Rezervatie a Biosferei) [Participatory management – a method for conserving biodiversity in Rodna Mountains National Park and Biosphere Reserve] | Acta Musei Marmorosiensis IV, pag. 155 – 161, Muzeul Sighetul Marmatiei | From the journal or the author: iusan2000@yahoo.com | |
| Peer reviewed article | Nitzu, E., Popa, I., Nae, A. and Iusan, C. (2008) The soil and subterranean invertebrate fauna from the Rodnei Mountains Biosphere Reserve (Coleoptera, Collembola, Araneae, Orthoptera) | Trav. Inst. Speol. E Racovitza, Ed. Acad. Rom | From the journal or the authors; more information can be obtained from the park biologist: iusan2000@yahoo.com | |
| Project newsletter (6) | | | http://www.eci.ox.ac.uk/research/humaneco/youthparticipation-romania.php | Free |

Annex 6 Darwin Contacts

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Annex 7 Participatory biodiversity inventories and monitoring undertaken by the Darwin Clubs

A. Habitats and species monitored by the student clubs

| Club | Title of project | Question(s) the club is investigating | Data being collected | | |
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| | | | What is being measured? | How? | Sampling strategy? |
| Clubul Copiilor si Scoala Generala Nasaud | Monitoring environmental parameters in Taul Muced (bog lake) area | How do environmental parameters vary with seasons; how is the bog changing with time | Lake area, bog area, depth, pH, temperature (water and environment), soil nitrate content, snow and ice layer thickness | GPS, digital pH-metre, chemical analysis kit, digital photo camera | 1-2 times /season; direct measurements and lab analyses |
| | Monitoring biodiversity parameters in Taul Muced (bog lake) area | What plant species are found in the bog area; bog successions; impact of natural factors (wind, snow) on tree health and anthropic impact from wood extraction. Attempting to find a carnivorous plant species (<i>Drosera</i> sp.) which was quoted in literature | Number of plant species, trees DBH and number; each tree was identified and assigned a number | GPS, field guides, plant collection and preservation, callipers | all trees have been counted and measured; plants counted in 1x1m quadrats |
| | <i>Arnica montana</i> , species distribution and monitoring of o populations from the park and one found outside park | Species distribution and abundance; comparison between the area inside park with no major anthropic influence and the area located outside park where it is mown. | Species distribution inside park and one area outside park; abundance and size of individual plants, associated plant species, soil nitrate. | GPS, measuring tape, ruler, callipers, quadrats, digital photo camera | inventory: species are mapped with the help of GPS; 1x1m quadrats for monitoring |
| | Inventory of Gentians in the park area and monitoring of a <i>Gentiana punctata</i> population | Where are gentians distributed in the park; <i>Gentiana punctata</i> distribution and abundance; anthropic impact on the species | Species distribution in the park, abundance of individual plants and their size, soil nitrates. | GPS, measuring tape, ruler, callipers, quadrats, digital photo camera, field guides | inventory: species are mapped with the help of GPS; 1x1m quadrats for monitoring |

| Club | Title of project | Question(s) the club is investigating | Data being collected | | |
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| | | | What is being measured? | How? | Sampling strategy? |
| | Orchids distribution in the park | Where are various species of orchids found in the park | Several species have been identified in the field, in the Cormaia, Rebra and Anies Valleys, and Romuli area, unfortunately without GPS | Field guides and digital photo camera | |
| Grup Scolar Silvic Nasaud | Forest plant diversity in the Gusetu Valley. | Forest health; forest plant diversity and anthropic impact | Forest composition; presence of bark beetle infestation | GPS, field guides, plant collection | monitoring plot -2 ha-marked in the field; representative for a natural mixed forest; plant species identified along 15 lines inside the plot |
| Rodna | Monitoring the Wild Daffodil Meadow on the Saca Peak | Is the meadow expanding or contracting | Area of the meadow, Daffodil abundance, soil nitrates, other plant species associated, phenology - time of flowering | GPS, quadrats, soil samples | contour of the meadow with the GPS; 1x1m quadrats for abundance |
| | Monitoring the impact of grazing on the Saca Peak | How does flora differ with various grazing regimes | Number of plant species, abundance of individuals from each species | GPS, quadrats, field guides, plant collection and preservation | 2 plots marked in the field, 10x10m each; plants identified and individuals counted in 3 quadrats of 1x1m selected randomly inside each plot |

| Club | Title of project | Question(s) the club is investigating | Data being collected | | |
|---|--|--|---|---|--|
| | | | What is being measured? | How? | Sampling strategy? |
| Singeorz Bai | Distribution of mineral water springs in the southern part of the park | Where are mineral water springs located and what are their curative properties | Number of springs, chemical composition and curative properties | Literature reviews and water samples collected ; sent to Cluj Napoca for analysis | |
| | Ichthiofauna of Cormaia River | What species of fish are found in the Cormaia River | Number of species | Fishing rod | |
| | Monitoring beetle species in the Cormaia Valley ecotone | What species of beetles are found in the forest/grassland and grassland/river ecotones | Number of species and individuals of each species | GPS, Barber traps | two 100m long transects, 10 traps on each spaced at 10m intervals; traps are left in the field for 5 nights and then contents collected and labelled |
| Borsa , Scoala Generală Nr. 2 Garlea | Monitoring the Iezer glacial lake | How does the water level fluctuate; what species of plant are found in the lake area | Lake area; water level in the lake; number of plant species | GPS; marked pole left permanently in the lake; quadrats | for plants: 2, 10x10m plots |
| | Monitoring the Taul Stiol bog | Is the bog expanding or contracting | Area of the bog and number of plant species present | GPS, wood stakes marking permanently the plots, measuring tape | 1 plot 10x10m |
| Anies | Bird diversity in the park area | Which species of birds are found in the park , where and when | Bird species presence/ absence; monitoring anthropic impact - noise and dust from the marble processing station on the Anies Valley | Literature reviews, bird watching: binoculars, field guides | species lists |

B. Samples of monitoring sheets used by the Darwin Clubs

Monitoring beetles Monitoring plot _____, Date _____

Monitoring sheet for beetles

The Administration of Rodna Mountains National Park

Darwin Club: _____

Date: ____/____/____

Name of the observer / team leader: _____

Contact details (address, phone, e-mail): _____

Environmental conditions:

Weather (please circle accordingly): rainy cloudy sunny
other (specify) _____

Cloud cover (*estimate %*): _____

Estimated temperature: cold (<5 °C), cool (5-10 °C), fair (10-15 °C),
(*circle accordingly*) warm (15-20 °C), hot (>20 °C)

Wind (*please note the code estimated using the attached Beaufort scale*): _____

Location:

Monitoring plot name/code: _____

Altitude – min.: _____ Aspect: _____

Altitude - max: _____

Transect 1 GPS coordinates:

Starting point: _____

Final point: _____

Transect 2 GPS coordinates:

Starting point: _____

Final point: _____

Monitoring beetles Monitoring plot _____, Date _____

Transect 3 GPS coordinates:

Starting point: _____

Final point: _____

| Habitats | Vegetation (estimate %) | Litter (%) |
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Photograph of the plot from a standard location: yes no

GPS coordinates of the photograph point: _____

Barber traps codes: _____

(unique for each monitoring plot and trap – please refer to the monitoring protocol)

Barber traps collected on (please insert date): _____

(the traps will be taken to APNMR headquarters for preparation and identification of specimens)

Equipment used:

Observations (e.g. human impact, etc.):

Monitoring *Gentiana punctata* Monitoring plot _____, Date _____

Monitoring sheet for *Gentiana punctata*

The Administration of Rodna Mountains National Park

Darwin Club: _____

Date: ____/____/____

Name of the observer / team leader: _____

Contact details (address, phone, e-mail): _____

Environmental conditions:

Weather (please circle accordingly): rainy cloudy sunny
other (specify) _____

Cloud cover (*estimate %*): _____

Estimated temperature: cold (<5 °C), cool (5-10 °C), fair (10-15 °C),
(*circle accordingly*) warm (15-20 °C), hot (>20 °C)

Wind (*please note the code estimated using the attached Beaufort scale*): _____

Location:

Monitoring plot name/code: _____

Altitude – min.: _____ Aspect: _____

Altitude - max: _____

Transect 1 GPS coordinates:

Starting point: _____

Final point: _____

Transect 2 GPS coordinates:

Starting point: _____

Final point: _____

Monitoring Gentiana punctata Monitoring plot _____, Date _____

Photograph of the plot from a standard location: yes no
GPS coordinates of the photograph point: _____

Contour of monitoring plot with the GPS: yes no

Additional points marked with the GPS >12m from contour: yes no

Soil sample collected: yes no

Equipment used:

Observations (e.g. human impact, etc.):

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|---|---|---|
| Transect no. _____ Quadrate 1 Time: Environmental conditions (if changed from above): | | |
| Species (please not "unknown species no...." for those species that could not be identified in the field, and collect one specimen) | Number of individuals counted (or % cover - specify) | Observations: For the Gentians note the length of the plant and phenological stage |
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On each of the two transects 5 monitoring quadrates have been established. This sheet includes therefore tables for all combinations of transect and quadrates. However, for simplicity we have not translated all tables here and only provided one example. In addition to the plant monitoring, the students are required to note any animal species encountered.

| Other animal species incidentally observed | No. of individuals observed | Observation type (individual animals, tracks, etc.) |
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C. Darwin Clubs at work, monitoring biodiversity

Delimiting monitoring plots in the field



Monitoring *Gentiana lutea*



Monitoring the wild Daffodil meadow



Forest monitoring activities – trees diameter at breast height (DBH), herbaceous layer and bark beetle infestation and bark beetle traps





Using Barber traps to monitor ground beetles



Bird watching



Collecting mineral water samples



Measuring water pH



Measuring the snow and ice layer depth



Measuring water temperature



Annex 8 Public presentations made to disseminate project results 2005 – 2008

Presentations made in 2005:

| No. | Date | Location / who attended | Number of participants |
|--------------|-----------|--|------------------------|
| 1 | May | Rodna | 26 |
| 2 | July | Park headquarters – Asociatia romano-franceza PROSOMES | 24 |
| 3 | September | Schools where Darwin Clubs were established | 1300 |
| 4 | December | Park headquartes – Scientific Council, Consultative Council, foresters, tourism agencies | 235 |
| TOTAL | | | 1585 |

Presentations made in 2006:

| No. | Date | Location / who attended | Number of participants |
|-----|------------|--|------------------------|
| 1 | 28.02.2006 | Asociatia "PROSOMES" | 20 |
| 2 | 02.03.2006 | Caminul Borsa - prescolari | 26 |
| 3 | 17.03.2006 | Scoala Generala nr. 5 Borsa | 35 |
| 4 | 18.03.2006 | Scoala Generala nr. 8 Borsa | 79 |
| 5 | 22.03.2006 | Asociatia Composesorala Borsa | 52 |
| 6 | 24.03.2006 | Primaria Comunei Moisei | 25 |
| 7 | 27.03.2006 | Scoala Generala din localitatea Sant | 92 |
| 8 | 28.03.2006 | Liceul Solomon Halita - Sangeorz Bai | 40 |
| 9 | 05.04.2006 | Clubul Elevilor Nasaud | 32 |
| 10 | 05.04.2006 | Liceul Silvic Nasaud | 28 |
| 11 | 05.04.2006 | Liceul George Cosbuc Nasaud | 16 |
| 12 | 27.04.2006 | Scoala Generala nr. 8 din Borsa | 22 |
| 13 | 19.05.2006 | Valea Blaznei / grup de elevi si profesori din cadrul Liceului „Andrei Muresianu” Bistrita | 20 |
| 14 | 26.05.2006 | Bistrita / Forumul German | 5 |
| 15 | 10.07.2006 | Sediul APNMR / grup de studenti si profesori din cadrul Universitatii Babes Bolyai Cluj – Facultatea de Geografia Turismului | 25 |
| 16 | 01.09.2006 | Cabana Fiad / Colegiul Prefectural | 40 |

| No. | Date | Location / who attended | Number of participants |
|--------------|------------|--|------------------------|
| | | Bistrita-Nasaud | |
| 17 | 26.09.2006 | Sediul APNMR / grup turisti | 15 |
| 18 | 16.10.2006 | Consiliul Local Sant | 14 |
| 19 | 16.10.2006 | Scoala Generala Sant | 367 |
| 20 | 16.10.2006 | Scoala Generala Valea Mare | 43 |
| 21 | 17.10.2006 | Scoala Generala Anies | 20 |
| 22 | 18.10.2006 | Primaria Nasaud | 83 |
| 23 | 18.10.2006 | Consiliul Local Salva | 12 |
| 24 | 20.10.2006 | Scoala Generala Rebrisoara | 205 |
| 25 | 21.10.2006 | Participantii la Tabara ecologica "Ovidiu Bojor", Sangeorz-Bai | 104 |
| 26 | 23.10.2006 | Casa de Cultura Sangeorz Bai | 106 |
| 27 | 24.10.2006 | Caminul Cultural Ilva Mica | 85 |
| 28 | 14.11.2006 | Scoala Generala Izvorul Negru | 34 |
| 29 | 15.11.2006 | Scoala Generala Nr. 2 Borsa | 67 |
| 30 | 16.11.2006 | Grup Scolar Borsa | 67 |
| 31 | 23.11.2006 | Scoala Generala nr. 9 Borsa | 76 |
| 32 | 28.11.2006 | Scoala Generala nr. 7 Borsa | 30 |
| 33 | 08.12.2006 | Sediul APNMR/grup turisti Apuseni | 6 |
| 34 | 11.12.2006 | Primaria comunei Rodna | 19 |
| 35 | 15.12.2006 | Casa de Cultura Borsa | 46 |
| TOTAL | | | 1956 |

Presentations made in 2007:

| No. | Date | Location / who attended | Number of participants |
|-----|------------|--|------------------------|
| 1 | 22.01.2007 | Scoala Generala Izv Negru - Moisei | 46 |
| 2 | 25.01.2007 | Liceul Borsa/elevi si cadre didactice | 67 |
| 3 | 15.02.2007 | Scoala Generala Nr 4 Borsa/elevi si cadre didactice | 41 |
| 4 | 19.02.2007 | Scoala Generala Nr 9 Borsa/ elevi si cadre didactice | 74 |
| 5 | 21.02.2007 | Cabana „Poiana Zanelor” / grup Serviciul Salvamont Rodna | 8 |
| 6 | 24.02.2007 | Cabana Valea Secii / grup USAMV Cluj | 12 |
| 7 | 26.02.2007 | OS Alpina Borsa | 21 |
| 8 | 29.03.2007 | Grup Scolar Liviu Rebreanu Maieru | 20 |

| No. | Date | Location / who attended | Number of participants |
|--------------|---------------|--|-------------------------------|
| 9 | 13.04.2007 | Punct Lucru Borsa/ proprietari ff, administratori ff,composesori, PJM Borsa, Filiala de vanatoare Borsa | 22 |
| 10 | 20.04.2007 | Primaria Borsa/reprezentanti din cadrul Organizatiei Mondiale de Turism si ANT Bucuresti | 14 |
| 11 | 21.04.2007 | APNMR Rodna/elevi Liceul Andrei Muresianu-Bistrita | 17 |
| 12 | 10.04.2007 | Sediul APNMR Rodna/ reprezentanti din Serbia | 4 |
| 13 | 26.06.2007 | Sediul APNMR Rodna/grup turisti Tulcea si BN | 15 |
| 14 | 17.07.2007 | Sediul APNMR-Rodna /turisti Germania | 15 |
| 15 | 08.08.2007 | Sediul APNMR- Rodna / studenti UBB Cluj | 8 |
| 16 | 10.08.2007 | Sediul APNMR-Rodna / turisti Serbia si Timisoara | 10 |
| 17 | 11.08.2007 | Sediul APNMR-Rodna / turisti Calarasi | 8 |
| 18 | 16.08.2007 | Sediul APNMR-Rodna /turisti Franta | 3 |
| 19 | 23.08.2007 | Sangeorz Bai / Tabara Nationala de chimie | 50 |
| 20 | 10.09.2007 | Complex turistic Poiana Zanelor / Tabara Nationala de ecologie „Ovidiu Bojor ” editia a VI-a | 80 |
| 21 | 20.09.2007 | Cabana VIO-Blazna/ reprezentanti ARPM Cluj, APM: BN, MM,SJ,SM,BH,CJ | 16 |
| 22 | 16&17.07.2007 | Punct Lucru Borsa/ un numar de 55 studenti si 5 profesori de la Fac. De Silvicultura Suceava si DS Baia Mare | 60 |
| 23 | 25.08.2007 | Pensiunea Ursu punct Lucru Borsa/ Grup de 45 vizitatori din Ungaria - Solgotarian | 45 |
| 24 | 10.08.2007 | Pensiunea Ursu/ grup organizat de elevi romani din diaspora | 125 |
| 25 | 21.09.2007 | Primaria Borsa/Grup scolar Borsa, cu ocazia demararii proiectului ECO BORSA | 104 |
| 26 | 6.11.2007 | Punct Lucru Borsa/Grup elevi si profesori din Baia Mare | 30 |
| 27 | 11.11.2007 | Pensiunea Ursu/ Angajati din cadrul Parcului National Regeszeti Park-Ungaria | 10 |
| TOTAL | | | 925 |

Presentations made in 2008:

| No. | Date | Location / who attended | Number of participants |
|--------------|-------------|--|-------------------------------|
| 1 | 11.01.2008 | Valea Blaznei/Seminar national <i>„Model de management participativ in arii protejate – studiu de caz Parcul National Muntii Rodnei ”</i> | 65 |
| 2 | 21.03.2008 | Directia Silvica Bistrita/Conferinta de presa | 40 |
| 3 | 24.03.2008 | Scoala Gen. Nr 4 Borsa – Repedea/Actiune dedicata Lunii Padurii | 28 |
| 4 | 25.03.2008 | Scoala Gen. Nr 7 – Borsa/ Actiune dedicata Lunii Padurii | 33 |
| 5 | 26.03.2008 | Scoala Gen. Nr 8 –Borsa/ Actiune dedicata Lunii Padurii | 36 |
| 6 | 28.03.2008 | Scoala Gen. Nr 9 –Borsa/ Actiune dedicata Lunii Padurii | 26 |
| 7 | 04.04.2008 | Scoala Generala Florian Porcius Rodna | 320 |
| 8 | 03.04.2008 | Scoala Generala Enea Grapini Sant | 175 |
| 9 | 07.04.2008 | Grup Scolar Silvic, Colegiul George Cosbuc, Clubul Elevilor, Scoala Mihai Eminescu Nasaud | 67 |
| 10 | 10.04.2008 | Liceul Solomon Halita Sangeorz Bai | 45 |
| 11 | 14.04.2008 | Grup Scolar Feldru | 190 |
| 12 | 08.04.2008 | Scoala Tiberiu Morariu Salva | 60 |
| 13 | 11.04.2008 | Liceul Agricol Beclean | 42 |
| 14 | 03.04.2008 | Scoala Iustin Iliesiu Anies | 32 |
| 15 | 17.04.2008 | Scoala Stefan cel Mare, Colegiul Corneliu Baba Bistrita | 86 |
| 16 | 16.04.2008 | Scoala Generala Ilva Mica | 102 |
| 17 | 27.04.2008 | Scoala Generala Maieru | 21 |
| TOTAL | | | 1368 |

Annex 9 Media coverage – a few scanned copies of articles published in local and regional newspapers

'MESAGERUL'
17 MAI 2005

Vine Oxford' în Munții Rodnei



Administrația Parcului Național Munții Rodnei, în colaborare cu Environment Change Institute (ECI), universitatea Oxford, derulează proiectul "Participarea intensă în managementul Parcului Național Munții Rodnei", cu implicarea a șase școli din zona parcului național. În cadrul programului, cu o finanțare pe trei ani, în valoare de 75.000 de euro, se va înființa Clubul "Darwin" - prietenii școlii Național Munții Rodnei.

Proiectul are ca principal obiectiv dezvoltarea și implementarea unui plan de management participativ, în colaborare cu autoritatea de management parcului, experții locali, comunitățile și elevii din zonă, dar și promovarea metodologiei folosite, ca model de relevanță regională. În premieră pentru România, în proiect vor fi implicați elevii de vârstă cuprinse între 10 și 18 ani, alături de factorii de decizie în toate nivelurile de cercetare și planificare: școlii "Ani Protejate" din cadrul Școlii Române și Administrației Parcului Național Munții Rodnei vor avea ca partener extern Universitatea Oxford, Marea Britanie, Environment Change Institute. ECI este recunoscut pe plan mondial și are o reputație tehnologică incontestabilă în domeniul inventarierii participative a biodiversității și a managementului colaborativ al ariilor protejate. Pe larg, în pagina 10:

Ana DRAGU

'ZETUL'
4 Iunie 2005

Protocol de înființare a Clubului "Darwin" și colaborare între administrația Parcului Național Munții Rodnei, Școala "Florian Porcius" Rodna, Clubul Elevilor Rodna și Universitatea "Oxford" - Marea Britanie

Având în vedere faptul că începând din luna mai 2005, pentru o perioadă de 3 ani între Administrația Parcului Național Munții Rodnei și Environment Change Institute (ECI), Universitatea Oxford - Marea Britanie se va derula proiectul intitulat "Participarea intensă în managementul Parcului Național Munții Rodnei - România", vă propunem înființarea unui Club Darwin - Prietenii Parcului Național Munții Rodnei în Școala "Florian Porcius" Rodna și Clubul Elevilor Rodna.

Scopul acestui proiect este de a dezvolta și implementa, în colaborare cu autoritatea de management a Parcului Național Munții Rodnei, experți locali, comunitari și elevii din zonă, un plan de management participativ al parcului (P.N.M.R.) și de a promova metodologia folosită ca un model de relevanță regională. În premieră pentru România, acest model va implica elevii de vârstă cuprinse între 10-18 ani, alături de factorii de decizie locali și regionali, în toate nivelurile de cercetare și planificare.

Parteneri externi, Universitatea Oxford - Marea Britanie. Lider de proiect, dr. Anna Lawrence, proiect manager drd. Alina Szabo, consilier GIS, dr. Susan Cannay, consilier educație ecologică, Paul McIntery.

Parteneri locali, Serviciul Arii Protejate, din cadrul Regiei Naționale a Pădurilor - ROMSILVA, șef serviciu Ing. Mircea Verghetea; Administrația Parcului Național Munții Rodnei, șef serviciu Doina Jăuca, informatician, Ing. Alina Polec, biolog Claudiu Iugaș, consilierizare publică, Ing. Augustin Hădărău, șef pază, Ing. Ioan Munteanu, agent teren, tehn. Ioan Mihail, tehn. Grigore Timiș, tehn. Mircea Tomcioagă. Din partea Școlii generale "Florian Porcius" Rodna, semnează directorul coordonator Lucian Creogeanu, iar din partea Clubului Elevilor Rodna, coordonator prof. Nastasia Pop, șef proiect prof. Andrișcă Bănuț.

Sufletele acestui proiect sunt Ing. Doina Jăuca și prof. Nastasia Pop.

Organizarea educației ecologice cu elevii, prin activități practice, atractive, motivate, în scopul formării viitorului adult competent, bun gospodar al naturii, care să știe ce obligații are față de aceasta în scopul menținerii echilibrului ecologic.

Acest model reprezintă o noutate în planificarea și managementul ariilor protejate din România și din zonă, cu urmare va fi dezvoltat și promovat în țară și străinătate. Diseminarea rezultatelor va angaja mass-media și colectivul A.P.N.M.R. și de asemenea rețeaua de voluntari "DARWIN" - "Prietenii Parcului Național Munții Rodnei" din cele șase școli participante. Un factor important îl constituie însușirea în bugetul unei conferințe cu participare regională care va contribui semnificativ la implementarea CBD în țările acestei zone. A.P.N.M.R. va elabora planul de management și va asigura aprobarea și implementarea acestuia. În acest scop, sub îndrumarea partenerului U.K., administrația publică și colabora cu experți locali, Consiliul Științific și Consultativ al P.N.M.R., membri comunităților locale, elevii și alți factori interesați. Partenerul U.K. va furniza instrucții și tehnici de cercetare și monitorizare a biodiversității, strategii de management adaptiv, folosirea tehnicii GIS pentru arii protejate.

Oaspeții englezi au vizitat Clubul Elevilor Rodna, unde prof. Nastasia Pop le-a urat bun venit și a ținut o scurtă lecțiune în engleză. S-a prezentat un scurt program artistic, recitându-se poezii în limba engleză. A urmat festivitatea de premiere a lucrărilor de pictură ale copiilor de la Cercul de pictură de la Clubul Elevilor. La programul artistic am remarcat recitând poezii proprii pe: Bianca Cărcăș, clasă a VI-a, Smaranda Silvia Pop, clasă a V-a, Alexandra Domide, clasă a VI-a, a cântat consacrată noastră interpretă de muzică folk, "Izba Miter, clasă a VI-a, autbarea a cinci CD-uri.

Activitățile Clubului DARWIN se vor desfășura în strânsă colaborare cu Administrația Parcului Național Munții Rodnei.

Dan Popescu

Expediție a tinerilor darwiniști

În cadrul proiectului "Participarea tinerilor la managementul Parcului Național Munții Rodnei", elevii Clubului Darwin nr. 4 de la Grupul Școlar Silvic din Năsăud au efectuat, la sfârșitul săptămânii trecute, o ieșire în teren în perimetrul montan al comunei Maieru, mai precis pe Valea Anieșului. Însoțiți și îndrumați de profesoara Romelia Cosma și rangerul Emil Bureacă, liceenii au străbătut două trasee, urmărind starea de sănătate a pădurii, efectele doborâturilor de vânt, situația atacurilor de ipide în urma analizei capcanelor feromonale, precum și urmele de animale ce populează perimetrul PNMR, toate datele fiind centralizate în cadrul jurnalului proiectului.

Radu SÎRBU



Nr. 3450 • joi, 28 februarie 2008

Simpozion internațional despre ariile protejate

La Bistrița,



Simpozionul internațional "Participarea în natură - Comunități și Arii protejate în Europa Centrală și de Est", organizat de Universitatea Oxford și Administrația Parcului Național Munții Rodnei, va avea loc la Bistrița în perioada 10-13 martie. Potrivit directorului APNMR, Dolna Jauca, simpozionul va prilejui prezentarea rezultatelor proiectului "Participarea tinerilor la managementul Parcului Național Munții Rodnei", derulat în intervalul 2005-2008, finanțat de Darwin Initiative din Marea Britanie și cofinanțat de Romsilva, prin Direcția Silvică Bistrița.

Până ieri confirmaseră participarea reprezentanți din 12 țări și ai unor parcuri naționale și naturale din România, Regia Națională a Pădurilor Romsilva, Direcția Silvică Bistrița, Prefectura Bistrița-Năsăud, Asociația Eco-Rodna, elevi și profesori din școli limitrofe PNMR, implicați direct în activitățile din proiect.

Simpozionul, în care se va împărtăși din experiența acumulată în aplicarea managementului participativ în ariile protejate din centrul și estul Europei, se va încheia în data de 13 martie cu o excursie în Parcul Național Munții Rodnei, a precizat directorul APNMR.

Sanda MUREȘAN

MESAGERUL 28.02.2008

Annex 10 E-mail correspondence confirming the inclusion of selected papers from the international conference in a special issue of the International Journal of Biodiversity Science and Management