

THE AFTER LIFE-CONSERVATION PLAN

This plan develops the actions that were initiated in the years that follow the end of the Pietrosul LIFE project and how the longer term management of the site will be assured.

Taking into account that some threats, such as illegally hunting, cutting trees, flowers collection and grazing still may occur, the guarding team's main task is to guard continuously the in danger objectives of the Park. The project plantation represents a special area to be guarded because it is placed just near the path that climbs to the Pietrosul Pick.

The chalet is an objective to be guarded because some non-educated tourists could damage the building or enter by force inside for sleeping, especially because no accommodation facilities exist in that zone. Therefore, a ranger who is responsible with the plantation takes care almost permanently of the chalet, as well.

In some parts of the plantation, the grass grows faster than the seedlings. In order to save the seedlings, the grass must be cut usually during August, otherwise during the winter time the snow together with the grass fall on seedlings and suffocate them. In the last week of August this year our two technicians from Caransebes Research Station have cut the grass where the case was.

During our recent cutting of the grass inside the plantation, some missing seedlings were noticed. In a few days from now, all missing seedlings will be replaced; the Sinaia Nursery still has a lot of seedlings from the same provenance. This action will continue in the next years, if the case.

The plantation evolution process via inventories will be made yearly by two members of the working team and the results will be uploaded to the database.

Public awareness is a very attractive action for many people, but mainly students from high school and universities. A plan will be made for this winter and the two films will be displayed. During the summer time many tourist groups will visit our plantation and some of them ask for a guide. The Park scientists are those that fulfill this task but some of the working team members are also involved.

The project manager or his successor will organize an international meeting in 2010 where an indoor session followed by a visit to Pietrosul takes place. Several presentations connected to the National Park but firstly about plantation evolution will be presented during the indoor session and the field trip.

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No.	Action	Responsible and financial support	Implementation period
1	Guarding the project area against any destructive actions that could occur	MRNP	Permanent
2	Supervising the LIFE Chalet and keeping it in good conditions in order to be used in a civilized manner only by the people involved in both MRNP and LIFE plantation management	MRNP	Permanent
3	Replacing the missing seedlings from the LIFE plantation; new seedlings of the same origin available at the ICAS nursery will be used	ICAS	2007-2010
4	Taking care or tending the young LIFE project plantation. This consists in removing the tall weeds and grass or other species that compete the planted seedlings	ICAS	2007-2010
5	Inventory of survival seedlings and recording their health state in order to learn how the plantation evolution will going one; there will be taken pictures film imagery and the results will be used for public awareness and other specific reasons	ICAS	2007-2010
6	Public awareness which consists of: (a) in Power Point presentation of the project results, including the two films, in other institutions than before;..... (b) distribution all of the available brochures and leaf lets;..... (c) organizing visits with project plantation where different student groups will attend..... (d) upon request, CD or DVD with the two films will be distributed to new institutions, including all Romanian National Parks, or people directly interested in the aspects;	(a) ICAS (b) ICAS (c) ICAS (d) ICAS	(a) 2007-2008 (b) 2007 (c) 2007-2010 (d) 2007-2008
7	An international workshop on the implemented LIFE-Nature Pietrosul project will be organized in Borsa / Pietrosul. The evolution process of the four introduced species will be analyzed.	ICAS, FSAM MRNPI	September 2010

Legend:

MRNP = the Muntii Rodnei National Parc;

ICAS = the Forest Research and Management Institute of Bucharest;

FSAM = Forest State Administration Maramures