



Role of the protected areas in times of global climate change

2010 Cooperation of the Alpine and Carpathian protected areas

A larger project for several years about the importance and role of the protected areas in times of global climate change started in January this year.

Three approaches on the role of the protected areas will be developed within the project:

- 1) Integration of measures for the climate protection in the work programmes of the protected areas: mobility, ecological construction, tourism
- 2) Protection of biodiversity at the time of climate changes: the example of large carnivores
- 3) Public relations and awareness raising of the managers, visitors and local people of the protected areas about the global climate changes: activities in the visitors' centres

The expected results, which should serve in the following years of the project, are mainly:

- Catalogue of measures and recommendations for the protected areas concerning the climate protection
- Internet presentation of the recommendations for the ecological constructions within the protected areas
- Report of the request within the Alpine and Carpathian parks concerning the "climate friendly touristic offer"

- Report and recommendations of the first meeting of the ALPARC and CNPA Large carnivores Working group
- Map of possible migration connections between the Alps and Carpathians for the large carnivores
- Report of probable consequences of the global climate changes on the large carnivores and their habitats

- Concept for the public relations activities in the visitors' centres concerning the global climate changes
- Other recommendations for the communication with the large public
- Evaluation of the positioning of the protected areas towards the global climate changes