

# LIFE CONNECT CARPATHIANS



**Enhancing landscape connectivity for brown bear and wolf  
through a regional network of NATURA 2000 sites in Romania**

**A2 - STAKEHOLDER ANALYSIS REPORT**

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## Introduction

This document provides a comprehensive summary of project stakeholders at multiple levels, categorised into national level government, local level government, private sector and others, as well as the Coordinating and Associated Beneficiaries of the project team itself.

The following table lists key project stakeholders, a description of their remit and broad responsibilities, notes on their involvement in project activities, and ways in which the project must liaise and collaborate with them in order to meet deliverables. Heavy stakeholder engagement across a complex framework of decision-makers and jurisdictions has been a continual and necessary theme of the project. Images of stakeholder engagement during the life of the project to date are included as an annex.

The right hand column of the analysis table lists the key project actions that each stakeholder group is supporting. For very general actions that involve all stakeholders (such as A1 covering project initiation, A2 on stakeholder consultation and E on communications and visibility) these are not listed in the table. Where a stakeholder is involved in all actions within an overall component (e.g. C1-C7) this is listed simply as the corresponding component (e.g. C). Where a stakeholder has involvement in specific action(s) only, this is denoted.

## Stakeholder Analysis

Name of Stakeholder	Broad organisational remit/responsibilities	How stakeholder is influencing or may influence the activities of the project	How stakeholder is influenced or may be influenced by the activities of the project	Key Action(s)
<b>Coordinating and Associated Beneficiaries</b>				
Fauna & Flora International	Coordinating Beneficiary. International biodiversity conservation NGO with grant and project management responsibility	Knowledge sharing to the benefit of project activities using internal FFI expertise drawn from EC and landscape level conservation activities at the Romania programme and global level of the portfolio  Internal technical and management inputs for project setup, reporting, HR management,	Use of internal communication channels such as organisational intranet to make resources and tools available to strengthen project planning and implementation  Increased understanding across the organisation of landscape connectivity	All

		completion of deliverables and financial management	projects and approaches and enhanced knowledge of bear and wolf conservation management	
Zarand Association	Associated Beneficiary. National biodiversity conservation and sustainable livelihoods NGO active in the project landscape	Key project implementing partner involved in most actions and deliverables  Specific expertise in local stakeholder engagement, national and state-level administrative procedures, natural resources management, public awareness and environmental education and sustainable livelihoods development	As key project co-implementer, the relationship between FFI, Zarand and almost all project activities is interlinked  Through co-implementation, the project will undertake much mutual skills sharing between organisations, such as Zarand contributing their knowledge of the landscape, Romanian institutions and stakeholders, and FFI contributing its experience in EC grant management and landscape conservation in other areas of the world	All
Ministry of Environment and Climate Change	Associated Beneficiary. <i>See national government and state entities stakeholders section for detailed description</i>			
General Inspectorate of Romanian Gendarmerie	Associated Beneficiary. Gendarmes participate with other institutions to supervise, control, protect and conserve hunting and fishing	Promote the activities of the human-wildlife conflict incident response team and the intervention protocols established by the project  Set up, promote and	New operational enforcement patrol team established to specialise in anti-poaching activities  Facilitation and participation in	C2-3 D2-3 F

	areas, the forestry sector and environmental regulations through specific measures to combat violation of legal norms	<p>support the anti-poaching team and the protocols of intervention on poaching issues</p> <p>Support the development, implementation and dissemination of intervention protocols developed under the project</p> <p>Promote the success of actions implemented under Life Connect Carpathians project to all regional Gendarmerie</p> <p>Duplicate the units established in the project to operate in Natura 2000 sites throughout the country</p> <p>Continue patrolling team efforts after the end date of the Life project</p>	<p>training activities and other meetings</p> <p>Establish protocols for project interventions and activities</p> <p>Reduce the targeting of focal and prey species poaching through the activities of the anti-poaching team</p> <p>Reduce human-wildlife conflicts through the activity of the rapid intervention team</p>	
<b>National government and state entities</b>				
Ministry of Environment, Water and Forests <sup>1</sup>	Associated Beneficiary of the project Government institution with a role in coordination of activities related to nature protection and conservation of biological diversity and coordination of protected area	<p>Tracking compliance with legislative frameworks for the approval of management plans</p> <p>Approval and dissemination of Regional Species Action Plans</p> <p>Promoting harmonisation of forest</p>	<p>Introduction of project database, which may be necessary in the context of mandatory reporting on EU target species</p> <p>Project data can contribute to studies on designation of ecological corridors</p> <p>Recognition and</p>	All

<sup>1</sup> The name of this Ministry has undergone some changes during the life of the project. In 2014 and beforehand during project development it was known as the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change, and in early 2017 it went through further reform and a split into two ministries. The stakeholder is grouped for the purposes of the stakeholder analysis as broad engagement with ministry-level counterparts follows a similar approach.

	<p>administrators and their regulatory activities</p> <p>Approval/ endorsement of Natura 2000 management plans and Regional Species Action Plans</p> <p>Designation of ecological corridors</p> <p>Approval for forest and hunting management plans</p> <p>Regulation/ coordination of subordinate agencies (Environmental Guards, National Environmental Protection Agency) and agencies under the authority of the National Forest Administration</p>	<p>management and hunting plans including measures to improve connectivity and the conservation status of the project's target species</p> <p>Updating the Standard Data Forms of sites in the project area</p> <p>Promoting the involvement of the rapid intervention team to reduce human-wildlife conflict (and a mechanism to facilitate activation of the intervention team after the project)</p> <p>Promoting the continuity and extension activities of the anti-poaching team into other areas</p> <p>Promoting connectivity measures established by the project, and their inclusion in management plans in the project area</p> <p>Provision of official data on assessments of large carnivores</p>	<p>promotion of 8 micro-corridors</p> <p>Reducing poaching of target species and prey species through the activities of the anti-poaching team (enforcement patrol team)</p> <p>Reducing damage caused by bears and wolves by demonstrating best practice prevention methods</p> <p>Reducing human-wildlife conflicts by deploying the rapid intervention team which act using emergency operations procedures</p> <p>Proposals for measures to ensure habitat connectivity at the landscape level, to ensure the favorable conservation status of large carnivore species</p> <p>Producing recommendations on the harmonisation of target conservation species with forestry and hunting management plans</p> <p>Enhancing institutional capacity through encouraging participation in</p>	
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			<p>training actions and working groups</p> <p>The stakeholder is part of the National Consultative Group for Regional Species Action Plans</p>	
<p>National Forest Administration – ROMSILVA</p>	<p>Sustainable management of the national forest estate undertaken in accordance with national forestry management approaches and protocols, and aligned with hunting management</p>	<p>Approval of management plans for the two Parks (Apuseni Natural Park and Retezat National Park) and the Natura 2000 sites that are administered by the County Forest Department</p> <p>Coordination of Forestry Department activities in the project area</p> <p>Endorsement of forestry management plans</p> <p>Endorsement of hunting management plans for game units that are under County Forestry Departments</p> <p>Supporting and promoting recommendations on the harmonisation of forest and hunting management planning</p> <p>Promoting the anti-poaching team – establishing a partnership with the Gendarmerie</p> <p>Promoting the activities</p>	<p>Providing recommendations on the harmonisation of forest and hunting management plans with conservation measures which together with Regional Species Action Plans, contribute to long-term conservation of forests and project target species</p> <p>Reducing human-wildlife conflicts involving best practice activities conducted by the rapid intervention team</p> <p>Reducing poaching of target species and prey species through the activities of the anti-poaching team (enforcement patrol team)</p> <p>Measures to ensure the favorable conservation status of project target species to be included in the protected area management plans</p>	<p>A3-9</p> <p>C</p> <p>D</p>

		of the rapid intervention team	The stakeholder is part of the National Consultative Group for Regional Species Action Plans Enhancing institutional capacity through facilitating meetings and trainings	
National Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)	<p>Coordination of regional nature conservation activities, implementation of policies and strategies for biodiversity conservation and sustainable use of environmental services</p> <p>Coordinating the implementation of sectoral and national action plans for environmental protection</p> <p>Participation in national reporting on implementation of international conventions and agreements on nature protection, ratified by Romania</p> <p>Conferring the management of Natura 2000 sites to custodians</p>	<p>Authorisation of developments with potential impact on the environment, and ensuring compliance with legal provisions for infrastructure developments</p> <p>Hold responsibility for Strategic Environmental Assessments (SEAs) and Environmental Impact Assessments (EIAs)</p> <p>Coordination of county-level EPA activities, including the work of Natura 2000 site custodians</p> <p>Promotion of Regional Species Action Plans for bear and wolf</p> <p>Execution and management of bear and wolf population inventories at the national level</p> <p>Management of reports on harvesting of strictly protected species under exemptions established</p>	<p>Studies and maps produced within the project will improve the management capacity of human-wildlife conflicts</p> <p>Provision of data on large carnivores; improving national datasets</p> <p>Reducing poaching of target species and prey species through the activities of the anti-poaching team (enforcement patrol team)</p> <p>Implement and recommend measures and recommendations to ensure the favorable conservation status of large carnivore species</p> <p>The stakeholder is part of the National Consultative Group for Regional Species Action Plans</p> <p>Enhancing institutional</p>	A C D

		<p>and permitted by legislation</p> <p>Management of the National Registry to monitor capture and killing of target species</p> <p>Dissemination of project results and best practices</p>	<p>capacity through facilitating meetings and trainings</p>	
National Environmental Guards	<p>Police activities with an environmental impact and apply sanctions provided by the law on environmental protection</p> <p>Direct and control the work of all county guards</p> <p>Monitor compliance with protected area management plans by administrators or custodians who manage these sites</p>	<p>Promote the activities of the rapid intervention team among the county guards</p> <p>National implementation of best practice anti-poaching methods demonstrated in the project</p> <p>Tracking compliance by site custodians of the conservation measures for target species and prey species that the project will establish</p>	<p>Reduce and respond to human-wildlife conflict through best practices employed by the rapid intervention team</p> <p>Reducing poaching of target species and prey species through the activities of the anti-poaching team (enforcement patrol team)</p> <p>Recommend measures for conservation of target species and habitat connectivity</p> <p>Part of the National Consultative Group for Regional Species Action Plans</p> <p>Participation in meetings and training events organised under the project</p>	<p>A3,5-8</p> <p>C2-5</p> <p>D1-5</p>
Ministry of Transport	<p>Establishment of transport policy at a national level, development of strategy and specific</p>	<p>Coordination of the activities of the railway company CFR and the road and motorway company CNADNR</p>	<p>Ensure infrastructure developments adopt measures to include permeability</p>	<p>A8</p>



	<p>development regulations</p> <p>Harmonisation of transportation activities within general government policies and strategies, and performing the role of the state authority for transport and transport infrastructure</p>	<p>Promotion of the measures established in the project for target species and the functionality of ecological corridors in infrastructure projects that will develop alongside Life Connect Carpathians</p>	<p>Promote the measures established in the Regional Species Action Plans for bear and wolf</p> <p>Participation in project meetings as needed</p>	
National Railway Company "CFR"	<p>Management of rail network in Romania, including maintaining state railway infrastructure and a number of private infrastructure components</p>	<p>Implementation of engineering solutions to ensure permeability for development projects in ecological corridors</p> <p>Promotion of approaches and measures to ensure permeability for species in the corridor</p>	<p>Ensure infrastructure developments adopt measures to include permeability</p> <p>Participation in project meetings as needed</p> <p>Part of the National Consultative Group for Regional Species Action Plans</p>	A3, A5, A8 C6 D6
Romanian National Company for Motorways and National Roads	<p>Management, operation, maintenance, modernisation and development of national roads and motorways in Romania</p>	<p>Implementation of engineering solutions to ensure permeability for development projects in the Life Connect Carpathians project area</p> <p>Demonstration and promotion of best practices to ensure connectivity of habitats for species</p> <p>Collaboration with the project team to demonstrate the functionality of ecoducts</p>	<p>Ensure infrastructure developments adopt measures to include permeability</p> <p>Monitoring of wildlife in highway development areas</p> <p>Technical support for the site selection and implementation of ecoducts and ecological monitoring of them</p> <p>Identification of critical areas for animal crossing points</p> <p>Participation in project</p>	A3, A5, A8 C6 D6

			meetings as needed Part of the National Consultative Group for Regional Species Action Plans	
Ministry of Regional Development and Public Administration	Where appropriate liaise, alongside other ministries, government policy in the following areas: regional development, cross-border, transnational, interregional and regional planning, urban planning and architecture, housing and residential development, cadastre and land registry and local and central public administration  Coordinate the work of NACLR (below)	Integration of conservation measures adopted for the functionality of ecological corridors and species in the project target area	Support connectivity and measures to ensure the favorable conservation status of project target species  Part of the National Consultative Group for Regional Species Action Plans	A3, A8 C
National Agency for Cadastre and Land Registration (NACLR)	The authority for cartography, cadastre and real estate, setting policy, strategy and regulations  Implementation of government policies through various agencies and institutions	Ensure that ecological corridors are highlighted in national, regional and local spatial planning processes, land plans and land registers	Use and promote data on micro-corridors established under the project  Participation in project meetings as needed  Part of the National Consultative Group for Regional Species Action Plans	A3, A8 B C6 D6
National Administration for Romanian Waters	Management of public waters and national water infrastructure, consisting of	Promotion and implementation of environmental management measures	Introduce measures to improve the conservation status of project target species	A3, A8 C6, D6

	reservoirs, flood-control dams, canals and other works Hydrological and hydrogeological monitoring of quality of water resources including surface and groundwater	under the project, especially along the Mures Valley	Participation in project meetings as needed Part of the National Consultative Group for Regional Species Action Plans	
Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development	The central public authority responsible for developing and implementing national strategies in the agricultural sector, in food production, rural development, fisheries and aquaculture, land reclamation and related areas such as plant health, scientific research, conservation and sustainable land management and plant and animal genetics	Highlighting of ecological corridors in computerised parcel identification system (LPIS) Coordinate the activity of AAPI (below) Promote measures within micro-corridors established under the project	Participation in project meetings as needed Part of the National Consultative Group for Regional Species Action Plans Advise on related measures to be undertaken within micro-corridors	A3 A8-9 B D1 C6/D6
Agency for Agricultural Payments and Interventions (AAPI)	Implement and support measures financed by the European Agricultural Guarantee Manage the system of import certificates and guarantees for import and export of agricultural products Develop and implement procedures for the application of the intervention	Provide information on the owners/managers of land in the project area Promote recommendations on reducing human-wildlife conflict in pastures and agricultural land AAPI payments applied in accordance with the conservation of target and prey species	Advise and provide recommendations for conservation measures for the target species Reduce human-wildlife conflict through best practice approaches (e.g. fences, repellents) Part of the National Consultative Group for Regional Species Action Plans	A3-A8 B C2 C6/D6

	system for agricultural products			
National Tourism Authority	Implement national strategies for tourism development (e.g. destinations, tourism products)	Ensure tourism development strategies take account of measures to conserve target species in order to reduce pressure in priority areas for tourism	Advise on appropriate planning and intervention measures for the conservation of target species and their prey  Part of the National Consultative Group for Regional Species Action Plans	A3, A8
National Agency for Mineral Resources	Manage publicly owned oil and mineral resources and the national geological fund	Integrate micro-corridor conservation measures to mitigate any impacts of exploitation of resources in the project area	Advise on micro-corridor management measures  Part of the National Consultative Group for Regional Species Action Plans	A3, A8 C6
National Agency for Land Improvement	Operate, manage, maintain and repair land improvement in the public or private state, declared of use for public utility	Inputs during the consultative process for development of Regional Species Action Plans	Part of the National Consultative Group for Regional Species Action Plans	A8 C6
National Institute "Marin Drăcea" for Forestry Research and Development	Specialist institution in research, technological development and technical advisory services on sustainable forest management  Scientific authority for CITES	Provision of field information and data on large carnivores in the counties within the project area  Data on genetic analyses performed in accordance with Order No. 1439/2015  Data exchange and collaboration between Life Connect Carpathians and the Life	Exchange of information on large carnivores and human-wildlife conflict under Life Connect Carpathians  Management of the project's rapid intervention team  Management of the anti-poaching team to protect target species and reduce poaching of	A3, A5, A6, A8 C2 C4-6 D

		<p>For Bear project</p> <p>Integration of bear regional action plans into national bear action plan</p> <p>Collaboration in development of procedures for interventions in cases of human-carnivore conflicts</p> <p>Promote the activities of the Life Connect Carpathians intervention team</p> <p>Exchange of information, training of the LCC Team for effective interventions</p> <p>Promote and support anti-poaching team</p> <p>Support and provide recommendations on the harmonisation of conservation plans with hunting management approaches</p>	<p>prey species</p> <p>Make recommendations on harmonising the forest and hunting sector with measures to improve the conservation status of the target species and connectivity</p> <p>Promote conservation measures for ensuring connectivity and improving the conservation status of large carnivores</p> <p>Part of the National Consultative Group for Regional Species Action Plans</p> <p>Facilitate participation project meetings and training events</p>	
<p>The General Association of Hunters and Anglers in Romania</p>	<p>The Association's major objectives concern biodiversity conservation and balancing wildlife hunting and fishing interests</p> <p>Supporting the interests of affiliated associations and supporting the organisation of national</p>	<p>Knowledge of data on large carnivores and high-risk areas for large carnivore conflicts within the project area</p> <p>Support and promote recommendations on the harmonisation of hunting sector with measures to improve the conservation status of the target species and</p>	<p>Provide advice and recommendations to harmonise hunting management plans with conservation measures</p> <p>Management of the anti-poaching team to protect target species and reduce poaching of prey species</p> <p>Reducing poaching of</p>	<p>A3, A5, A8</p> <p>C1-C3</p> <p>D1-D3</p>

	<p>championships in shooting, dog hunting and fishing as well as representation in international competitions, organising conferences, symposia and exhibitions and producing publications such as magazine, books and other works</p>	<p>connectivity, alongside affiliates of the Association</p> <p>Support and promote the activities of the anti-poaching and rapid intervention team, providing support and assistance when required</p> <p>Monitoring and compliance with the law and statutes by affiliated organisations</p> <p>Promotion of Regional Species Action Plans</p>	<p>target species and prey species through the activities of the anti-poaching team (enforcement patrol team)</p> <p>Introduction of conservation measures for ensuring habitat connectivity and improving the conservation status of large carnivores</p> <p>Input into Regional Species Action Plans for the project's target species</p> <p>Part of the National Consultative Group for Regional Species Action Plans</p> <p>Facilitate participation project meetings and training events</p>	
<p>Romanian Academy's Commission for the Protection of Natural Monuments</p>	<p>Scientific authority for the dissemination of scientific studies related to Romania's natural and cultural heritage</p>	<p>Conduct specialised studies contributing to the designation of ecological corridors, approved by the Romanian Academy</p>	<p>Studies produced under the project may be used as part of a larger study for environmental corridor designation (Retezat – Apuseni)</p> <p>Best practice recommendations and a case study on the ecological reconstruction of land for the creation of micro-corridors</p> <p>Part of the National</p>	<p>A8-10 C4-C6 D4-D6</p>

			Consultative Group for Regional Species Action Plans	
Local government and state entities				
County-level Environmental Protection Agencies: HD TM, AR, AB, BH, CS, CJ	Responsibility for environmental management issues within the project area Implementation of nature conservation, biodiversity and sustainable use legislation	Responsible for the approval of Natura 2000 site management plans, forest and hunting management plans. (Strategic Environmental Assessment procedures) Management of protected areas in the project area, that are not under custodianship (ROSCI0407, ROSCI0355, ROSCI0298, ROSCI0250, ROSCI0219, ROSCI0126, ROSCI0064) Monitoring of the management of protected natural areas Monitoring and reporting on harvesting of strictly protected species under exemption legislation Setup and management of wildlife inventory (bear, wolf, lynx, wildcat) in order to support their sustainable use Coordinate assessments of large carnivores in game unit areas Part of the committee to evaluate and	Improvement of information in databases regarding the project's target species Advise and recommend on the harmonisation of forestry and hunting management plans with conservation measures Recommended measures to ensure connectivity for large carnivores to be included in management plans Reducing poaching of target species and prey species through the activities of the anti-poaching team (enforcement patrol team) Management of the project's rapid intervention team to reduce human-wildlife conflict through best practice approaches Advise and support operational procedures for	A4-A9 C D

		<p>determine compensation for wildlife damages</p> <p>Incorporate conservation measures established in the project in the management plans of Natura 2000 sites in the project area</p> <p>Promote and incorporate into the hunting and forestry management plans recommendations on the harmonisation of these sectors with measures to improve target species conservation and connectivity</p>	<p>fieldwork, including emergency interventions</p> <p>Facilitation of and participation in meetings, workshops and training events within the project</p> <p>Act as part of the regional consultative group on action plans for target species</p>	
County Commissioners for Environmental Guards	<p>To control activities with environmental impacts, and implement sanctions as dictated by environmental protection laws</p> <p>Monitor compliance with protected area management plans by administrators or custodians</p>	<p>Tracking compliance of the conservation of target species and their prey in the project area</p> <p>Promoting at county level the activities of the rapid intervention team and enforcement patrol team</p>	<p>Advise and support operational procedures on how to act in emergency situations</p> <p>Facilitate and participate in meetings and training events organised under the project</p> <p>Act as part of the regional consultative group on action plans for target species</p>	<p>A4-6, A8</p> <p>C2-4</p> <p>D1-3, D8</p>
Forest Guards	Supervision, monitoring and	Tracking of forest and hunting regulations	Demonstrate methods of wildlife	<p>A4-8</p> <p>C1-C5</p>



	control of forestry and hunting activities	<p>Knowledge of data on prey species</p> <p>Information assembled on human-wildlife conflict areas and compensation payments for damage caused by large carnivores and boar</p> <p>Promote the activities of the rapid intervention and anti-poaching teams (enforcement patrol team)</p> <p>Promote harmonisation of recommendations on conservation measures and hunting/forestry management plans</p>	<p>damage prevention and control</p> <p>Advise and support operational procedures introduced on how to act in emergency situations</p> <p>Support the activities of the anti-poaching team to reduce poaching of target species and their prey</p> <p>Support Regional Species Action plans, specifically measures on large carnivores and connectivity</p> <p>Advise and support the recommendations on the harmonisation of forest and hunting management plans with conservation measures</p> <p>Facilitation of and participation in meetings, workshops and training events under the project</p>	D1-D5, D8
County-level Forestry Departments (HD, TM, AR, AB, BH, CS, CJ counties)	Improving the quality of sustainable forest management in line with current ecological principles, landscape, environmental and	Support recommendations on the harmonisation of forest and hunting management plans with conservation measures	Advise and support recommendations on the harmonisation of forest and hunting management plans	A4-8 C1-C5 D1-D5, D8

	<p>pan-European criteria</p> <p>Management of hunting areas</p> <p>Coordination of district-level forestry departments</p>	<p>Promote the activities of the anti-poaching and rapid intervention teams</p> <p>Provide data on the assessment of large carnivores and prey species from hunting areas that overlay the project area</p> <p>Collaborate over project monitoring and data collection</p>	<p>with conservation measures</p> <p>Supporting the development of Regional Species action plans, including measures for carnivore conservation and habitat connectivity</p> <p>Reducing human-wildlife conflict through the activities of the rapid intervention team and best practices for conflict prevention</p> <p>Introducing operational procedures for emergency situations</p> <p>Reducing poaching of target species and their prey through the activities of the anti-poaching team</p> <p>Facilitation of and participation in meetings, workshops and training events under the project</p> <p>Act as part of the regional consultative group on action plans for target species</p>	
District-level	Ensure the integrity of	Support	Recommendations	A4-8

<p>Forestry Departments (within HD, TM, AR, AB, BH, CS, CJ counties)</p>	<p>sustainable forest management Manage hunting and fishing areas under district jurisdiction</p>	<p>recommendations on the harmonisation of forest and hunting management plans with conservation measures Promote and support the activities of the rapid intervention and anti-poaching teams Hold data on the assessment of large carnivore and prey species from hunting areas Collaborate over project monitoring and data collection Provide information on high-risk areas for conflicts with large carnivores in the project area</p>	<p>on the harmonisation of project components Supporting the development of Regional Species Action Plans, including measures for carnivore conservation and habitat connectivity Safeguarding property and reducing damage caused by large carnivores by demonstrating methods of prevention Reducing poaching of target species and their prey through the activities of the anti-poaching team Facilitation of and participation in meetings, workshops and training events under the project</p>	<p>C1-C5 D1-D5, D8</p>
<p>Hunting Managers</p>	<p>Manage hunting and fishing areas according to administration contracts</p>	<p>Assist with data for the assessment of large carnivore and prey species Support the harmonisation of conservation measures with hunting management Collaborate over project</p>	<p>Make recommendations regarding the harmonisation of conservation and hunting management plans Support the development of Regional Action</p>	<p>A4-8 C1-C3, C5, D</p>

		<p>monitoring and data collection</p> <p>Provide information on high-risk areas for conflicts with large carnivores in the project area</p> <p>Promote and support the activities of the rapid intervention and anti-poaching teams</p>	<p>Plans</p> <p>Safeguarding property and reducing damage caused by large carnivores by demonstrating methods of prevention</p> <p>Reducing poaching of target species and their prey through the activities of the anti-poaching team</p> <p>Reducing human-wildlife conflict through the activities of the rapid intervention team and best practices for conflict prevention</p> <p>Facilitation of and participation in meetings, workshops and training events under the project</p>	
Administrators/ custodians of Natura 2000 sites	Administer protected areas as per contracts/ custodianship agreements	<p>Assist with the provision of data on target and prey species</p> <p>Integrate and harmonise measures for large carnivore and landscape scale conservation with management plans</p> <p>Promote and support the activities of the anti-poaching and rapid</p>	<p>Make recommendations on the harmonisation of target species conservation measures and habitat connectivity</p> <p>Conduct studies on target species</p> <p>Support the development of</p>	A C D

		<p>intervention teams</p> <p>Provide information on high-risk areas for conflicts with large carnivores in the project area</p> <p>Collaborate over project monitoring and data collection</p>	<p>Regional Action Plans</p> <p>Facilitation of and participation in meetings, workshops and training events under the project</p>	
<p>Prefecture level administrators (counties of HD, TM, AR, AB, BH, CS, CJ)</p>	<p>Local-level government administration and overseers of law and order</p>	<p>Promote and support the actions carried out within the project among local actors</p> <p>Support local procedures for intervention in emergencies caused by wild animals</p> <p>Promote the activities of the anti-poaching team</p>	<p>Safeguarding property and reducing damage caused by large carnivores by demonstrating methods of prevention</p> <p>Reducing poaching of target species and their prey through the activities of the anti-poaching team</p> <p>Reducing human-wildlife conflict through the activities of the rapid intervention team</p> <p>Introducing operational procedures for emergency situations</p>	<p>A4-8</p> <p>C1-C3</p> <p>D1-D3</p>
<p>Local Councils, City Halls</p>	<p>Compliance with applicable legislation on protection of natural areas</p>	<p>Development of partnerships with protected area managers/ environmental authorities responsible for management</p>	<p>Safeguarding property and reducing damage caused by large carnivores by demonstrating methods of</p>	<p>A4-8</p> <p>C1-C3</p> <p>D1-D3</p>

		<p>measures</p> <p>Promote and support the activities of the anti-poaching and rapid intervention teams</p> <p>Involvement in procedures for compensation payments for damaged caused by protected species</p> <p>Active in decision-making on environmental issues and participation in consultations on management plan measures and actions</p>	<p>prevention</p> <p>Reducing poaching of target species and their prey through the activities of the anti-poaching team</p> <p>Reducing human-wildlife conflict through the activities of the rapid intervention team</p>	
County-level Departments of Agriculture	County-level implementation of policies and strategies introduced by the Ministry of Agriculture	<p>Promotion of measures for the functionality of micro-corridors</p> <p>Representation in discussions with commissions responsible for compensation for wild animal damage</p>	<p>Advice on measures for 8 micro-corridors</p> <p>Reduction of human-wildlife conflict through the activities of the rapid intervention team</p> <p>Introduce operational procedures about how to act in emergency situations</p> <p>Safeguarding property and reducing damage caused by large carnivores by demonstrating methods of prevention</p>	A8-10 B C6 D6

			Facilitation of and participation in meetings, workshops and training events under the project	
County-level Departments of Sanitary, Veterinary and Food Safety	Implementation of laws in defence of animal health and welfare and plant and environmental protection	Advise on best practice methodology for veterinary aspects of project activities and conflict mitigation  Provision of expertise/trained staff for assisting veterinary interventions, e.g. tranquilisation of animals during HWC events	Safeguarding property and reducing damage caused by large carnivores by demonstrating methods of prevention  Reduction of human-wildlife conflict through the activities of the rapid intervention team  Introducing operational procedures for emergency situations	A5-6 C2-3 D1-2
Police Inspectorate  Weapons, Explosives and Dangerous Substances Service	Inspection, control and annual authorisation of legal owners (individuals and businesses) of weapons, ammunitions, explosives and toxic substances	Collaboration on anti-poaching activities (enforcement patrol team)	Reducing poaching of project target and prey species through the activities of the anti-poaching team	C3 D3
<b>Private sector and other groups</b>				
Land owners and users	Management of land	Implementation of human-wildlife conflict prevention methods and promotion of best practice	Reduce damage caused by wild animals by demonstrating prevention methods, best practice and	A5-6 B C1-C3, C6-7 D

		<p>Support and promote overall project activities</p> <p>Play an active role in decision-making on environmental issues in the project area, and participation in consultations about management planning and the measures contained within</p>	<p>making recommendations</p> <p>Facilitate and participate in meetings and training events on how to grant compensation and how to use human-wildlife conflict prevention methods</p> <p>Provide support in the event of attacks by wild animals</p> <p>Reduce human-wildlife conflict through the activities of the rapid intervention team</p>	
Rural communities in and around protected areas	No specific remit in the context of the project unless involved more directly as other listed stakeholders, yet their understanding and support for project activities is key to success	Engagement in multiple project activities and action and support critical for objectives to be realised	<p>Create awareness on how to reduce damage caused by wild animals through demonstrating best practice prevention methods and making recommendations</p> <p>Facilitating and attending multiple community-level events and discussions</p>	A5 B C1-C3, C6-7 D
Students and teachers	No specific remit in the context of the project unless involved more directly as other listed stakeholders, yet important	Engagement in project activities and actions related to education and dissemination. Support beneficial for objectives to be realised	Create awareness on the importance of biodiversity and the project's focal species	E



	stakeholders to engage as message bearers			
Private companies and businesses	No specific remit in the context of the project unless involved more directly as other listed stakeholders, yet important stakeholders to engage as business owners in tourism, forestry, trade, mining and other sectors, not exclusively operating within the project area or boundary	Play an active part in decision-making on environmental issues in the area, and participate in consultations on management plans as relevant	Provide information on project activities and include in relevant meetings and dialogues about project objectives and developments	C1-C3 D1-D3
Mass media	No specific remit in the context of the project yet important to engage to meet project's visibility goals and to support in the promotion of positive messages about project activities to a wide range of stakeholders	Popularisation of key project activities, milestones and successes	Submission of project updates, highlights and key messages to various media outlets	All
EU LIFE / European Commission	Project donor and advisor. Financial and technical support through reporting, monitoring and supervision procedures	Regular communications and requests for project information from project desk officers in the UK and Romania  Periodic site monitoring visits during the project, and recommendations and feedback produced as a result	Submission of project reports, supplementary annexes and additional information as per official schedule, including ad hoc requests  Issuing of invitations to project led events	All

		Enforcer of EC standard reporting, financial and administrative regulations	as necessary Following EC project visibility plan and requirements regarding external communications and project publicity	
Other environmental NGOs (local/regional)	Interest in the promotion and conservation of the natural and cultural values of the area	Promote and disseminate project results Play an active part in decision-making on environmental issues in the area, and participate in consultations on management plans as relevant	Provide information on project activities and include in relevant meetings and dialogues about project objectives and developments	All

**Annex 1: Images of selected stakeholder meetings during the project to date**



Image 1: Project Initiation Meeting – 08.04.2014



Image 2: Meeting of the Natura 2000 Group – 26.03.2015



Image 3: Stakeholders meeting in Arad County – 23.06.2015



Image 4: Stakeholders meeting in Timis County – 13.07.2015



Image 5: Training seminar on landscape scale conservation – 16.09.2015



Image 6: Regional Species Action Plan technical working group meeting – 18.05.2015



Image 7: Stakeholders meeting in Caras-Severin County – 04.12.2015



Image 8: Stakeholders meeting in Bihor County – 08.12.2015



Image 9: Stakeholders meeting in Alba County – 13.07.2016



Image 10: Stakeholders meeting in Cluj County – 26.10.2016



Image 11: Meeting with farmers – 13.11.2016