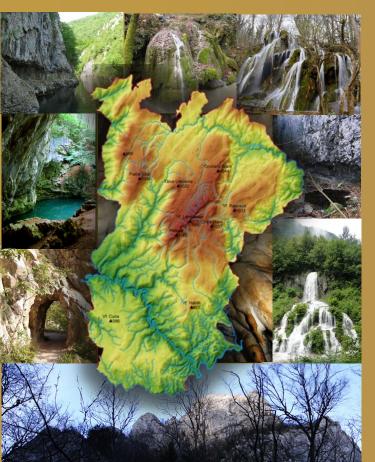
DESCRIPTION of Natura 2000 Site Cheile Nerei-Beușnița

Natura 2000 Site Cheile Nerei-Beușnița comprises the karst area and the habitat 8310 being located in the southwestern part of Romania, in Aninei Mountains, with a maximum heigh of 1160m at Leordis peak.

They are characteristic the karst plateaus fragmentated by deep valleys such as Nera Gorge, Minisului Gorge, Susara Gorge, Beusnita Valley, Rea Valley, Ducin Valley.

In order to ensure the preservation and protection, the area is declared to be a national park, a site of community importance, a site of avifauna protection, and the perimeters of exception importance are declared to be reserves.

Up to the present time, they were inventories on the site 955 karst opening, of which 360 cavities, 55 temporarily impenetrable, 540 sinkholes and rivers.



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Preserving of the Habitat 8310 from the Site Natura 2000 **Cheile Nerei – Beusnita**

BENEFICIARY:

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY TIMIS

Budget: 849.430.00 Euro

Financing: 50% European Commission

50% Romanian Government

Period: 01.07.2014 - 31.03.2023



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Cheile Nerei – Beusnita

Beneficiary: Environmental Protection Agency Timis

PROJECT PURPOSE

The rehabilitation of the morphology of the habitat 8310 for 110 cavities closed to the public, the depollution of the habitat for waste collection and the preservation of the hibernation areas, birth and feeding for 14 chiropteran species, as well as the information of the local community and conservationists.

OBJECTIVES

- 1. The rehabilitation of 110 cavities closed to the public (habitat 8310), degraded/polluted.
- 2. The preservation of 14 chiropteran species.
- 3. The development of the best practices for the management of the habitat 8310 at regional, national and European level.
- 4. The information of 15 local communities and conservationists.

ACTIVITIES

- The elaboration of the national action plan for the preservation of the habitat 8310;
- The restoration of the morphology, the depollution and protection of the habitat 8310, by unclogging the entrances of the caves, the extraction of the waste deposited and the mounting of protective grills;
- The monitoring of the impact of the action on habitat 8310 and the effects of the actions on the chiropteran species;
- The assessment of the socio-economic impact of the actions of the project on local economy and the population, respectively of the impact on the re-establishment of the underground eco-system functions.
- Public awareness actions and distribution of information: creation of a website and informative materials, meetings with the local population, organization of thematic conferences, distribution of informative materials;
- Activities of persuasion of the administrators in charge with the activities, and meetings with the interested parties;
- Didactic activities with the schools from the project perimeter.

PROJECT IMPORTANCE

- The project is important for the preservation of biodiversity in its whole because the habitat 8310 has a direct functional connection with other protected or priority habitats;
- The project area is very important at regional and national level as it represents the centre of the largest karst area in Romania (Sinclinoriul Reșița Moldova Nouă with 800km2), having basically the greatest potential for the development of habitat 8310
- The number of units of the habitat 8310 from the Nera Gorge Beuşniţa Site represents at regional level (Caraş Severin) a weight of 25%, and at national level (Romania), a weight of 4.2%, under the conditions in which for the moment no full inventory is carried out, and the perspectives are of growth of the number of caves;
- The 14 chiropteran species existing on the site represent 45% of the total chiropteran species from Romania;
- The habitat 8310 is important as well as it represents the temporary or accidental habitat of the species of large mammals, amphibians, reptiles, birds.

