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**Alleged unsustainable logging within the
Retezat National Park
(Romania)**

- REPORT OF THE GOVERNMENT -

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Contează pentru viitor!

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Antonia Oprișan, Focal Point to the Bern Convention in Romania

Ref.: New information and relevant updates related to the Complaint No. 2021/3 - increasing logging in Retezat National Park

At your request of May 5, 2022, in addition to our answers no. 1102/21.07.2021 and 146/09.02.2022 regarding the complaint of a private person in connection with the timber harvesting in the Raul Alb Valley, we specify the following:

- according to Romanian legislation, which the plaintiff does not recognize, in certain areas of the national parks in Romania the exploitation of the wood is allowed; these areas are well established and clearly delimited, in agreement with the authorities and the land owners, and are recognized by official approvals;
- according to Government Emergency Ordinance no 57/2007 (in Romanian – OUG nr. 57/2007), with subsequent amendments and additions, art. 22, para. (8), lett. j), in those areas it is allowed to carry out only a few forestry treatments (by this we mean the whole set of silvicultural measures through which the forest is managed from establishment to exploitation and regeneration), namely the finest ones, sanitization cuts predominating; it is important to mention that clear cuts of the normal and healthy forests are not allowed, even if they are the most indicated and widespread method of exploitation for coniferous species. Sometimes it happens that after the extraction of all the trees felled by the wind (which are situations beyond our possibility of influence), some surfaces are completely bare; in these cases we intervene with the planting of forest saplings from the naturally existing species in the area;
- the field situation in that area has been checked by the specialist appointed by the Council of Europe to assess the renewal conditions for the EDPA, his report being expected shortly.

Your respectfully,

Park director,

Zoran Acimov

