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Other complaint: 2020/02

**Logging threats to the Black Tysa River in
Emerald Network site "Marmaroski ta
Chyvchyno-Hryniavski Hory" (UA0000117)
(Ukraine)**

- REPORT BY THE GOVERNMENT -

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Dear Ms. STICKER,

Ministry of Environmental Protection and Natural Resources of Ukraine (hereinafter –the Ministry) presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Bern Convention and in response to the letter of December 11, 2020 as to the complaint 2020/02- Other complaint: Logging threats to the Black Tysa River in Emerald Network site «Marmaroski ta Chyvchyno-Hryniavski Hory» (UA0000117) (Ukraine), has the honour to inform the following.

By the Resolution dated 09.12.2020 № 1224 (<https://zakon.rada.gov.ua/laws/show/1224-2020-%D0%BF#n9>), the Government of Ukraine have changed the rules of cutting, within the Carpathian region as well. In particular, this decision prohibits clear-cutting in homogeneous, water-conservation forests, which will have a positive impact on the species of flora and fauna that are protected within the Emerald Network site "Marmaroski ta Chyvchyno-Hryniavski Hory" (UA0000117). In addition, the list of cases to allow sanitary clear-cutting in the Carpathian region has been restricted, and regeneration cutting in the mountain forests of the Carpathians has been prohibited.

Also in accordance with paragraph 2 of subparagraph 21 of Article 3 of the Law of Ukraine "On Environmental Impact Assessment" all final cuttings and sanitary clear-cut in an area of more than 1 hectare are referred to as planned activities that may have significant impact on the environment and are the subject to environmental impact assessment, including the impact on species of flora and fauna and biodiversity.

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The Ministry has also developed a Draft Strategy for forestry development until 2035, which includes a banned water trailing. The Draft Strategy is currently undergoing a strategic environmental assessment procedure (<https://mepr.gov.ua/news/36108.html>).

The Ministry avails itself of this opportunity to renew the assurances of its highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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