



## **IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS FOR LARGE CARNIVORE CONSERVATION – A TRANSFER OF BEST PRACTICES**

**2009 – 2013**

**ROMANIA, ITALY, GREECE AND BULGARIA**

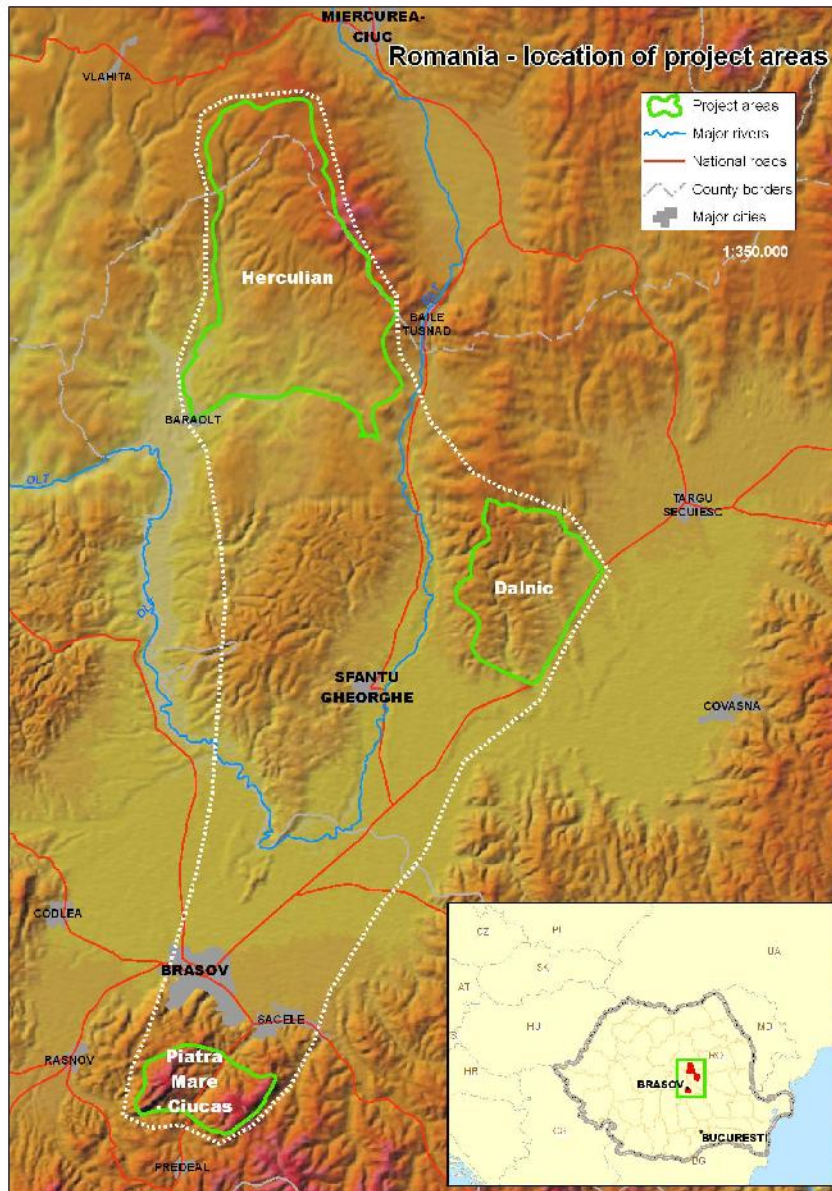
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# What is LIFE EX-TRA?

- A joint initiative of organizations from **Italy, Romania, Bulgaria and Greece.**
- The coordinating institution is PNGSL – Parco Nazionale Gran Sasso e Monte della Laga (Italy) and partners are **public institutions, national parks, universities and NGOs from 4 countries.**
- In **Romania**, the project partner organization is **Transilvania University of Brasov, Faculty of Silviculture and Forest Engineering.**
- The project aims to improve the know-how of conservation actors in what concerns activities for the **conservation of wolves and bears.**
- It foresees to improve the capacities of all participants about essential aspects of **carnivore conservation: biological aspects, interactions with other species, conflict management and stakeholder involvement.**
- The project shall also provide the acquisition of **best practices** by all the project participants, apart from the ones gained in the **LIFE COEX Project.**

# Main activities in Romania



- The activities are carried out in 3 different project areas:
  - Herculian – Cormos (Covasna county) – a Natura 2000 site designated for large carnivores
  - Dalnic (Covasna county) – high densities of LC and intensive livestock grazing activities
  - Sacele (Brasov county) – part of the area included in two Natura 2000 sites

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- Training management actors from project areas in Brasov and Covasna counties.
- Understanding needs and expectations of stakeholders from the 3 project areas.
- Involving stakeholders in decision making processes.



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- **Donation of LGD - livestock guarding dogs.**
- **Promoting communication between dog breeders and livestock breeders.**
- **Development of damage monitoring strategies that involves all the actors.**



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- **Development of bear emergency team – BET (transfer of expertise from IUCN BSG – Bear Specialists Group).**
- **Strengthening of wild prey populations (Poaching Control, Improving Food Conditions, Field Monitoring of Prey Species).**
- **Public awareness campaigns for the general public and information campaigns for the interest groups in ways of coexistence.**
- **Creation of a discussion platform for management actors. Exchanges of experience for management actors.**
- **Transfer of best practices between project participants. Design of best-practice manuals for project participants and for management actors.**



**Thank you!**

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