

# **CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE USE OF BIODIVERSITY THROUGH SOUND TOURISM DEVELOPMENT IN BIOSPHERE RESERVES IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE**

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The overall goal of this project is to promote the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity through the development and implementation of sustainable tourism practices in the Biosphere Reserves Aggtelek (Hungary), Babia Gora (Poland) and Sumava (Czech Republic).

This is being achieved through the development of new and innovative management systems with a special focus on tourism-related uses of these sites. Concurrently, awareness raising and capacity building systems are being developed and implemented, to ensure long term effects. Tourism initiatives and activities will be initiated to ensure distribution of returns for conservation purposes as well as to local stakeholders. These initiatives are consistent with the conservation and sustainable use of vulnerable mountain ecosystem biodiversity by using the UNEP/CBD International Guidelines for Biodiversity and Tourism Development.

Duration: April 2005 - March 2008

The project goal consists of four parts:

- Developing of tourism management plans
- Creating of strategies which combine sustainable tourism development and biodiversity conservation
- Supporting of trans-boundary cooperation between the protected areas in issues involving tourism and conservation
- Facilitating a consultative process with key stakeholders (in the public and private sectors) to ensure their active participation and influence in the development of public policies for sustainable tourism development

## **PROJECT PARTNERS:**

### **Poland:**

Friends of Babia Gora Association

Babia Gora National Park

[www.bgpn.pl](http://www.bgpn.pl)

### **Czech Republic:**

Institute of Systems Biology and Ecology Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic

[www.uek.cas.cz](http://www.uek.cas.cz)

Sumava National Park  
[www.npsumava.cz](http://www.npsumava.cz)

**Hungary:**

Ecological Institute for Sustainable Development  
[www.ecolinst.hu](http://www.ecolinst.hu)

Aggtelek National Park  
[www.anp.hu](http://www.anp.hu)

**CEEWEB**

The Central and East European Working Group for the Enhancement of Biodiversity - CEEWEB supports the project by disseminating its outcomes.  
[www.ceeweb.org](http://www.ceeweb.org)

Website of the project: [www.tourism4nature.org](http://www.tourism4nature.org) and [www.oete.de](http://www.oete.de)

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