

GFTN-ROMANIA FACT SHEET



BACKGROUND

Natural and semi-natural forests make up the majority of forest cover in the Danube-Carpathian Region, making a significant contribution to Europe's biodiversity and wood industry. Romania is one of the few locations remaining in Europe containing natural forest landscapes that truly provide sanctuary for rare and endangered species such as wolf, bear and lynx. The Carpathian forests provide shelter for more than 60 per cent of Europe's bear population and around 30 per cent of the remaining wolf population.

In the past few years major international or regional wood industry players have been attracted to Romania because of the considerable annual allowable cut volume (around 22 million cubic metres) and the predictable EU accession. In Romania, the value of wood and timber product exports represents around 8 per cent of Romania's total exports with the value reaching US\$2.2 billion in 2007. The main markets for Romanian and Bulgarian wood products include Austria, Italy, Germany, France, Spain, United States, Turkey, Greece and the Middle East. In 2006, the Romanian production of coniferous sawntimber reached 2.62 million cubic meters from which 72 per cent was exported.

The WWF Danube Carpathian Programme (WWF-DCPO) believes that that forestry and wood product companies have a key role to play in ensuring the sustainable use and protection of Romania's exceptional forest resources—not only for the country itself, but also for the European Union and the world as a whole.

WHAT: GLOBAL FOREST & TRADE NETWORK – ROMANIA (GFTN-ROMANIA)

The Global Forest & Trade Network – Romania (GFTN-Romania) is an initiative of WWF-DCPO in Romania to set up a group of companies, forest managers and owners to promote responsible forest management and use of wood resources through credible forest certification.

WHO: COMPANIES GFTN-ROMANIA WORKS WITH

GFTN-Romania works with companies ranging from small sawmills supplying local markets to medium sized forest managers.

QUICK STATS: GFTN-ROMANIA

- GFTN-Romania works with **2** companies with **110** employees
- GFTN-Romania participants manage **8,000** hectares of credibly certified forests
- GFTN-Romania participants trade **69,000 m³** of forest products
- GFTN-Romania participants sell **US\$50,000** of forest products

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