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Biodiversity Conservation vs Forest Management: protecting species and habitats in agriculturalized Moldova

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Increasing PA Coverage and Advancing Establishment of the Emerald Network



Current protected area rate is **5,65%** of the country's territory



Plans are to reach **8%** of the protected area national coverage including identified Emerald sites



Protected area legislation (**1538/1998**) is under review & Emerald legislation is under development



Many people traditionally co-exist within exiting protected areas and many businesses already benefit from this co-existence (tourism, agriculture etc.)

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Assisting with preparing the National Afforestation and Reforestation Plan (NARP)



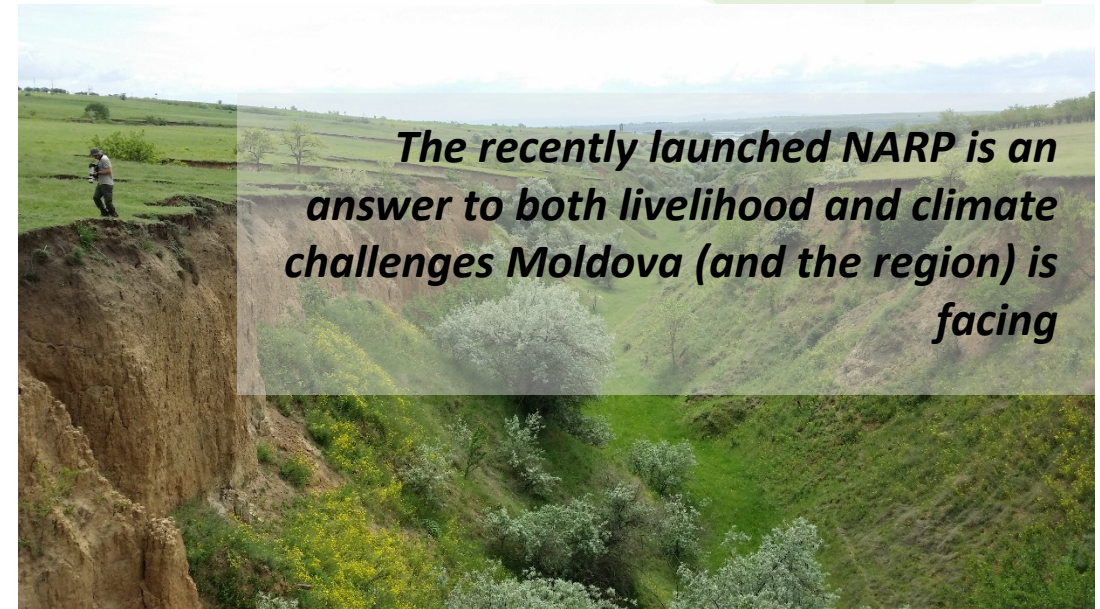
NARP targets for **100,000 ha** of land (state, community, private) and spans for **10-year period 2023-2032**



Both **natural-type** and **production-type** (energy) forests will be created



WB assists with exploring **potential land**, identifying **biotechnology** and **mapping** land plots



The recently launched NARP is an answer to both livelihood and climate challenges Moldova (and the region) is facing

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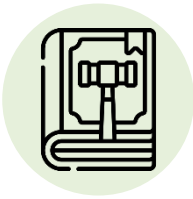
Forest management and silvopastoral practices to follow sustainable development



High Conservation Value Forests analysis will be conducted to ensure better protection and long-term rational use



Communities will be engaged in **combining forest and pasture management to balance** use and conservation



Forest legislation (e.g. Forest Code) is under improvement & **innovations** are needed to tackle illegal trade and offset biodiversity



Forest dependency in the agriculturalized Moldova is greater than previously thought (FLEG, 2014) and triggers for more conservation

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