

# Piatra Craiului National Park

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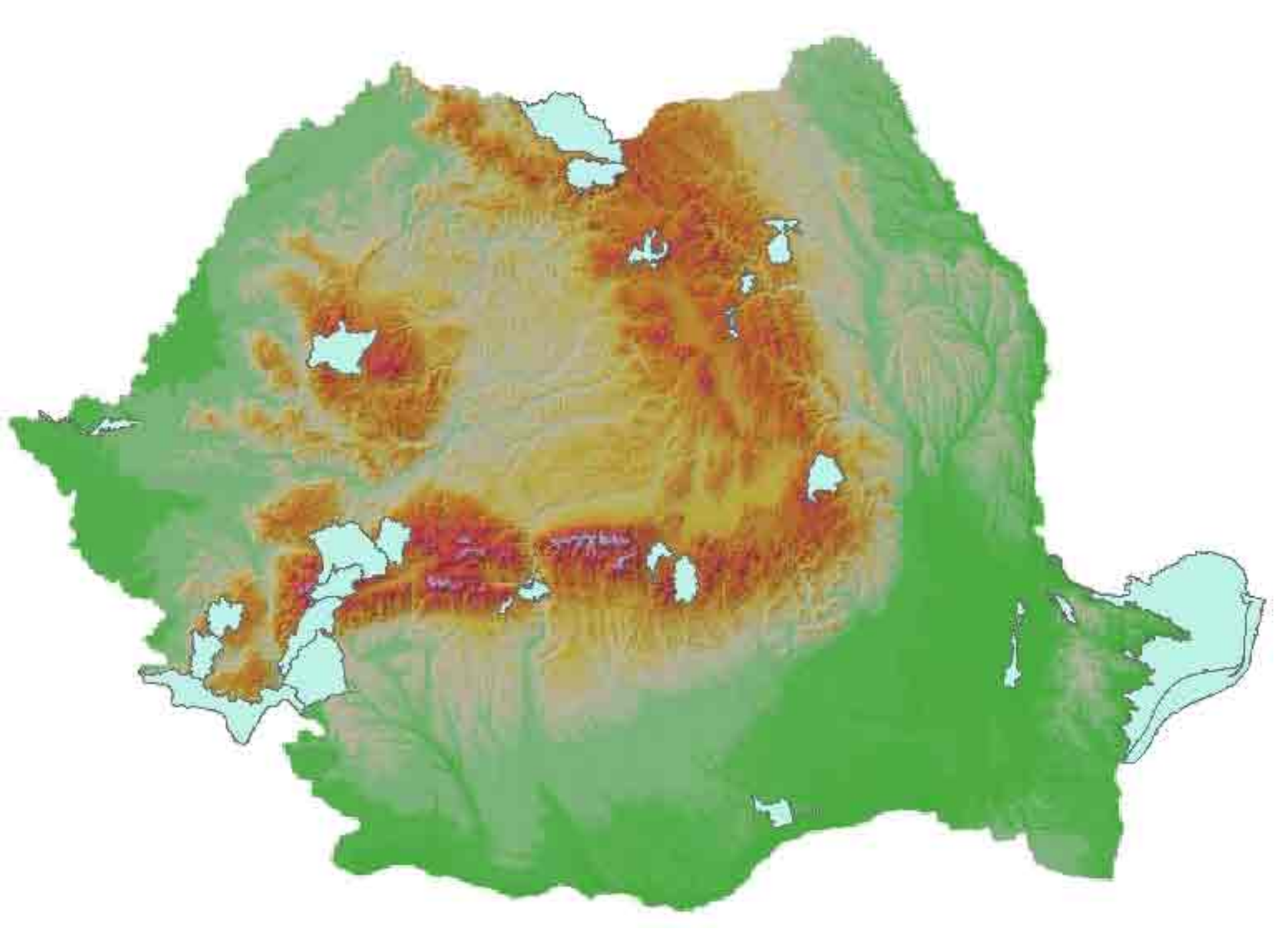
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# PAs Sistem in Romania

- National –IUCN I-V categories
- 13 national parks, 15 nature parks + DDBR
- International – MaB – 3
- Ramsar – 5+3
- WHS - 1
- European – N2000 – SCI (SAC) and SPA

# Management

- DDBR – Structure – Ministry of Environment and Forests
- Large PAs – National and Nature Parks, large N2000 sites – various administrators – contracts with the MEF
- Small PAs – “custodians” – organizations without special staff designated only for the management of the PA





**Natura 2000 in Romania** - aprox. 19% of the total area – overlapping – the national network (7.5%)- included

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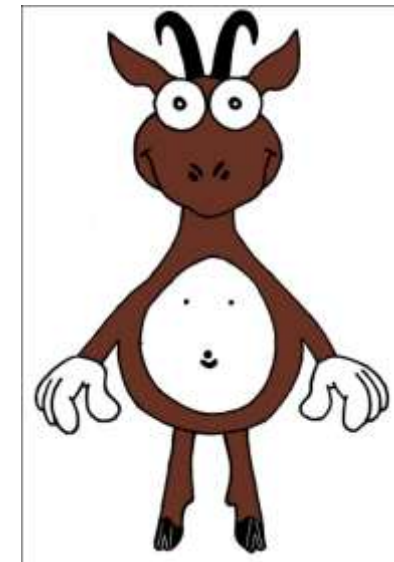


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# Parks identity





# History Piatra Craiului

- 1842 – the first cartographic studies – Vienna Cartographic Institute
- 1863 – geological study – B. Hauer
- French geographer Emmanuel de Martonne – 1907 – “a major accident in the morphology of the Southern Carpathians”
- 1938 – Nature Reserve on 440 ha - “the beauty of the landscape and the presence of rare species of flora”
- 1990 – National Park
- 1998 – first park administration
- 2001 – Eurosite Management Award
- 2005 – European Diploma for PAs



# Piatra Craiului limestone ridge







- 350 species of fungi (4 new for science)
- 220 species of lichens
- 228 species of mosses
- 1108 species of vascular plants = 1/3 Romania
- 150 on the Romanian red list
- 53 endemic species
- 2 species endemic to PC



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-2 endemic species of spiders to PC

-250 species of butterflies

-reptiles and amphibians

-110 species of birds (50 Bern convention, 6  
– Bonn convention)

-18 species of bats

-chamois and other large herbivores

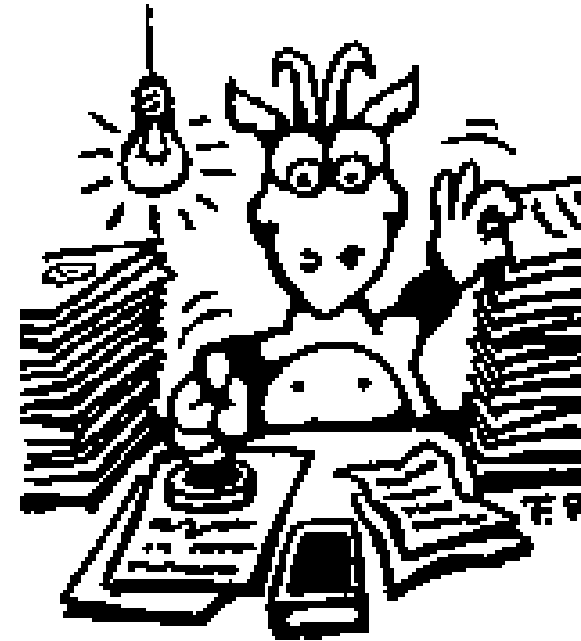


-large carnivores (wolf, bear, lynx)



## Staff

- Park manager
- Chief ranger and procurement
- Financial specialist
- Biologist
- Public awareness and eco-tourism
- I.T.
- Community outreach
- Park rangers







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**Park manager**



# Financial specialist



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# Public awareness



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# Community outreach



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# IT specialist



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# Biologist



Eu votez cu  
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# Rangers



# Halt!



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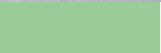
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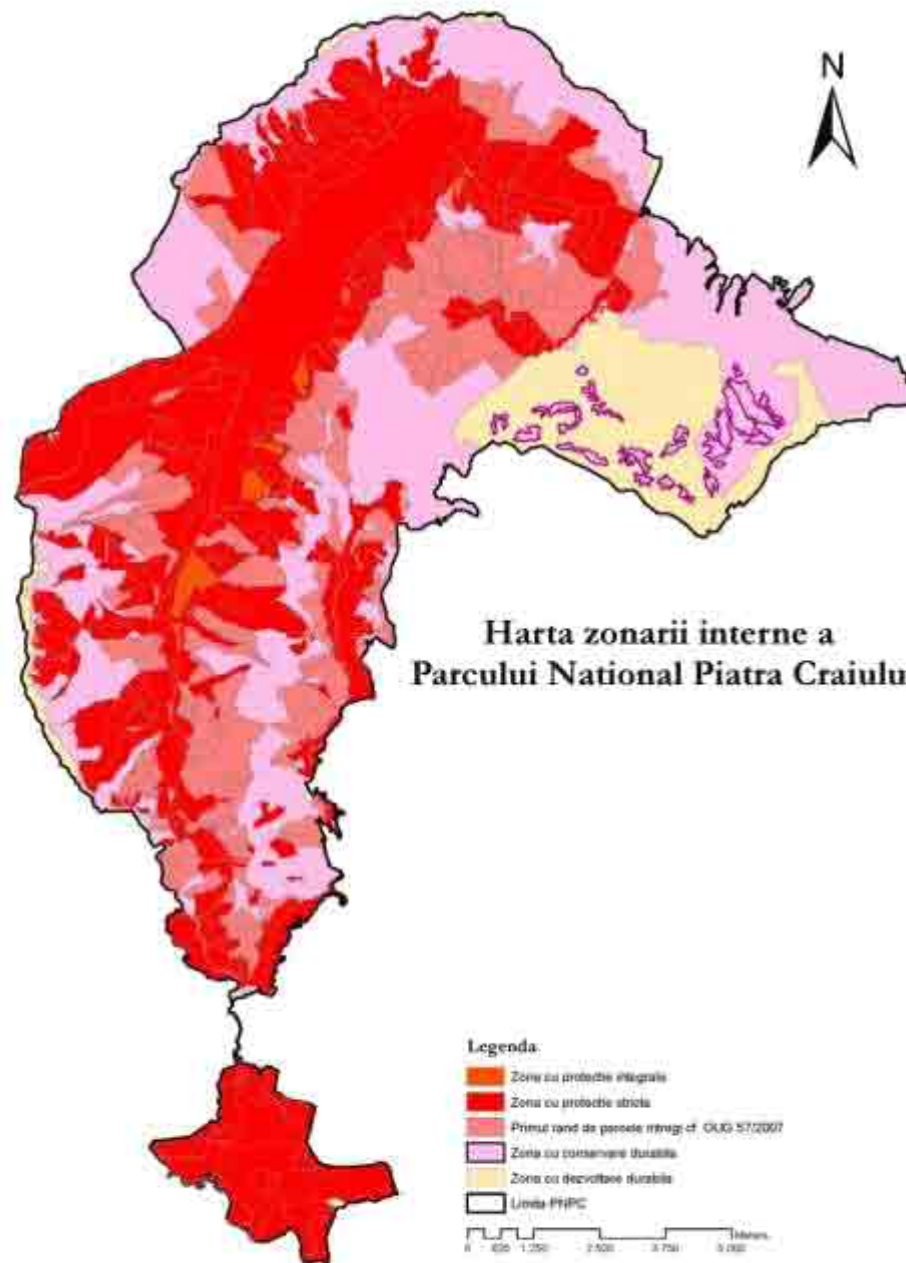












# Piatra Craiului NP Management Plan

- Participative process – CC
- Scientifically input from the members of the SC
- Description, evaluation, prioritized action plan for 5 years and regulations

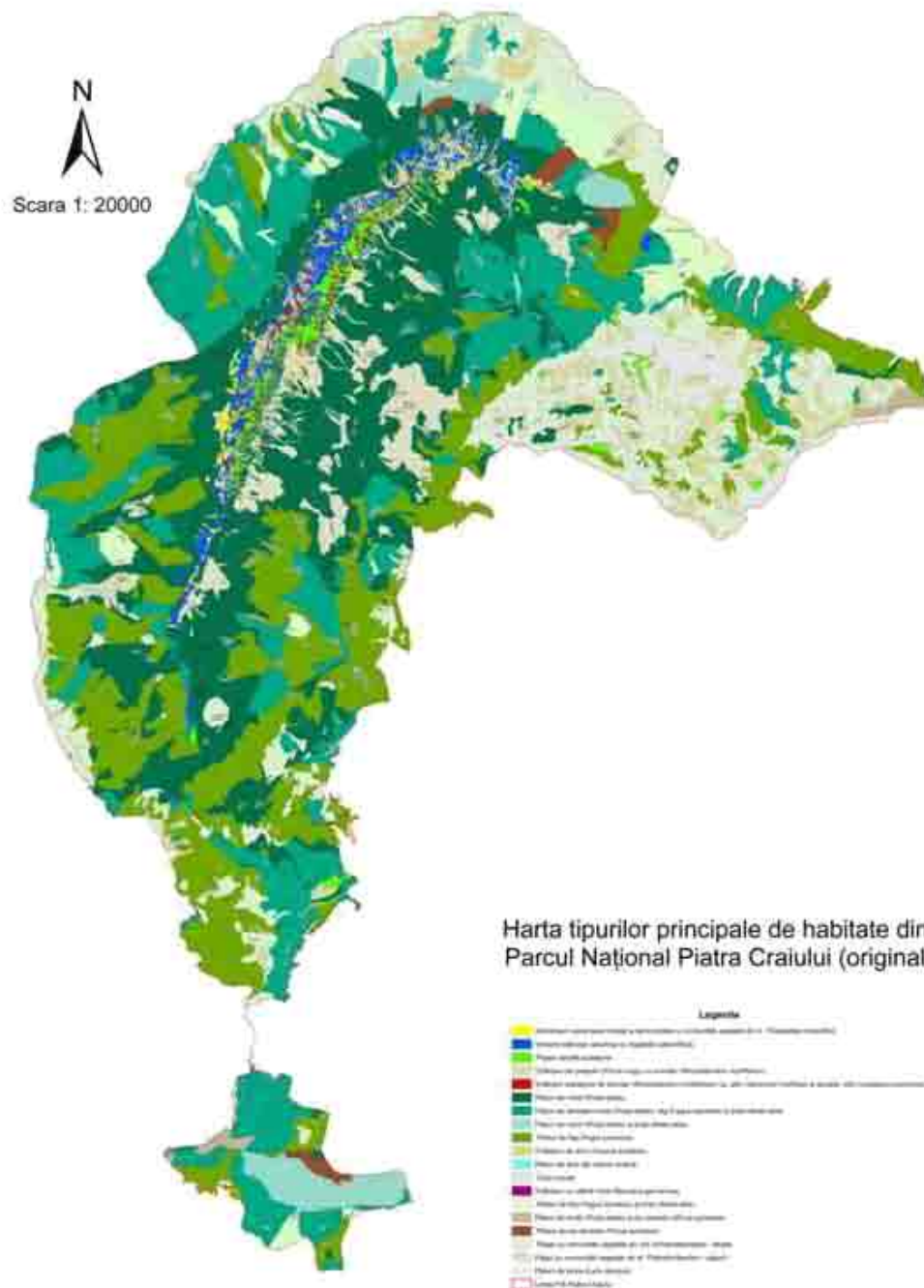
# Plan action chapters

- Biodiversity and landscape
- Tradition preservation
- Land and natural resource use
- Tourism and recreation
- Education and awareness
- General management













# Education

- Ecological manual
- Children park magazine
- Eco clubs
- Summer camps
- Contests



# Public awareness

- Newspaper articles
- TV programs
- Promotional materials
- WEB page – [www.pcrai.ro](http://www.pcrai.ro)
- Infrastructure
- Information panels





# ECOTURISM PROGRAM

- Tourism survey
- Trail
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# Tradition preservation





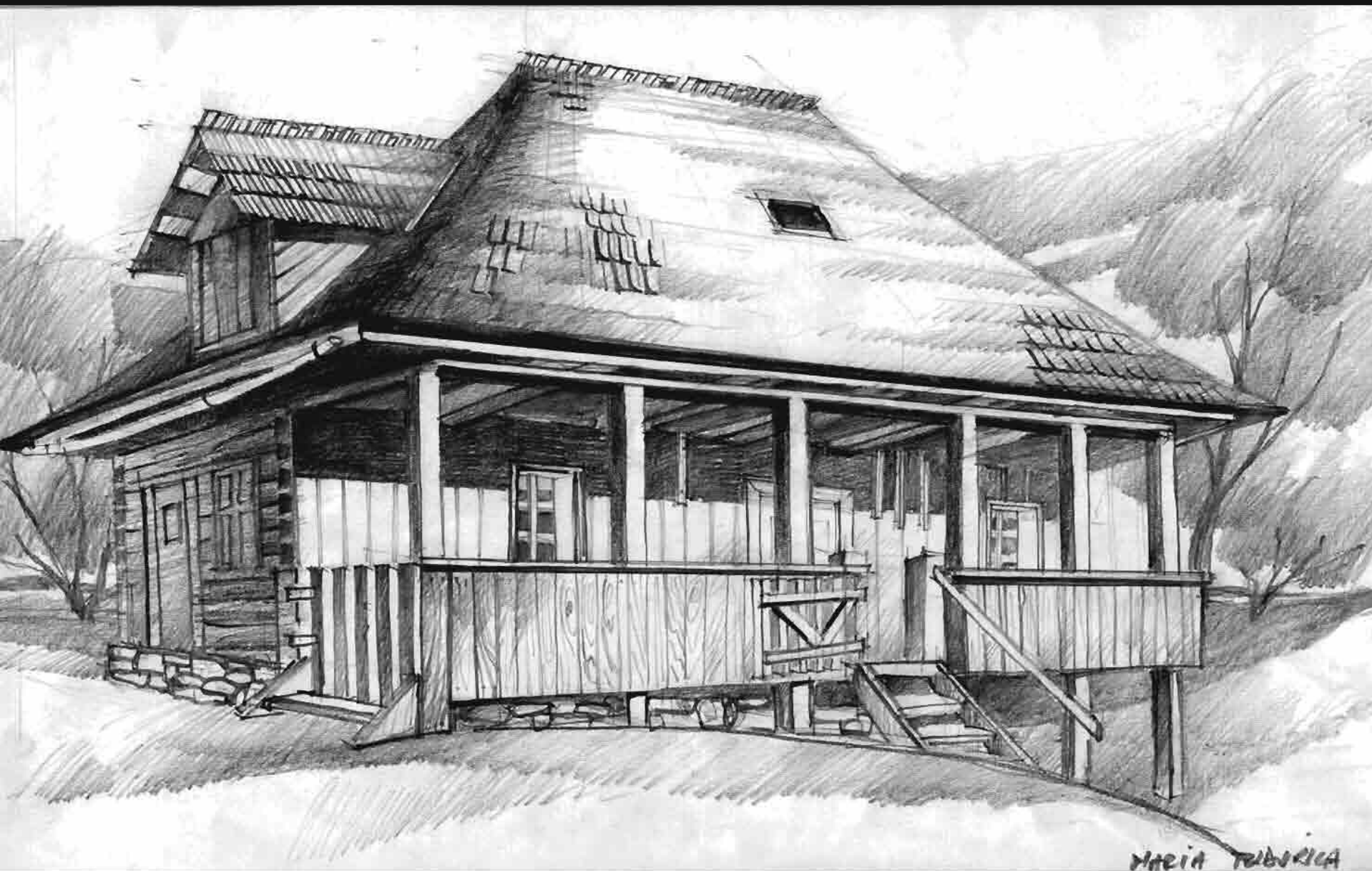


**Local architectural style**

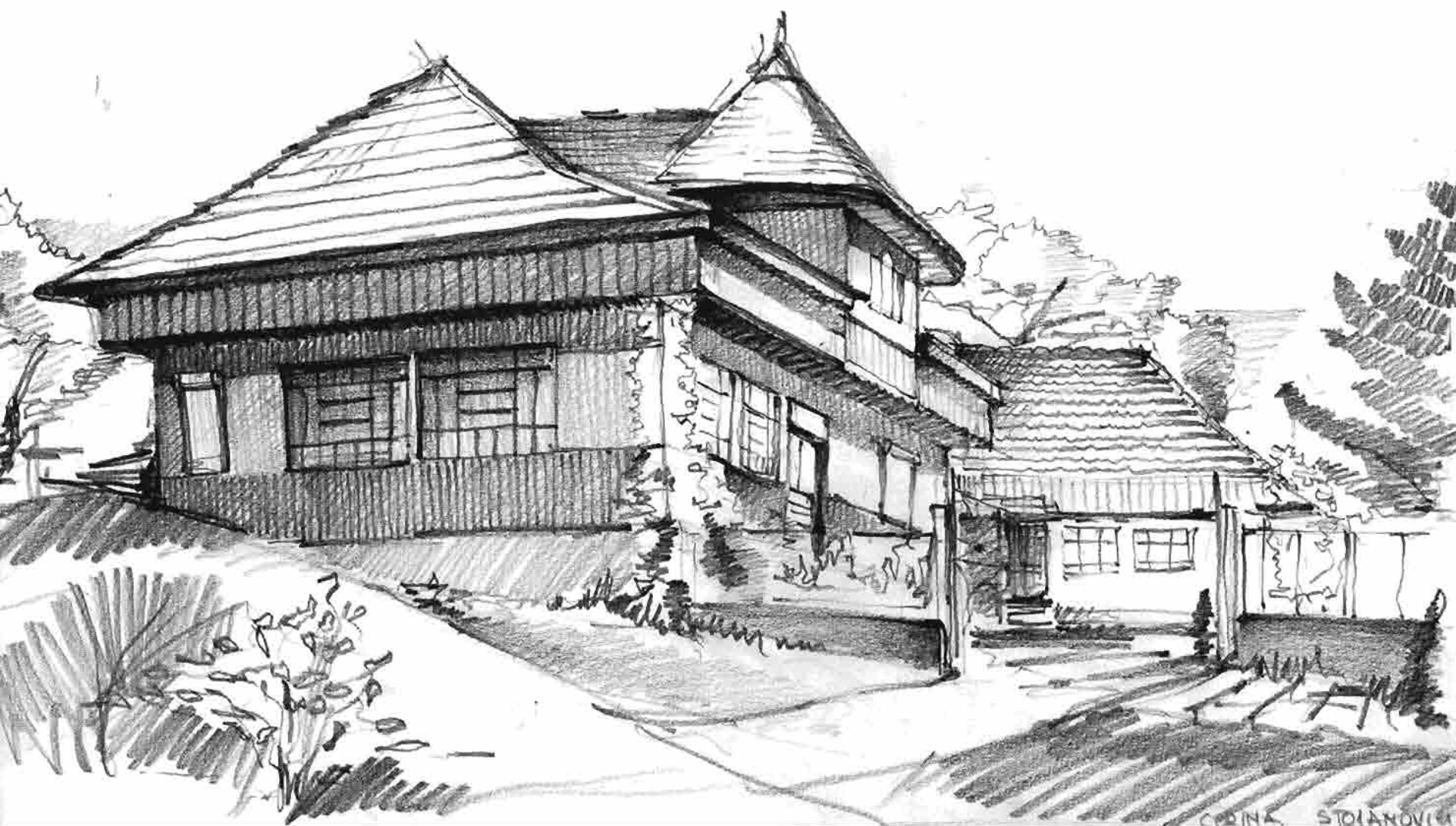






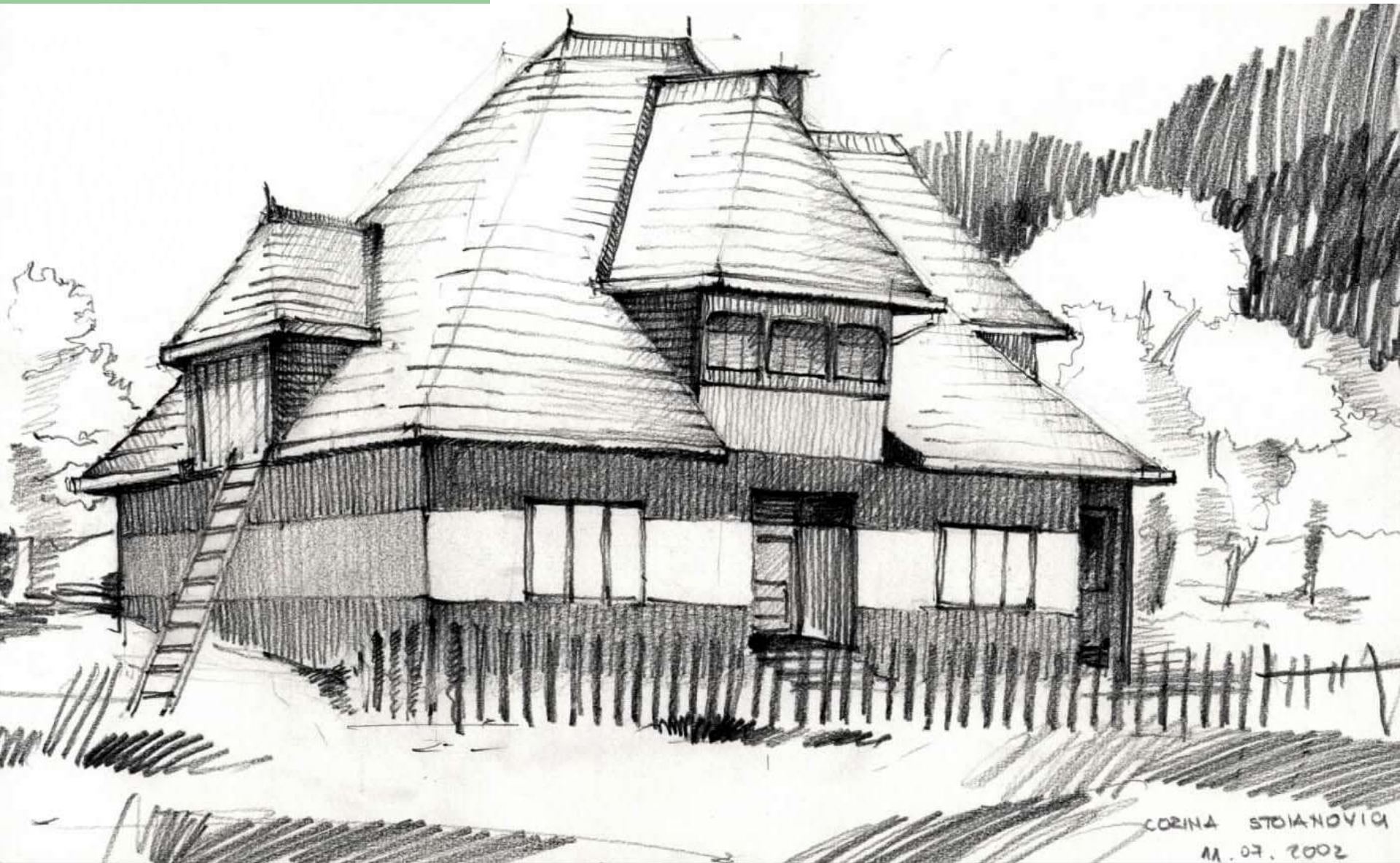


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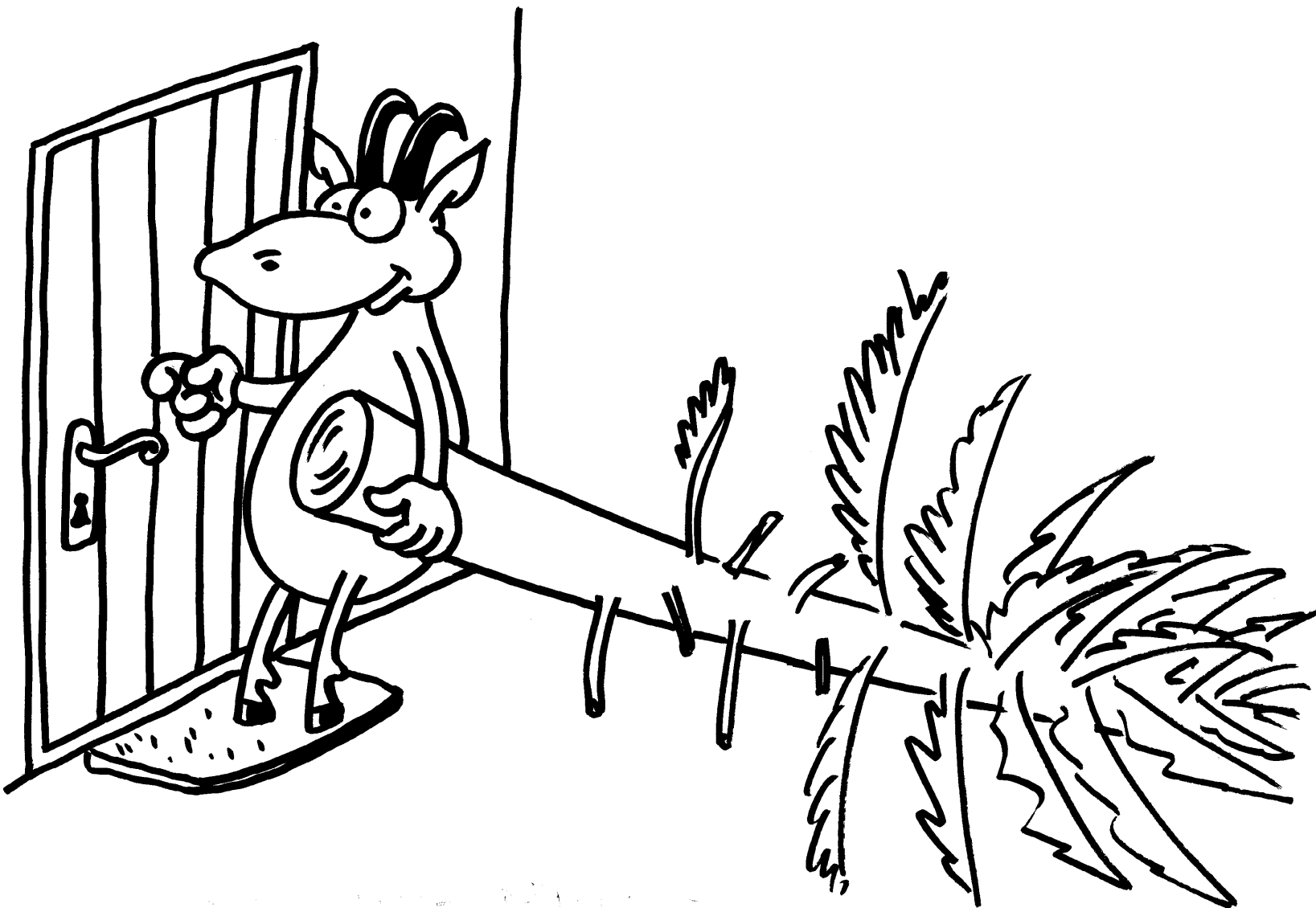
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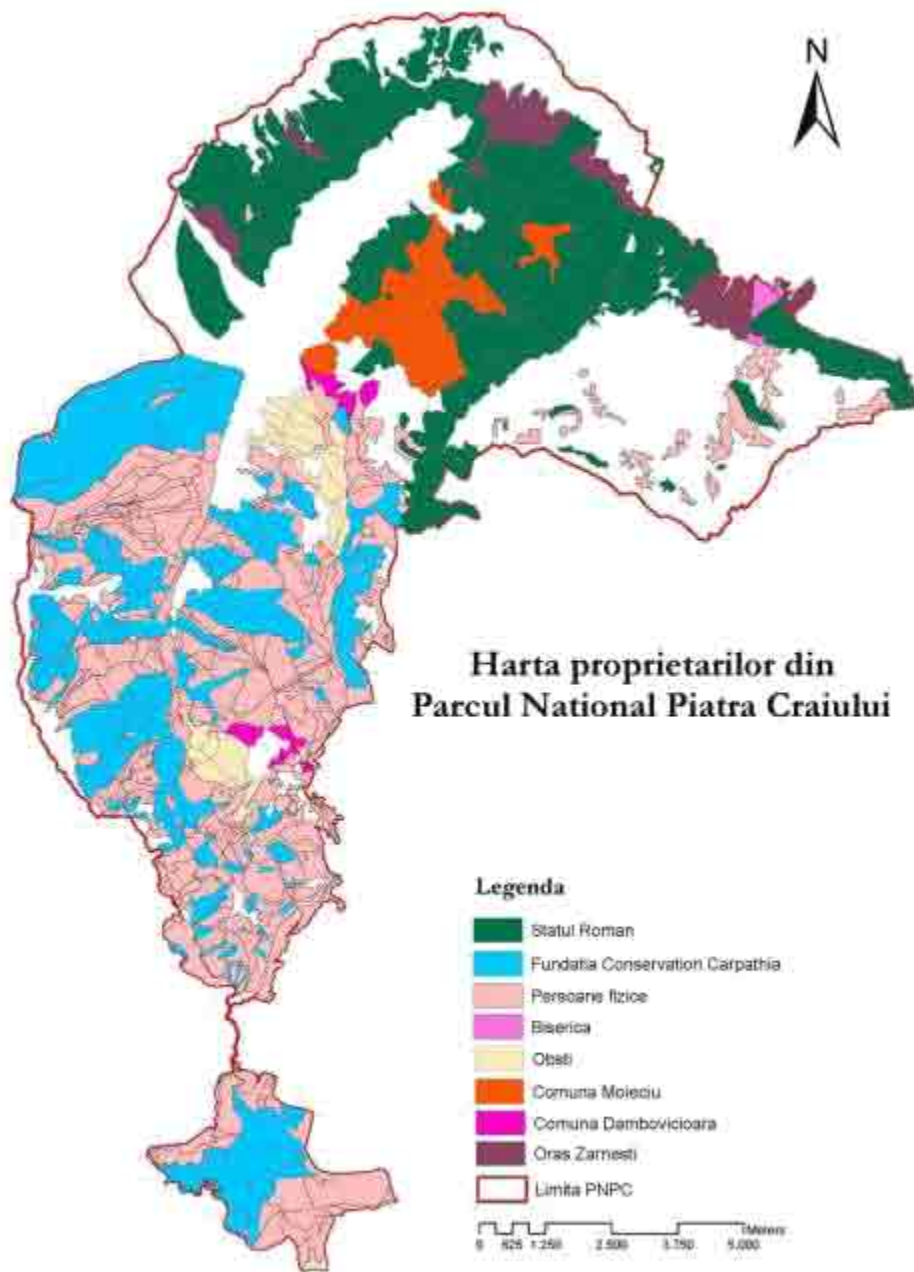
# management of restituted forests



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3000 ha





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# Main threats – uncontrolled development



# Council of Europe European Diploma for PAs, since 2006

- ...awarded for adequately protected natural or semi-natural areas of exceptional European interest from the point of view of conservation of biological, geological or landscape diversity. It is awarded to them by virtue of their scientific, cultural or aesthetic interest if they have an appropriate protection system...































































