



2017 CALENDAR OF ENVIRONMENTAL EVENTS

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Bison (*Bison bonasus*)

Issues: The largest land animal in Europe has disappeared from our fauna after more than 250 years.

Population: About 40-50 individuals living in captivity. Five of them were released in March 2012.

Outlook: Recent studies show that it is possible to create a large population in the Carpathian region with seamless connections between Romania, Ukraine, Poland and Slovakia.

January 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 New Year's Day	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 World Future Energy Summit (16-19 January)	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				



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Scavengers (*Neophron percnopterus*)

The issue: The numbers in the Balkans were halved between 2003 and 2011. Scavengers was declared a natural monument from the communist period, critically endangered in Romania and included in the Birds Directive.

Population: Throughout Europe have remained below 5000 pairs. Scavengers is in decline. They nestles in Romania. 1-2 copies appear periodically in Dobrogea.

Perspectives: An eventual recovery scavengers in Romania could be the first step for the other three species of vulture extinct in the twentieth century of our fauna.

February 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 World Wetlands Day	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 International Day of Women & Girls in Science
12	13	14	15	16 Lithuania's National Day	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 Business Clean Up Day				



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Red-neck-goose (*Branta rufficollis*)

Issues: Policy environmental disaster in 1950 have altered the direction of bird migration in the Caspian Sea in winter.

Population: There are only 55,000 geese-the-neck-red worldwide. Almost 90% of them wintering in the coastal area of Romania and Bulgaria the north coast, in some places like Lake Techirghiol.

Outlook: The geese are affected by the construction and modification of coastal agricultural areas; hunters are often expelled (although banned from hunting) in feeding areas.

March 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 First day of spring	2	3 World Wildlife Day Schools Clean Up Day	4
5	6	7	8 International Women's Day	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16 National Close the Gap Day	17	18
19	20	21 International Day of Forests Harmony Day	22 World Water Day	23 World Meteorological Day	24	25 Earth Hour
26	27	28	29	30	31	



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The dragon-dobrogean (*Elaphe sauromates*)

Issues: The largest snake in Romania has always been rare in our country, but exceptional specimens were found 2.5 m long.

Population: They have left only a few dozen individuals and species has been declared critically endangered on the red list of Romania.

Outlook: Although strictly protected and completely harmless, even useful for people dragon continue to be killed by locals.

April 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 World Heritage Day	19	20 Earth Day	21	22
23	24	25 ANZAC Day	26	27	28	29



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Sturgeon (Huso Huso)

The issue: Now we have only a few thousand adults.

Population: Iron Gates Dam, Danube pollution, poaching and overfishing led to the disaster of the largest freshwater fish in Europe. Between 1992 and 2007, the beluga population declined by 93% globally. In Romania, commercial fishing was prohibited by law in 2006. The provision was raised through an Ordinance in 2009 and reintroduced in 2010.

Outlook: The state spends million for restocking. Sturgeons in Romania is the last wild population in the Black Sea.

May 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 World Parks Day (1-7 May)	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 International Migratory Bird Day	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 International Day for Biological Diversity	23 World Turtle Day	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			



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Tertiary endemite (Romanichtys valsanicola)

The issue: Discovered only in 1957, this single fossil species is endemic to Romania. It was thought extinct until a young individual was captured in 2011.

Population: Pollution, dams on Arges Valsan, destruction of river sand and gravel extraction have left in life probably under 100 copies.

Outlook: Valley Valsan was declared a reserve in 2004. However tertiary endemite declared a natural monument, is critically endangered on the Red List of Romania and remain in a desperate situation.

June 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Children's Day	2 Italy's National Day	3
4	5 World Environment Day	6	7	8 World Oceans Day	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 Global Wind Day	16	17 World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 Red Nose Day	



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The sand boa (*Eryx jaculus*)

The issue: In September 2011, a team of herpetologists from Oradea found near Turnu Magurele first sand boa from 1986 onwards.

Population: Critically Endangered on the Red List, sand boa is like disappeared in our country, which is the northern limit of habitat. Last population of Romania were probably destroyed with the construction of Danube-Black Sea Canal.

Outlook: It is threatened in other countries and could be reintroduced in our after breeding in captivity.

July 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31					1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 World Population Day	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28 Schools Tree Day	29



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Lynx (*Lynx lynx*)

Issues: The lynx is the largest European cat. Although declared a natural monument in Romania is hunted every year (with exemptions from the law) because it would harm local communities.

Population: Romania has most lynxes in the EU: about 1,300 individuals. In May 2012, the Environment Minister announced plans to suspend hunting derogations from lynx until 2014.

Outlook: Effective protection of lynx in the Carpathian would also provide protection of large areas of forest and many other species of livestock.

August 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 Jeans for Genes Day
6	7	8	9 International Day for World Indigenous Peoples	10	11	12 International Youth Day
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 World Humanitarian Day
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		



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The stained-ferret (*Vormela peregusna*)

The issue: Romania is the only ferret populations in the European Union; only living species in arid and steppe.

Population: approximately 500 individuals in Dobrogea.

Outlook: endangered species on the red list of Romania, ferret-stained protected since 1993, but we know very little about the ecology and status in our country.

September 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 First day of spring	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 Sustainable House Day	12	13	14	15	16 International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer
17 Bushcares Major Day Out	18	19	20	21	22 World Car-Free Day	23
24	25	26	27	28	29 World Maritime Day	30



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European-mink (*Mustela lutreola*)

The issue: hunting and competition with American mink (escaped from fur farms) mink pushed to the brink.

Population: In the past, European mink was widespread; lived until recently including Maramures. Currently, in Romania still live up to 1000 European minks, exclusively in Delta - the last area of survival for the European mink, outside Russia.

Outlook: poaching and the decline continues.

October 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 World Habitat Day	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 National Ride 2 Work Day	13 International Day for Disaster Reduction	14
15	16 World Food Day	17 International Day for the Eradication of Poverty	18	19	20	21
22	23 Bird Week (23 – 29 October)	24	25	26	27 World Day for Audiovisual Heritage	28
29 Turkey's National Day	30	31				



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Romanian hamster (*Elaphe sauromates*)

The issue: It is a unique species endemic to a small area of Dobrogea and the north of Bulgaria. Romanian hamster is little known.

Population: In Romania, there are probably about 2,000 individuals (although recent data are not concrete).

Outlook: agricultural intensification and habitat destruction in Dobrogea is the most serious threat.

November 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 World Tsunami Day	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 International GIS Day	16	17	18 Latvia's National Day
19	20	21 World Fisheries Day	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

Saker Falcon (*Falco cherrug*)

The issue: In the animal world is not threatened by any species, man is the only threat. Males are preferred by breeders hawks which leads to an imbalance between the sexes in the wild population.

Population: European population of the species is very small and ranges between 360-540 pairs. A decreased significantly between 1970 - 1990, a trend that continued in the period 1990 - 2000.

Outlook: A conservation program of breeding populations in Hungary and Romania is currently carried out through a LIFE project.

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December 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31					1 Romania's National Day	2
3 International Day of People with Disability	4	5 International Volunteer Day World Soil Day	6	7 International Civil Aviation Day	8	9
10 Human Rights Day	11 International Mountain Day	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26	27	28	29	30 New Year's Eve