PROJECT FACTSHEET

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Natura 2000 Moldova: Promoting the European approach to nature conservation



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Project description:
Following Moldova's EU candidate status in 2022, establishing a functional Natura 2000 network became an important accession requirement. This involves identifying and scientifically assessing habitats and species listed in Annexes I and II of the Habitats Directive across the country. Existing biodiversity data must be critically assessed and supplemented by targeted field surveys where necessary to ensure reliable habitat mapping and species distribution assessments.
The project focuses on the essential preparatory steps, including creation of reference lists, methodologies, mobile applications, field data collection, consolidation and repository, as well as training of State and non-State actors and raising awareness of the public.

This project constitutes the first phase of Moldova's Natura 2000 establishment, providing the scientific and institutional foundation for subsequent surveys, network designation, including preparation of Standard Data Forms (SDFs), while supporting future implementation of EU nature conservation obligations.

Expected results:
1. Reference lists and methodologies developed
2. National ecological field data collected and stored in a database
3. Capacity building delivered
4. Stakeholders at national and local levels and the residents of target areas informed and engaged