

**DIVERSIFICATION POSSIBILITIES OF RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES  
AND PLEASURE ON THE HUNTING FUNDS**

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***Abstract.** The main purpose of new recreational activities implemented on hunting funds is to raise the awareness of the importance of protecting the environment and preserving the unaltered natural environment, preserving biodiversity and ecological balance in nature. The identification of plants from spontaneous and cultivated flora and of hunting species represents a form of recreational and fun tourism activity, which contributes to: improving knowledge and recognition of wild species of hunting interest, education in preserving biodiversity, the importance of practicing a biological agriculture on human health and the protection of the environment and the role of plants in protecting soil erosion and preserving habitats of hunting species.*

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**INTRODUCTION**

The identification of animal species, of crop plants and spontaneous flora through a walk in nature organized by the hunting fund manager, surcharge, represents a form of activity: [7,8,9,15].

- of hunting tourism;
- of ecotourism;
- of recreational-fun tourism;
- of scientific tourism;
- of sports and leisure tourism.

The results obtained on the basis of the hunting fund's biodiversity will certainly contribute to: [1,4,10,13].

- recognizing the species of cultivated plants and spontaneous flora used as food by hunt;
- recognition and observation of hunting species in their natural habitat;
- enhancing the knowledge of those wishing for such activities in nature
- education regarding the protection of wild species and the environment; in preservation of the biodiversity;
- fighting poaching;
- preserving biodiversity of hunting funds.

In case of travels on recreational hunting funds in nature, in addition to recognizing of plants from spontaneous flora, cultivated plants, forest landscapes or ponds, they can admire the behavior of some species of hunting interest, animal or bird species, but also the raptor species that maintain ecological balance in the nature. We mention that tourists, eager for hunting activities in nature may still be: [2,11,12,14].

- learn about hunting tourism (ecotourism), through hunting trophies;
- participation in the pursuit of the behavior of the hunting species, their shooting;
- recognition of the sexes of species in nature,
- evaluation of trophies of raven, wild boar, wolf, bear;
- participation as gonads in hunting organized for the purpose of nature contemplation. [3,5,6].

## MATERIAL AND METHOD

In this scientific approach to diversifying recreational and fun activities, we have proposed to implement on hunting funds, a series of mild environmental activities aimed at changing the behavior of hunting tourism consumers, turning them into ecologists who do not hunt but only to photograph and track the behavior of animal and bird species in their natural habitat, preserving unaltered the biodiversity of the funds and the ecological balance of the species.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

Recreational and fun activities that can be implemented on hunting funds can be: horse riding, equestrian tourism, guided hunting tours on hunting funds, hunting at the hunting farm. The horses have always played a unique role in the history of many civilizations, being the most intelligent and faithful animals, practicing equestrian sports contributes to the enjoyment of free time in clean air, in picturesque places away from city noise and polluted atmosphere and also the hunting funds, infrastructure, agricultural roads for horseback riding and equestrian tourism.

To diversifying the hunting activities a recreational activity for enjoying leisure time is to ride a horse in summer or a sleigh in winter. For the delight of admirers of nature, the cart can be loaded with hay or straw bales in winter to feed hunting species of interest. For this activity, it is necessary:

- preparing the cart;
- preparing harnesses;
- preparing animals for effort;
- training of tourists on the general rules of labor protection.

During winter and when there is snow or even ice, horses will be hiked with special horseshoes to avoid slipping and the means of transport will be a sleigh equipped with blankets to avoid the action of the cold. During the trip stops will be made for the consumption of hot tea or other beverages so that the hunters do not feel the effect of the cold in the places of feeding, salting. At low temperatures the journey time will not exceed one hour, and people traveling will be protected, travel costs being negotiated by fund managers.

We propose recreational and fun activities with the horses, to make the hunter tourists become ecologists, more interested in watching the hunting species and less hunting them, the profits for funds being from niche tourism, ecotourism, what are gentle with the environment.

Here are some suggestions for a two-day hunting trip for forestry high school students or students of forestry faculties:

### DAY 1

- Visiting the focus fund on the following activities:
  - Main: defending, preserving and sustainable development of the forest fund by preserving biodiversity;
  - Secondary: collecting the waste from the spontaneous flora;
  - Utilization of medicinal plants, harvesting of horns;
- accommodation and meals at a hunting lodge;
- recreational activities:
  - hiking;
  - attending local events;
  - visiting anthropogenic resources.

### DAY 2

- visiting the fund focusing on activities such as:

- Main: forest conservation, harvesting and commercialization of specific products;
- Secondary collection of flowers from the spontaneous flora;
- accommodation and meals at a hunting lodge;
- recreational activities:
- participation in social activities;
- attending local events:
  - a weekly fair;
  - the patronage of the church;

Shooting of hunting is free for hunters only in the hunting ground where they are authorized to hunt. For other categories of citizens, other than authorized hunters, shooting of hunting habitat and its habitat shall only be done with the approval of the hunting fund manager with fees.

We present some suggestions for hunters, ecological tourists for a leisure stay of 2 day.

#### DAY 1

- accommodation and meals at a hunting lodge);
- hunting with the pursuit of hunt's behavior in the natural habitat;
- traditional homemade dinner prepared by hosts

#### DAY 2

- hunting;
- traditional homemade dinner prepared by hosts and guests

The recreational and hunting activities proposed for hunting funds also have a gastronomic character, this type of gourmet hunting tourism being important because:

- tourists eat in nature;
- such meals are preferred by environmentalists;
- there is a great correlation between hunter tourists interested in hunting products;
- culinary tourists participate in recreational activities from the hunting grounds;
- kitchen is the only form of art that addresses all five senses;
- culinary tourists are open to all experiences;
- culinary "attractions" are available in the funds area.

## CONCLUSIONS

The recreational and fun activities that can be implemented on hunting funds are meant to promote hunting funds and educate people to protect the natural environment and maintain biodiversity, helping to change the behavior of hunters and turn them into ecological tourists. By practicing these activities, it contributes to the enjoyment of free time in clean air, in picturesque places far away from the noise of the city and the polluted atmosphere. The main activities proposed for hunting funds are horse riding, equestrian tourism, tours of funds hunting and gourmet tourism.

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