



Carpathian Environment Outlook (KEO)

A sub-regional examination and synthesis of the environmental situation in the greater Carpathian region, that includes parts of seven countries (the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Serbia & Montenegro, the Slovak Republic and Ukraine).

Background

In early 2004, DEWA/GRID-Europe along with UNEP Regional Office for Europe (ROE) initiated a new sub-regional reporting process, the Carpathian Environment Outlook (KEO), following a request of the Czech Minister of Environment for such an activity.

The KEO report is an integrated environment assessment (IEA) and sub-regional examination and synthesis

of the environmental situation in the greater Carpathian region including parts of seven countries (see above). KEO was carried out in a "bottom-up", collaborative and consultative style, much like its parent products, UNEP's series of Global Environment Outlook (GEO) assessment reports at the global level.

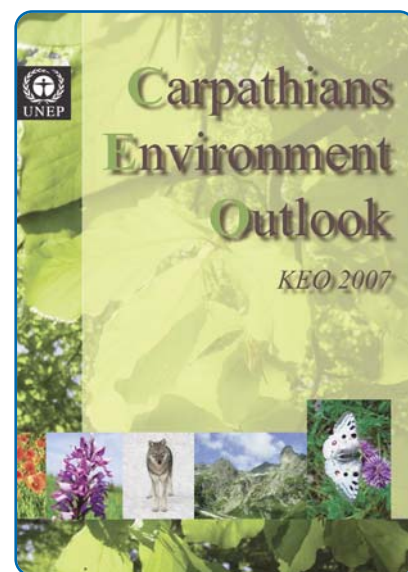
Expected outputs

The results include greater knowledge about and sensitivity to the unique ecology and related environmental and human problems of the broad Carpathian region; a process for addressing these problems within the realm of existing policies and instruments for the region (*inter alia*, the Carpathian Framework Convention); an operational network of national focal points within and among the seven Carpathian countries for this purpose and other, ongoing activities and exchanges of knowledge and experiences; and better information for environmental decision-making there.

Along with an integrated environmental assessment of the Carpathian region, the project also included a harmonized and integrated data collection process to assure comparability over time and across national borders, and integration across disciplines and geographical boundaries for the entire Carpathian region, as well as a KEO Database and Information System to support and enhance the implementation of the Carpathian Framework Convention, and guide local, national and regional actions and policies to improve environmental conditions in the Carpathians and the quality of life of local communities.

The KEO Report was released during the Sixth Ministerial Conference "Environment for Europe", held in

Belgrade on 10-12 October 2007. The report has been reviewed in a Regional Consultation by a large group of stakeholders from the entire Carpathian region.



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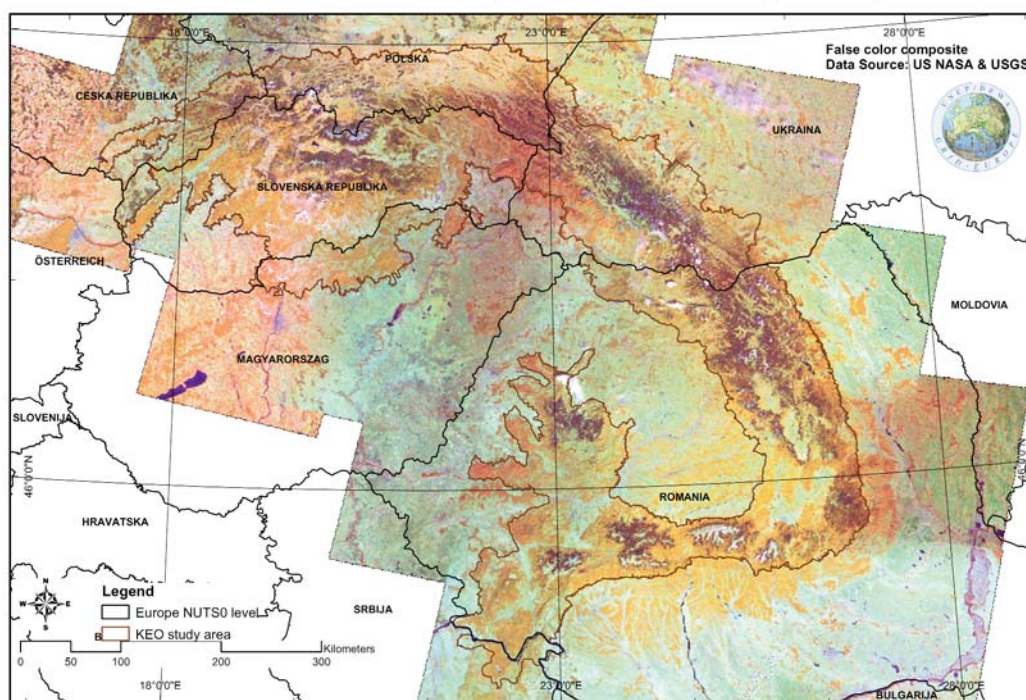
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Landsat ETM Mosaic of the Carpathians Mountain Arc (cca 2000)**



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