

# *European Wilderness Network*

## *Chorny Dil Wilderness*



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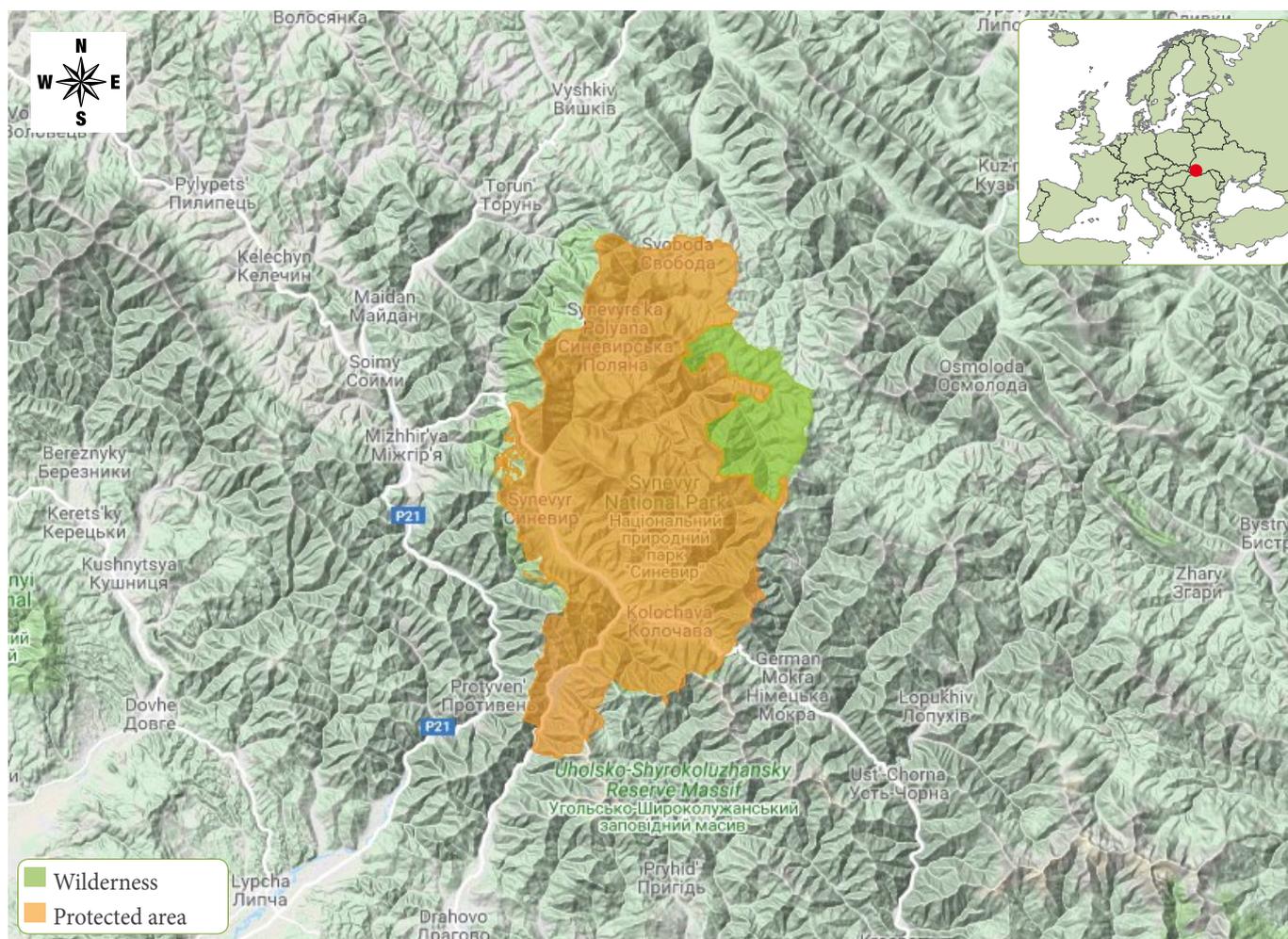
The 1 580 ha Chornyy Dil Wilderness is embedded in Synevyr National Nature Park, Ukraine. Chornyy Dil Wilderness preserves large areas of unique primeval old-growth broadleaf and conifer forest, wild streams and the natural state of the Carpathian mountain landscapes. Chornyy Dil Wilderness has potential for further enlargement. The Wilderness has no roads and is without any management intervention. Furthermore, there has been minimal human impact over the last 60 years, and according to Ukrainian legislation the area is not open to the public.

The Synevyr National Nature Park includes Darvaika Wilderness and four additional areas with Wilderness potential: Strymba, Kamjanka, Kvasovets, and Vilshany. Chornyy Dil Wilderness represents an example of a large genetic reservoir, on which many species associated with in this forest habitat are dependent.

## European Wilderness Quality Standard Audit System

The southern part of Chornyy Dil Wilderness was subject to a Quick-Audit in 2016 and meets the Silver Wilderness Quality Standard due to its outstanding Wilderness quality. A European Wilderness Quality Standard Full-Audit is scheduled for 2020.

Wilderness information	
Protected area	Synevyr National Nature Park
Wilderness	Chornyy Dil Wilderness
Country	Ukraine
Size of the protected area	42 704 ha
Size of the Wilderness	1 580 ha
European Wilderness Quality Standard Audit	2016
Wilderness Uniqueness	Large contiguous area of old growth broadleaf and conifer forest, undisturbed watershed of Pesya river, favourable habitat for wolf, bear and many other rare species
Number of visitors per year to the protected area	approx. 5 000
Number of visitors per year to the Wilderness	approx. 100



Map scale 1 : 940 000



### Biodiversity

Chornyy Dil Wilderness provides a safe refuge for populations of all Carpathian carnivores, such as brown bear, wolf, wildcat and lynx. The area is also home to fox, red deer, roe deer, squirrels, martens, badgers, ermines, wood grouse, and grouse. It offers protection for endangered animal species, notably the horned owl and two kinds of tritons. Typical dwellers in the area are the stork and eagle-owl. A rich variety of life can be found in the dying trunks, such as the Rosalia longicorn beetle (*Rosalia alpina*). Chornyy Dil Wilderness flora includes several hundreds species of vascular plants, of which many are included to Ukraine's Red Book of endangered species and Europe's Red List. The Chornyy Dil Wilderness encompasses remarkable fragments of old growth forest as well as the upper watershed of the wild Pesya River.

### Wilderness Tourism Experience

Access to Chornyy Dil Wilderness is strictly limited and controlled. A visit to Chornyy Dil Wilderness is permitted only for special groups of experts. The area is located approx. 140 km from Uzhhorod and approx. 160 km from the city of Ivano Frankivsk. The Synevyr National Nature Park, besides Chornyy Dil Wilderness, has many examples of old growth broadleaf and conifer forests as well as favourable habitats for wolf, bear and many other rare species. These species are used for environmental education, one of the priorities of Synevyr National Nature Park, which aims to raise awareness of the environment and sustainability issues, and to positively influence the attitudes, behaviour, and activities of visitors and the local population.



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- ▶ identify
- ▶ designate
- ▶ steward
- ▶ promote

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This is conveyed through a range of projects that facilitate Wilderness knowledge exchange, including education, culture and science, from local community through to scientific and governmental level.

## European Wilderness Network

The European Wilderness Network connects Europe's wildest places. Certified by the European Wilderness Quality and Audit System, these unique areas host diverse wild ecosystems governed by dynamic open-ended processes, with no or minimum human-intervention. The Network includes, for example, Europe's last primeval beech forests, the arctic tundra, and mountain landscapes in different climate conditions. It aims to promote Europe's last Wilderness, WILDCoasts, WILDForests, WILDIslands and WILDRivers, with a comprehensive marketing strategy. The European Wilderness Network offers a platform to share Wilderness Stewardship best-practice examples and Wilderness research. It connects like-minded Wilderness managers and advocates and fosters the exchange of ideas and knowledge across Europe and the world through the European Wilderness Exchange Programme.

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