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Gorgany Wilderness



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Gorgany Wilderness, Ukraine

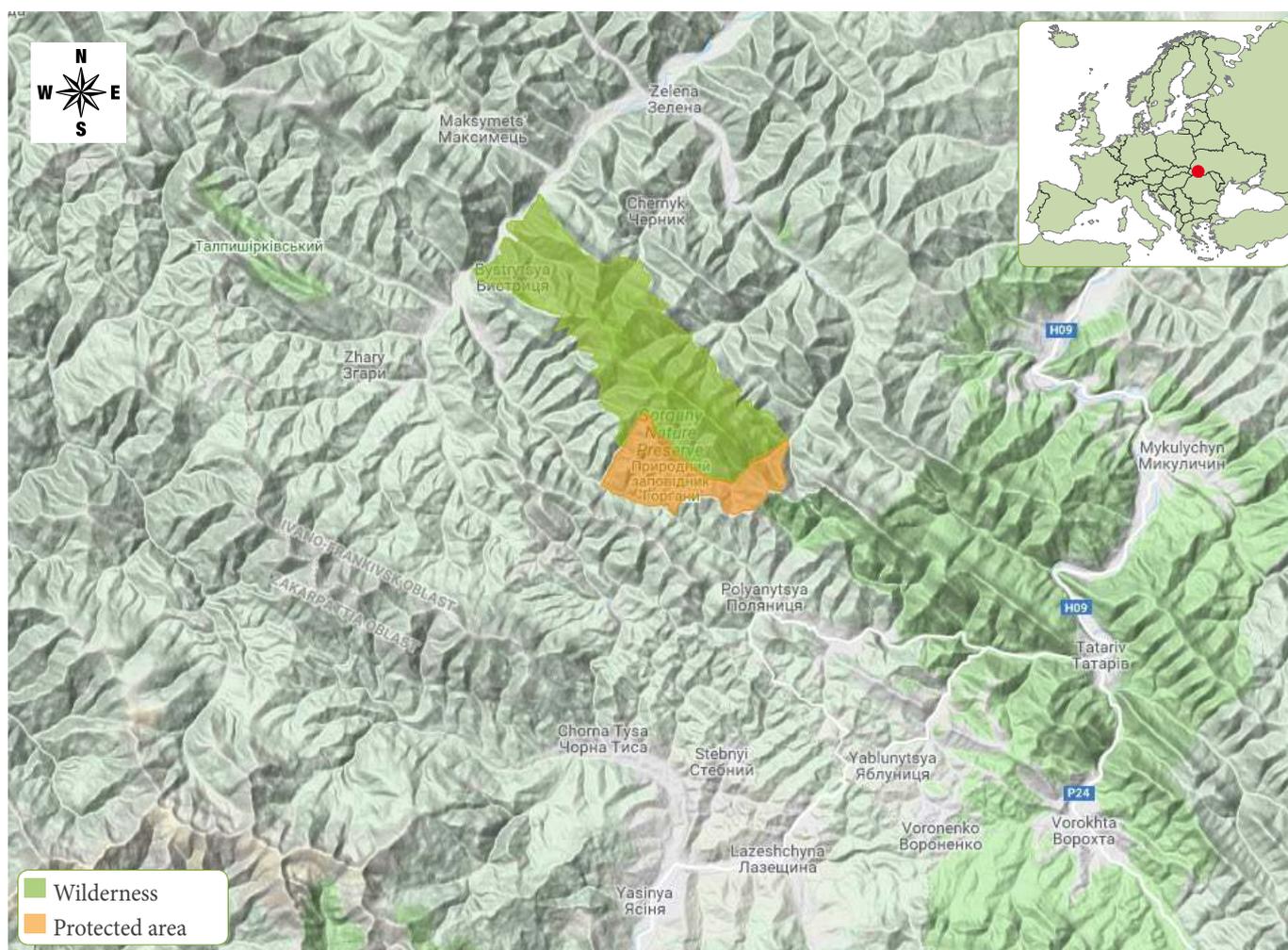
The 4 800 ha Gorgany Wilderness is part of the Gorgany Nature Reserve. This area preserves the natural state of the Carpathian mountain landscapes, typical natural complexes, unique primeval beech forests, and in particular forest with Swiss pine (*Pinus cembra*).

The area contains a large genetic reservoir of beech, on which many species are dependent and can be associated with in this forest habitat. The Gorgany Wilderness is part of the UNESCO World Heritage Site – Ancient and Primeval Beech Forests of the Carpathians and Other Regions of Europe.

European Wilderness Quality Standard Audit System

The 4 800 ha Gorgany Wilderness was subject of a Quick-Audit in 2016 and meets the Gold Wilderness Quality Standard. A European Wilderness Quality Standard Full-Audit is scheduled for 2020.

Wilderness information	
Protected area	Gorgany Nature Reserve
Wilderness	Gorgany Wilderness
Country	Ukraine
Size of the protected area	5 344 ha
Size of the Wilderness	4 800 ha
European Wilderness Quality Standard Audit	2016
Wilderness Uniqueness	Large contiguous area of old-growth beech, Swiss pine and mixed forest, favourable habitat for wolf, bear and many other rare species
Number of visitors per year to the protected area	approx. 500
Number of visitors per year to the Wilderness	approx. 100



Map scale 1 : 440 000



Biodiversity

The Gorgany Wilderness consists of large areas with contiguous old-growth broadleaf and conifer forests. It is an area of great international importance and a local hotspot for biodiversity depending on spontaneous natural processes and ecosystem dynamics. The Gorgany Wilderness contains rare primeval, well-protected forest with relict tree species such as Swiss pine. This peculiar and diverse landscape has a high number of rare, relict or endemic species.

The diverse flora of the Gorgany Nature Reserve includes 459 species, containing 72 rare plants species and 35 species of plants listed in the Red List of Ukraine. Over 1 500 species of vertebrates and invertebrates are registered within the Gorgany Wilderness and in the adjacent areas, and 55 of them are listed in the Red List of Ukraine.

Wilderness Tourism Experience

Access to the Gorgany Wilderness is permitted only for guided tours and for participants of workshops. Gorgany Wilderness is located ca. 60 km from Ivano-Frankivsk town. The area is accessible for cars and busses. Nature trails provide a unique experience in Gorgany Wilderness. The trails lead through old-growth forest.



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European Wilderness Society

Founded on more than 20 years of Wilderness work by our members, the European Wilderness Society is the only Pan-European, Wilderness and environmental advocacy non-profit, non-government organisation.

It has a dedicated multi-cultural and experienced team of Wilderness and wildlife specialists, nature conservationists, researchers and scientists, tourism experts, marketing and business professionals, legal advisors and Wilderness advocates, whose mission is to:

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

Europe's last Wilderness, WILDcoasts, WILDForests, WILDIslands and WILDRivers. Here non-human intervention leads to open-ended, dynamic processes.

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.

For more information please see <http://european-wilderness.network>

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