

# SWiPE

## Successful Wildlife Crime Prosecution in Europe

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## **Aim:**

- discourage and reduce illegally killed wildlife

## **Issues:**

- Sharing and Availability of Data
- Knowledge and Capacity
- Co-operation

*Bear illegally killed in a snare, Romania*

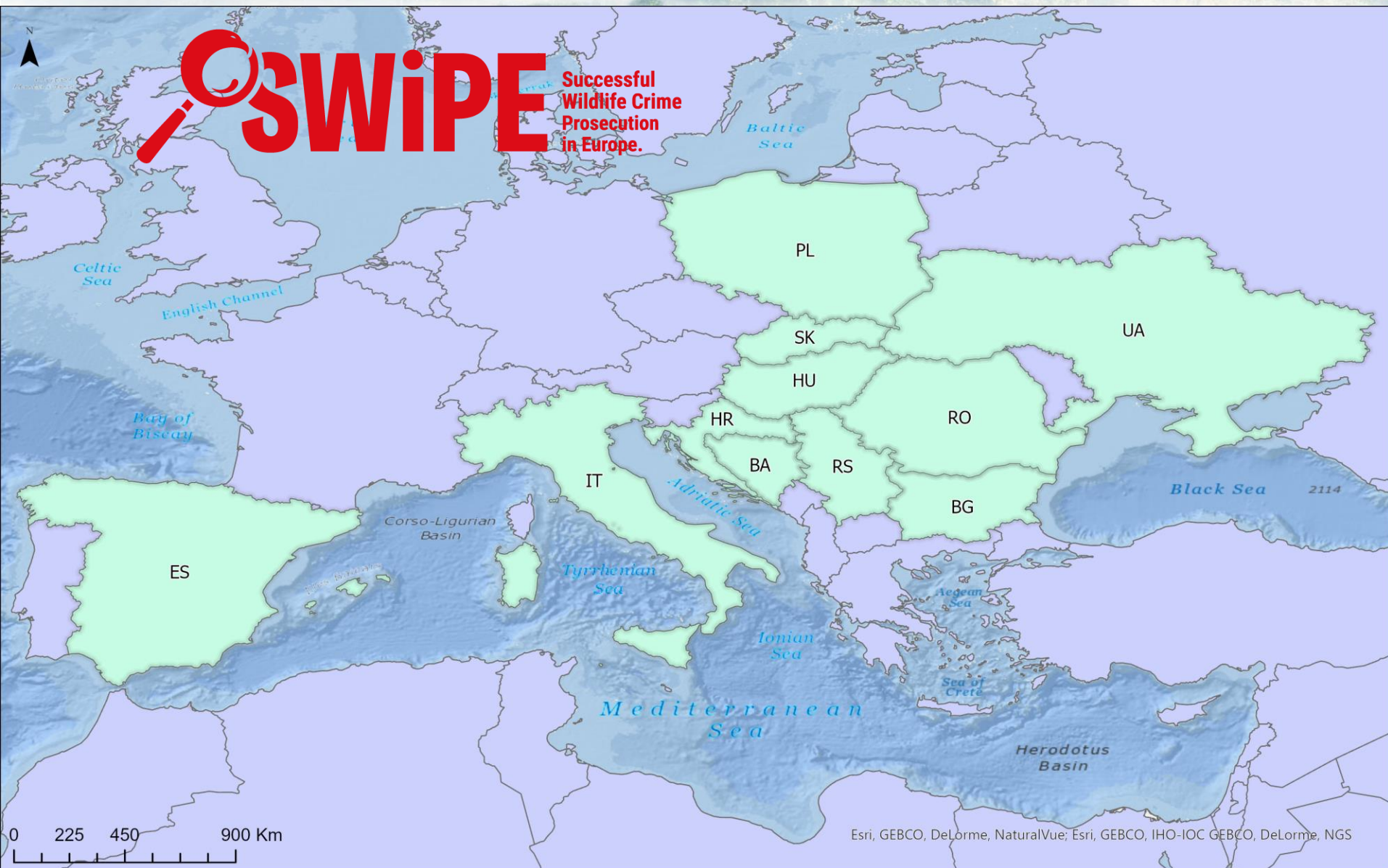




## Objectives:

1. Building the Evidence Base
  - Gather data
  - Web-based portal
2. Increasing Awareness, Knowledge and Capacity
  - 600 representatives of Responsible Authorities trained
3. Communications with technical specialists and 10 million European Citizens





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# CASE STUDY

## Fauna & Flora International

Fauna & Flora International  
is dedicated to protecting  
our planet's threatened  
wildlife and habitats.



# Fauna & Flora International response to wildlife crime

## Our approach:

- Local, site-based focus
- Engaging communities
- Strategic partnerships that work
- Building local leadership

## Our focus:

1. Crime prevention at source
2. Capacity for law enforcement and prosecution
3. Influencing decisions of policy-makers, governments, consumers and private industry



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# Fauna & Flora International: Tackling saiga horn trafficking from Kazakhstan

## Effective enforcement:

- Strengthening anti-poaching capacity
- Promoting transboundary cooperation
- Increasing detection at borders



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# Fauna & Flora International: Romania Gendarmerie Anti-poaching Units



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Română



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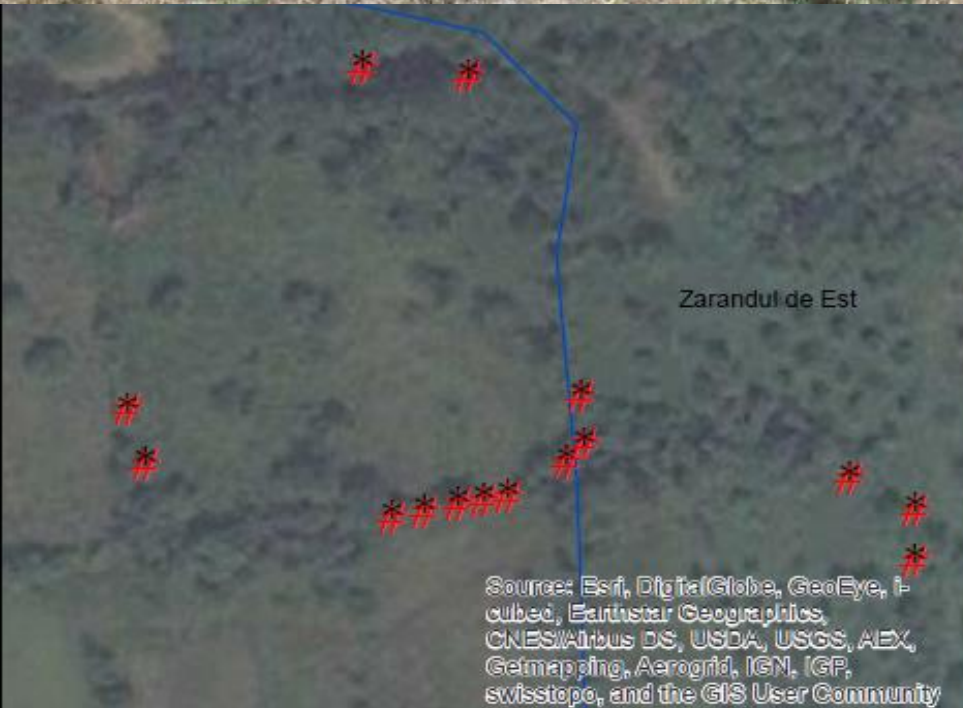


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# Gendarmerie Anti-poaching Units



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# Gendarmerie Anti-poaching Units



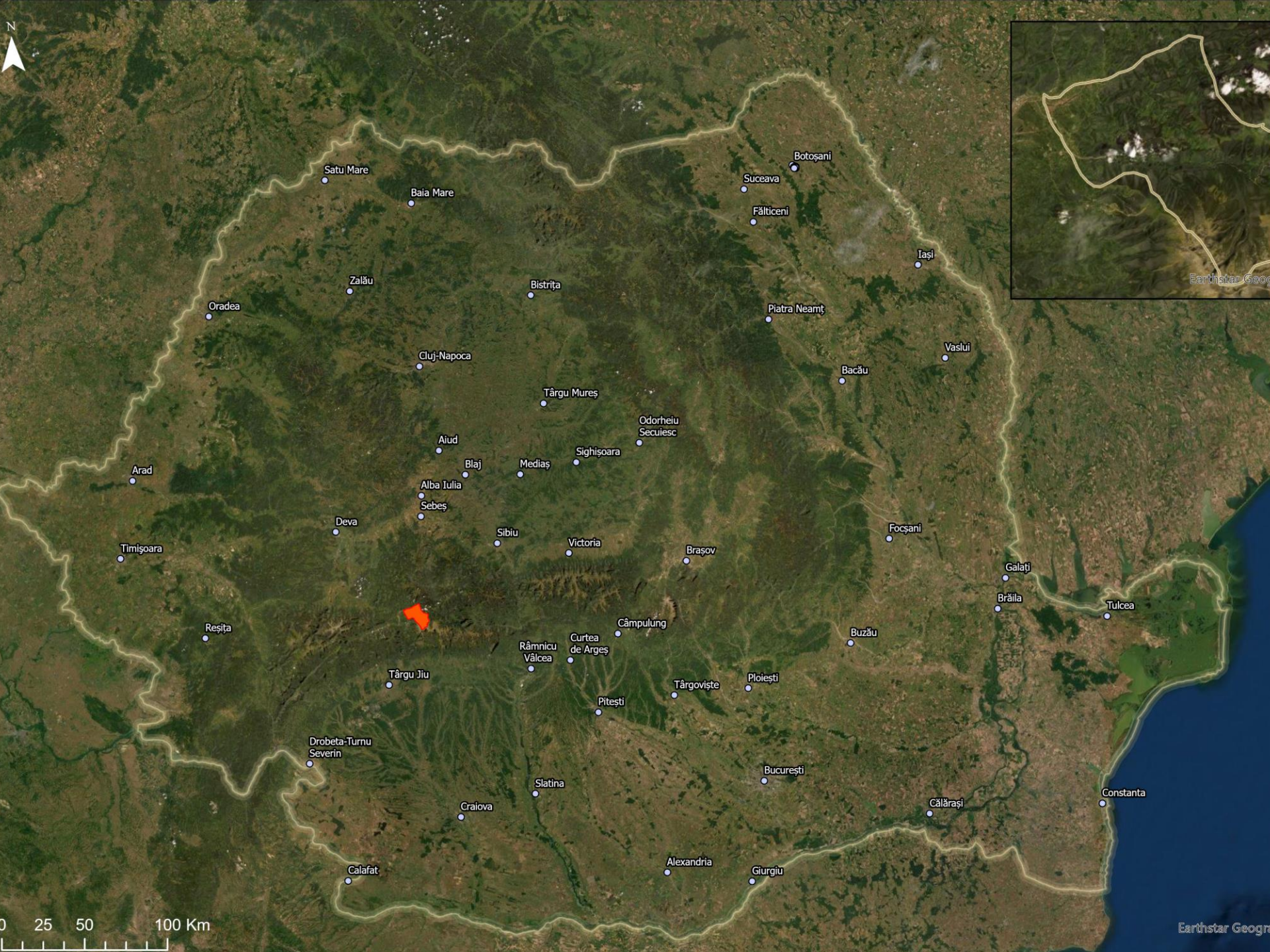
- 379 Wildlife crimes reported (poaching of wildlife, including fish; illegal timber)
- €38,250 in fines
- Anecdotal reports of decreases in environmental crime

# Chamois (*Rupicapra rupicapra*)



- EU Habitats Directive 92/43EEC, Annex V
- Population Management by Member States
- Least Concern - IUCN Red List
- Subspecies protected (*R. rupicapra balcanica* – Annex II)





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Earthstar Geo



# Poached Chamois

## 12.10.2018

- Gendarmerie received report of foreign registered vehicle in area
- Gendarmerie mounted patrol with Hunting Administration and stopped vehicle
- 4 persons: 2 Romanian and 2 registered as Austrians
- No hunting permits

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# Poached Chamois

## 12.10.2018

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- Police requested and supported collation of evidence for case file
- Case file passed to Prosecutors Office as case of poaching under law 406/2006

# Poached Chamois

## 12.10.2018

### Patru bărbați sunt suspectați că au împușcat o capră neagră în Parâng. Specia este protejată de lege

- Government
- Successful
- Clear evidence
- Case at Court
- Time to prosecute
- No feedback
- Questions regarding poaching
- No further research

Patru bărbați sunt suspectați că au împușcat o capră neagră în Masivul Parâng. Animalul tranșat și două arme de vânătoare au fost descoperite de jandarmii montani într-o mașină de teren cu numere străine.

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Thank you

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