

# Romanian HNV grassland (type 1) designation

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# Threats

- Abandonment – the biggest threat that was, but somehow easier to tackle, CAP area based payments mixture are an efficient tool for tackling it.
- Competition on farmland – Land is more attractive and not only for pure farmers. Occurrence of opportunity driven “sofa farmers”. Access to land acquisition easier for big farmers.
- Changing land use and intensification.
- Broader, market driven competition. Higher incomes in cities or abroad, increasing demand for labour force coming from these sectors.
- Pressure from other economical activities INSIDE the countryside (e.g. constructions, tourism)

Overall, HNV systems are among the less competitive systems, this being the biggest threat.

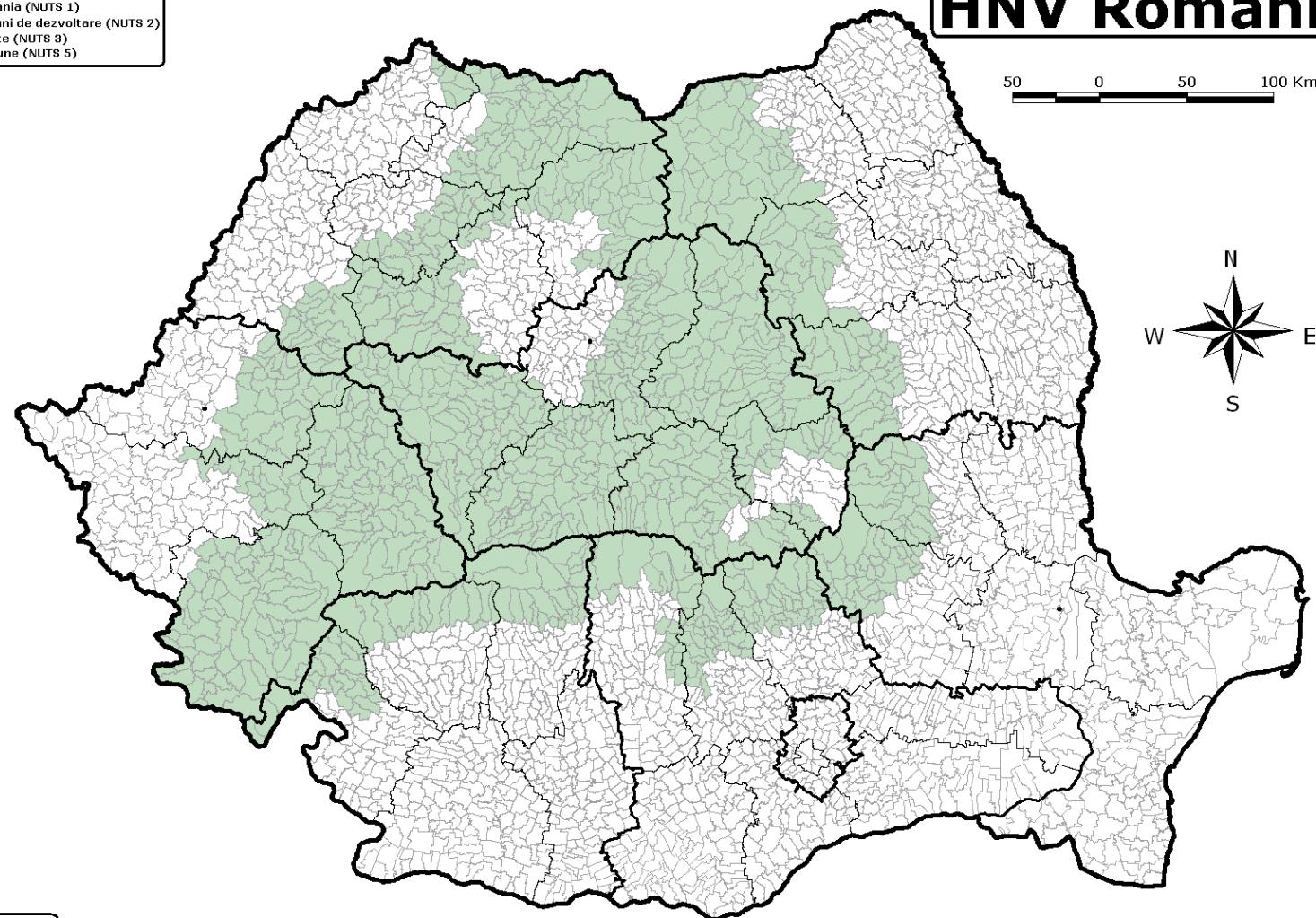
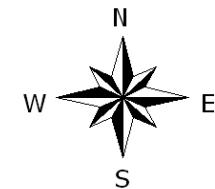
# HNV Grassland Designation

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- Romania (NUTS 1)
- Regiuni de dezvoltare (NUTS 2)
- Județe (NUTS 3)
- Comune (NUTS 5)

**HNV Romania**

50 0 50 100 Km



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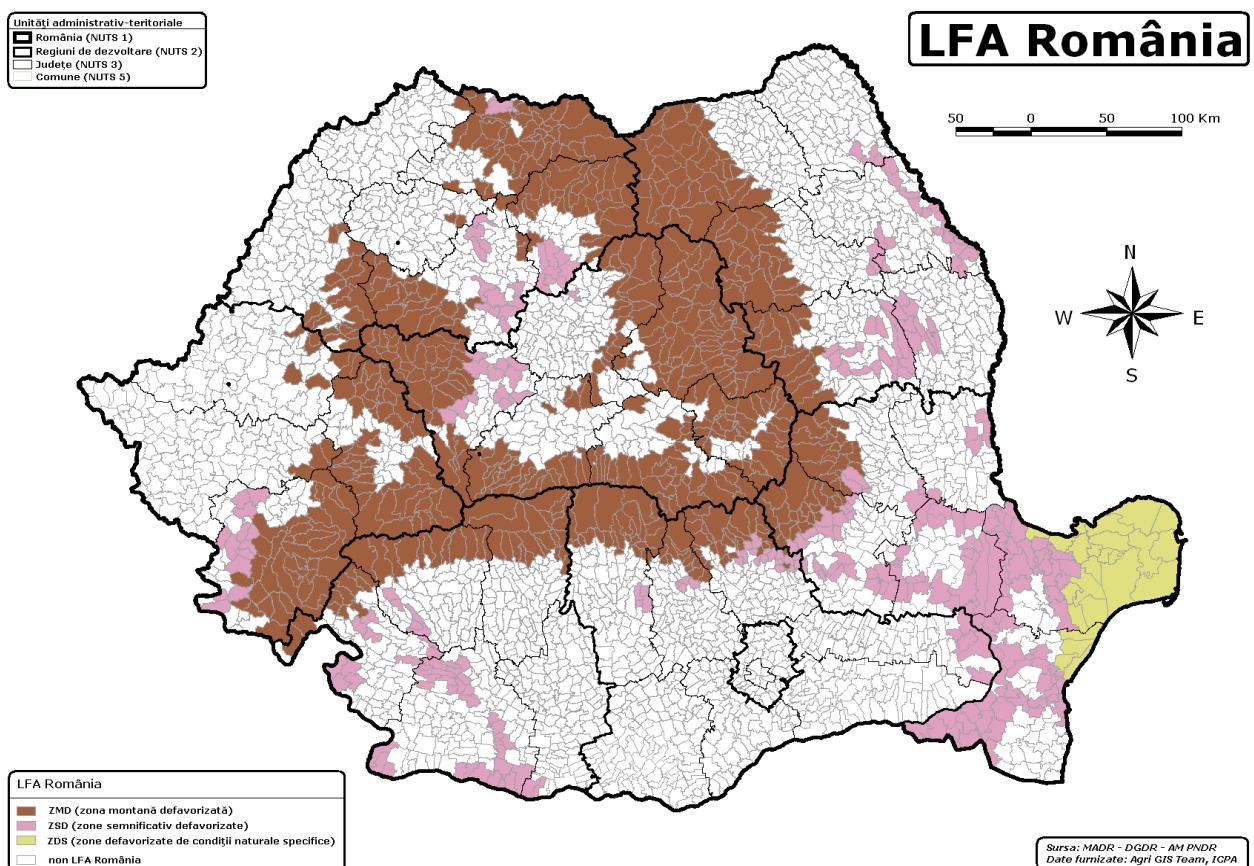
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# Romanian LFA designation

## LFA România:

- 657 *mountain ATU's*
- 24 *significant handicaps ATU's*
  - 293 *specific handicap ATU's*



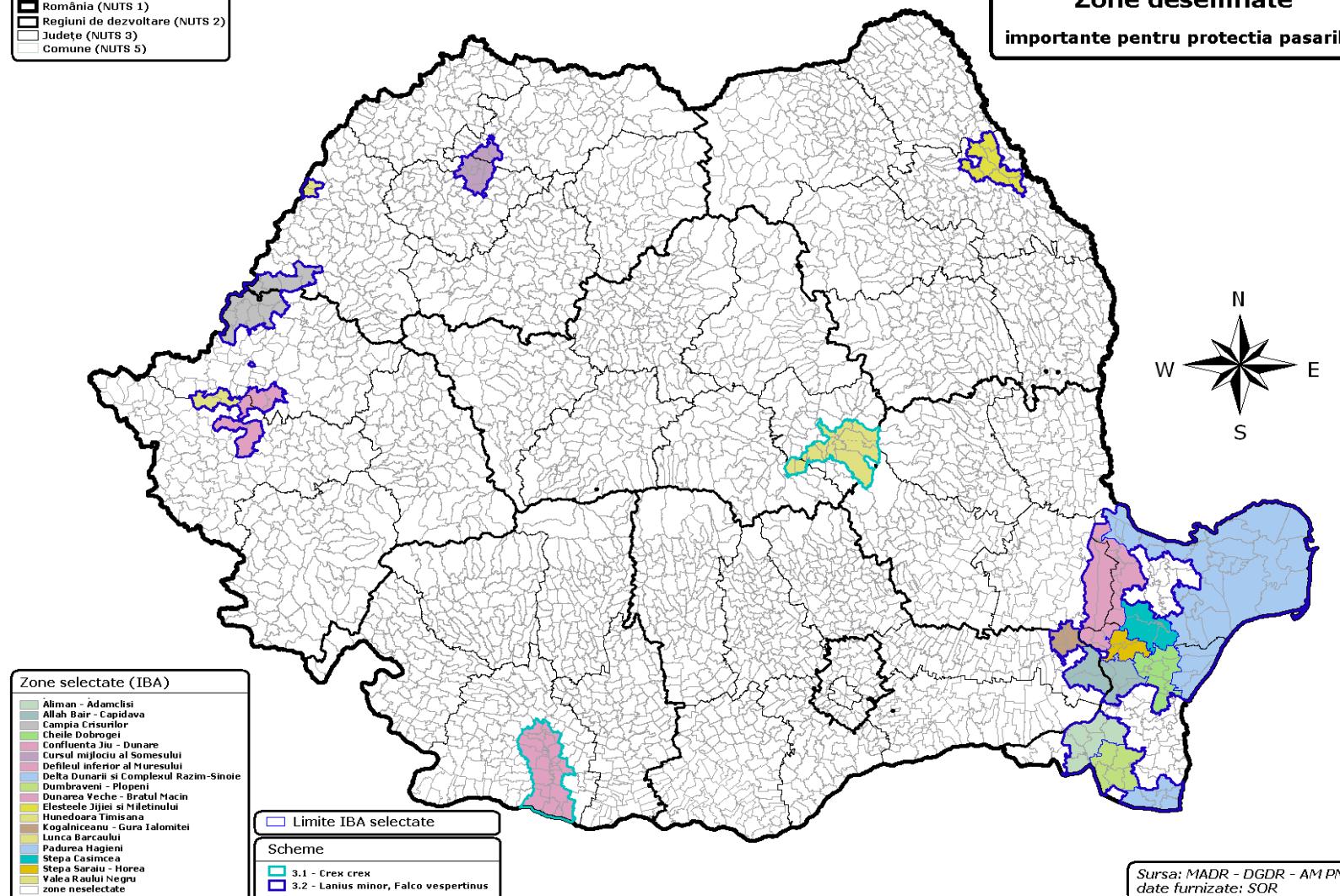


# Bird conservation package (type 3)

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Zone desemnate

importante pentru protecția pasarilor



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# Designation

- Follows Type 1 definition: “*farmland with a high proportion of semi-natural vegetation*”
- That does not mean that it excludes the other types of HNV, current designation also covers many Type 2 mosaics as well as most of Natura 2000 sites in Romania (which can be considered Type 3 HNVf)
- An estimation of 2,4 mil. hectares surface falling within the current HNV designation.

# Designation

- Based on Corrine Land Cover approach
- Check Keys
  - average LSU in the area 0,4
  - almost inexistent chemical fertilisers/pesticides application
  - LFA layer
  - Natura 2000 sites layer
  - Rich cultural heritage

**Existence of farm filter ! And key species monitoring!  
Is not “just a map”!**

## Grassland Characteristics

- Large species pool and very diverse
- High gamma diversity-species
- Grasslands sensitive to fertiliser and increased grazing

# Romanian Designation

There is still room for improving. But currently represents best value for money by meeting targeting requirements.

Expert monitoring of species is in place and **WILL** prove it's efficiency.

## Things for the future, developing the concept:

EU wide definitions are NOT always the best definitions. A higher level of flexibility must be in place for the concept to be further successfully developed at each Member State level. Moving towards “result oriented” schemes, definitions less important.

# National Cooperation

- Current designation made in close cooperation with Romanian Grassland Institute and Universities
- NGO's were involved from the beginning of the designation process
- Farmers associations involved
- Other environmental institutions





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