



## EUROPEAN RANGER FEDERATION

*Professionals to Protect Nature*

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#StandWithUkraine

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### **UPDATE: A call to all European Rangers**

As a result of the ongoing conflict in Ukraine, the European Ranger Federation (ERF) has been building up contacts and trying to find ways to support Ukraine, especially the Ukrainian Rangers and those still working in nature protection.

There are many ways that you can support the humanitarian aid going to Ukraine but ERF, along with the International Ranger Federation (IRF) and The Thin Green Line Foundation (TGLF), are specifically asking for your financial support to help those still trying to protect nature. Please share the information below within your national associations; with your fellow rangers and within your communities. Together we can make a difference to those suffering at this time.

The ERF is calling for **donations to enable us to support rangers working on the front line in Ukraine's protected areas**. This work will be supported by logistical assistance from Rangers in neighbouring European Countries to Ukraine, and other border regions, to ensure the aid reaches Ukrainian Rangers directly.

Following direct discussions with the Ministry of Environment and conservation NGOs in Ukraine, we have been advised that our aims can best be fulfilled by directly connecting with, and channelling, our support through the German Europarc Federation and the Frankfurt Zoological Society (FZS). These two organisations already have established networks and connections with protected areas in Ukraine. For more information on their work, please see the FZS web site here:

<https://fzs.org/en/support/emergency-support-for-protected-areas-in-the-carpathians/>

The FZS is organising donations and buying much needed goods with a focus on humanitarian support for protected areas. FZS coordination on these aspects is more effective than multiple organisations collecting goods from different places.

Where possible and useful, the ERF is trying to assist in organising transport routes and delivery chains via Rangers in the area.

The FSZ is also collecting donations with a view to supporting these protected areas in the medium to longer-term to enable rebuilding when the current conflict has ended. So, your donations to FSZ will help now, as well as in the longer term.

### **Please step up for Ukraine, for nature and for our fellow Rangers in Ukraine**

The Executive Committee of the International Ranger Federation, the European Ranger Federation and the Thin Green Line Foundation