

ABSTRACT

ACTION A1

Action A1 (Stakeholder analysis) aims at investigating the knowledge, attitudes, behavior intention and behavior of stakeholders in the project area in terms of implementing best practice to deal with bears approaching farmers' fields, agricultural establishments, and human settlements, as well as damage prevention methods. The action also aims to investigate the relative intention of social groups who are involved to optimize particular practices by focusing on the specific features of the reference area. Action A1 is preparatory to Action C1 (Stakeholder consultation and involvement). In particular, the results of Action A1 will be exploited in Action C1 for the consultation process between the social groups involved and their involvement in concrete initiatives, always aiming at implementing best practices on the protection of the bear. Action A1 focuses on three themes, namely (1) the bear's approach to crops, productive facilities and settlements, (2) the installation of live fences as a means of averting damage by a bear and (3) the herd of cattle. In addition, the action looked at issues of compensation to producers for damages from the bear as well as the attitudes of the local society towards the species.