## P 8 – The forest: An ecosystem to be protected

**Biodiversity: Tomorrow's Challenge!** Биоразнообразие: Предизвикателство за утрешния ден!



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With this activity the students get acquainted with the natural wealth of the region, with the protected plant and animal species, with the balance in the ecosystem, with the responsibilities we have to preserve this wealth for future generations.



In order to preserve the natural wealth of our country, we have created protected natural sites - national parks, reserves, protected areas, natural landmarks.



A few kilometers from our hometown is the Visitor Information Center of Pirin National Park / in Bansko /.

There we learned interesting and interesting facts about the owners of the mountain - trees, plants and wildlife.





There are many plant and animal species in the park. Some of them are protected and are on the Red List of the International Union for Conservation of Nature.



On the territory of the National Park is the Baikusheva fir, which is more than 1300 years old. It is said to be the same age as Bulgaria, established in 681.

We are proud of this fact!

Signs are placed all over the Park that remind us that we are not the masters of the mountain. We are guests and we must behave as such!





Do not tear the flowers!

Do not pollute the water!

Protect forests from fire!

Our work on the project continues at school. We are tomorrow's masters of our forests. We will be obliged to preserve them and pass them on to the generations to come, just as our fathers did to us.



And now we are still young, but we are captivated by the stories of people who care about forest protection, we are enchanted by the beauty of nature during the different seasons, we are amazed by the harmony that reigns between flora and fauna!

We participate in competitions dedicated to the protection of native nature and win prizes! We invest not only skills and knowledge, but also sincere love for our unique nature!



Let's protect the forests! They are our future! The forest can do without us, we cannot do without it!