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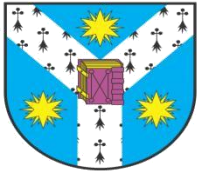
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CHAPTER I. INTRODUCTION

1.1. The reason of choosing the theme and the aim of the work

The work has the scientific role of high lighting the physical and geographical characteristics of the depressionary basin delimited by defile of Sadova-Pojorâta and Prisaca-Dornei. The thesis will contain information on the natural elements respectively stationary operating conditions of forest ecosystems required by the relief, climate, water resources and phyto-pedological cover. Another direction is about the recent transformation in the forests structure, and the problems caused by the utilization of the land. By the scientific scope, the work follows a practical purpose related by the highlighting of the favorable or restrictive characteristics of the physic-geographical framework and the the measures required to prevent land degradation, forest protection, water and soil in this area and generally for maintaining the natural balance.

1.2. Presentation of the studied areal

This relief unit represents an important zone of the depressionary area separating the Eastern Carpathians, northern group of the central group. On the one hand, it continues directly corridor Moldova-Sadova and in this point of view it belongs to Obcinile Bucovinei, and on the other hand it belongs to the depressionary area Bârgău-Dorna-Valea Moldovei, which marks the limit of the Carpathian Mountains of Maramures and Bucovina and the Moldo-Transilvani Mountains.

The depressionary basin is located in the north-eastern part of Romania and is delimited by the following coordinates mathematical: 47° 29' 55" and 47° 33' 25" N latitude and 25° 34' 20" și 25° 39' 30" E longitude. It is crossed by the European road E 576 and the railway that connects the major cities in Transylvania (Oradea, Cluj-Napoca, Bistrița), with some from Moldova (Iași, Suceava, Bacău).

This depression has an approximate orientation on the direction of NV-SE and is placed between two narrower canyonsectors, Cheile Strâjii or Cheile Pojorâtei, upstream, between the peak Muncelu (1302 m) and Măgura Runcului (1176 m), composed of sandstones and microconglomerates belonging to „sinclinalului marginal extern”, and Cheile Prisăcii or „Strâmtura Roșie” in the downstream, where the Prisaca sandstone outcrops.

Depression has an elongated shape, covers a distance of about 15 km and preserves the appearance of a wider sector of the valley flanked by hills and knolls with altitudes around 1000-1200 m.

North branch of the basin is formed by a series of heights coming from the fragmentation of the southern extremity of crease-scale parallel with asymmetrical transverse profile (hogback-uri) which belongs to Obcinei Feredeului. Here, under the highest level, marked by peaks Obcina Feredeului (1364 m), Măgura Deia (1202 m), Tomnaticul (1302 m), are a part of peaks more and more fragmented and lower, with altitude of 1100 m and in the nearest plane, even 850-950 m. So, between the corridor of Sadova and the valley Izvorului Morii it is the peak Higa (905 m); then Runcu-Corlăteni with peak Cocoș (1061 m), between valleys of Morii and Corlăteni. Follows the peak Butia Deluțului (875 m), between valley Corlăteni and valley Deia, and next in the southern extremity of peak Prislop (1165 m). Is fragmented into several knolls between the valleys Deia și Lela. Next, to ESE, between the

valley Lela and the one of Hurghiș river, depression frame is formed by a lower ridge parallel to the general direction of the river Moldova, dominated by the peak Ginaș (950 m). Therefore it seems that depression is closed here, but in reality it continues downstream with a larger compartment corresponding to the confluence of Hurghiș-Moldova, framed to the north of Runcu Prisăcii (1141 m) and peak Hășnaș (1086 m), south and closed at east of the defile Strâmtura Roșie.



Photo nr.1 Depression of Câmpulung Moldovenesc viewed from peak Măgura (Piticar T.M.)

Depression Campulung Moldovan southern branch is formed by an alignment of sharp knolls, consisting of marl sandstones associated with (*Aptychus*), belonging to the sink Mesozoic marginal (Munceii Rarăului). Followed from Pojorâta to Prisaca Dornei, these are: Măgura (1176 m), between river Străjii and the valley Mesteacănului; Runcu (1129 m), between river Mesteacănului and Valea Seacă; Bodea (1073 m) and then Dl. Cucoara (944 m), separated by Izvorul Alb and then some softer spurs separated by valleys of Izvorul Malului, Valea Caselor, Șandru, that link to Stânișoarei Mountains.

1.3. Previously research

Evolution of geographical research that focused in the depression corridor is related to the study of more extensive areas, while the addressing problems are strictly specialized in the region above. Geographical literature with direct reference to depressionary basin is vast and diverse. The contributions of ancestors, even those with an interest collateral, will be mentioned detailed in every aspect of the natural environment in part, or with direct reference to a particular paper or by quoting the author.

PART I. ANALYSYS OF THE STATIONARY CONDITIONS

2.1. Geological structure

The depressionary basin of valley Moldova Pojorâta and Prisaca Dornei, has a diverse petrographic composition, but especially with a very complex tectonic, consisting of two main geological formations „ external marginal syncline” of the Crystalline-Mesozoic area in the northern part of the Eastern Carpathians and the Carpathian flysch, especially predominating in the left structure of valley of Moldova in Obcina Feredeului. This "syncline" is known in literature under the name of „cuveta Rarău” (or Rarău-Breaza). The filling of "syncline" consists of Mesozoic age deposits and the flanks are made of pre-Alpine metamorphic deposits.

2.1.1. Alpine metamorphic formations

Formation Tg4 (blasto-detritic cuarțito-filitică), includes epimetamorphic rocks formed from sedimentary deposits, deposited after the maximum activity of rhyolite volcanism. These formations belong to the Tulgheș series and participates in the formation of bucovinic canvas (includes a series of terrigenous formations and volcano-sedimentary, with weak mineralization, formation of Cambrian-Ordovician lower age.

2.1.2. Marginal synclinal it only reaches the northern extremity of the Câmpulung Moldovenesc depression and it consist in metamorphic alpine formations of Triassic age, which appears in the studied area as klippe of larger size, larger, above the career at the eastern end of the village Pojorâta, on the right of Moldova arise similar limestones, which in most part were exploited.



Photo no. 2 Reservation "The layers with Aptychus" (the defile Pojorâta-Sadova), (Piticar T.M.)

2.1.2.1. Sandstones and conglomerates from Muncelu

Included in the base sandstones "coarser" with calcareous cement that sometimes passes into microconglomerates. The upper part of the succession includes conglomerates with crystalline schist, limestone, marl and sandstone.

2.1.3. The internal flysch

2.1.3.1. The canvas of Ceahlău

On the right side of Câmpulung Moldovenesc depression appears the canvas of Ceahlău represented by layers from Sinaia and layers from Piscu, with trees, which extends from stream Mesteacanului and the river Izvorul Malului. This bio-stratigraphic entity comprises two horizons: the first is marly limestone, the second is highly calcareous sandstone.

2.1.3.2. The canvas of Teleajen (the curbicortical flysch).

Found between the plan of saraj of Ceahlau and Audia, the curbicortical flysch is composed a rhythmic alternation of pelitic lithic sandstones and clay-marl, micaceous. The curbicortical flysch canvas has a reduced spreading, with the occurrence in the form of a narrow band between Șandru and Valea Caselor.

2.1.3.3. The canvas Audia

It is predominantly on the left side of the valley Moldova. Audia lithologic unit is made up of Cretaceous deposits represented by black shales predominant in the sector and Eocene deposits, represented by sandstone of Prisaca.



Photo no.3 Versantul stâng al Moldovei – Obcina Feredeului (Piticar T.M.)

The presence of the Hogback relief is the consequence alternation of the layers made by hard and soft rocks arranged monoclonal. The harsh layers, rigid, although dominated by the thickness of the pelitic layers with they are alternating, opposed to an exaggerated pleating, breaking as a reverse of inverse faults lines. The normal flank (superior) of each cune, exceeding by slipping the reverse flank (lower), came into an abnormal contact with the superior flank of the

next cute, resulting into a nesting of the normal flanks characteristic to the structure in scales.

2.2. Tectonic

This sector of Moldova valley located near the "marginal synclinal" Rarău, has a complicated structure due to the superposition of several overthrust canvases. In the area of crystalline-Mesozoic of the Eastern Carpathians, on the outer edge of which is found "syncline Rarău" is possible to define two overlapping canvas systems: a system or the group of lower canvases in central-eastern Carpathians and the system (or group) of canvases Transylvanian which is higher (Săndulescu M., 1984).

Central-eastern Carpathian canvases succeed from top to bottom, from bucovinic canvas through the sub-bucovinic one, to the infrabucovinic. The bucovinic canvases supports the remains of the transilvanian canvases and it is siriata in the eastern part of the territory over the canvas of Ceahlău, in the north-eastern of Rarău the canvas of eastern Carpathian flysch appears, represented by canvas of Ceahlău, canvas of curbicortical flysch and the one from Audia. (Popescu Gr., Patrușiu D., 1964). In Rarău the system central-eastern of the Carpathian canvases occupy the largest area. With a considerable extending of the canvas of the front Bucovina corresponding to this system, it is over the Ceahlău canvas.

In the north-eastern (Măgura, Runc, Bodea), is individualized a particular structure element, known in the specialist literature as "digitatia Sadova". It corresponds two scales cute discharged to the east.

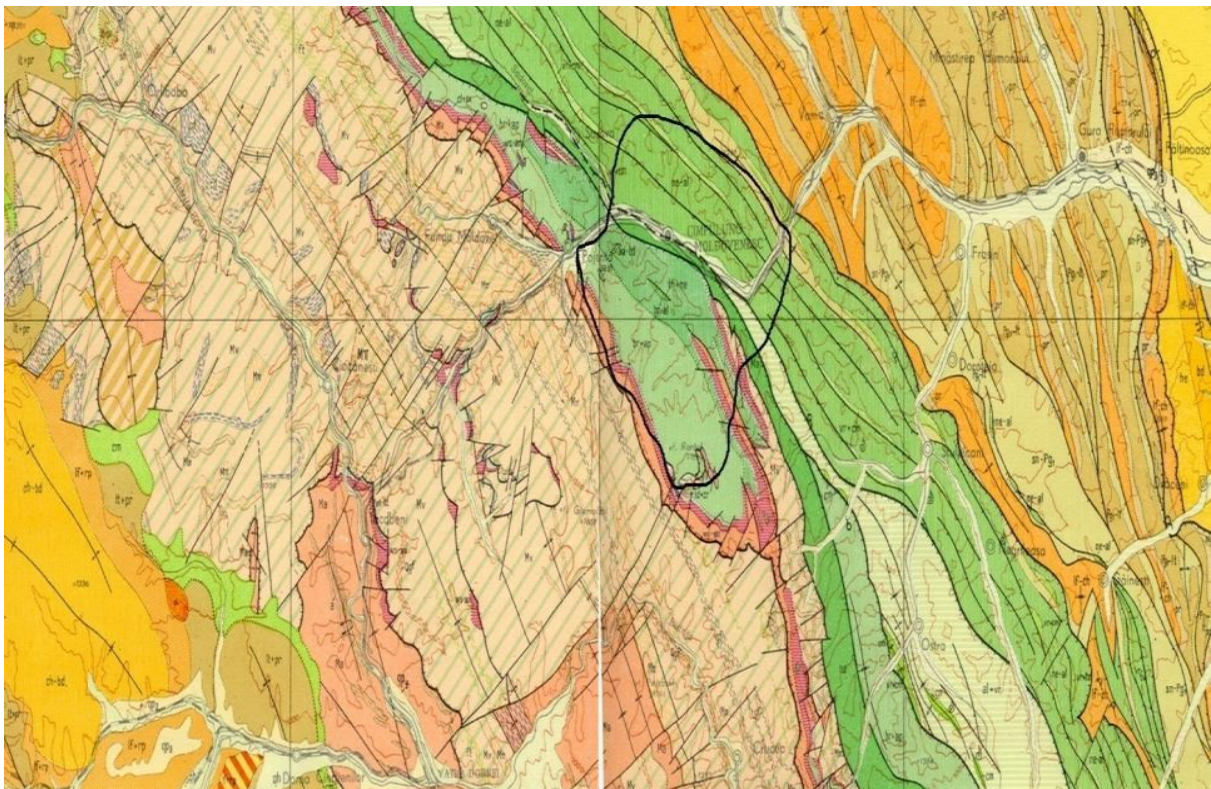


Figure no. 1 Geological map of the depressionary valleys (Source: Geological map of Romania, 1: 200,000 sheet Radauti)

Tectonic of Obcinelor Bucovinei. Obcina Feredeului is grafted, almost in its entirety, on the Audia unit (black shale unit), the westernmost external flysch unit. Lithology, Audia unit is made up of Cretaceous deposits represented by black shales, and Eocene deposits, represented by sandstone from Prisaca-Tomnatic. This separation is justified, as we shall see, and from the geomorphological point of view. In both subunits, are intensely folded the layers flakes, discharged to the northeast. The scales are arranged in a longitudinal parallelism can be followed rigorously and distances of tens of kilometers. Due to the solzare phenomenon, multiple layers of the different hardness are repeated from west to east. This structure explains the multitude of narrow ridges extend-directional parallel, so characteristic of western and central part of Obcina Feredeului.

2.3. Mineral resources

The development to an accelerated rhythm in the industry requires intensified business of Geological discovery of the new reserves of the useful minerals and rocks. In the past years, in southwestern, southern and western, on the frame of Rarău, extensive geological works are taken, geochemical and pedochimice to inventory all areas susceptible to accumulation of useful minerals. The rocks are the most sought carbonate with local industry uses building materials or in various other industries of general interest. Triassic dolomites on the walls are today restricted sinclinalului exploited by industry uses building materials, steel and metallurgy, chemistry and agriculture. Although dolomite reserves are virtually inexhaustible, widely exploited these deposits is void as there ornamental varieties used in construction, on the other hand "alter" the unique natural landsChaptere valence.

Other rocks, such as sandstones and conglomerates were exploited in careers Măgura and Muncelu near by Pojorâta (sandstones and microconglomerates of Muncelu), limestone to lime at Sadova (river Plaiul Ioanei), dolomite and dolomitic limestone at Pojorâta. The only rocks that are in extraction are gravels and sands extracted of ballast, in the valley of Moldova's most important city area Câmpulung Moldovenesc.



Photo nr. 4 Stone career Măgura – Pojorâta (Piticar T.M.)

Chapter III. The relief of depressionary basin between the defile of Sadova-Pojorâta și Prisaca Dornei

3.1. Paleoevolution of the relief

The studied areal presents two orographic nodes, the first representing by the high plateau dominated by the peak Rarău (1651 m), fragmented by saddles and valleys. Its monotony is broken by the presence of sharp peaks and strongly fragmented, with a complex morphogenesis as Pietrele Doamnei (1634 m), and peak Tihăraei (1577 m). The second orographic node is represented by the extended interfluvial ridges, often adapted to the geological structure type “obcină”, represented by the peak Tomnatic (1302 m), from Obcina Feredeului (Băcăuanu V., Ungureanu I., 1990).

3.2. Morphometric and morphological characterization

The relief which characterizes the area bounded by the defile Pojorâta-Sadova and ended by the defile Strâmtura Roșie is represented by the western slopes of the mountain Rarău, flanked by large and deep valleys, fragmented by a dense web of valleys, with different slopes inclined, plus depression Câmpulung Moldovenesc.

Morpho-structural characteristics of the region require analysis of the aspects raised in the canvas overthrust structure, the folds scale, longitudinal and transverse faults.

Tectonic and structural aspects are materialized in lithological conditions, making it difficult to assess the role of each of the three major factors (structure, tectonics, lithology), (Rusu C., 2002).

Depending on the resistance of morphostructural units to the action of the modeling agents, they are divided into the following units morphostructural;

- *Unit morphostructural calcaro-dolomitic* (Rarău)
- *Unit morphostructural of sandstone-conglomerate and marls* (Măgurile Câmpulungului)
- *Unit morphostructural of wildflișului* (Pojorâta-Izvorul Alb)



Photo no. 5 Depression of Câmpulung Moldovenesc viewed from *măgura* Cocoara (Piticar T.M)

Overall characteristics of morfography demonstrates the evolution of the relief, effect of the complexity of lithostratigraphic and tectonic. It shaped as a central region high, continued by the a mountainous area with average altitudes and lower compartments, with depressionary character (Ichim I., 1979). We could speak about an arrangement stepped relief especially to the north and east, which are not checked on the south and west directions. It appears, as in other mountainous units, a certain proportionality of relief and a group of forms depending on the specific region. So long interfluvial ridges appear most often adapted to the geological structure (type “*obcină*”).

Picture morphographical is completed in its center by depression Câmpulung Moldovenesc located along the watercourse (Moldova), on the path of the "areas of relative geographical discontinuity" and the role by the physical and geographical limits (Popescu-Argeșel I., Iosep I., 1972).

In terms of geomorphology, depression Câmpulung Moldovenesc register as a dual affiliation drive. On the one hand, it continues directly depression corridor Moldova-Sadova and from this point of view it belongs to Obcinelor Bucovinei, and on the other hand belongs to the transverse depression area Bârgău- Dorna-Valea Moldovei.

3.2.1. Altitude of the relief

In terms hypsometric area falls between 575 m (defile from Prisaca Dornei) and scored the highest peak Rarău (1651 m). It follows, therefore, a maximum difference of 1076 m, with an approximately radial-concentric arrangement of the steps of altitude (Figure no. 3).

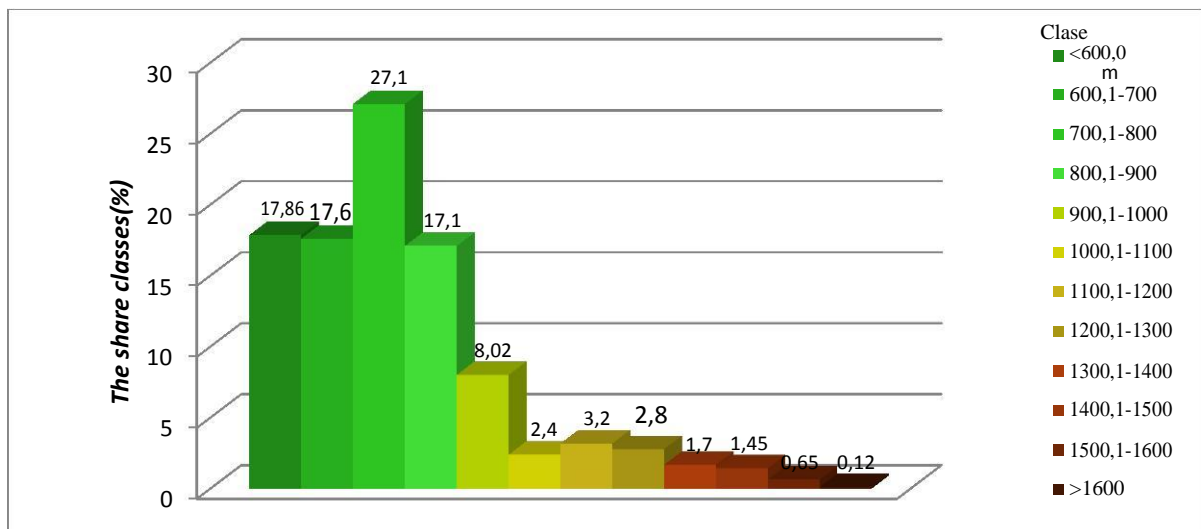


Fig. no. 2 The weight of hypsometric

Depressionary basin between defile Sadova-Pojorâta and Prisaca Dornei Hypsometric map

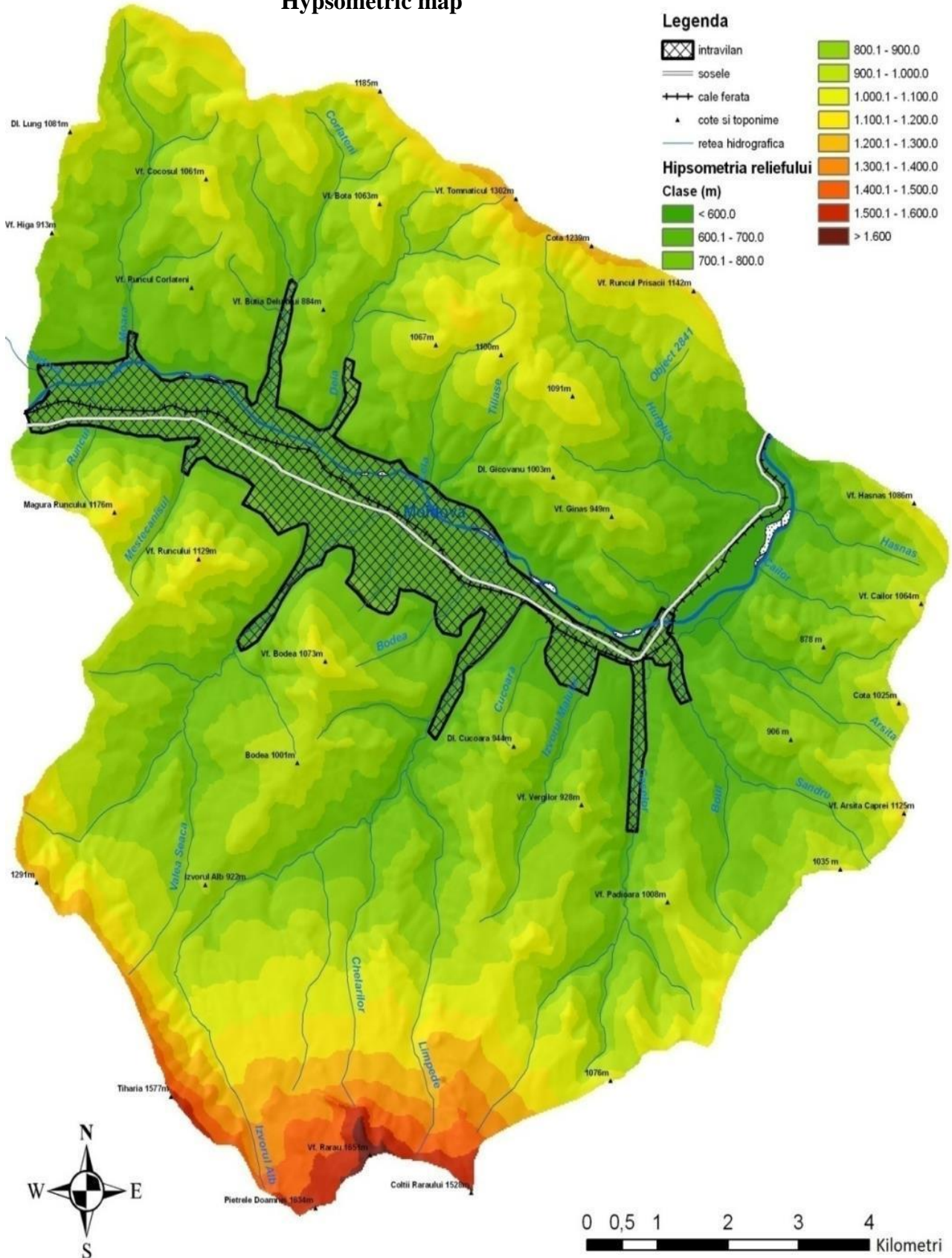


Fig. no. 3

3.2.3. Vertical fragmentation of the landsChaptere

Vertical fragmentation of the landsChaptere is a direct consequence of the relation between morphological stages overall trends of deepening valleys depending on local levels of erosion and the resistance to erosion of the main stratigraphic entities (Figura nr.5).

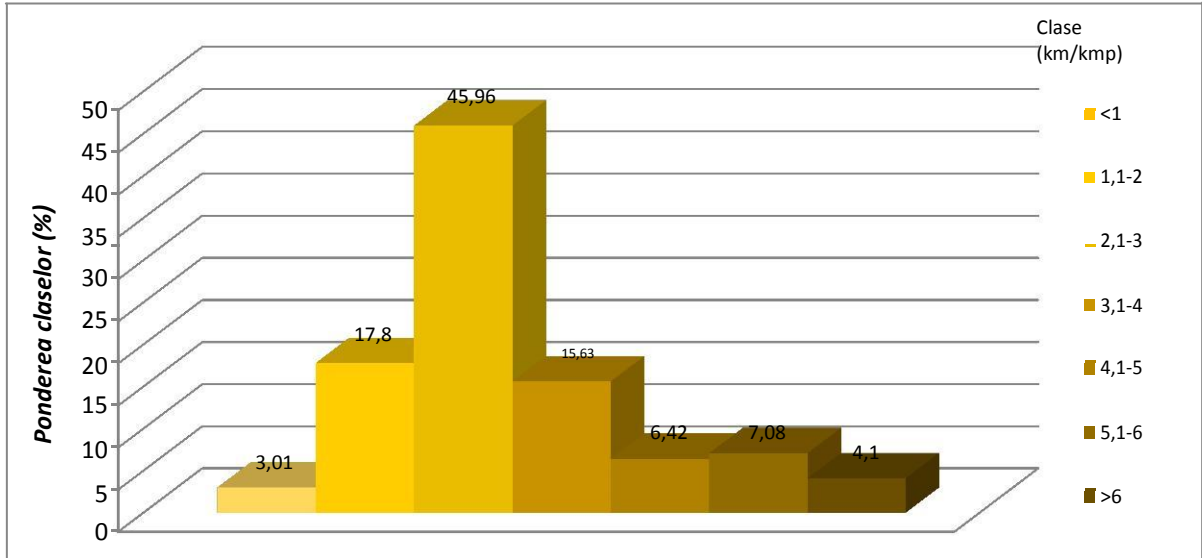


Fig. no. 4 The weight of the drainage density

The depressionary basin between Sadova-Pojorâta and Prisaca Dornei Map of horizontal fragmentation of the landsChaptere

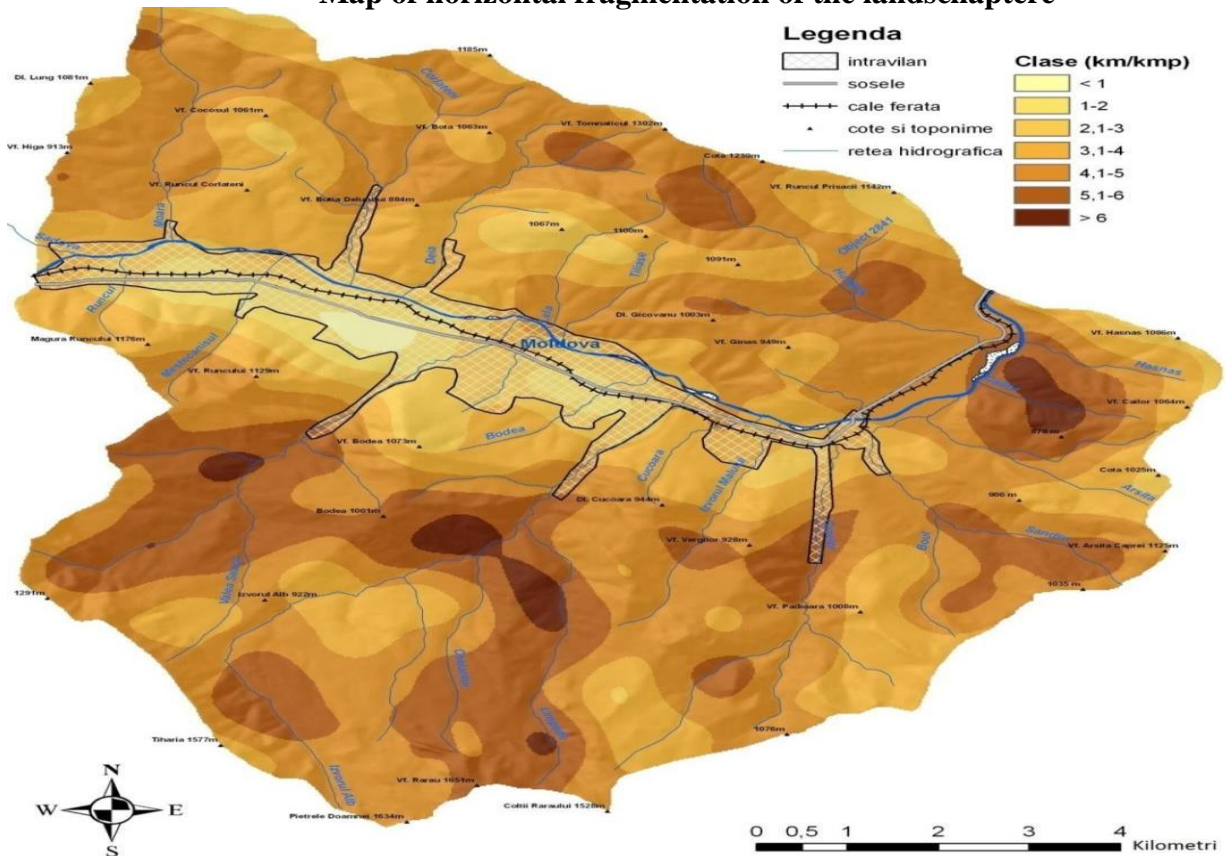


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The depressionary basin between Sadova-Pojorâta and Prisaca Dornei Relief energy map

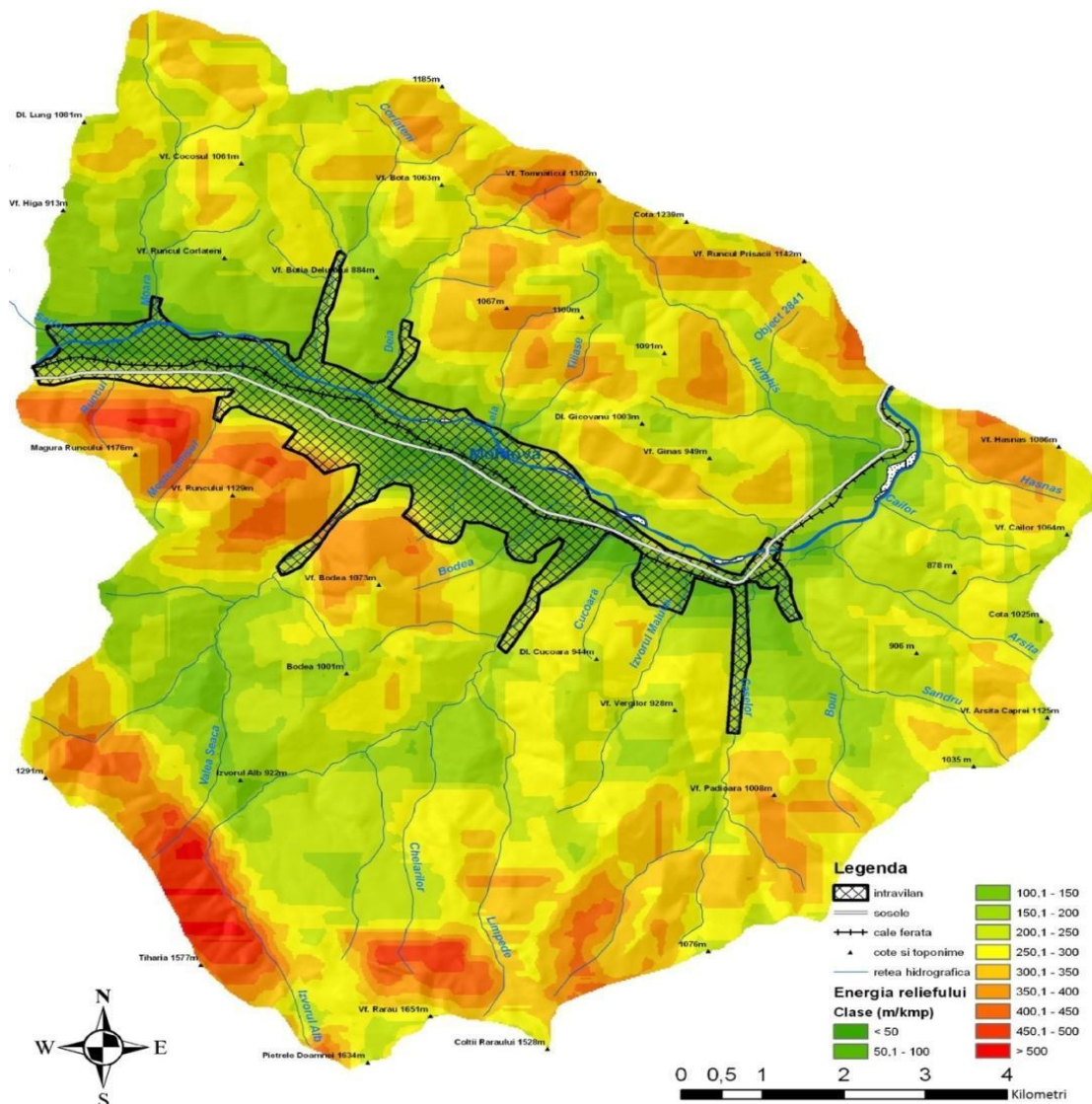


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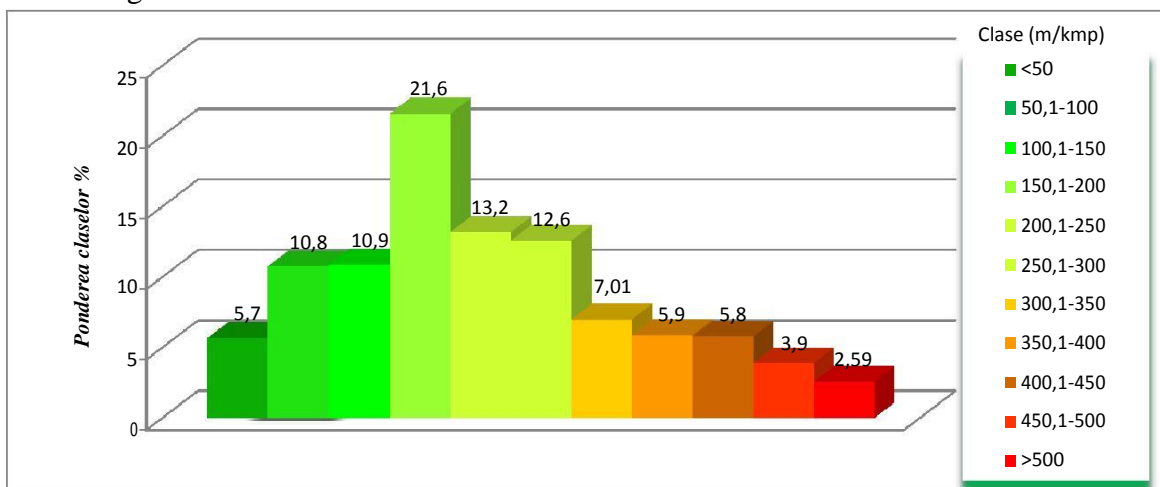


Fig. no.7

The depressionary basin between Sadova-Pojorâta and Prisaca Dornei Map of gradient relief

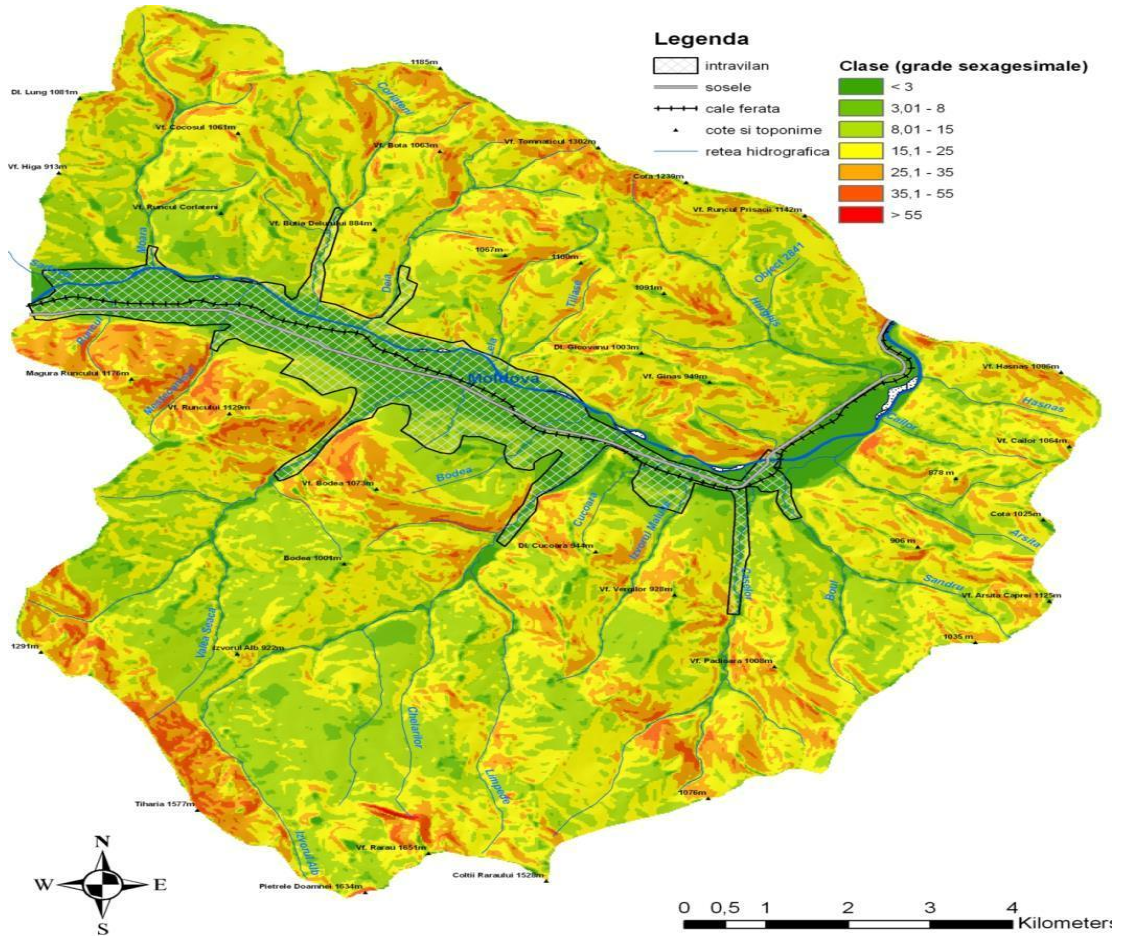


Fig. no. 8

3.2.4. Geodeclivity of the relief

After inclination of slope, which is very different from one sector to another, depending on the nature of the petrographic substrate rock, we can conclude that we have to do with some gradient mosaic, especially if we analyze this parameter to a large scale. (Figure no.9).

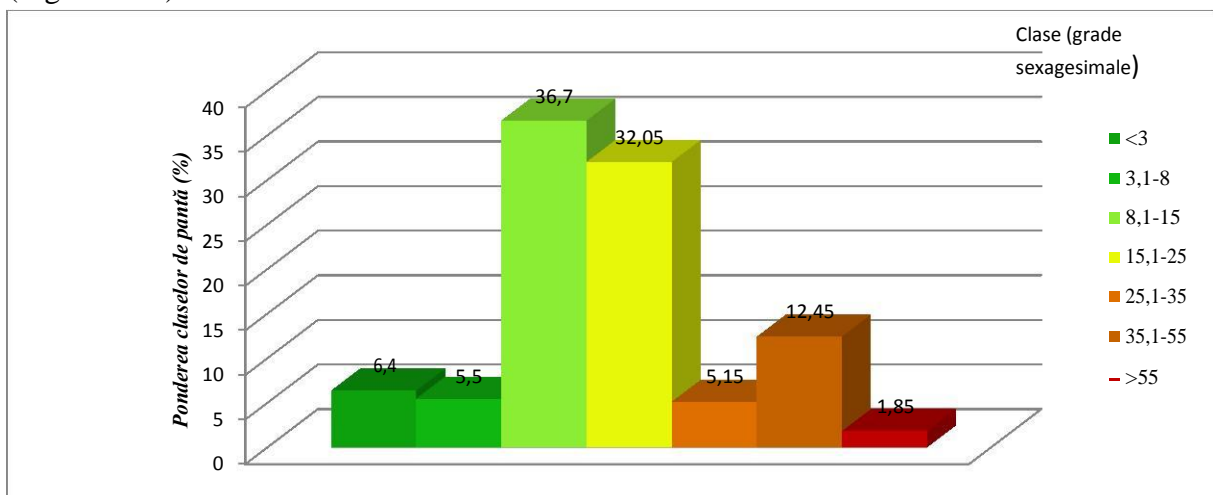


Fig. no. 9 Share of slope classes (%)

3.3. Genetic types and forms of relief

Diversity, originality and spectacular geomorphological of the studied area are resulting from a successful combination of genetic types and specific forms of relief, modeled in time and various environmental conditions. The current appearance of the lands Chapter 1 is the result of a long evolution, the action is differentiated morphogenetic factor.

3.3.1. Petrographic and structural relief

Diversity of the structural and petrographic forms of relief is complex and differentiated, some aspects reflecting the predominant note of the composition of tectonic structure, other highlighting the lithological particularities of the composition.

Slopes are both tectonic and lithologic nature. Lithological slopes are slightly smaller, marked by fault lines or due to resistance to erosion, highlighted by a series of rocks. Orographic slopes have a distinct aspect, being frequently associated with the limestone plateaus or amplified by human intervention in defile Pojorâta-Sadova.

Hog-back-urile and *cuestele* have spread primarily on the left side, which are quite common, where different geological layers are tilted and folded, specific to Audia unit. Obcina Feredeului as a whole appears as a large Hogback, slightly asymmetric, corresponding to the front, raised and moved eastward.

Structural plateaus are not so impressive in the lands Chapter 1. Structural surfaces as small plates have a small spreading, and in topographically are uneven. Such fragments appear in the perimeter of the crystalline schists at the top of the blocks detached by transverse fissures systems. On limestone and dolomites, the frequency of these landforms is reduced, the shape of which is also a small area of rock levels (Rusu C., 2002).

Structural peaks are difficult to reveal, especially since in most cases they bear the imprint of evolution by multiple processes. In some cases, structural character is stronger because of the obvious overlap with major structural lines.

Residual relief and chaos of blocks come through a complex evolution, but keep most obvious structural character. We discuss here the great masses of limestone and dolomite evolved in a long time under subaerial. Accordingly, isolated blocks, monolithic tectonic origin, resistant to chemical alterations were fragmented by mechanical disintegration, generating a residual relief, sometimes in terms of blocks chaos.

Lithological witnesses remain detached in relief through selective modeling, the result of a great hardness of rocks and tectonic features of structural. In the latter case, the dominant feature is the olistolite blocks, evolved over time from wild flysch mass. Today, almost all of these olistolite functions as lithological witnesses diversifying the detailed morphology.

The report of valleys with structure and lithology, reveals the presence of differentiated situations, specific types of longitudinal valleys diagonal cross and tectonic contact. Most inside the mountain valleys crossed the genetic and evolutionary stages characterized by processes of epigenesis. Because of this there is the possibility that a valley route to include longitudinal sectors of valley, diagonal cross and of tectonic contact (Rusu C., 2002).

Longitudinal valleys are for a small stretch or correspond to larger valleys area, the typical example is the valley of Moldova in depression Câmpulung Moldovenesc (V. Băcăuanu și Irina Ungureanu, 1989). In this type shall be entered mostly small valleys, especially the III and IV orders, in case of higher sizes.

Transversal valleys represents an important sector in this area, but includes only certain parts of the valleys of different orders of sizes.

Diagonal alleys are well represented in a rocky region and intense cut and composed by different tectono-structural units.

Elementary valleys are considered very small in size. The ones with “V” profile are somehow symmetrical and correspond to uniform areas in terms of lithology, and the trapezoidal ones have a lower frequency, being located in the wild flych area. The evolution of these valleys was achieved by rain erosion processes and chemical erosion.

Structural-lithological valley shoulders are met at different altitudes, both in longitudinal and transversal valleys.

Valleys of tectonic contact are common especially in small orders of size. The explanation lies in marking the plans of overthrust, crowd of crease scales, frequent changes of lithological facies and the resistance to erosion of the main type of rocks. (Ichim, I., Butucă, D., Rădoane Maria, Duma, D., 1989).

3.3.2. Karstic relief

Carstifiable rocks are characterized by a significant share of the soluble component (60% of the total volume of rock). Overall, the limestones are particularly prevalent in the southeastern part of the basin White Spring (119.33 ha). The dolomites extend over a large area in the basin of Valea Caselor (195.89 ha), Rusu C. (1997), p. 30.

3.3.3.1. Endokarstic relief

This type of relief is found present in the southeastern part of the area studied. The most characteristic forms are caves and avens, other forms as underground riverbeds, suspended tunnels and caves are found less. Caves present in the area are few. The most famous is Liliecilor cave which is located in the Rarau mountain at 1480 m altitude north of Pastoral Chalet near Pietrele Doamnei (about 900 m north of them).

3.3.3.2. Exokarstic relief

This type of relief is the dominant component of karst in the studied area, although it does not occupy large areas, the exokarst in the area, by its multitude and spectacular forms of surface, gives to the area a geomorphological personality.



Photo no. 12 Cave Liliecilor – Mountain Rarău (Source: adone.geonet.ro) (peak Rarău)

The clints are well represented and are found in almost all the masses of limestone. The most important areas occupied by these forms are found in the group of rocks Pietrele Doamnei, Coadă Peretelui

Sinkholes reported in the surface area are less developed both as surface and numerically. Accordingly, sinkholes are found only on the plateau Rarău (near by Cabana Pastorale).

Karst gorges have a complex origin by mixed developments, karst and river. Framing this type of relief is determined by the evolution of this type of relief through development of gorges through surface and underground karst areas, up to this stage. Representative are the gorges Moara Dracului, where these phases are evident.

Fossil karst is hard to guess, because of the stratigraphic presence in the canvas, making the contact surfaces between different age limestone masses to be masked. On the other hand, traces of a fossil surface karst have been removed or buried due to the intensity of the special process Pleistocene periglacial (Rusu C., 1997, p. 32).

3.3.4. Periglacial relief

In the studied area periglacial relief presents a development especially in mountain Rarău, and Măgurile Câmpulungului. So in the Pleistocene, Masivul Rarău was not affected by glaciations, although the altitude of the central part would justify such a claim. Since the glaciation during the Pleistocene has not been present, Rarăul was in the periglacial manifestation area.

Forms of destruction are characterized by slopes and cornices of gelifracție of detachment of screes. The evolution of these landforms is mainly due gelifracției that the Pleistocene manifested with particular intensity at higher elevations of 750-850 m (Ichim I., 1979). The most typical slopes of gelifracție consist of Pietrele Doamnei.

Gelifracție troughs are found mostly in Magura Câmpulungului but also strung Munceii. These landforms are found mostly on a substrate consisting mainly of crystalline schists, extend slopes and a uniform degree of inclination.

Niches of nivație are small depressions, which presents a variety of shapes, created after stagnation snow. In the area studied these forms are found mainly in the peaks and less on the slopes. Nivale recesses present in most or elongated circular shapes at times, in most cases, no leakage and record the unevenness of 3-5 m and diameters of 10-30 m (Rusu C., 2002).

3.3.6. Relief fluvial

3.3.6.1. Minor riverbed.

Morphometric peculiarities of minor riverbeds are consistent with the size of the river and orohidrografice characteristics of the regions they cross.

The banks active evolves due to the lateral erosion of rivers. In the case of basic valleys (of the order of I and II), these forms are rare and only grows in the rock. The second order rivers and larger banks are active in both rock and dug in silt.

The morphological and structural system of terraces of Moldovei, between Spring Giupalău și pârâul Șandru, includes both the valley bottom terraces and slope terraces. The first category includes the steps of meadow, with relative altitudes of 0.5 to 1 m, 1.2 m and 2-3 (4) m and terraces of 4-6 m, 8-10 (12) m and 16 -20 m. the whole succession of terraces slope can be recognized downstream to Valea Seacă, most suggestive sector being between

Izvorul Malului, Valea Caselor. Data from the literature, have shown that there are levels of the terrace 30-40 m; 50-60 m; 80-90 m; 100-110 m.

3.3.7. Biogenic relief

On small areas meet other minor forms of relief. So, for example, represented by the biogenic mounds, cattle paths, alveoli from natural or artificial trees uprooted. Such microforms are found in the lower half of the right side of the valley is covered with meadows and gardens.

3.3.8. Anthropogenic relief

Putting studied area in a region quite densely populated and visited gave rise to changes to the assembly, physical geography, natural consequence of the recovery potential of this region.

Frequencies deforestation and grubbing of the depression Câmpulung Moldovenesc, having as final location of industrial construction, utilities, access roads, deposits and residue materials of a ski slope, added vertical fragmentation of the lands, the sharp incline land and high density of the valleys of providing significant quantities of water are factors that enhance slope processes. Anthropogenic relief of destruction includes excavations and careers, and the accumulation dumps, erosion and the build of hydro dams.

Chapter IV. Climatic aspects of the depressionary basin between the defile of Sadova-Pojorâta and PrisacaDornei

In terms of climate, the study area is located in the north-eastern Central European of the province with a moderate continental climate temperate mountain climate supports some continental influences from the east and the subbaltic (boreal) in the north. As in other region the climate of the area is determined by solar radiation (cosmic factor), the general circulation of the atmosphere and regional (dynamic factors), the relief and the particular active area (geographical factors).

In the mountain area is a meteorological station on mountain Rarău which were recorded average annual values of solar radiation is below 105 kcal cm²/year, of which about 80 kcal cm² in the warm semester (IV-IX). Global solar radiation increases towards the high at over 1200m to about 110 kcal cm²/year, before falling back slightly towards the top of the mountain at about 105 kcal cm² year. Average monthly temperatures are highest in July (12,5 to 14,5 kcal cm²/month) and lowest in December (2-3 kcal cm² month).

At the meteorological station of Câmpulung Moldovenesc which was located at an altitude of 642 m, global solar radiation is below 110 kcal cm²/year, with the highest values in summer. It is lower valleys than peaks due to humidity and cloud cover sharper, frequency mists keeping them in the shade much of the day.

4.1. Climatogenic factors

4.1.1. Temperature of the air

For determining the average monthly and annual air temperature was -They used data from meteorological stations located in the study area and in the northern half of the external sheet of Carpaților Orientali meteorological station from Câmpulung Moldovenesc and Rarău.

Average annual air temperature ranges from 6,4 ° C to Câmpulung Moldovenesc and

2,2°C at Rarău, with a gradient of 0,48 ° C generally 100 m.

The average January temperature shows large differences between the north and south. The maximum difference in temperature between the two slopes at an altitude of 1000 m reach almost 2° C. Multi-annual averages vary between +0,8 January ° C and 12,0 ° C in Câmpulung Moldovenesc and between – 2,8 ° C and -13,6 ° C to Rarău. The average annual temperature is almost constantly present on the two slopes, poor dispersion of the points on the graph demonstrates unity climatogenetic conditions, the main factor modifier remaining altitude (Fig. no. 10)

4.1.2. Atmospheric precipitations

In this area the annual average quantities are between 693,4 mm at Câmpulung Moldovenesc and 901,5 mm at Rarău. Average annual values calculated over a period of 50 years; ranging from 1957 to 443,6 mm at the station Rarău and from 493,6 mm in 1961 at station Câmpulung Moldovenesc and to 1345,7 mm in 1981 and to 969,7 mm in 1955 at Câmpulung Moldovenesc, situation that highlights the uneven character of the area with the highest (Apostol L., Rusu C., 1990).

4.1.3. Circulation of the air

In the depression Campulung Moldovenesc the wind direction is predominantly western values approximately 30% due to the orientation of the valley and overlapping on the mountain wind direction, followed by the East, due to the orientation of the valleys and valley winds with a share of 9.4% more common in spring and summer, and winds NW and SE. Pacifying basin occupies a moderate slopes (30-32%) and high enough under the depression of 42.5% (Erhan E., 1990).

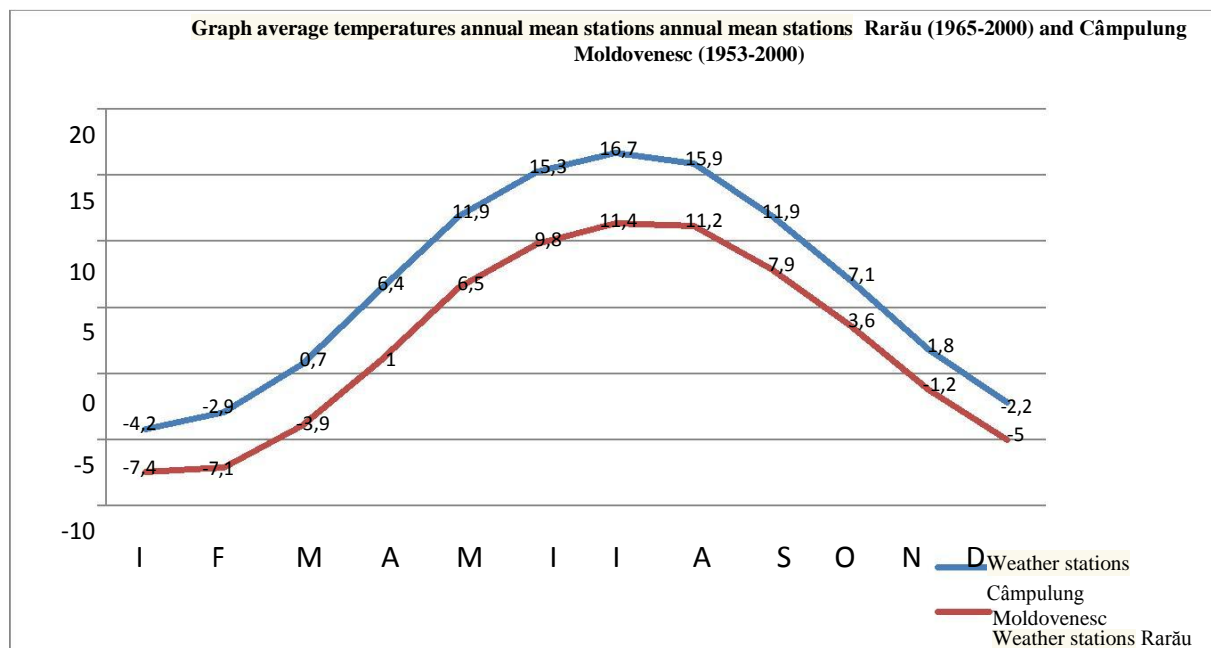


Fig. no.10 Evolution of the average temperature annual (data from Regional Meteorological Centre Moldova – Bacău).

We also encountered cases of violent winds (over 20 m/sec.), Especially in spring and early summer as were those of 1947, 1948, 1953, 1964, 1970, 2002, when large areas of

forests were shot down.

4.1.4. Atmospheric humidity

Shows the values of of 78-80% maximum in November and minimum in August. Relative humidity values show moderate elevated values being amplified by low temperatures which is reflected in the area of distribution of forest species being favored species as spruce, fir and beech.

4.2. Recent climate changes in the area

Even if in the depression Câmpulung Moldovenesc there are not many polluting units must be taken into account data from Agenția de Protecție a Mediului Suceava shown the pace of these toxic pollutants that contribute to climate change at the local level as shown in data from annual reports on the state of the environment in Suceava County. But undoubtedly the most profound changes in climate and unusual weather phenomena is due mainly due to the general circulation of the atmosphere, be it the cold air masses and warm air masses, high speed winds and rainfall from other areas the effect of local microclimate is quite low.

Chapter V. Hydrographic aspects

Climatic conditions have a direct influence on the formation and regeneration of water resources, intervening in hydrological balance introduced by the contribution of precipitation and evapotranspiration losses.

5.1. Underground waters

In the area of crystalline schists, are confined ground water particularly in the crust of weathering, which can provide high instantaneous reserves. On the slopes of the basin, hydrogeological aspects are particularly complicated structure, tectonic position, lithology and morphology of the major elements in establishing groundwater features. In Magura Câmpulungului springs are rare, have inconsistent flow (dry during periods of rainfall deficit) are located towards the bottom of the slopes. Moldova River and its tributaries on the left side have a richer mineralization between 240-450 mg/l, 6-7 gg hardness, pH of about 7 (6,5 to 7,4). Confinement of wildfliș groundwater from landfills, lithological formations with a remarkable Chapteracity cation exchange contribute to their charging state into ionic substances, predominantly emphasized Ca_2HCO_3 (weak calcium and bicarbonate groundwater).

5.2. Rivers

Principala arteră hidrografică care străbate zona este râul Moldova. Are o suprafață totală a bazinului hidrografic de 4326 km², o lungime a râului de 205 km, străbate regiunea de studiu pe o distanță de 16,45 km. Moldova primește afluenți în depresiune atât pe partea dreaptă pâraiele (Valea Seacă, Izvorul Alb, Izvorul Malului, etc.), cât și pe stânga, pâraiele Sadova, Moara, Corlățeni sau Deia.

5.2.1. Sources of supply

Feeding the rivers in the this area is predominantly superficial (> 60% of rain and snow), the underground is moderate (20-40%). Between the shallow power sources the largest share have rains (60-80%) are less abundant snow (20-40%), but more persistent than in other

regions Carpathian consequence of longer-term negative temperatures.

5.2.2. Drainage of fluid

It is an essential component of the hydrological balance of the region. Draining average is around 10 km¹ s (average flow specified) and 300 mm (drain layer). Runoff coefficient is about 0,30. While at the foot of the slopes and valleys surrounding the depression, specific average flow is 7-8 ls km height drainage layer is 150-200 mm runoff coefficient is 0,20. The data are taken from hydrometric station from Prisaca Dornei.

Variation of liquid flow during a year, distinct variations (seasonal, monthly or more frequent intervals). Draining the constant is abundant in spring (over 40% of the annual flow), when snowmelt is associated with rains rainfall in this period.

The regime is determined by the leakage of fluid flow, the direct consequence of climate features, with some changes introduced by morphometry, the type and the structure of vegetation, the river basins characteristics.

Minimum draining corresponds to the cold season (11,19% -Prisaca Dornei), to around maintaining the autumn (15,69%) due to atmospheric stability, low rainfall and high evaporation values quite-transpiration. Maximum Draining is recorded in the summer months (36,67%), normal in spring (36,45%). It thus draining the spring-summer approaching 75% (73,12%), which is characteristic hydrological feature of all rivers in the astern of Carpații Orientali (figure no. 12).

Maximum drainingis due to the destructive processes of channel slope and flooding. For this reason, they quantitatively accurate in space and time, in addition to the scientific importance, related to accelerated relief modeling (denudation, erosion, silting), has also a great practical importance for the design of all facilities and hydraulic structures.



Foto no. 13, 14 Tributary flood Moldovei - V. Seacă – 2008 consequences (Source: Monitor of Suceava)

5.2.3. Solid draining

Solid draining is the most appropriate parameter to quantify erosion and at the same time, high demand in hydraulic structures and other facilities for water management. Hydrometric data concerning the Moldova River in the study area are extremely low, and come from a single hydrometric station (Prisaca Dornei) and limited to silts in suspension.

- Draining annual average of suspended silts is relatively low, it values ranging from less than 0,5 t ha year in the north-west and 1/t/ha/year, take the eastern outskirts, values falling below the national average (2/t/ha/year) and below average throughout the basin of Siret (4,65/t/ha/year).

-Turbidity (which depends on the amount of silt in suspension per unit volume of water) is also low, ranging between 250-500 g/m³ in the central and north-west.

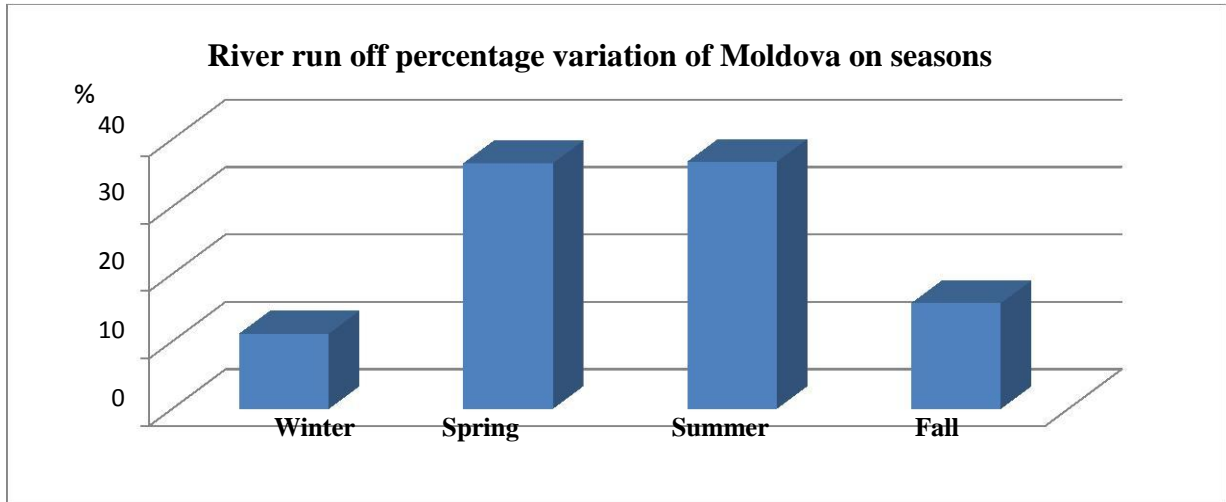


Fig. no. 11 River run off percentage variation of Moldova on seasons

These data show that the average specific sound leakage and increase turbidity downstream from the source (corresponding to increasing fluid flow and surface basins), is a vertical zonality reverse.

On the right side are present erosion resistant rocks (crystalline limestone) and of afforestation slopes (which favors infiltration and superficial water leaking brake), compared to rocks on the left side where Paleogene flysch rocks that are less resistant to erosion and afforestation is lower.

Thus, Moldova valley, suspended silts flow increases from 0.40 kg to Fundu Moldovei ($Q=2,76 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$), to 1,20 kg/s at Prisaca Dornei ($Q= 5,94 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$) The transport of sediments in suspension and dragged the river constitutes the most dynamic in the current evolution of the relief (figura nr. 13). Monthly and annual average flows of silt in suspension (kg/s), (1970-2002) from Moldova at station Prisaca Dornei are shown in Fig. no.13.

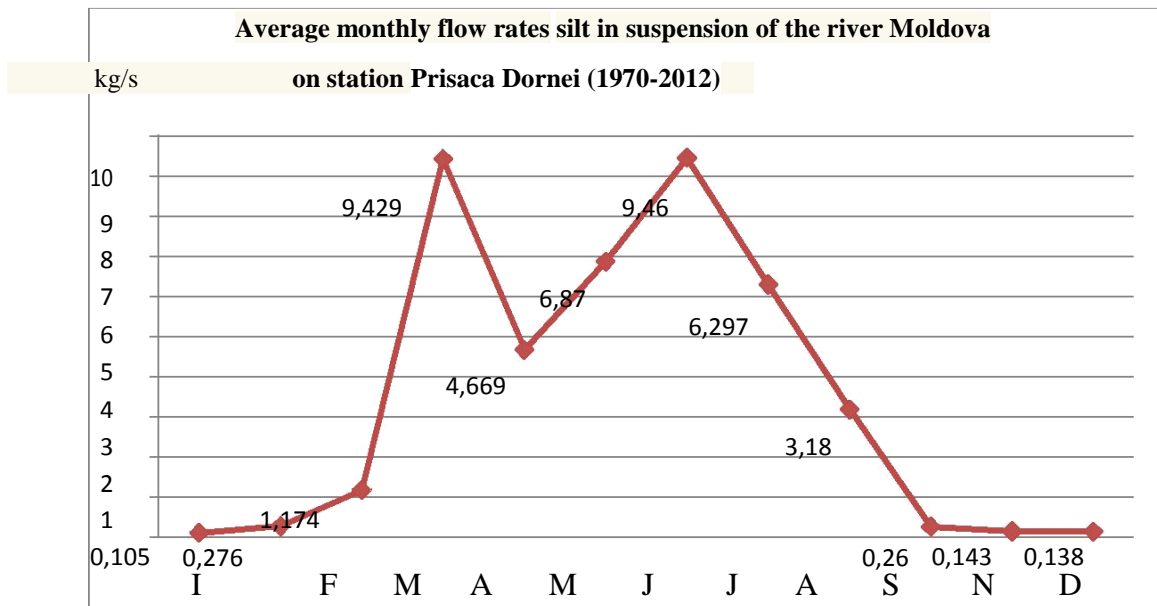


Fig. no. 12

Months												Annual
I	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	
0,10	0,27	1,17	9,42	4,66	6,8	9,4	6,29	3,1	0,2	0,14	0,13	2,997
5	6	4	9	9	7	6	7	8	6	3	8	

Tabel no. 1

(Source: Romanian Water Department Suceava)

For river Moldova, at station Prisaca Dornei average amount of silt in suspension flows is 2,997 kg/s but with large variations from one year to another (tab. no. 1). The lowest flow rates were also recorded in 1950 (0,10 kg), 1961 (0,45 kg), 1963 (0,26 kg) 1964 (0,375 kg) 1966 (0,49 kg). Values much higher than the annual average for 1955 was characteristic (7,95 kg/s), 1970 (3,67 kg/s), 1972 (6,28 kg/s), 1975 (4,29 kg/s) 1978 (6,27 kg/s), 1979 (6,29 kg/s) and 1981 (5,36 kg). A comparative analysis of solid and liquid flow follows that in almost all conditions there is a close link between them being in a direct proportion. Calculating the specific sound leakage ($S = 657 \text{ km}^2$) gives an average value of 1,11 t/ha/year, below the national average of 2,04 t/ha/year (Physical Geography of Romania, vol.1), but that within leak high grade solid (1,0 to 10,0 t / ha/year).

5.2.4. Thermal regime and the freezing of water

Records of this type, the waters of Depression Campulung are recent and performed in a single post. The average annual temperature of the waters of the river Moldova of the Prisaca Dorna station is 6,1 ° C. Comparing the thermal regime of water annually with air, also found a great similarity, explained by the fact that both elements have the same basic heat source (sunlight) and that between them there is a constant heat exchange. the freezing phenomena, due to altitude and geographical location of the area occurs, without exception, every winter. They are represented by the full range of ice formations (ice chips, ice on shore, internal ice, ice bridge), and cold winters, even by small rivers freeze completely.

5.2.5. Hydrochemical characteristics of rivers

Hydrochemical peculiarities of water (composition, mineralization, hardness, etc.) are determined by the chemistry of rocks and soils of the region and influenced by other factors in the natural environment and socio-economic activity products (wastewater and domestic). In terms of chemical composition, the waters fall within the class area carbonated water with relatively high sulfur content. Between the predominant anion HCO_3 (average 150-200 mg / l), followed by SO_4 (50-100 mg/1) and Cl (10-20 mg/1), and of cation: Ca (40-60 mg/1), Na (20-30 mg/1) and Mg(5-10 mg/1). Moldova, at Câmpulung Moldovenesc, has a bicarbonated water containing appreciable sulfates, middle mineralization (244-450 mg/1), 6-7 gg hardness, pH around 7 (6,5 to 7,4), well-stocked with dissolved oxygen (9-13 mg/1), low in organic matter, oxidisability 3,5/7mg O_2 /1. After chemical properties indicated of Moldovenesc can be considered the water quality between the first and Campulung Moldovan spring.

5.3. The problems of water use

Water sources are used at present in drinking water and domestic urban and rural settlements; in providing industrial water requirement for the woodworking industry units which were extended especially on the lower terraces of rivers and river terraces Moldova, production and storage of large amounts of waste wood affecting water quality and inhibits the development of ichthyofauna, food , construction materials. These uses are added and water accumulation in fish enclosures (of the Prisaca Dorna, Putna Valley). These uses involve a small amount of water in these rivers largely restored, so that no disturbances occur in the hydrological regime and water chemistry is felt very least, due to the poor contaminations from specified sources (some are equipped with wastewater treatment plants) and great opportunities to restore natural water quality downstream sources by mixing, dilution and self-purification.

Chapter VI. Vegetation of the depressionary basin between the defile of Sadova-Pojorâta și PrisacaDornei

6.1. The flora

6.1.1. Floristic composition

The large number of floral taxonomic units identified in the study area is explained by the multitude of ecological categories, represented by geological substrate and soil, food regime, thermal, fluid, etc. After Raclaru P. (1970), are known in the wild flora of this area cormophyte 1,019 species (to which we add 731 units infraspecific), belonging to 396 genera and 91 families, which is approx. 28% of wild species known in Romania.

6.1.1.1. Origin and analysis of floristic elements

Great natural diversity of the studied area is amplified and complexity phytogeographic elements. Elements of northern origin (Holarctic species) – 60,0% are represented by fitoelemente Eurasian – 28,6%, European – 13,3%, circumpolar – 11,2%, and Central European – 6,9%; preponderance floristic elements belonging justify northern study area. Elements of southern origin (Mediterranean and Balkan-Dacian) and eastern (Pontic and continental) have a much lower representation (with approx. 13,0%). With a remarkable percentage is present the Alpine origin (4,5%); is also reported the presence of a relatively high number of endemics (5,6%), among which: *Aconitum moldavicum*, *Campanula carpatica*, *Campanula rotundifolia*, *Cardamine glanduligera*, *Centaurea melanocalathia*, *Chrysanthemum rotundifolium*, *Festuca carpatica*, *Melampyrum silvaticum* ss. *saxosum*, *Phyteuma wagneri*, *Symphytum cordatum*, *Thymus pukherimus*, *Achillea schurii*, *Aquilegia nigricans*, *Centaurea prodani*, *Centaurea trimfett-ssp.pinnatifida*, *Aconitum lasianthum*, *Aconitum toxicum*, *Dianthus kitaibelii-ssp. Spiculifolius* (Ștefan N., 1985).

Also of endemic species present in the study area include: *Dianthus tenuifolius*, *Eritrichum nanum-ssp. jankae*, *Heracleum carpaticum*, *Hesperis matronalis-ssp. moniliformis*, *Scabiosa lucidassp. carpatica*, *Thymus schurii*, *Trisetum macrotrichem*, *Silene dubia*, *Thymus comasus*, *Thymus bihorensse*, *Ranunculus carpaticus*, *Phyteuma tetramerum*, *Viola jooi*, *Aconitum firmum-ssp. bucovinense și ssp. romanicum*, *Erysimum wittmanni*, *Hieracium pojoritense*, *Poa nemoralis-ssp.rehmani*, *Primula leucophylla*, *Silene zawadzki* ș.a. A final category of floral elements is the cosmopolitan species group (4.7%) and adventitious (1,3%), (Ștefan N., 1985).

6.2. Zonal vegetation

6.2.1. Considerations on current forest vegetation

In historical times, forests occupy large areas in the basin of the depression, so in the right side of Moldova occupies almost the entire surface of the Massif Rarău, except rocky or occupy areas, such as the north-eastern slope of Rarău and Pietrele Doamnei klippe or some isolated limestone. On the left side of the basin lowland areas occupied by forests were as extensive installation in compact areas. The only areas where the vegetation was present in

the base discontinuity Campulung Moldovenesc depression.

Gradually, they created areas of grassland (meadows and pastures), with a postforestier anthropogenic character. At the top of the lands Chaptere, in Pietrele Doamnei, Piatra Zimbrului, Vârful Rarău and high Pochii Rarăului-Todirescu due to less favorable environmental conditions ($T C = 1.2^{\circ} - 2^{\circ} C$, 950-1100 mm annual rainfall, strong winds and shallow skeletal soils) and abusive grazing, has installed subalpine vegetation character (meadows and thickets), (Rusu C., 2002).

The phenomenon of expansion of grasslands and forest weight decrease deforestation continues today with isolated trees or clusters of trees to limit grazing grassland and adjacent forest.

6.2.3. Phytocenologic considerations

Current vegetation appearance is the result of interaction between factors stationary and prolonged expression of human intervention. Depending on the characteristic vegetation, the study area is part of the boreal forest, covering three floors altitude, but which are very difficult to strictly defined:

a) The floor of mixed beech forests (mountain) develops from the valley Moldovei (cca. 600 m) and climbs to over 1000 m altitude to interfere with spruce stands. Due to the vegetation, the floor appears well developed, climbing even under Plaiul Todirescu.

b) Floor of spruce start of the massif, and from northern terraces Moldova (Campulung Moldovenesc area) and continue until about 1550 m (under The peak Rarău and Pietrele Doamnei). In Obcina Feredeului spruce floor also starts the first terraces of of Moldova and continue to the top of Tomnatic 1302 m.

c) Subalpine floor is much underrepresented characteristic peaks being the most prominent, but at the lower end of the floor, around the northern group of the Eastern Carpathians. Vegetation is typical subalpine at altitudes between 1550 and 1651 m and consists of shrubs and meadows, while the upper mountain gap, which gradually widened by deforestation, is occupied mainly by mountain meadows eith mesophilic secondary character.

6.3. Azonal vegetation

In addition to zonal vegetation in the study area and vegetation is found azonal vegetation, which is installed in stations with special ecological conditions surrounding resorts. Encounter rocky vegetation (*Saxicola*), humid vegetation (mezohigrofilă and hygrophile), recently deforested land vegetation and vegetation characteristic of weeds (ruderal).

6.4. Natural productivity and economic importance of vegetation

The main plant formations, forests and meadows, is one of the most valuable natural resources of the area, with multiple recovery and use. The demographic explosion of the last century and the industrial revolution required operation in a fast paced of the forest ecosystems and grassland, which favored the progressive emergence of functional imbalances that now threaten even the development of certain ecosystems. Certain factors are virtually uncontrollable imbalance, so hard to avoid (of abiotic factors mentioned wind, drought and heavy snowfalls, biotic factors - hunting), but anthropogenic element is the one that puts the

biggest problems.

Today it is well known role of moderator and balance that possess vegetal cover, the most dynamic part of the biosphere. Throughout its place the most spectacular accumulation and exchange streams multiple transformations that produce mechanical energy, chemical and physical in the spheres of coming into contact with multiple interconnections and interdependent. While most physical-geographical factors of the territory manifests complex vegetal cover combines a particularly interesting all these elements, with a clear trend smoothing in a geographical ansamblaj with their meanings.

CHAPTER VII. FAUNA

The fauna is an important element of the stationary conditions of the study area. The role of biodiversity in the container assembly is in general, keeping biotic balance that gives him space mountain and depression.

In evolution, fauna followed a very tortuous road, as vegetation through successive stages according to the climate changes, especially in the Pleistocene and Holocene. The evolution of current and fauna composition are for the most part of the Carpathians of low and medium altitude. Altitudinal distribution of the main groups of animals in the area are, in general, the floors of vegetation, although are numerous species able to live in very different environmental conditions. The vast majority of species assessed (mammals and birds) can not be strictly limited in some areas or physio-climatic floors, their mobility is great, but as a general regularity of distribution can not separate faunal element of morpho-physio-climatic conditions. In what follows I will make a summary of the groups of vertebrates (mammals, birds, fish) that contribute to the shaping of the lands Chapter units and actively participate in the regional economy (hunting and fishing fauna in the lower regions, peripheral and depressions, mammals represented by several species characteristic: badger (*Meles meles*), hedgehog (*Erinaceus europaeus*), mole (*Talpa europaea*), mice (*Apodentus tauricus*) (*A. sylvaticus*, *Microtus arvalis*) etc. The avifauna is composed of numerous sedentary species, seasonal or passage, between which: small wren (*Phyllocopus Collybia*), collared flycatcher (*Ficedula albicollis*), flycatcher (*Ficedula parva*) sur tit (*Parus palustris*), White-backed Woodpecker (*Dendrocopus leucotus*) etc. Mixed forest fauna is extremely rich, there are a number of mammals present some valuable hunting aspect. Most of them have a very wide spread area, meeting and molidişului floor: deer (*Cervus elaphus*), wild boar (*Sus scrofa*), deer (*Chapterreolus Chapterreolus*), bear (*Ursus arctos*), lynx (*Lynx lynx*), hollow marten (*Martes martes*), squirrel (*Sciurus vulgaris*), wolf (*Canis lupus*), hare (*Lepus europaeus*), lynx (*Glis glis*) etc. Of these, lynx, wolf and brown bear are in a smaller number of copies, although the latter two species have increased considerably in recent years (Rusu C., 2002).

7.1. The role of biodiversity in forest development

Insects can cause physiological damage to forest species, in that it threatens the life and health of trees, for example, by eating leaves, Cetin, roots, bark or other organs or vital tissues of trees, as damage can occur when production-where insects invades the dry wood felled trees or standing.

In general, forest insect damage are enormous. Secondary pests and techniques in group includes several families of secondary pests of the order of the Lepidoptera and the Hymenoptera. They were classified in the first group, after the character and causing damage after the attacking particularity mostly trees weakened by mayors or other pests such as fire, wind, factors related to weather or soil conditions. Secondary pests on of trees felled swoop and storms and the timber exploited recently. Group pests techniques (for example, some *Ipidae*, *Elateridae*, *Cerambycidae*), most dangerous for woods are: *Ipidae*, *Cerambycidae*, *Buprestidae* (Arsenescu M., 1960).

Wild animals causes forest damage caused mostly by rodents (mice, rabbits), which are particularly harmful seedlings, saplings by biting young stems, buds, bark-stripping seedlings.

Cervids, which in some areas cause damage to trees standing by peeling and removing and starting from the age of 12-15 years, culminating in the 20-50 years. Bears by peeling and flaking standing trees, starting at the age of 30 years and for up to 50-60 years.

Grazing of cattle in forests is a harmful practice for the forestry sector. It is damaging trees, undergrowth, natural regeneration and artificial regeneration works. Also, grazing has harmful effects such as breaking crops, tearing the leaves, stems and branches of saplings, shrubs or trees, trees bark injury, prevent seed germination and natural regeneration in forests, reducing annual growth of trees, weakening force growth and the viability of trees, leading to their drying and hence to brăcuirea and forest degradation and drying phenomenon intense destruction undergrowth, creating favorable conditions for mass propagation of insects and fungi, degradation and promoting soil erosion, prevent development game. Most damage from occurring in the plantations where grazing animals destroy seedlings in natural or artificial regeneration, sowing and natural regeneration to achieve solid state, stands located on steep slopes, which stands hardly vegetate various other causes (insects attacks mushrooms, edaphic or climatic conditions unsuitable etc).

7.1.1. The positive role of the fauna

The forests character determines the presence of the birds in the forest, insects and other useful animals.. In relation to the complexity of the ecological environment, increase the diversity of living organisms, biocoenosis and forms complicates the struggle for existence in it, and harmful organisms are overwhelmed by the relevant forest. Conversely, depletion of forest biocenosis in vegetative forms weakens the whole constitution of biocenosis, reduce useful species and lower defense traits of trees. Therefore the main condition to preserve all bodies is useful in creating and maintaining multi-storey mixed and stands as the most perfect of biologically. Among the beneficial organisms that are found in forests and preventing the massive development of insect pests, special attention should be given to birds, insects and some mammals.

Among insects must be protected especially ants, ant colonies in forests should be protected, especially red forest ant (*Formica rufa*), because ants destroy many butterflies caterpillars and *Tenthredinid* etc. Predatory insects are very important note: carabidele (*Carabus auratus*, *Calosoma syncophata*, *Cicindela*) that feed on caterpillars; *Ladybugs* (*Coccinella septempunctata*) that devours leaf beetles and plant lice; bugs (*Syromastes marginatus*), which suck the liquid content of caterpillars; *Forficula auricularia* pupae devouring pests; *Mantis religiosa* destroying insects; spiders, especially cross spider (*Spider diodemata*) that catch and kill insect pests in their nets (Flerov S.C., 1952). All these insects in appreciable numbers have a special role in combating forest pests naturally. Increasing the number of birds in forests such as the birds that are doing their nests and their chicks out on the ground (wren), the branches of shrubs (*River warbler*), or in trees, branches, at their base (Finch, thrush and others) can be achieved by attracting their guard and giving them convenient places for nesting and artificial nests. Increase the number of forest insects can be achieved by creating food database by guarding places that are found in large numbers, multiplying their artificially and leave them in the trees. Among mammals, species must be

protected like the mole and hedgehog who consume larvae of beetles and other insect pests in the soil; sharp-nosed mice consuming insects litter or soil; bat consuming certain insects, especially butterflies, reptiles, snakes except viper striped badger, intense consuming insects.

CHAPTER VIII. Soils of the depressionary basin between Sadova-Pojorâta and Prisaca Dornei

In terms of soil essential feature of the basin depression gorge between Sadova-Pojorâta and Prisaca - Dorna is given by the existence of a relatively diversified soil cover as a result of various conditions of pedogenesis and varied combination of these conditions on small areas. Against this background it highlight several features of the distribution of soil types, topography and geological substrate introduced.

Soil structure, types and their spread in the area are the result of pedogenetic factors and pedogenetic processes.

8.1. Soil taxonomy

For the presentation of spatial distribution and properties of soils in the study area I used several sources. Data obtained by opening several soil profiles in the area (*E. Rusu and M. Piticar, 2012*), were compared with those in the literature, and with the other authors of which the most important was C. Rusu, because part of the study area overlaps the area studied in the work of C. Rusu “*Study Rarău Mountain Physical Geography*”.

Diagnosis and taxonomic were performed as in accordance with *Sistemul Românde Taxonomie a Solurilor (SRTS)* Bucharest (2012), dealing with the levels of taxonomic classification (class, type, subtype), to prepare the soil map sc. 1:25.000. While this was necessary, even proceeded to introduce subtypes new single or combined, however not always be found on the map scale, due to limited areas they occupy.

Primary information obtained through field research was completed with the chemical analysis performed in specialized laboratories ICPA Bucharest. For taxonomic and physico-chemical characterization of soils were necessary determinations of reaction (potentiometric method), carbonates (gas-volumetric-calcimetric-Scheibler), humus (wet oxidation and Walkley-Black titrimetric dosage), the amount of base cation exchange (Kappen method), all exchange acidity (pH 8,3), calculating the total cation exchange capacity values (T) and the degree of base saturation (V). Textures were established based on the analysis of particle size (wet sieving and pipetting method), and for some physical parameters were sampled in alignment unchanged, using metal cylinders.

For main profiles, chemical determinations range widened, realizing complex analysis on replacement basic cations (Ca, Mg, Na, K), mineral nutrients (total N, P₂O₅ mobil and K₂O mobile), Fe total and free furniture forms of nitrogen (NO₂, NO₃, NH₄), Cl, redox potential. Qualitative analysis of organic matter included determinations of total organic carbon (Ct), extractable carbon (Cext) himice fractions: humic acids (CAH), fulvic acids (CAF), Human (CH). For confrontations and comparisons were taken from literature physicochemical data of some soil profiles made in the Massif Rarău by C. Rusu, 2002 and Obcina Feredeului made by E. Rusu și M. Piticar în 2012.

8.2. The spatial distribution and the soil's characteristics

The manifestation differs as sense and intensity of the soil formation factors and caused different directions in pedogenesis and further, in the evolution of the soils, which has as result the tessellated aspect of the soil cover. This diversity is ancillary but also dependent on the position occupied by the depressionary basin between the defile Sadova- Pojorâta and Prisaca- Dornei in the assembly of the Oriental Carpathians. The soil's mapping was executed on basis of the *Romanian System of Soil Taxonomy (SRTS)* I.C.P.A. Bucharest, 2012, by using the morphogenetic classification, whose defining elements are the diagnostic horizons and the specific characteristics (diagnosis). The specific classification criteria have been correlated with the regional principles of certain elements of the physico- geographic frame. From this combination resulted the map of the soils from the defile Sadova- Pojorata and Prisaca- Dornei, being located types and subtypes of soil which belong to the following categories: cambisols, spodisols, protisols, regosols, aluvisols, anthrisols, hidrosols.

The cambisols occupy most of the researched area and they are represented by: eutricambosols (EC) and districambosols (DC).

There were identified ordinary eutricambosols (EC ti), rezicalcaric eutricambosols (EC rk), molic eutricambosols (EC mo), lithic eutricambosols (EC li). They are characterised through a moderated to very weak acidic (sometimes even neutral) reaction, medium to extremely high humus reserves (184- 660 t/ha), specific contents of nutritive elements, usually diminished. They are lingered in the medium and inferior part of the region, until altitudes of 1100- 1200 m. Though, they were observed at higher altitudes too (1310 m), under the spruce forests. This situation highlights the importance of the lithologic substrate (marnocalcar) well tipped.

8.3 Soil classes

8.3.1. Cambisols class

This class of soil represents the major ground of the pedologic cover and meets all the formation conditions in the inferior mountain level and locally, in the medium one. The cambisols are conditioned by the lithostratigraphic complexes, with a combination of marl,

argil and schist characteristics, of the wildfish, but are observed also on the sandy-conglomerates of Muncelu and *Stratele cu Aptychus*, and rarely, on the high carbonized deposits (at high altitude), as well as on the crystalline schists (at the basis of the relief level). The special frequency in territory of the cambisols approaches a lot Campulung-Moldovenesc depression to the surrounding mountain units (Obcinele Bucovinei), which belongs to the eastern- carpathian flish. Also, this soil class occupies more than 50% of the pedological ground within the Rarau massif, which makes it alike with the surrounding mountain units (Obcinele Bucovinei) which belong to the eastern- carpathian flish.

The allocation of the soil types which make part of this class is different within the studied areal, therefore on the right versant of the depressionary basin between the defile Sadova- Pojorata and Prisaca- Dornei, represented by the versants of the Rarau massif, the cambisols, the eutricambosol type can reach altitudes of 1400-1500 m, while the districambosol type can be observed at altitudes of 700- 800 m in comparison with the flish mountains where is localised, on the superior part of the relief.

The cambisols class occupy the following areals within the defile Sadova- Pojorata and Prisaca-Dornei, Măgurile Câmpulungului (Runc, Bodea, Magura, Cocorul), the depressionary basins (Valea Seacă, Izvorul Alb- Limpedeia), the high part of the Rarău Massif, as well as the left versant of Obcina Federeu.

Among the taxonomic units (types), which form this class, in this region the cambisols are represented by *eutricambosol* and *districambosol*, especially through the occupied surfaces.

The eutricambosols are the most frequently observed in the depressionary basins Fundu Pojoratei, Valea Seaca and Izvorul Alb, Limpedeia, in Magurile Campulungului and in the eastern part of the territory, between Valea Caselor and Slătioara. *The eutricambosols* have an altitudinal disposure mostly influenced by the nature of the parental material and of the underlying rock, therefore the rocks with a neutral or low alkaline pH (flishoid rocks and the ones from the rockfill of the Rarau mesozoic synclinal), can reach altitudes of 1200- 1300 m and isolated can reach altitudes of 1500 m.

The highest frequency is had by the *ordinary eutricambosols*, such a soil subtype was localised in Obcina Federeu, between Deia and Hurghis. It shows the following pedogenetic conditions: it is localised in an interfluvial peak, in the medium terce at an altitude of 945 m, with an inclination/grade of 10°/S, it shows a parental material represented by black schists, with a good global and natural drainage, the hydrostatic level of the phreatic water is < 5 m, is situated in the wood area (*Picea abies*, *Abies alba*), populated with the current vegetation of spruce forest, with fir (*Picea abies*, *Abies alba*, *Fagus sylvatica*, *Rubus idaeus*, *Luzula luzuloides*, *Deschampsia flexuosa*, *Nardus stricta*, *Sphagnum*, etc.) with a good productivity.

The horizon Ao has a thickness of 0- 9 cm, colour 10 YR 6/2, a sandy- loam pattern, glomerular structure, woody roots, with a reduced biological activity, clear section.



Foto no.16, Profile no.7 Eutricambosols ordinary (Piticar T.M.)

The horizon AB is situated between 9- 31 cm, colour 10 YR 5/3, sandy- loam pattern, big grainy structure, woody roots, reduced biological activity, gradual section. The horizon Bv is situated between 31- 49 cm, colour 10 YR 5/3, sandy- loam pattern, skeleton 70%, grainy structure, woody roots, clear section. The horizon C1 is situated between 49- 92 cm, compact level of black schists (without samples), clear section, the horizon C2 is situated between 65- 80 cm, colour 10 YR 3/3 and 2,5 Y 3/2, a mixture of argil and clay pattern, skeleton 30%, unmodified rock fragments, weak prismatic structure.

This soil subtype has a medium acidic reaction on the surface (pH 4,72- 5,12), low acidic on its profile and in basis. The content of organic material is high (8- 12% in the horizon A), because of the biologically active soils, with humus of mull type (the C/N ratio in A ranges between 15- 18), rich in nutritive substances and with a high productivity.

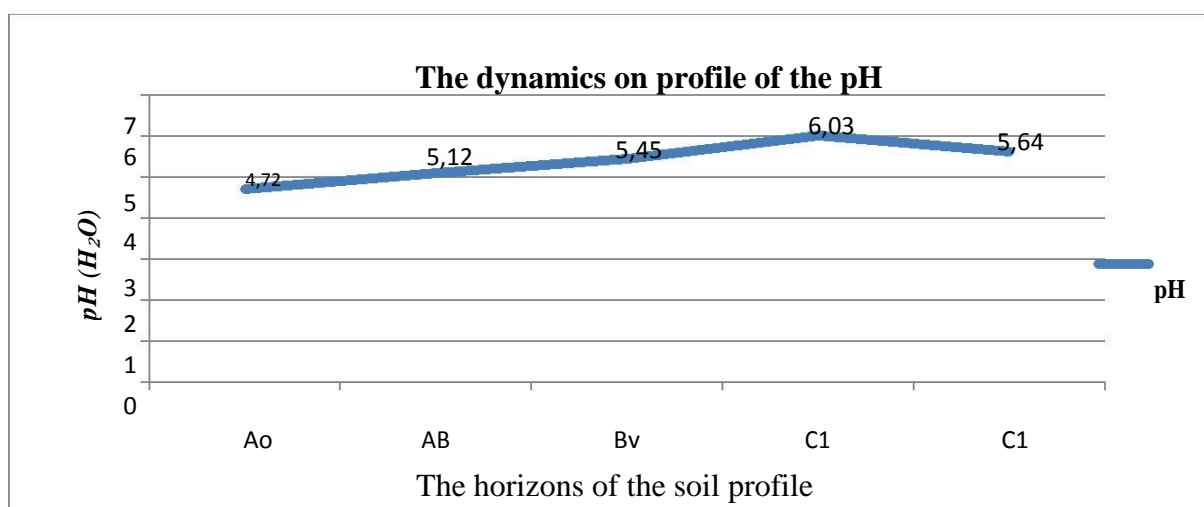


Fig. no.14. Profile no.7- The ordinary eutricambosol

The dynamics on profile of the humus

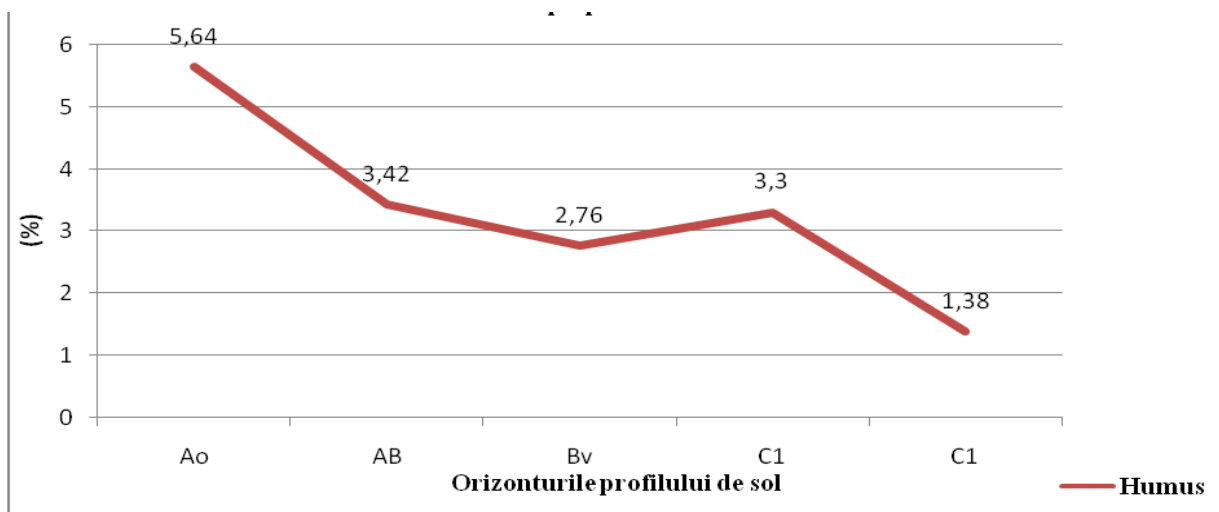


Fig. no.15, Profile no. 7 The ordinary eutricambosol

The eutricambosols with a standard morphology: Ao- AofBv- Bv- Bv/C- C(R). The horizon Ao has colours in the tone 10 YR, chrome of 3- 4 and values of 2- 4, thicknesses of 10- 20 cm, medium patterns (LL- LP) and a small grainy and polyhedral structure.

The dynamics on profile of the ratio nitrogen/ carbon

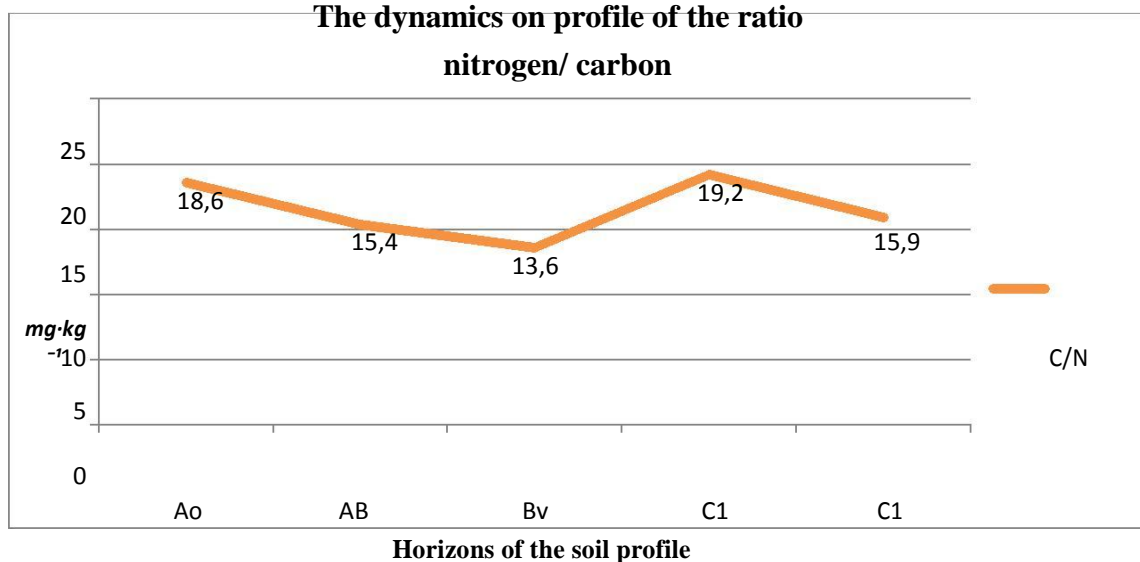


Fig. no. 16: Profile no.7 The ordinary eutricambosol

The depressionary basin between the defile Sadova- Pojorâta and Prisaca- Dornei.

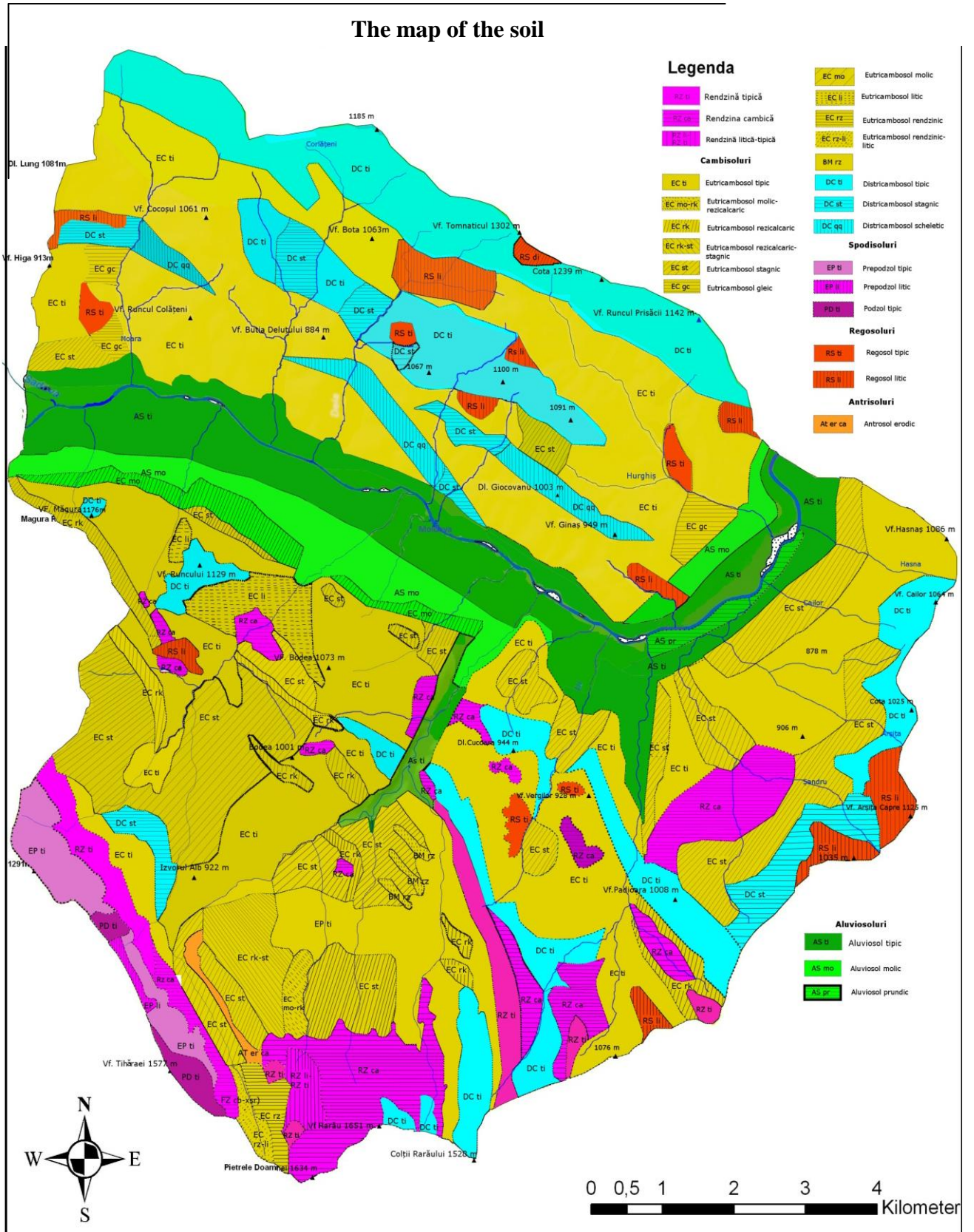


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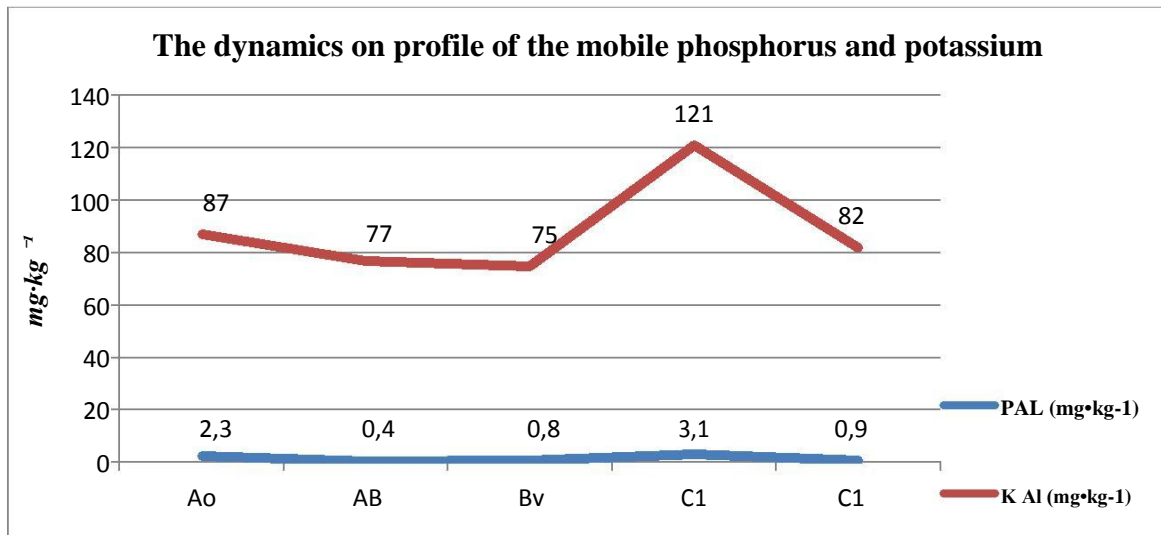
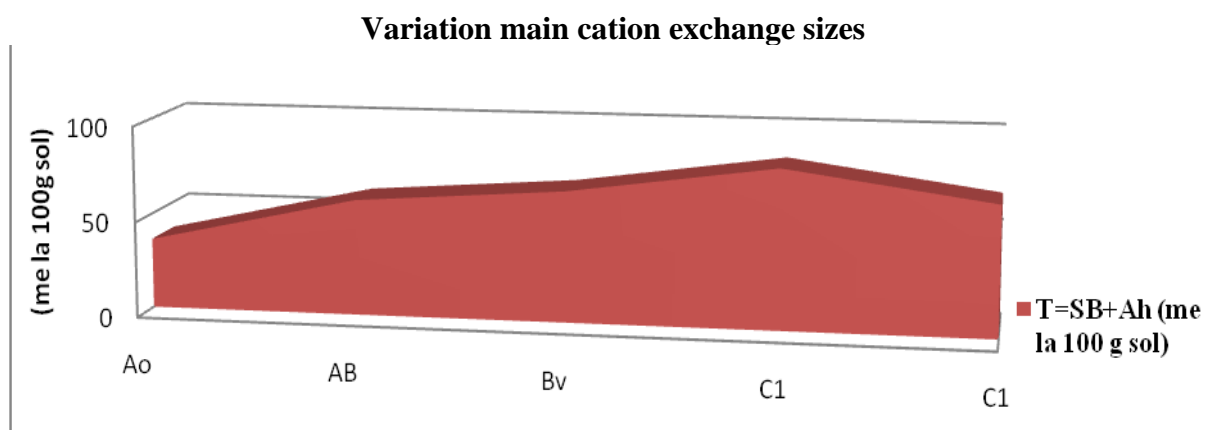
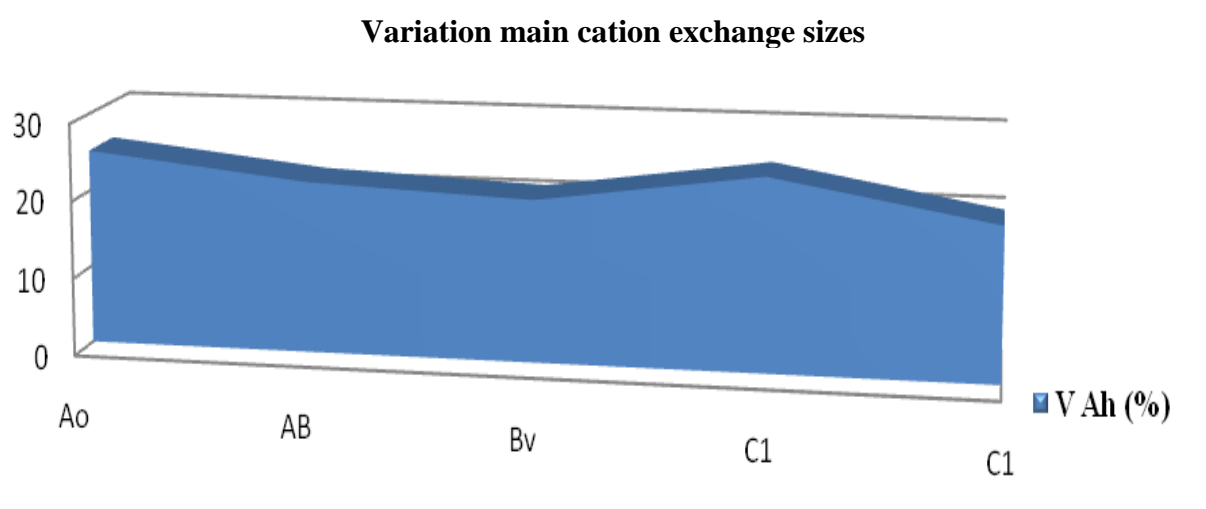


Fig. no.18, Profile no. 7 The ordinary eutricambosol



Horizons of the soil profile

Fig. no.19, Profile no. 7 The ordinary eutricambosol



Horizons of the soil profile

Fig. no.20, Profile no. 7 The ordinary eutricambosol

The values of the humus (mull type), range between 5,44 - 11,84%, afterwards they decrease constantly on the profile until 2- 3,5% in the superior part of the horizon Bv. It installs on versants, low to medium inclined, as well as in the regions from the basis of the versants, shows a high edaphic volume, creating edaphic conditions in favour of the sylvan vegetation. It shows a favourable trophicity, low to medium acidity, accessible water volume and equilibrated humidity regime, fostering a superior reliability for spruce, fir and beech, in natural compositions of normal spruce and fir forests, with mull flora.

The districambosols have a more restrained distribution, being observed in the area of the crystalline schists, epi- and mezometamorphical, on the versants from the south and east

of the region, where they populate the lowest level of relief of under 1000- 1200 m altitude. These soils have local apparitions on the loamy rocks and wildfish, but at altitudes of 1200- 1300 m, as well as on the sandy conglomerates of Muncelu, where they populate the superior level of relief. This distribution is determined by the underlying rocks, therefore on the crystalline schists they occupy the first level within the pedological range, while in the case of flishoid deposits they are situated on the superior side. They are oligomesobasic soils with mull or mull- moder, ordinary or lithical, sandy- loam, with semi- skeleton (sometimes skeleton), from medium- deep to deep, with normal or medium drainage and under- medium edaphic volume. It shows a medium reliability for the spruce woods but they represent a danger of blow- downs. The natural type of forest is of spruce with *Oxalis acetosella*.

Graphical representation of texture

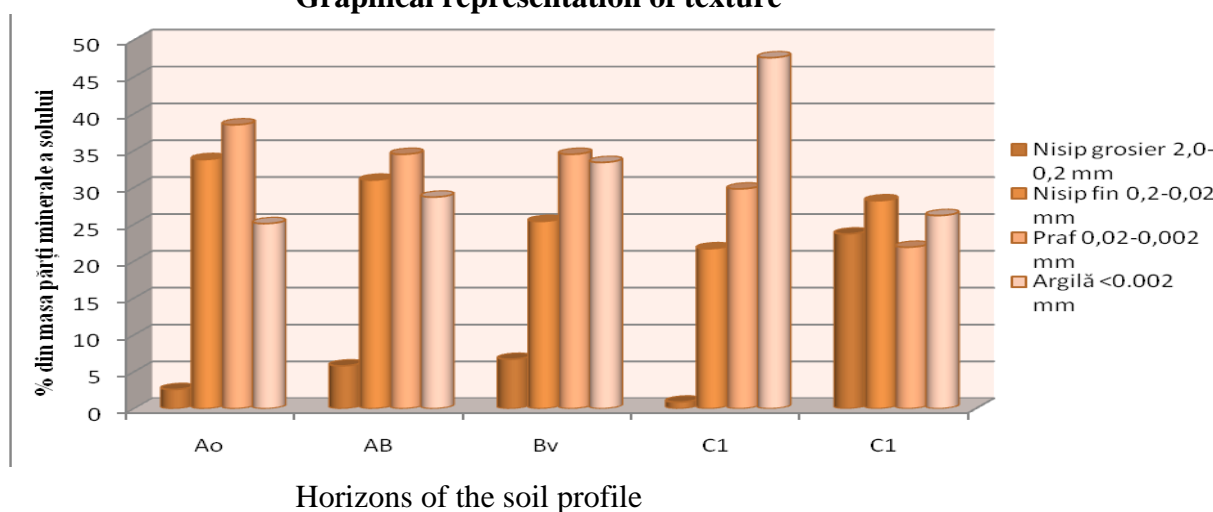


Fig. no.21, Profile no. 7 The ordinary eutricambosol

The current vegetation is represented by a secondary grass field (former spruce and fir forest) *Dryopteris filis mas*, *Rubus idaeus*, *Luzula luzulloides*, *Deschampsia flexuosa*, *Nardus stricta*, *Sphagnum*, *Achillea millefolium* etc., being used as grass field with a good productivity.

The global fertility of the oligobasic cambisols, is dependent on the soil thickness and the usable edaphic volume, the aero- hidric regime and the chemical characteristics. They are favourable for the development of especially a sylvan vegetation which includes species in a combination of coniferous with broadleaf (*Fagus silvatica*), but are favourable also for the development of a grass vegetation (grass field and hayfield), appeared after the deforestation.

Within the studied areal are present various sub- types, the most spread being: ordinary, lithic, umbric and pseudo glazed. For the ordinary districambosols, the physico-chemical features and the chemism are better highlighted within the profile no. 6 situated in Obcina Feredeu, between Deia and Hurghis, on a mountain versant, in the medium tierce, at an altitude of 874 m, with an inclination/grade: 20°/S, a parental material made of slates, diluvium, with a medium global natural drainage, the hydrostatic level of the phreatic water is

smaller than 5 m. The profile is situated in the bioclimatic wood region (*Picea abies*, *Abies alba*).



Foto. no. 17. Profile no. 6 The ordinary districambosol (Piticar T.M.)

Morphological characteristics. The horizon A0 has the dimension of 0- 9 cm, colour 10 YR 4/4, with a sandy- loam texture, small grainy structure, shows woody roots remainders, with a reduced biological activity and a gradual section. The horizon BA is situated between 9- 24 cm, colour 10 YR 5/4, shows a sandy- loam texture, medium grainy structure, with woody roots remainders, records a reduced biological activity and a gradual section.

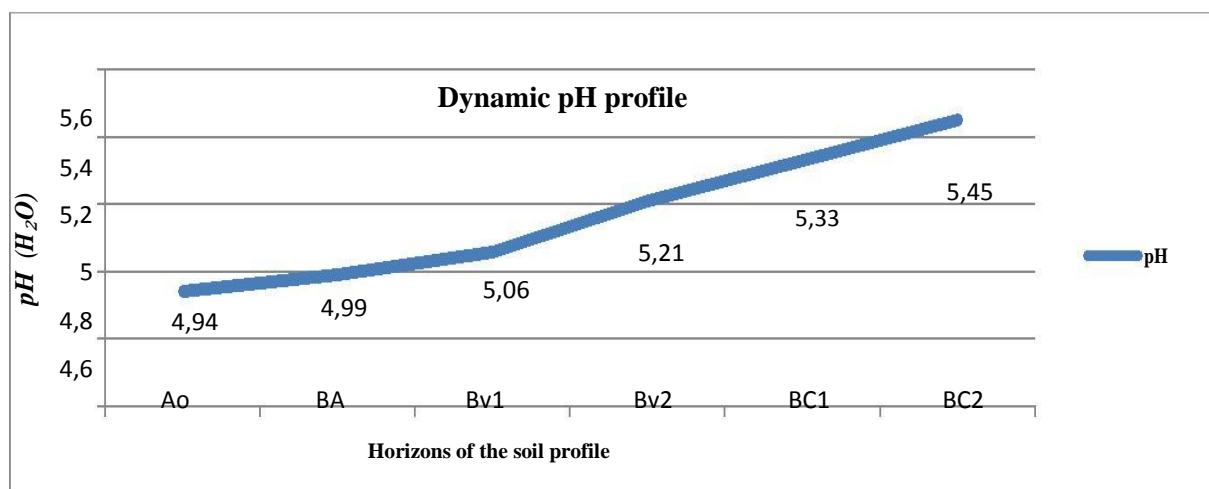


Fig. no. 22. The ordinary districambosol

The dynamic profile report on carbon / nitrogen

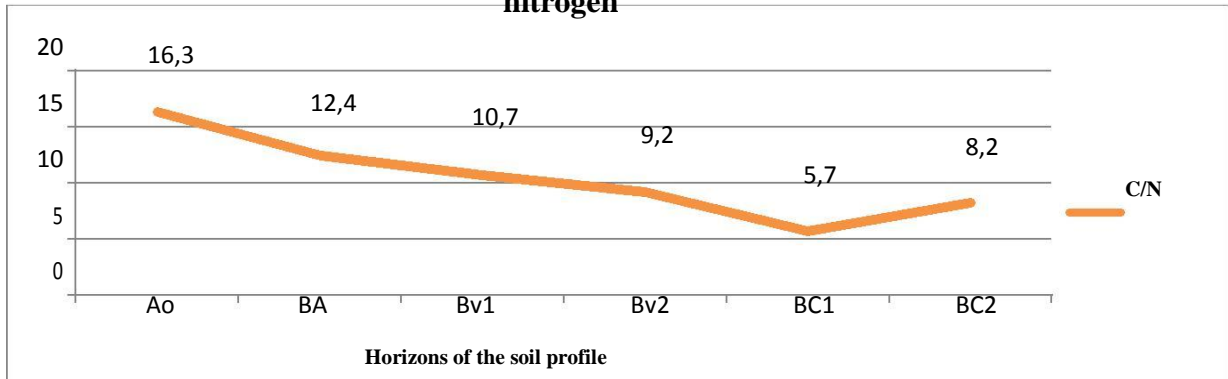


Fig. no. 23, Profile no. 6 The ordinary districambosol

The horizon Bv1 is situated between 24- 40 cm, colour 10 YR 5/6, a sandy- loam texture, prismatic structure, woody roots remainders, pseudo glazed marks, gradual section. The horizon Bv2 is situated between 40- 65 cm, colour 10 YR 4/6, a sandy- loam texture, skeleton 10%, big prismatic structure, woody roots remainders, rare pseudo glazed marks, gradual section.

Dynamics of phosphorus and potassium on mobile profile

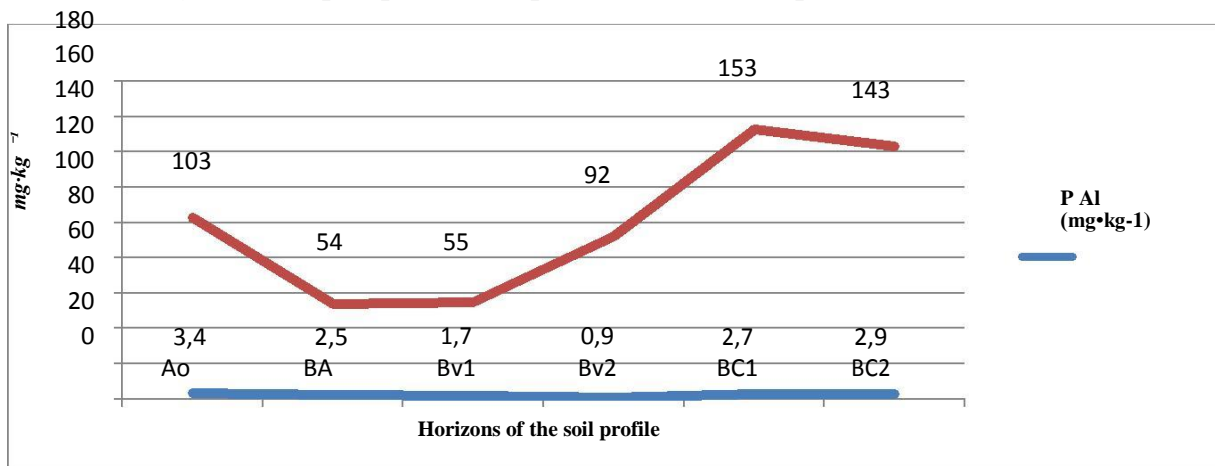


Fig. no. 24, Profile no. 6 The ordinary districambosol

Orizontul BC₁ este situat între 65-80 cm, culoare 10YR 4/6 și 6/2, textură luto-argilooasă, schelet 30%, fragmente de rocă nealterată, slab structurat prismatic, pete de pseudogleizare, trecere treptată. Orizontul BC₂ este situat între 80-97 cm, culoare 10YR 4/6, textură argilo-lutooasă, schelet 25%, fragmente masive de rocă nealterată, nestructurat, pete de pseudogleizare.

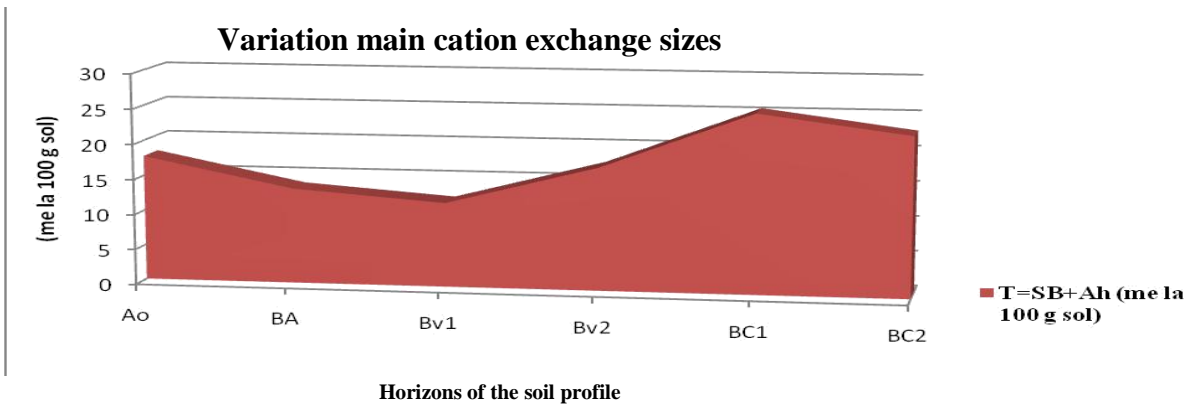


Fig. no. 26, Profile no. 6 The ordinary districambosol

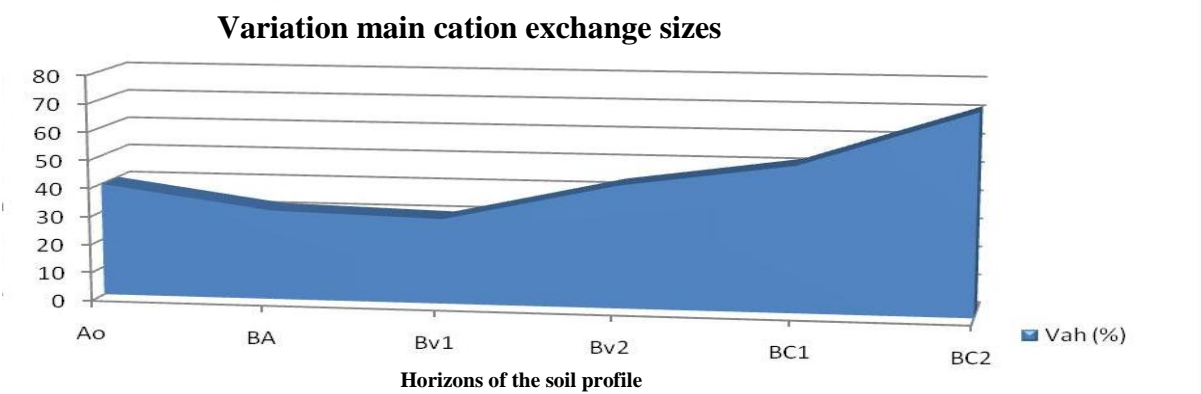


Fig. no. 27, Profile no. 6 The ordinary districambosol

Graphical representation of texture

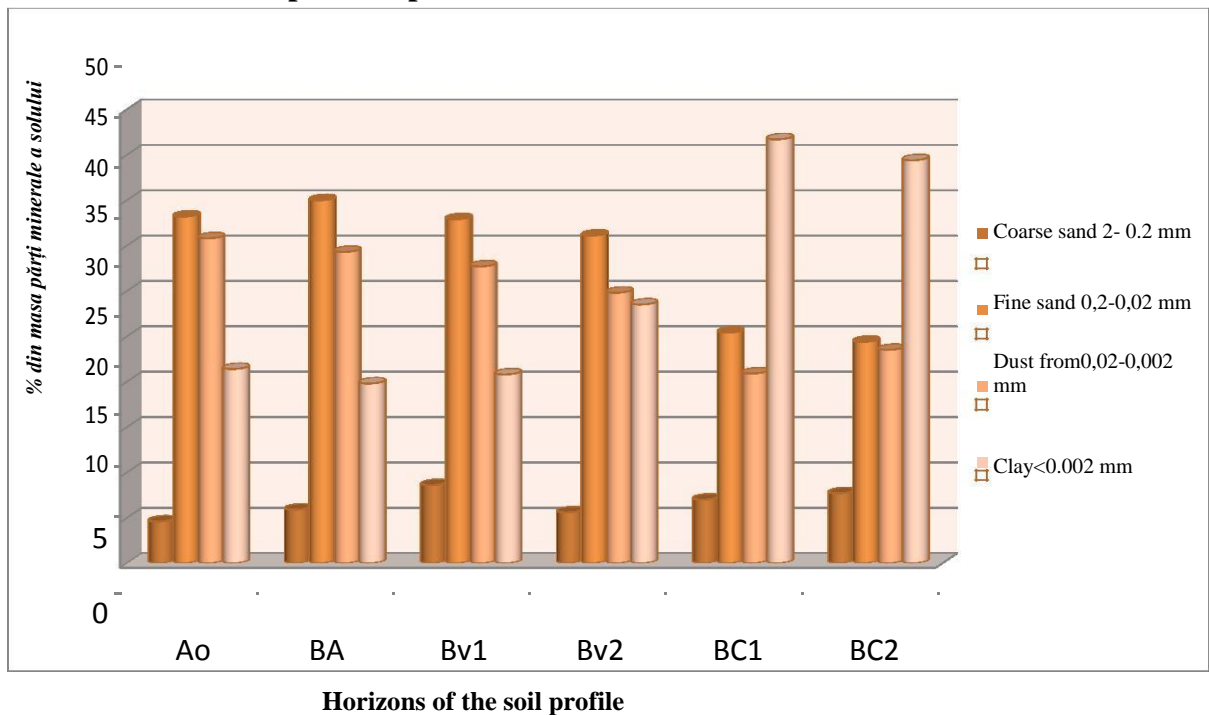


Fig. no. 28, Profile no. 6 The ordinary districambosol

Horizon												Subcls.
	Coarse sand				Fine sand				Dust	Clay		text.
	2,0-0,2	2,0-1,0	1,0-0,5	0,5-0,2	0,2-0,02	0,2-0,1	0,1-0,05	0,05-0,02	0,02-0,002	<0,002	<0,01	
Ao	4.6	1.2	1.2	2.2	38.2	4.0	0.1	34.1	35.8	21.4	46.5	LP
BA	5.9	0.7	1.3	3.9	40.0	5.1	0.3	34.6	34.3	19.8	44.4	SS
Bv₁	8.6	2.5	2.4	3.7	37.9	4.4	0.2	33.3	32.7	20.8	44.1	LP
Bv₂	5.6	1.4	1.4	2.8	36.1	3.9	0.3	31.9	29.8	28.5	49.0	LL
BC₁	7.0	2.1	1.9	3.0	25.4	3.0	0.1	22.3	20.9	46.7	62.1	AL
BC₂	7.7	2.6	1.9	3.2	24.4	3.2	0.0	21.2	23.5	44.4	61.9	TT

Tabel no. 4

The stagnant districambosols correspond to certain areas with poor drainage, shaded, parental materials of a marno sandy nature, being situated especially on versants, with a little inclination, and on plane surfaces. Within the Rarau massif, this subtype of soil can be also localized at altitudes higher than 1400 m, on Rarau's upland, within certain small sinkholes and more frequently within Pochii Rarauului. But the most important surfaces are between Valea Seaca and Izvorul Alb at altitudes higher than 1000 m. The evolution of this soil subtype is connected to the presence of the soil formation deposits, which present an imperfect drainage, which determines a stagnancy of the pluvial water. It forms mostly on basis of the versants, on connecting surfaces where there is a substantial input of adobe material, on a ground of cretacic wildfish.

Generally, the districambosols have a fertility level which is determined by the thickness of the pedon and the usable edaphic volume, the aero- hidric volume and the chemical characteristics.

The productivity of these soils is determined by the relief and the climate, which intervene through certain processes (surface erosion, earth flow, highly declivities, intense surface leak), to which are added chemical processes, partially not favourable. Therefore, within the sylvan station, they present a good and very good productivity, but in the case of the secondary grass fields, the natural fertility is a lot more reduced.

8.3.2. The Spodisols class

In this area, at the crossing point of the carpathian flish, the representative soils remain the cambisols, with the crystalline unit of the Oriental Carpathians, where the spodisols form and develop. These form a distinct pedogenetic unit which constitutes a level superior to the cambisols from the altitudinal disposure point of view.

The Prepodzol class contains the most representative spodosols of the region. They are specific to the relief level between 1000- 1200 m altitude, from the west and south of the region. Under these conditions, the prepodzols have a reduced fertility, being used in the forestry as natural grass fields. Their reliability is medium for the combination of coniferous and beech, fir and spruce forests, the flora is of type *Asperula- Dentaria, Rubus hirtus*. *The Podzols (PD)* are seen in association with the *prepodzols*, at altitudes higher than 1300m, on peaks and versants with a poor- moderated inclination, on periglacial eluvium or hillside detritic deposits from crystalline schists (many times with siliceous intercalations). The Podzols show a poor productivity for the grass fields and moderated for the sylvan vegetation (spruce forests).

8.3.3 The Protisols class

In this class are included soils not related genetically, formed under different conditions and which evolved different. It contains not developed soils, with incipient processes of pedogenesis, which is in incipient phases of evolution (aluviosols), or have resistance for alteration in comparison with the hard rocks (lithosol), conditioned by the geological erosion (regosols).

The lithosols are situated in restrained areals, on the highly inclined versants from the central region of the Rarau Massif, on small surfaces from the region of the quarries of Pojorata or some old stockpiles. The chemical and trophicity properties are in accordance with the chemico- mineralogical nature of the rocks, the humus content and the altitudinal level. Within the Rarau massif, the lithosols have formed on limestones and dolomites. Almost invariable, the lithosols are capitalized by the sylvan vegetation, but with distinct characteristics (spruce forests in combination with birch, rare spruce forests with bushes of juniper and mountain pine), these are not distinguished in the pedological assembly, the spectacular relief being the one which imposes itself- gap, abrupt hillsides, cliffs.

8.3.5. The Regosols class

This soil class shows a reduced distribution within the studied areal, the most favourable conditions are fulfilled within the wildfish versants affected by a consequent erosion, as the case of Coasta Prasca, on the versant's faults, as well as in the regions affected by the heavy earth flows, in the past, within the basin Izvorul Malului.

The poor productivity within the grass fields which are used sometimes as natural grass fields, as well as the only correct usage, respectively the sylvan one is given by the morphological characteristics, as well as by the physico- mechanical characteristics of this type of soil.

The anthrosols are a soil subtype which within the studied areal shows very reduced surfaces. The formation conditions are determined by a geological substrate formed by flish or wildfish where there were created intense erosional processes on the surface. Also, territories

where this subtype of soil was observed were localised within the grass fields from the surroundings of Campulung Moldovenesc town, in the entrance points of the animals on the cattle runs, such as the case of Izvorul Vitelor, Valea Seacă, Valea Caselor, Izvorul Alb.

The alluvial protosols are situated in the surroundings of the minor riverbeds (grinds, islets, gravels), but also of the major floodable riverbeds of Moldova or its confluents (Valea Seaca, Izvorul Alb, Izvorul Malului, Valea Caselor, Sadova, Paraul Morii, Deia, Hurghis).

8.3.6. The intrazonal soils

The lithomorphic soils have insular occurrences corresponding to the limestones and dolomites abruptions. Better represented are some appearances on the surface, at the border of the Rarau synclinal and a few pieces reduced as surface on the left versant of the depression in Obcina Feredeiu.

The main types of soil are the *rendzina* (with different evolution stages: *protorendzina*, *ordinary rendzina* and *black rendzina*), the last ones being the transition stage towards the soils of the correspondent region. Between these soils, the black *rendzina* and the black carbonated soils are more represented, with poor acidity and a content higher in alkalis than the surrounding soils, invaded by a vegetation, mostly regional, while the ordinary *rendzina* and especially the *protorendzina* correspond to the poor soiled rock material, surrounding the residual cliffs or at the basis of the limestone and dolomite walls, discontinuously fitted by a vegetation, mostly or exclusively calcifilic. The arboreal which are installed on these skeletal soils are rare, invalid and represented by pine, beech and rarely spruce or fir.

8.4. The current problems of the soils usage

The productive abilities of the areal between the depressionary basin are differentiated, with predominant sylvan and pastoral usage. The sylvan stations from the depressionary basin are the expression of a complex of natural elements, the regional climate and the lithologic substrate had a major role (indirectly, specifies the trophicity and the hidric capacity of the soil).

The influence of the regional climate is reflecting in the distribution of the natural sylvan vegetation, on the soils and implicitly on the stations. As such, within the Rarau massif were identified sylvan stations belonging to the assortments of coniferous and beech (FM2) and sylvan stations belonging to the spruce forests level (FM3).

The influence of the lithological substrate is strong as well, on every bioclimatic level can be separated stations on crystalline schists and stations on limestone, dolomite, calcareous sandstone and argil.

Part 2. The recent evolution of the woods

Chapter IX. Usage of the lands

The current characteristics of the usage of the lands are the result of the interaction between the station factors and the consequent manifestation of the anthropic intervention.

Depending on the destination, the soils can be: lands with agricultural, sylvan purpose, lands situated permanently under water, within incorporated area lands, for transports, reservations, for mining and oiler exploitations, quarries and stockpiles, etc.

The total surface of the area is of 11241, 6 ha. The classification of the usage of the lands in the region will be approached from the quantitative point of view of the surfaces, as well an analysis of the evolution in time of the usage manner of the lands.

The lands classification depending on the usage categories is the following: arable 280 ha, grass fields 995 ha, hay fields 3490 ha, woods 6140 ha, 85 ha water and 100 ha cliffs and damaged lands. From the analysis of the graphic presented in the figure no.29, one may observe that the first place is occupied by the woods and the sylvan surfaces with a surface of 6140 ha.

The woods, occupy, without exception, the predominant percentage within the non-agricultural usages, representing over 50% of the territorial fund. From the analysis of the graphic presented above one may observe that the first place is occupied by the woods and the sylvan surfaces with a surface of 6140 ha. Regarding the lands with agricultural usage, the grass fields and hay fields occupy by far the major surfaces (Fig. no. 29). Because of the limited morphological and climate conditions, the arable lands and the orchards have a reduced percentage in the structure of the usage of the lands.

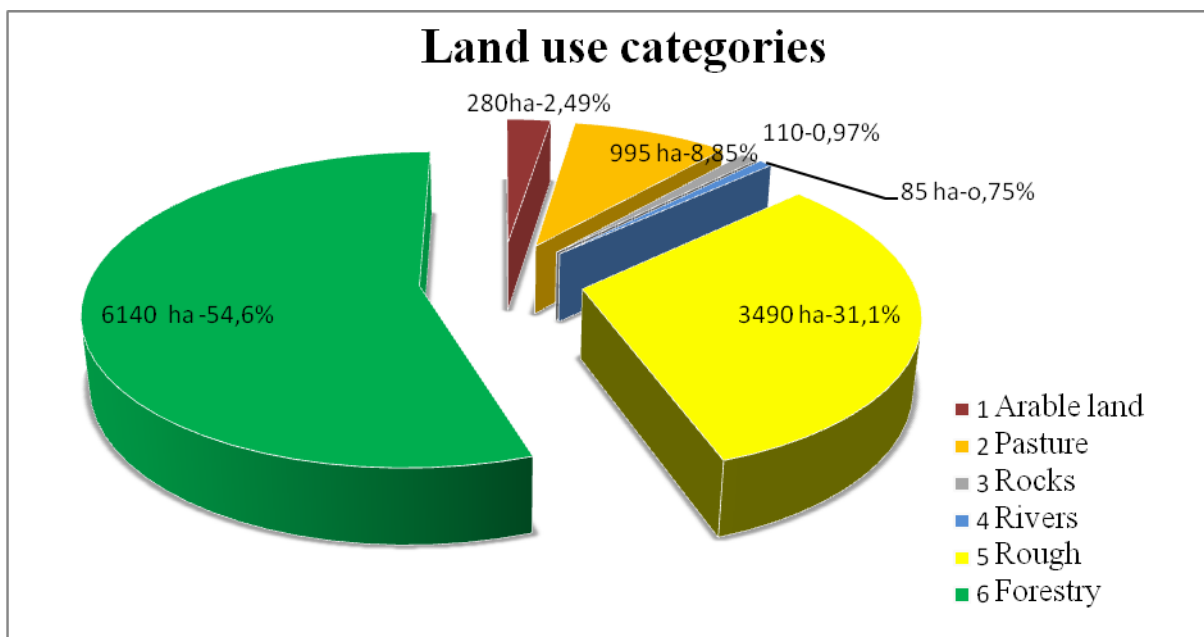


Fig. no. 29

The hay fields occupy the highest percentage of the agricultural surface (73%), the grass fields occupy 995 ha (21%). The arable fields occupy between 2,49% from the total surface of the territorial fund, respectively 6% of the agricultural surface.

The evolution of the wood surfaces from Bucovina, as well as of the quality of these arbores was influenced and determined in a great measure by the economic and socio-political factors. The construction of the normal railways, the access to the European wood outlet, the more requests for wood, determined the increase of the exploitation rate of the woods and of course the decrease of the surfaces occupied by the woods and it lead to the modification of its characteristics.

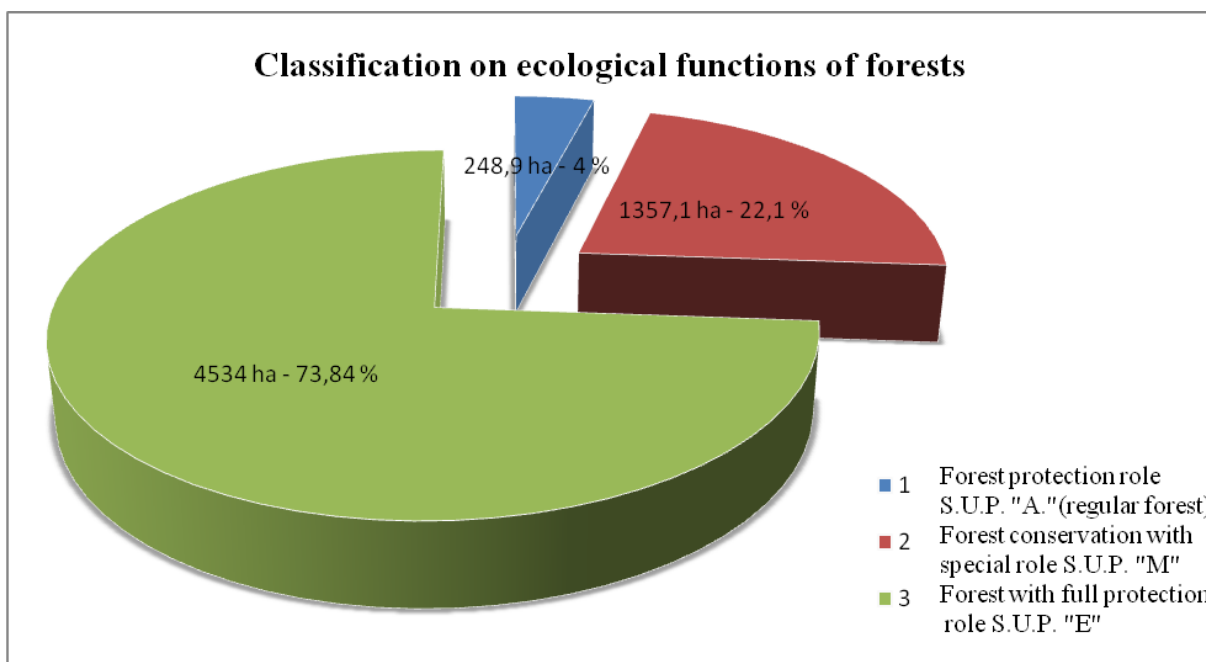


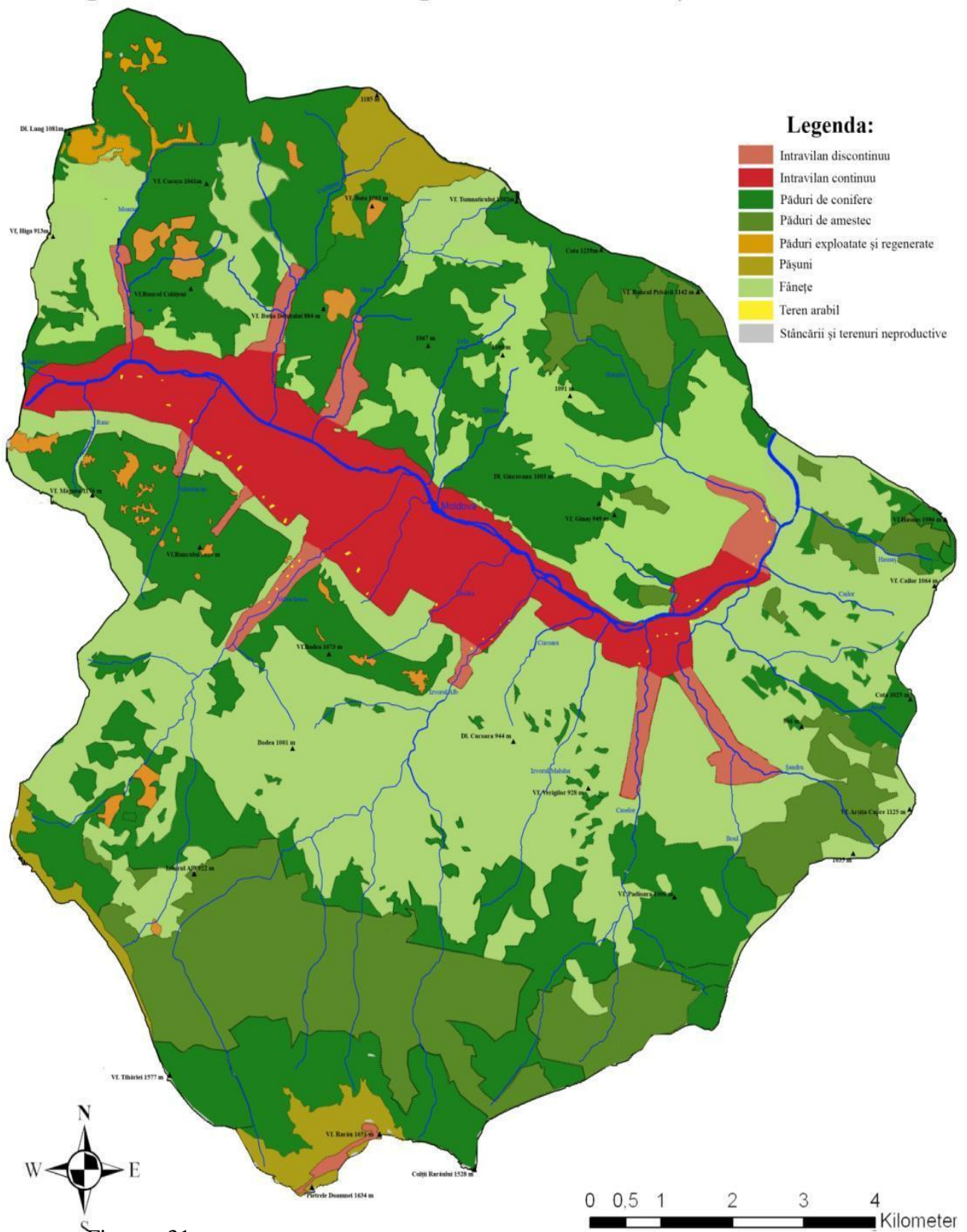
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Analysing the figure no.30, one may observe the distribution of the sylvan surfaces branched as follows: woods with a production role S.U.P. "A" (regular forest), which occupy 4534 ha, woods with special conservation S.U.P. "M" (special conservation) occupy 1357,1 ha, woods with integral guarding S.U.P. "E" (integral guarding), the arbores occupy 248,9 ha.

From the analysis of the territorial fund structure depending on the usage manner, in 2013, results that the bigger surfaces are occupied by woods (54,68%), followed by hay fields (31,1%), grass fields (8,85%) and arable lands with only 2,49%, very low percentage, due to the restrictive geographic and physical conditions.

The depressionary basin between Pojorâta și Prisaca Dornei

Map of land usage



Chapter X. The evolution and the structure of the forests

10.1. Types of sylvan stations on the left versant of the depressionary basin

The surface of the left versant of Moldova, downstream of its confluence with the Sadova gill, at the limit of Obcinele Bucovinei, within the district of the Oriental Carpathians, more exactly at the southern extremity of Obcina Feredeiu until downstream of the confluence of the Hurghis gill with Moldova. It contains sylvan fund, public property of Campulung Moldovenesc town, administered by O.S.E. Tomnatic, with a surface of 1084,2 ha. The sylvan fund which belongs to U.P. VI Tomnatic, 547,2 ha managed by O.S.E. Tomnatic, 282,7 ha sylvan fund, public property of Sadova township, managed by O.S. Campulung Moldovenesc and 148,9 ha sylvan fund, public property of the town Frasin managed by O.S.E. Tomnatic, a total of 2063 ha (The Establishment of the Tomnatec Forest Range, 1983, 1993, 2003, 2013, The Establishment of Pojorata Forest Range, 1980, 1990, 2000, 2010).

Both the pedo- climatic data as well as the characteristics of the vegetation lead us to the conclusion that both the left versant and the right versant are situated at the interference of the two climatic levels: - *The mountain level with spruce forests (FM3)* with a percentage of 11%; more reduced comparatively with the right versant (15%). *The mountain level with assortments (FM2)* has a percentage of 89%, higher with 4% in comparison with the right versant.

The mountain level with assortments of coniferous with beech (FM2) is the most representative for the left versant, occupying the majority of the production unit's surface. This level is built especially from spruce and fir forests. Ecologic is the level with a big diversity and complexity. This level occupies in general a well - defined region between the mountain and pre- mountain level of beech forests (inferior) and the mountain level with spruce forests (superior). The relief energy within this level is usually high, the versants occupied by this arborees have the following exposures: 41% sunny, 58% partial sunny, 1% shadowed and the following hillside categories: 1% on hillsides of under 16 grades, 59% on hillsides of 16- 30 grades and 40% on hillsides of over 30 grades. The predominant rock is the fliish and this determined the formation of deep medium soils, especially districambosols and eutricambosols, ordinary or lithic. The temperatures and the precipitations are situated frequently around the medium values.

The ecological characteristic but limitative factors are: the edaphic volume in many cases smaller due to the content of skeleton, the reduced nutritional substances, as well as the minus of heat at his superior limit especially for beech, which represents one of the causes for the very reduced presence of the beech in the studied arborees, the territory of the studied unit being situated to the superior limit of this vegetation level. The mountain level of spruce

forests (FM3) encloses only 11% of all arborea, being built mainly from pure spruce forests. The FM3 level includes only the highest regions of the unit, being at its inferior limit. The relief energy within this level is generally big, the versants presenting more sunny and partial sunny exposures, with rapid and very rapid hillsides (27% from the land has hillsides enclosed in the interval 16- 30 grades, and 63% has hillsides of over 30 grades). The characteristic ecologic but limitative factors and determinatives are: the edaphic volume sometimes under-medium and medium which determines the medium levels of trophicity and water supply and a humidity level lower in the soil of the sunny exposures and on more abrupt hill sides.

10.1.2. The types of sylvan stations

Within the left versant, one may encounter 7 types of sylvan stations, with 13 types of forests, in comparison with the right versant where the number of stations is double and shows 21 types of forests.

10.1.3. The structure of the sylvan fund.

10.1.3.1. The main qualitative indicators of the sylvan fund

From the point of view of the *distribution per species*, the composition is the following: spruce- 69%, beech- 11%, fir- 15%, maple- 2%, larch- 1% and pine- 1%, the other species occupying small surfaces. The recommended structure is of 56 M0, 25 BR, 8LA, 7PAM, 4FA.

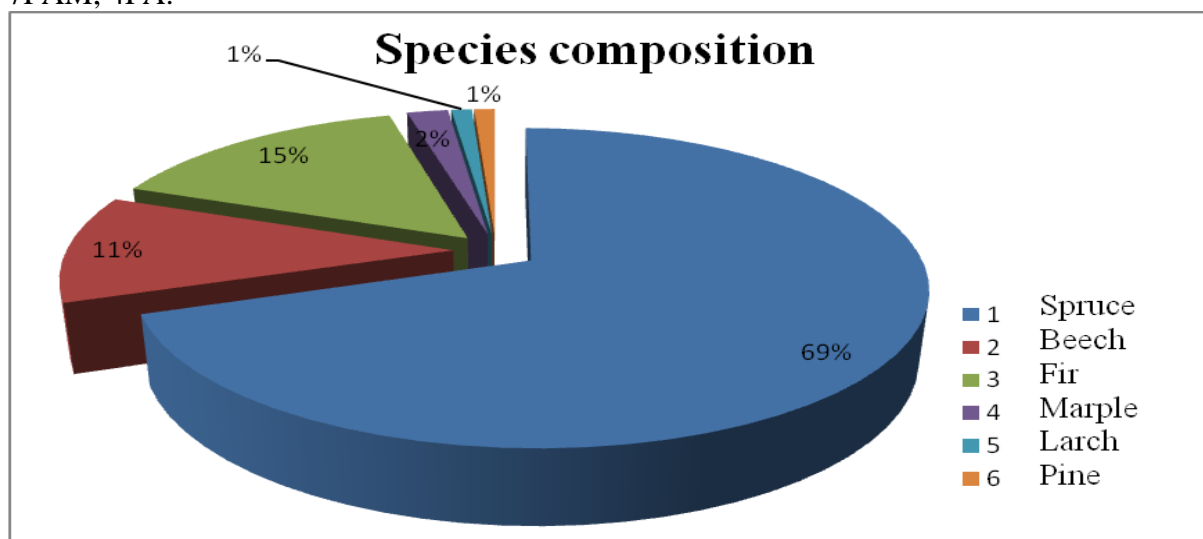


Fig. no. 32

The medium production class of the sylvan fund is of 2,3% (second class of production), and distributed per species: spruce- 2,3; beech- 2,5; fir- 1,6; maple- 2,4; larch- 3,0; and pine- 4,0; lowest in spruce in comparison with the right versant but higher in fir and beech, which is determined by the assembly of the station conditions of this versant. The percentage distribution of the arborea per production classes is the following: production class: I- 1%; II- 55%; III- 44%; IV- under 1% (The Establishment of the Tomnatic Forest Range, 2003).

The medium consistency of the sylvan fund is of 0,62 and distributed per species: spruce- 0,66; fir- 0,63; beech- 0,54; larch- 0,60; maple- 0,70 and pine- 0,60; therefore it was determined a lower consistency in comparison with the right versant of Moldova.

The structure of the sylvan fund in relation to the regenerating manner. All the arbores of the unit come from seed; of these only 58% are from natural regenerations and 42% from plantations.

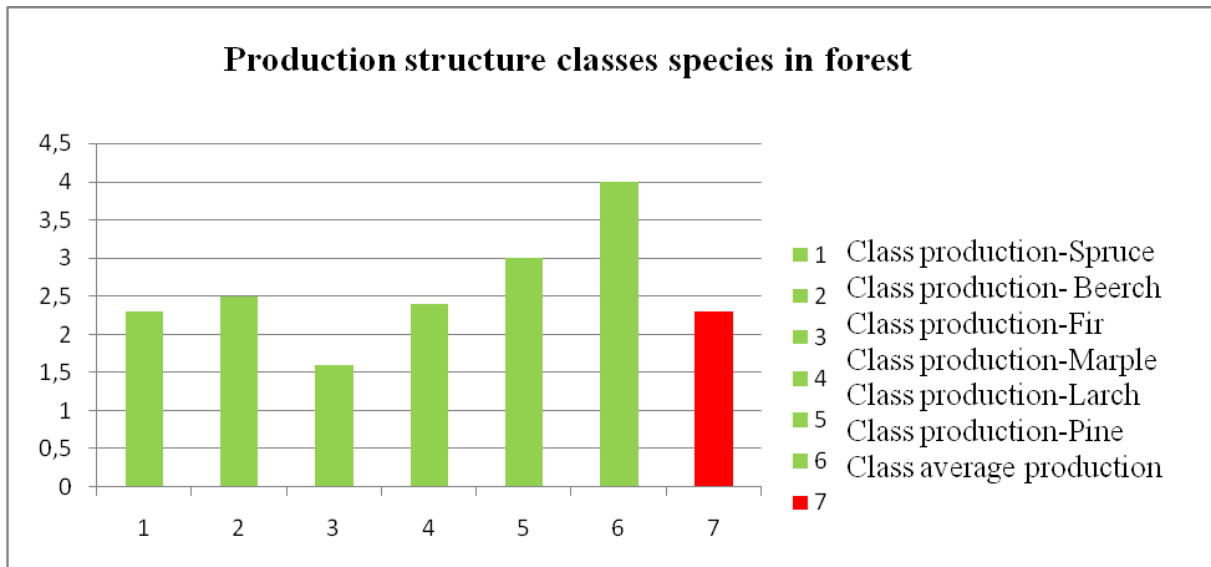


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The structure of the sylvan fund in relation to the regenerating manner. All the arbores of the unit come from seed; of these only 58% are from natural regenerations and 42% from plantations.

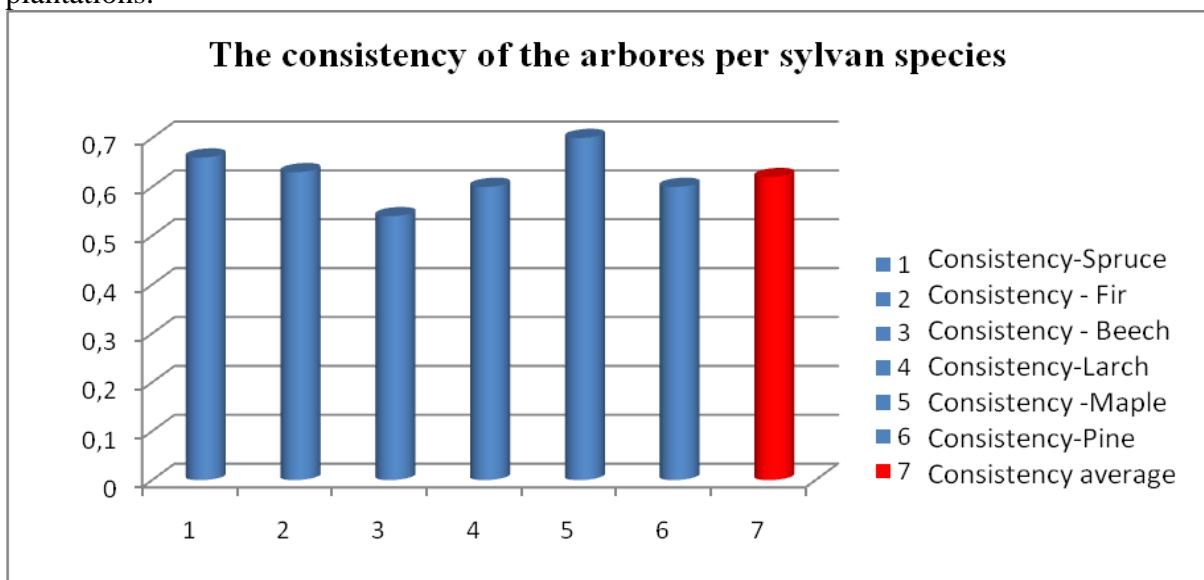


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There are no arbores of sprouts provenience. The mainly used species in plantations have been the spruce, sylvan pine, black pine and larch.

10.1.4. Quantitative indicators of the sylvan fund.

The medium age (years) of the sylvan fund is of 81 and distributed per species: spruce- 75, younger with approximately 7 years; fir- 86, older with 4 years; beech- 94, older with 9 years; larch- 5, very reduced because the surfaces resulted from recent plantations; maple- 45, a lot younger as age- 19 years and pine- 45, resulted also as consequence of the plantations, all this comparisons make reference between the left versant (presented above) and the right versant of Moldova.

The current increase ($m^3/year/ha$) of the sylvan fund is of 7,0 and distributed per species: spruce- 8,1; fir- 8,2; beech- 4,6; larch, maple- 1,9; pine- 6,7. Generally, the increase is smaller, determined by values which are a little lower to all the species.

The medium volume of woody mass of the sylvan fund is of 307 m^3/ha , a lot more reduced in comparison with the right versant, with a difference of over 100 m^3/ha , and distributed per species: spruce- 358 m^3/ha , fir- 408 m^3/ha , beech- 172 m^3/ha , larch, maple- 142 m^3/ha and pine- 93 m^3/ha (The Establishment of the Tomnatic Forest Range, 1983, 1993, 2003, 2013, The Establishment of Pojorata Forest Range, 1980, 1990, 2000, 2010).

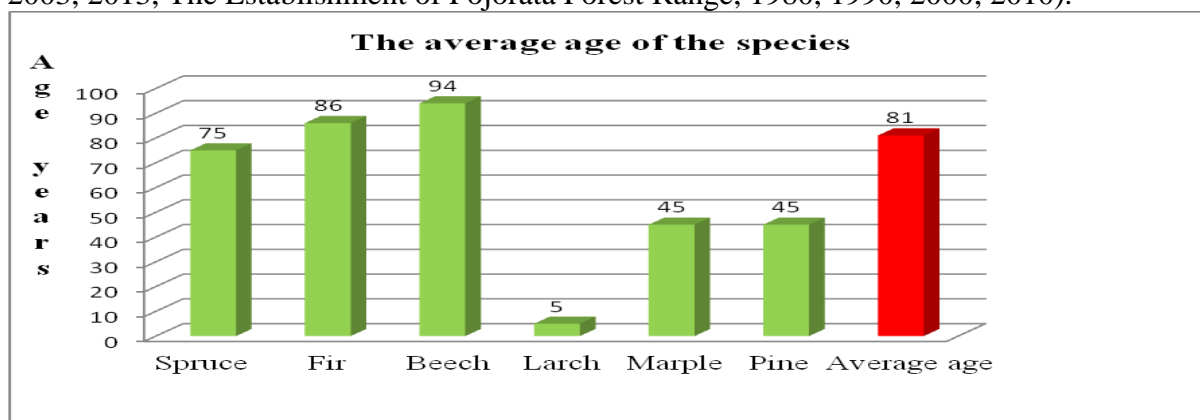


Fig. no. 45, The medium age per species

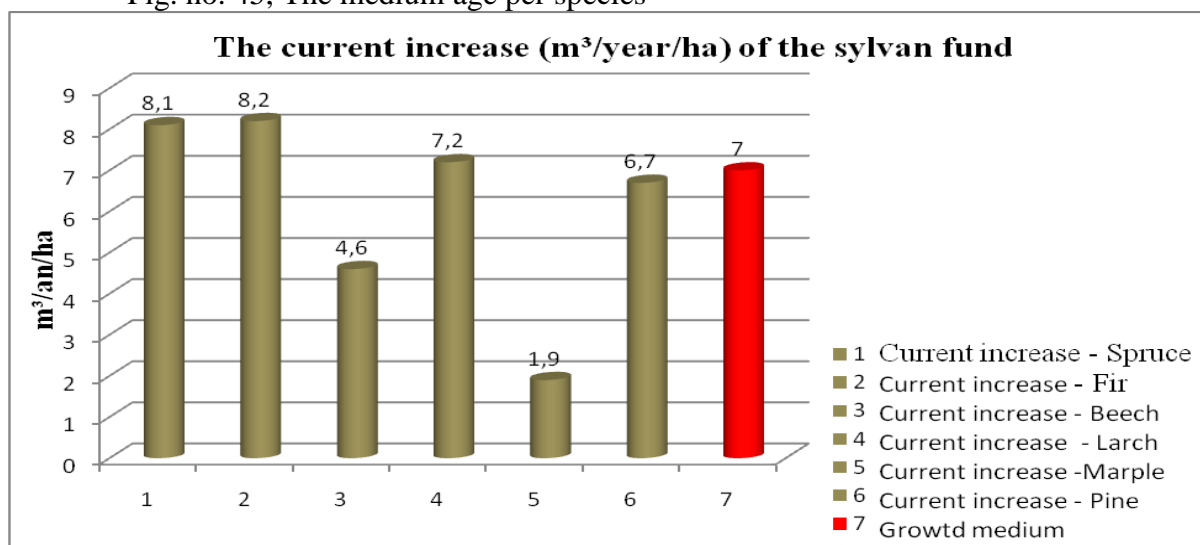


Fig. no. 46 The current increase ($m^3/year/ha$) of the sylvan fund

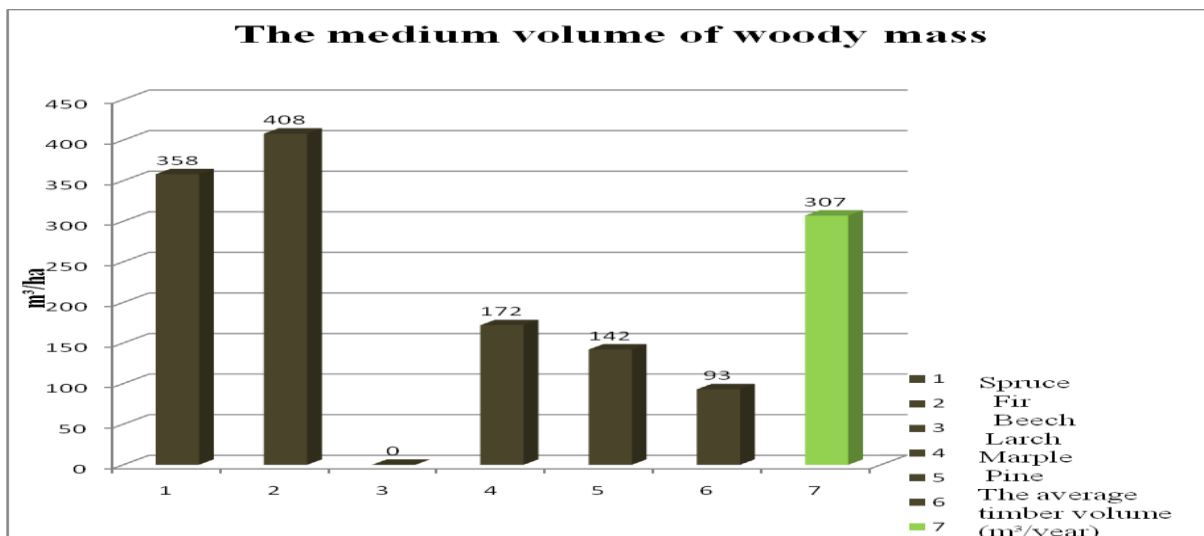


Fig. no. 47 The medium volume of woody mass of the sylvan fund

Altogether, the sanitary state of the unit's forests is appropriate. Currently, there are not registered arbores on fire or important attacks generated by pest. There were observed significant injuries as consequence of the exploitation works or injuries caused by hunting considered by the sylvan authorities as within accepted limits. There were not registered massive attacks by pest on big areas. There are not recorded abnormal dewatering phenomena on significant surfaces.

The main pest specific to the spruce arbores are the main defoliators (*Lymantria monacha*) and the wood borer from the *Ipidae* family. The control of the wood borer can be made by installing ambush- arbores in the most exposed places and by extracting the dry specimen.

10.1.5. Conclusions regarding the station and vegetation conditions

After the analysis of all the stations factors (climatic, geomorphologic, geologic, pedologic etc.) and the existing sylvan structures enclosed within the left versant of Moldova, one may affirm that good and very good conditions are fulfilled for the development of the arbores of spruce, fir, beech and assortments of these species, in the existing vegetation levels: mountain of spruce forests (FM3) and mountain of assortments (FM2). It is recorded a reliability of the stations: superior 75%, medium 22% and inferior of only 3%.

10.2. Types of sylvan stations on the right versant of the depressionary basin

The types of sylvan station from this district, are distributed in two levels of vegetation: the mountain level with spruce forests (FM3) and the mountain level with assortments (FM2)

The mountain level with spruce forests (FM3) is encountered within the entire areal, being limited in the superior part of mountain grass fields, with low anthropic altitude, especially due to the pastoral activities. The level is sometimes broke by the mountain level with assortments, an important role in this scope being occupied by the exposure. The climatic factors have a special importance in the distribution way of the spruce forests.

10.2.2. Natural types of forests

In correlation with the stations where there are situated, 93% of the types of forests have a superior or medium natural productivity. It is observed that the arbores with a basic natural character occupy 2004,6 ha i.e. 83%. The difference of 17% is occupied by the artificial arbores (16%) and partially derived and totally derived arbores (1%). The artificial arbores which are of medium and superior productivity are managed as well as the basic natural ones situated in the same development frame.

The types of forests from the studied areal are formed in proportion of 63% by assortments of spruce, fir and beech, which in proportion of 78% have the basic natural character of medium and superior productivity and 18% are artificial and of medium and superior productivity.

The pure spruce forests occupy the superior part of the relief, being encountered on 24% of the sylvan surface, of these 68% have a basic natural character of medium and superior productivity and 11% are artificial, of medium and superior productivity.

The spruce and fir forests occupy 7% of the surface, 87% of these are basic natural of medium and superior productivity, 11% are artificial with the same productivity.

The pure mountain beech forests occupy 2% of the total surface, all of them being basic natural of medium and superior productivity.

From the total of the studied surface, 83% are basic natural arbores, 16% are artificial and 1% partially and total derived. The empty lands, constituted from lands appointed to sylvan management and lands appointed to forestation, occupy 4% of the total surface of the sylvan fund.

The current character of the type of forest identified was established depending on the regeneration manner and the productivity of the main element from the structure of each tree, taking into account the composition of the arbores. (The Establishment of Pojorata Forest Range, 1980, 1990, 2000, 2010)

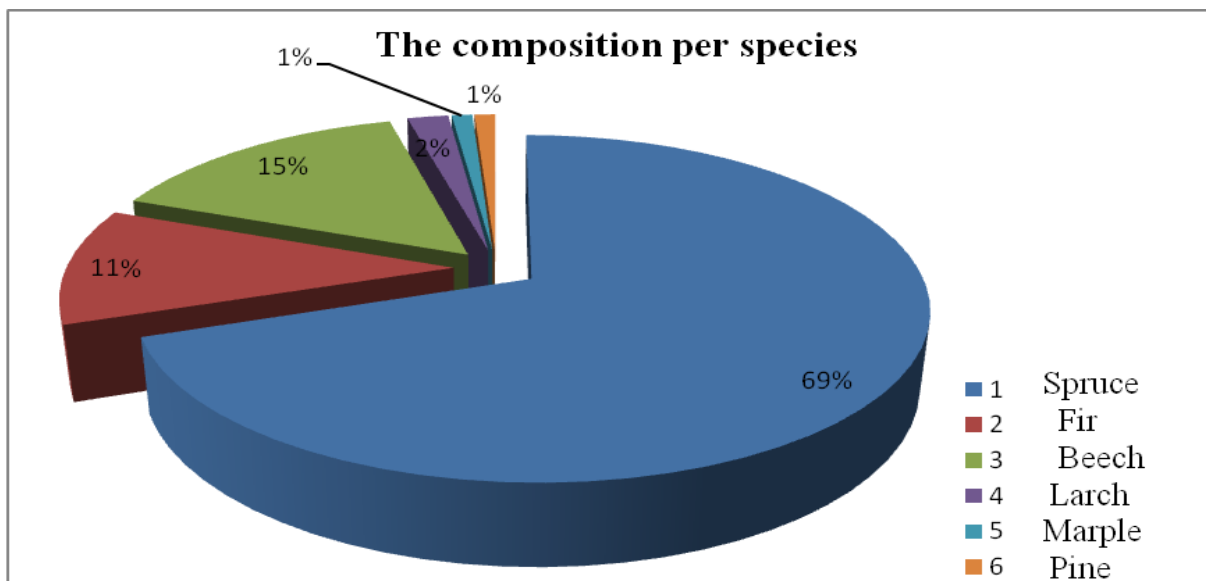


Fig. no. 48 The composition per species

10.2.3. The structure of the sylvan fund

10.2.3.1. The main quantitative indicators of the sylvan fund.

From the point of view of the distribution per species, the regional structure is the following: spruce- 68%, fir- 17%, beech- 12%, larch- 1%, maple- 1% and linden 1%, the other species occupying small surfaces (Figure no.68). The medium production class of the sylvan fund is of 2,5 (the second class of production), and distributed per species: spruce- 2,1; fir- 2,8; beech- 2,7; larch- 2,0; maple- 2,7 and linden- 3,8.

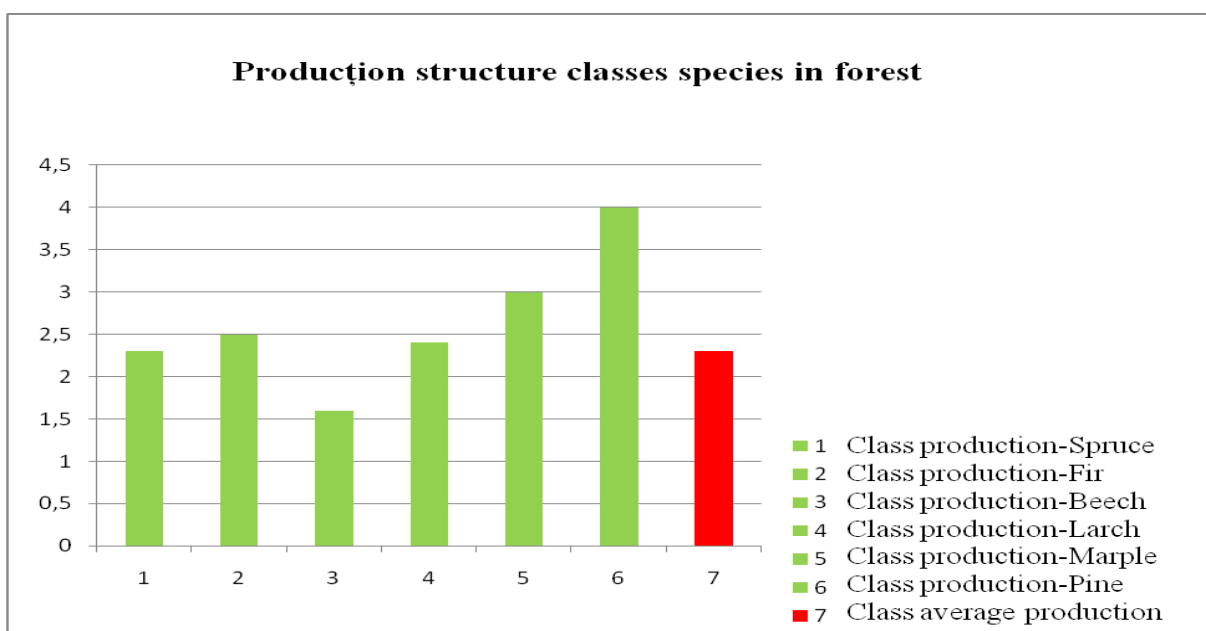


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Categories consistency of forest (1982)

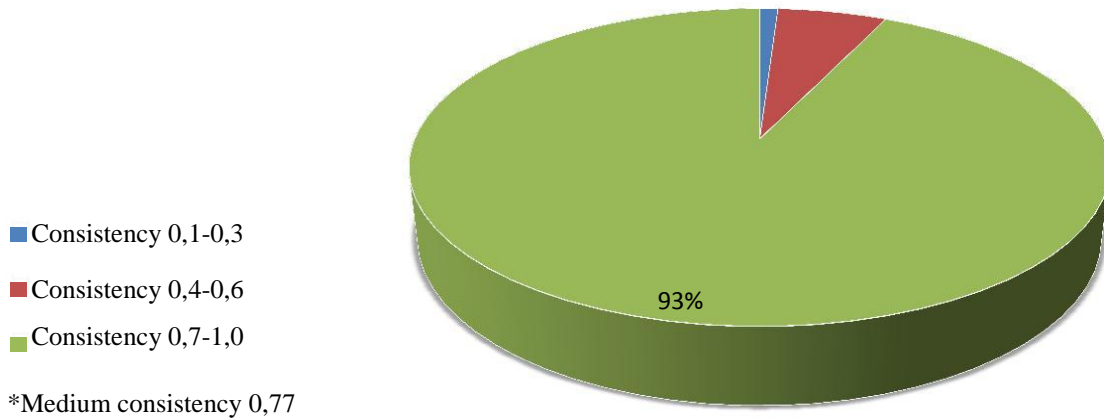


Fig. no. 50, The consistency categories of the sylvan fund.

The average consistency of the forestry is 0,74, and reported by species: Spruce – 0,74; fir 0,75; Beech – 0,75; larch – 0,68; sycamore 0,76 and lime – 0,62.

Within the figures 50 and 51 is comparatively shown the evolution of the categories of consistency between 1982-2003. It can be observed the decrease of the areas occupied by the stands with a high consistency (0,7-1) and the increase of the areas occupied by the stands with a lower consistency, like 0,1-0,3 and 0,4-0,6.

Categories consistency of forest (2003)

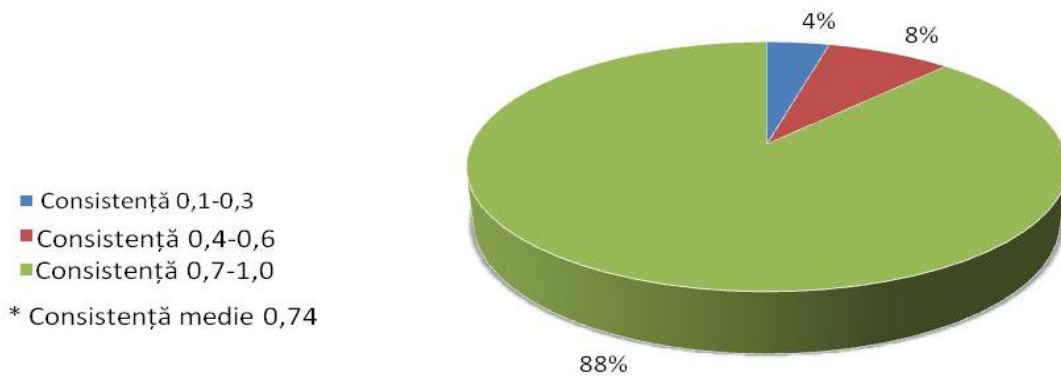
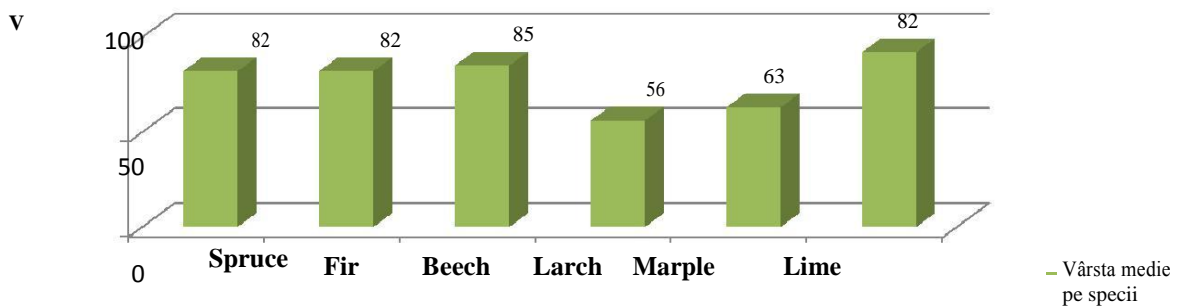


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The average age of the species



The average age (years) of the forestry is 81, and reported by species: spruce-82, fir-82, beech-85, larch-56, sycamore-63 and lime-92.

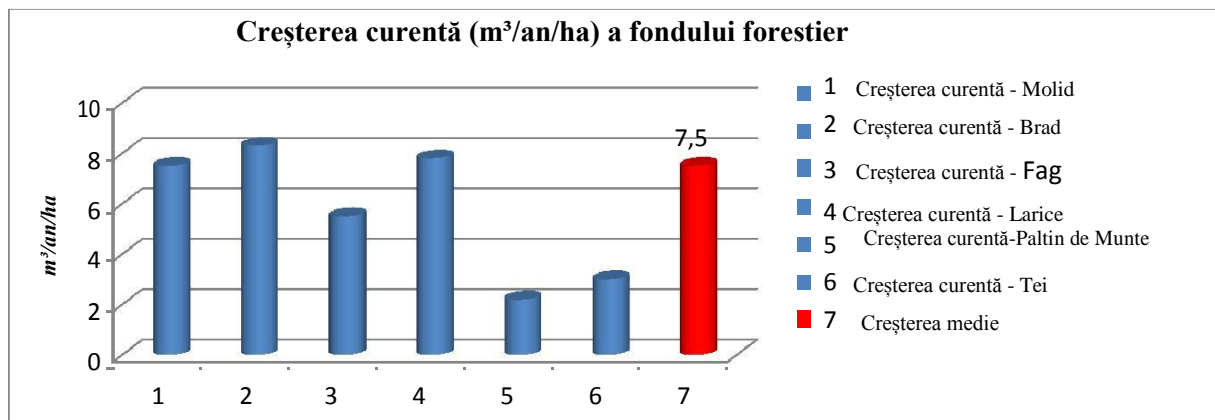


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The current increase (m³/ an /ha) of the forestry is 7,3 and reported by species: spruce-7,5; fir-8,3; beech-5,5; larch-7,8, sycamore-2,2 and lime-3,0.

The average volume of timber of the forestry is 412 m³/ha and reported by species: spruce- 433 m³/ha, fir-465 m³/ha, beech – 295 m³/ha, larch – 173 m³/ha, sycamore – 190 m³/ha, and lime – 227 m³/ha.

In terms of the productivity of the forests, the dynamic is hard to analyze because, especially at the first design, the reference data was different (the values competing to the determination of the production classes were different). At the same time, as in the previous cases, the area of the stands in which was established the harvest of the main products is very different even for the analyzed periods. Although, the average class of production on total stands in production, have very close values.

Considering the previously presented, in case that the productive forests, public property of the state, will not be affected by big surface changes, the situation of the forest productivity in the next stages will not register important changes.

For all the analyzes performed (the evolution of the age classes, categories of consistency, composition and forest productivity), the registred situation at the last design (2003) can not be compared only partially to the previouses (1971, 1982 and 1993), because, by applying the Laws 18/1991 and 1/2000, were returned, to those entitled, important surfaces of forest, previouslyhouseholded by forest districts PojoratasiTomnatic (The Arrangement of the Tomnatic Forest District, 1983, 1993, 2003, 2013, The Arrangement of the Pojorata Forest District 1980, 1990, 2000, 2010).

So, the percentage „changes”, positive or negative, registered in every situation for the forests left in management of R.N.P., do not show an increase, repectively a decrease, but it is the result of the decrease of the productive forest public property of the state.

Years	Classes production (%)					Class production average
	I	II	III	IV	V	
1982	7	66	26	1		2,2
1993	6	68	25	1		2,2
2003	2	66	31	1		2,3

Table 4. Evidence of forest productivity

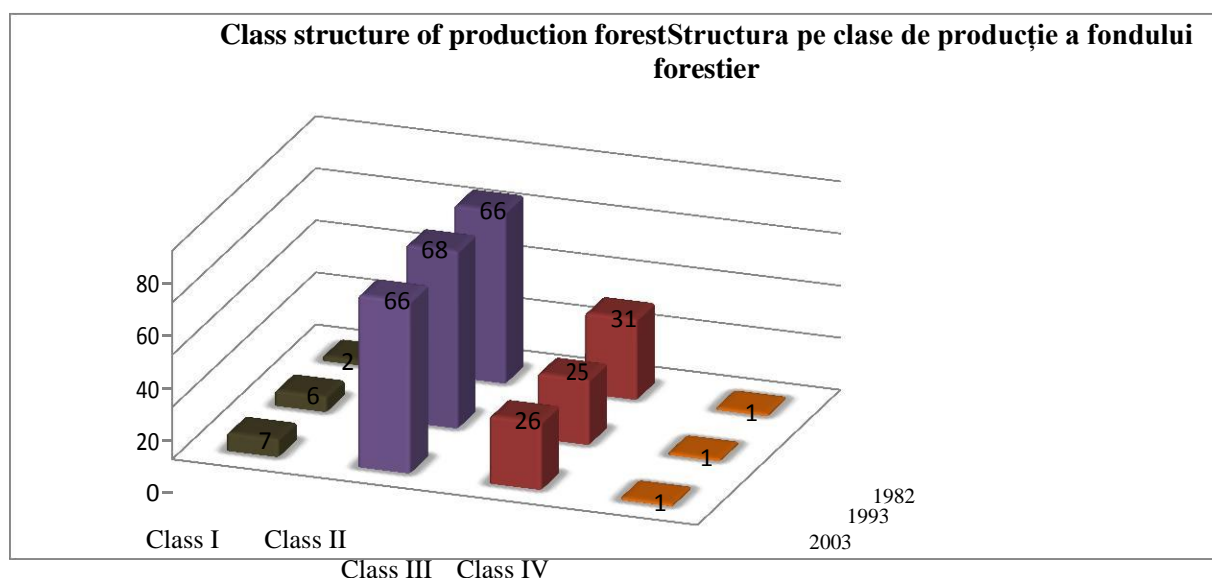


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10.2.7.2.1. The evolution of the structure on age classes

In the structure of the age classes appeared some changes due to the ageing of the stands and to the drops produced by the wind, some surfaces, especially with former stands from the Vth and VIth of age, being naked after the drops and recently afforested so they can be found today in the first class of age, this situation along with the afforestation of some former older empty fields, explaining the increase with 5% of the stands share from the first class of age compared to the situation from the previous design.

The evolution of the structure of age classes has not been influenced by the shave cuttings or the progressive cuttings of connection mentioned in the previous arrangement works, because in the application period there were not done main products cutting in the stands.

The situations presented in the previous arrangement concerning the evolution of the structure on age classes of all the stands belonging to the former production unit VI Tomnaticwicz included the studied stands, show at every edition of arrangement obvious imbalances, in the structure of the forests on age classes, due to the countless drops in mass produced by the wind in 1969-2002, but also to the inconsistency in terms of maintaining a continuity in time to establish uniform management measures, the productive fund being consisting initially subunits of regular forest, then some consecutive decades were built subunits of gardener forest, with attempts to transform to gardening, so they can return to the solution of gardener forests in 2003 (The Arrangement of the Tomnatic Forest District, 1983, 1993, 2003, 2013, The Arrangement of the Pojorata Forest District 1980, 1990, 2000, 2010).

At the current arrangement of the fund of production presents a structure on age classes obviously unbalanced, characterized primarily by the low percentage of young stands, the total area of stands aged up to 60 years from the first three age classes, being only half of the normal and well above the optimum proportion of older stands, especially those in classes IV and VI age.

The significant surplus of the exploitable stands is demonstrated by the size of the VIth class of age which is almost double to the surface of the normal age class. The application of the proposed work by the current arrangement will lead to the end of the decade to a substantial reduction of excess stands from the VIth age class, almost 60% of the current stands with over 100 years old ages will be crossed in the decade of application with cuts of definitive regeneration or with shaved cuts followed by afforestation and to the substantial increase of the area with stands from first class of age, to which will contribute the afforestation of the current class of regeneration.

10.2.7.2.2. The evolution of the structure on production classes

The structure's evolution on the productivity of the stands, calculated for all stands of the studied forest fund, reflects some differences, in order to reduce by 10% the share of the stands of higher productivity (classes I and II of production) and increase by 10%, the proportion of the stands with medium productivity. There are no stands in the Vth class of production, and those in the IV th class are insignificant as share ,representing well below 1% of all stands. The average class of production o the studied stands decreased from 2,2 to 2,3 current.

The main cause of the negative evolution of structure on categories of productivity in recent years is the negative influence of the scatters caused by the wind and the ruptures caused by snow over the studied stands and especially those with large age, the magnitude of these phenomens being amplified by the fact that almost half of the unit stands are aged over 80 years, assigned to classes V and VI of age.

Another cause of increasing the proportion of middle-productivity stands to the detriment of the upper class is represented by the substantial increase of stands in first age class, due to the plantations made in the last six years, on the bare land, mostly have not yet reached the final success and are conventionally classified as III class of production.

The differences between the two stages of planning, largely justified by the causes presented above, are due to, in some cases, some subjective elements about appreciation of differences between the two editions of the management plan, resulted from a possible overstatement of the stands height and implicitly the production classes at the last fitting in some stands. It is expected that with the increasing age of the very young stands from the first class of age, as well as covering the cuts and current regeneration works of the stands with very low consistencies due to the scatters caused by the wind, the average class production in the area to grow.

10.2.7.2.3. The evolution of the forest's composition

Currently there have not been significant changes in the average composition of studied stands. A positive aspect is the reducement of proportion of spruce with 2% and the increase of 1% of the fir in the composition of the forest stands, tendence that will have to be strengthened in the future by applying appropriate management measures, to reap the stationary conditions of the production unit, to increase the share of the fir, larch and mixed deciduous species to the detriment of the spruce whose current weight is significantly higher than optimal.

The significant improvement of the stand's structure on species can be achieved even in the next decade, by respecting the forms of afforestation provided in the arrangement of work of afforestation and additions that will be executed, the quantities such as large reforestation work will significantly influence the average composition of the unit's stands;

moreover, reducing the share of pure stands of spruce and creating mixed stands is one of the effective measures to increase the resistance to the destructive action of wind stands. (The Arrangement of the Forest District Tomnatic 2013, The Arrangement of the Forest District Pojorata, 2010).

10.2.7.2.4. The evolution of the stands density

The structure of the stands in the area on consistency categories recorded significant changes in the last 15 years, in order to reduce the consistency of many stands, the average composition of the studied forests has decrease from 0,69 in 1993 to 0,63 now. The cause of the reduction of many stands consistency are the scatters caused by the wind and ruptures caused by the snow from the period under review, followed in some cases by Ipsidae attacks; extraction of large volumes of incidental products, because of the phenomens mentioned above, leading to a decrease of the consistency. High proportion of stands with consistency in the range 0,1 to 0,33 is due to the drastic reduction of consistency of many aged stands because of accidental releases of products from the scatters, but also to an inadequate density of some plantations made in previous years on the lands previously bare to wind action. We note that the evolution of the average consistency of the stands in the former production units VI Tomnatic from where come the studied forests recorded a continuous decrease from an arrangement to another, from 0,92 at the arrangement in 1972, to 0,75 in 1982, to 0,69 in 1993 and to 0.66 in 2003, the main cause being the common scatters produced by the wind and the ruptures produced by the snow (The Arrangement of the Forest District Tomnatic 2013, The Arrangement of the Forest District Pojorata, 2010).

10.2.7.2.5. The distribution of the areas on altitude categories

According to the recorded altitudes, it is found that the tilts of the slopes are generally moderated to fast. The altitudes and the geographical position favor the development of the spruce stands and mixed stands, in which the spruce holds the main share. The slopes tilts can influence the stands productivity because on the lands with high tilt there are superficial soils or with a high composition of skeleton, while in the lower areas the quantity of the humus and the depth of the soils grow, favoring the development of some higher-productivity stands.

10.2.7.2.6. The distribution of the areas on tilt categories

The distribution of the areas on land's tilt is the following:

- 4% of the unit's surface has a tilt lower than 16 degrees;
- 54% of the unit's surface has a tilt between 16 and 30 degrees;
- 42% of the unit's surface has a tilt between 31 and 40 degrees;

We notice the high share (42%) of the lands with tilts over 30 degrees, in the production unit.

10.2.7.2.7. The distribution of the areas on exhibition categories

The general exhibition of the forest fund in this area is determined by the relief, it is sunny (41%) and partly sunny (58%), being dictated by the flow direction of the Moldova River and the main streams that cross the studied area, but meeting all of the detail exhibitions determined by the land's microrelief.

10.2.8. Conclusion regarding the stationary and vegetation conditions

The geological conditions, the geomorphology, the soil, the climate in general – the previous determined by the geographic and altitude location, favored the development of a varied and valuable forest vegetation, corresponding to two floors of vegetation (mountain of spruce stands and mountain of mixed stands), which gives to the area a proper specific at the contact between the depressions specific and the mountain specific.

The varied lithology generated cambisols soil formation, belonging to cambisols class, spodosols class, protisols class, regosols class and intra-zone soils (on small areas undeveloped soils and hydromorphic soils), from weak to excessive skeletal (which caused the useful edaphic volume, from large to very small), more or less acidic.

The soils determined the existence of some worthiness upper resorts (60,5%), middle (34,6%) and only 4,9% lower. In some situations, as limiting factors of productivity appear: version deficiency of useful minerals, active soil acidity, the deficit of soil water, low temperatures in soil around, etc., (Late D. 1997).

The affecting stands factors are particularly important (harmful action of strong winds and heavy snow or pest attacks followed by drying, hunting, mining works, sometimes version erosion surface in depth and anthropic factor), as those limiting (installed on land stands with rock surface, those affected by water logging, etc.)

The forests of this area are matching, with priority, an important protective role, or an economic role. Under economic report interest, primarily, the thick and very thick wood for timber and many other uses. Regarding the role of protection, to some of the area's forests were assigned various protection functions, which cover the full range of subgroups of functional categories: water protection, land and soil protection against harmful climatic factors, functions of recreation and protection/conservation of the forest of scientific interest and protection of the forest ecofund and genofund.

CONCLUSIONS

This paper work aims psysico-geographical presentation of depression basin bouded by the Sadova-Pojorâta and Prisaca-Dorna gorge. The first part of the thesis contains information about the natural elements, the stationary operating conditions of the forest ecosystems imposed by the relief, climate, water resources and phyto-pedological cover. The second part of the thesis presents the recent changes in forest structure and issues related to the land use. Besides the proposed scientific purpose, this paper aims a practical scope related to highlighting the restrictive or favorable features of the psysico-geofraphical framework and appropriate measures to prevent land degration, forest protection, water and soil in this area and generally maintain the natural balance.

The forest is an intristic part of the living environment of Moldova depression basin, has an important role in creating and preserving it. Along with other terestrial ecosystems, forest is included in terrestrial living environment, in which man lives and develops. The presence and appearence of the forest prints the characteristic note of many climate zones, and its massive deforestation can lead to radical changes of climate and tertain, thermal and hydrological characteristics of those tertitories, soils, to a pronounced change of environment as a whole. This relates the particularly large role that forest has in the evolution of the relief, in the formation of the air layers characteristics near the ground and soil and their presevation, over long periods of time.

The geological features of this area, exercised a great influence on the evolution of forest by the composition and characteristics of the substrate rocks.

The complexity of the lithostigraphiccomposition of the studied area is given, on the one hand ,by the Rarău Massive, then by the depression basin between Sadova-Pojorâta and Prisaca-Dornei gorge and ObcineiFeredeului slope. This formation is the consequence of a petrographic and mineralogical variety. The diversity of geological formations influence the types and the characteristics of the vegetation.

The relief's role, through his characteristic elements, the landform with its tilt and exhibition, reprezents a phisical-geographical constituent, with a huge importance for thespred and the evolution of the forest resorts.

By climatic terms the depression basin is located in the Nord-East extremity of the central-european province , with a temperate moderat continental mountain climate supports some influences of the continental climate by East and subbaltic(boreal)by north.

The hydrological factor holds a decisive role in the evolution of forest resorts.

The biotic shell has a well knownrole, of moderance and balance,given by the most dinamic part of the biosphere. In its contents occur the most spectacular accumulations and exchanges of energy flows, wich produce multiple mechanic, chemical and physical transformations on the levels of spheres that have contacts, with multiple interconections and

interdependences. If the majority of physical and geological factors by land occurs to be complex, the biotic shell combines in a very interesting way all these elements, with a clear tendency of smoothing in a geographical ensemble with its own valences.

The pastoral and forest ecosystems resorts have created over time, a series of successive adaptations to the environmental conditions, an optimal model of functioning and development, resulted in a harmoniously structured plant coating, consistent and cohesive, by scientific interest and protection of the forestry genofund and ecofund.

The vegetation's characteristics and the pedo-climatic data lead us to conclude that the left side and the right side are between two climate floors:

-First floor of mountain spruce forests (FM3) with a share of 11%; lower than the right side (15%). The mountain floor of mixtures (FM2) accounts for 89%, 4% higher than the right side. The mountain floor of beech wood blends (FM2) is the most representative of the left side, occupying most of the area of the production unit. This floor is especially constituted of species of (spruce-fir). Ecologically, this floor has a large diversity and complexity. This floor occupies generally a well-defined area between the mountain stage - piedmont of beech (lower) and the mountain stage of spruce forests (top). Regarding the land use within the depression Câmpulung Moldovenesc, an analysis of the land use had been realised, quantitative and a time evolution of the areas occupied by the main categories of lands with various purposes.

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