

HUNTING TROPHIES – TEMPORARY EXHIBITION

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ABSTRACT

During 2012-2014 there were realized four editions of the temporary exhibition “Hunting trophies”. The exhibitions were hosted by the “Mircea Cancicov” Business and Exhibition Center in Bacău, to the occasion of the Fishing and Hunting Fair.

Within the exhibitions there were exhibited various hunting trophies (mouflon, chamois, fallow deer, deer, wild boar, bear), most of the exhibits coming from the Posada Hunting Museum, being in the custody of the Natural Science Museum “Ion Borcea” Bacău.

The enthusiasts of hunting had the possibility of admiring trophies of some animals hunted by Nicolae Ceaușescu, which were awarded with gold, silver or bronze at various international contests.

The exhibitions also brought to the public some actual information about the estimated numbers for some hunted species in the Bacău County. Visitors also discovered the national records for some hunted species and curiosities about some of these species.

Key words: temporary exhibition, hunting trophies

Introduction

The temporary exhibition “Hunting trophies” was hosted by the “Mircea Cancicov” Business and Exhibition Center in Bacău, to the occasion of the Fishing and Hunting Fair. During 2012-2014 four editions of the temporary exhibition were organized (fig. 1):

- The 1st edition: October 12-14, 2012
- The 2nd edition: September 13-15, 2013
- The 3rd edition: May 8-11, 2014
- The 4th edition: October 3-5, 2014

The proposed aims were:

- Capitalization of the museum patrimony;
- Informing the visitors about the hunting trophies collection hosted by the Natural Science Museum “Ion Borcea” Bacău;

- Enriching the visitors’ knowledge about the various hunting species in the Bacău County and in Romania.

Material and methods

The realization of the temporary exhibition involved some specific activities:

- Making a list with authentic exhibits (we chose those with the highest CIC points, reflecting the value of the trophy);
- Selecting the trophies according to the list;
- Realizing the auxiliary and complementary

exhibits: labels, panels, desks with animal marks;

- Realizing some cultural marketing materials (flyers, banner, invitation).

Results and discussions

In the course of the editions of the temporary exhibition, there were exhibited various hunting trophies (mouflon, chamois, fallow deer, deer, wild boar, bear), most of the exhibits coming from the Posada Hunting Museum, being in the custody of the Natural Science Museum “Ion Borcea” Bacău.

In order to evaluate the hunting trophies in an unitary manner, there was approved the methodology of evaluation for the trophies from all species of hunted wild fauna in Romania, according to the norms of the International Council for Hunting and Hunted Animal Conservation (C.I.C.). The methodology for the evaluation of the hunting trophies can be found in the appendices 1-25 of the Order No. 418/2005.

At the last edition of the exhibition, 32 items from 9 wild fauna species were exposed (Table 1):

Table 1 – The list of the exhibited trophies

No.	C.I.C. points	Name	Items
1	158.25	Fallow deer (<i>Dama dama</i>)	1
2	169.27	Fallow deer (<i>Dama dama</i>)	1
3	165.32	Fallow deer (<i>Dama dama</i>)	1

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4	168.21	Fallow deer (<i>Dama dama</i>)	1
5	182.05	Fallow deer (<i>Dama dama</i>)	1
6	212.80	Deer (<i>Cervus elaphus</i>)	1
7	211.79	Deer (<i>Cervus elaphus</i>)	1
8	210.64	Deer (<i>Cervus elaphus</i>)	1
9	167.00	Deer (<i>Cervus elaphus</i>)	1
10	192.62	Deer (<i>Cervus elaphus</i>)	1
11	167.00	Mouflon (<i>Ovis ammon musimon</i>)	1
12	210.50	Mouflon (<i>Ovis ammon musimon</i>)	1
13	163.50	Mouflon (<i>Ovis ammon musimon</i>)	1
14	151.50	Mouflon (<i>Ovis ammon musimon</i>)	1
15	162.00	Mouflon (<i>Ovis ammon musimon</i>)	1
16	141.00	Mouflon (<i>Ovis ammon musimon</i>)	1
17	102.00	Chamois (<i>Rupicapra rupicapra</i>)	1
18	98.00	Chamois (<i>Rupicapra rupicapra</i>)	1
19	96.00	Chamois (<i>Rupicapra rupicapra</i>)	1
20	112.70	Boar fangs (<i>Sus scrofa</i>)	1
21	102.60	Boar fangs (<i>Sus scrofa</i>)	1
22	110.00	Boar fangs (<i>Sus scrofa</i>)	1
23	110.00	Boar fangs (<i>Sus scrofa</i>)	1
24	107.85	Boar fangs (<i>Sus scrofa</i>)	1
26	58.22	Bear skull (<i>Ursus arctos</i>)	1
27	223.25	Bear fur (<i>Ursus arctos</i>)	1
29		Bear bust (<i>Ursus arctos</i>)	1
30		Pheasant (<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>) ♂ and ♀	2
31		Eurasian teal (<i>Anas crecca</i>)	1
32		Common merganser (<i>Mergus merganser</i>)	1

For every exhibited trophy we presented the CIC points, the place and the time of the sampling.

The enthusiasts of hunting had the possibility of admiring trophies of some animals hunted by Nicolae Ceaușescu, which were awarded with gold, silver or bronze at various international contests.

There were realized three panels: „Hunted species in the Bacau County”, „To be hunted or to be a hunter”, „Did you know?”. They offered actual information concerning the number of hunted animals, the hunting season and the favourite habitat for some hunted species in the Bacau County. Besides, visitors could discover the national records for some hunted species, as well as various curiosities concerning some of these species (3).

There were realized two interactive panels: „Tell the marks”, „Marks and animals” which

contained moulds with various animal marks (bear, deer, fallow deer, roe buck, boar, lynx, wild cat) and photos referring to those species. In this case, the visitor could discover the species whose mark was on the mould (1.2).

Conclusions

During 2012/2014 there were realized 4 editions of the temporary exhibition „Hunting trophies” hosted by CAEx Bacau.

32 items of 9 wild fauna species were exhibited.

The curators valorized the museum patrimony, adapting the information transmitted according to visitors’ age.

Visitors of all ages were highly interested both to the information given by the curators but also to the interactive side of the exhibition.

Rezumat

În perioada 2012-2014 au fost realizate 4 ediții ale expoziției temporare „Trofee de vânătoare”. Expozițiile au fost găzduite de Centrul de Afaceri și Expoziții „Mircea Cancicov” Bacău cu ocazia organizării Târgului de Pescuit și Vânătoare.

În cadrul expozițiilor au fost expuse diferite trofee de vânătoare (mufon, capra neagră, cerb lopătar, cerb carpatin, mistreț, urs), cea mai mare parte a exponatelor provenind de la Muzeul Cinegetic Posada și aflate în custodia Muzeului de Științele Naturii „Ion Borcea” Bacău.

Iubitorii de cinegetică au putut admira trofee ale unor animale vâdate de Nicolae Ceaușescu, medaliat cu aur, argint sau bronz la concursuri internaționale de profil.

Expozițiile au adus în fața publicului și informații actuale privind efectivul evaluat pentru unele specii de vânat din județul Bacău. De asemenea vizitatorii au putut descoperi care sunt recordurile naționale pentru unele specii de vânat, precum și diferite curiozități cu privire la unele dintre aceste specii.

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Fig. 1 - Aspects of the 4th edition of the temporary exhibition "Hunting trophies"