

# Rare Breeds Center SEMPERVIVA

conservation of autochthonic Bulgarian breeds



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# Deliormanski horse



# Rhodope shorthorn cattle



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# Iztochnobalkanska pig



# Sofijska (Elinpelinska) sheep



# Mednochervena shumenska sheep



# Karakachan dog







Ancient Thracians have a cult of horse and dog connected with their specific role in the life of nomads



**Thracian treasure from Letnitsa, II-century BC**

# Karakachan nomads XIX century



# Karakachan nomads XX century









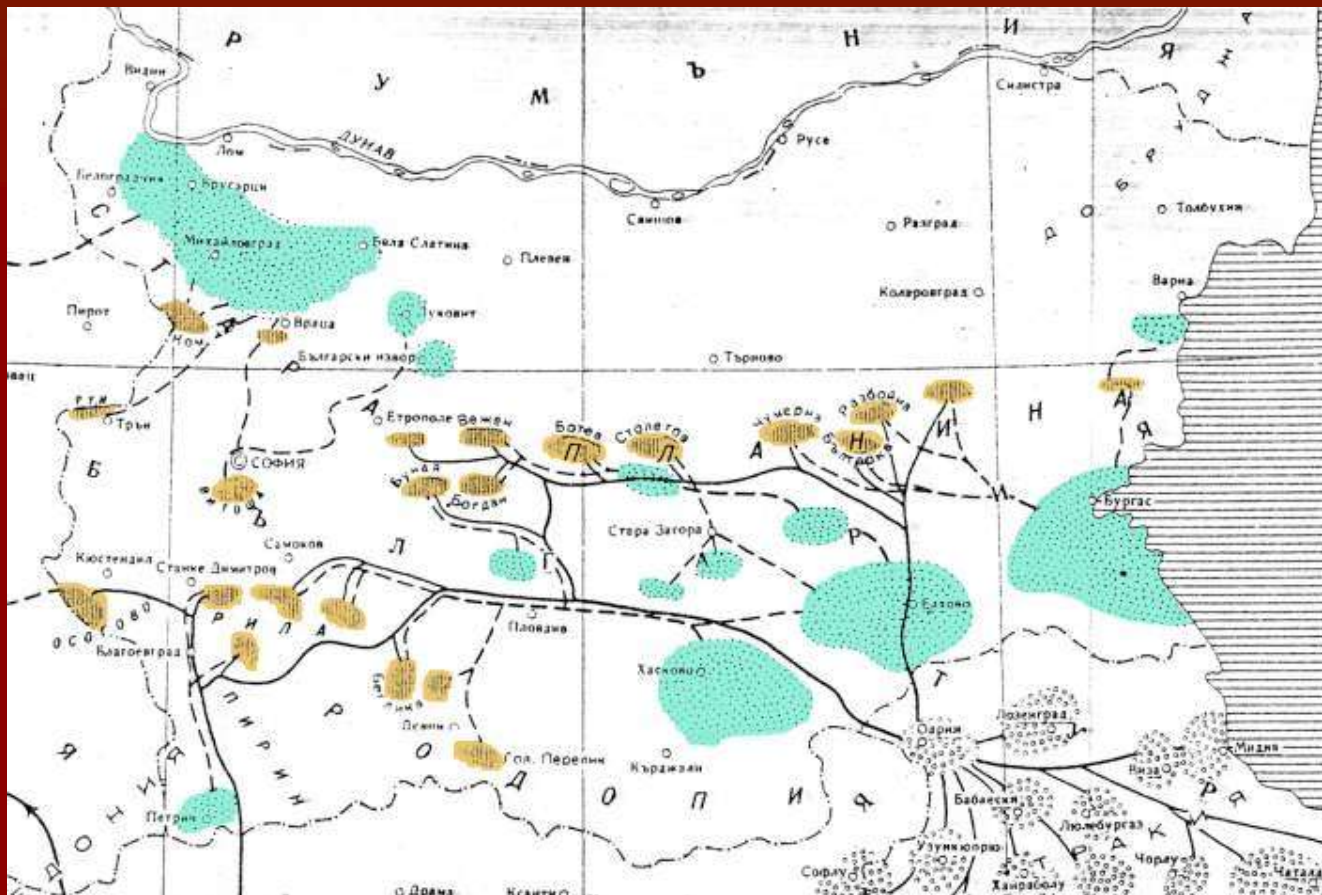




# Karakachan nomads



# Pastures and routes of nomads in Bulgaria till 1957



Summer pastures

Winter pastures





# Activities of BBPS SEMPERVIVA

- Investigation the status of rare and endangered breeds
- Monitoring of breed populations
- Classification and standardization of autochthonic breeds
- Efforts for legal status improvement
- On farm and *in situ* conservation
- Promotion and conservation of the cultural heritage, traditions and customs of native people
- Promotion and recovering of transhumance practice
- Public awareness activities



- Conservation of natural and seminatural habitats
- Conservation of wild species



# Karakachan breeds conservation project



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# Pirin National Park



# Karakachan dog (Karakachansko kuche *in bulg.*)



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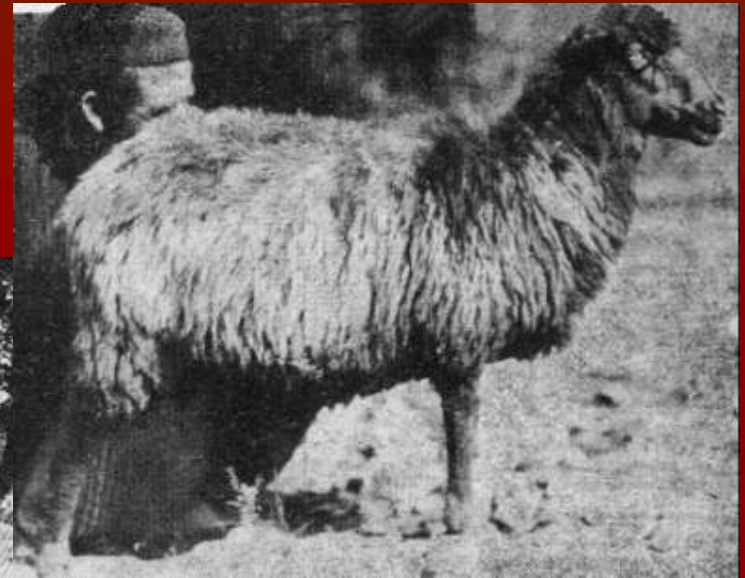
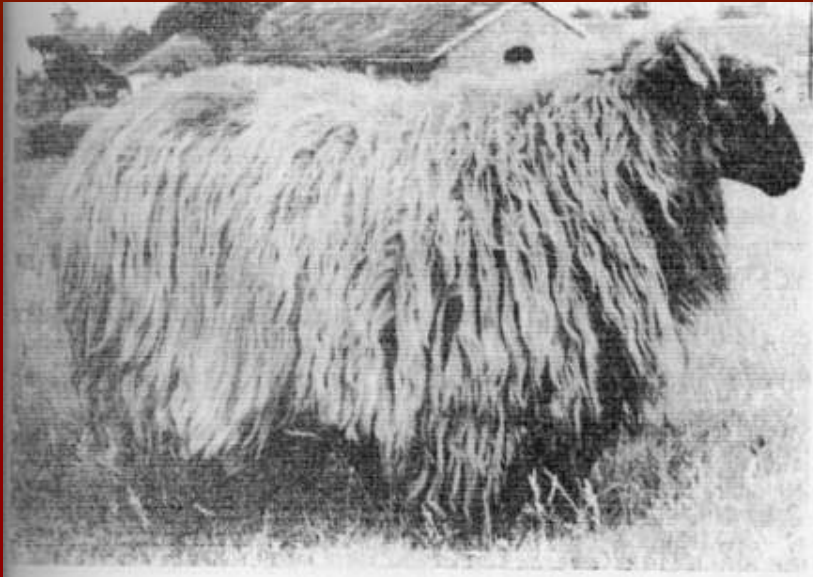








# Karakachan sheep (Karakachanska ovca in bulg.)



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# Karakachan horse (Karakachanski kon *in bulg.*)







# The building..





# The center in 2003

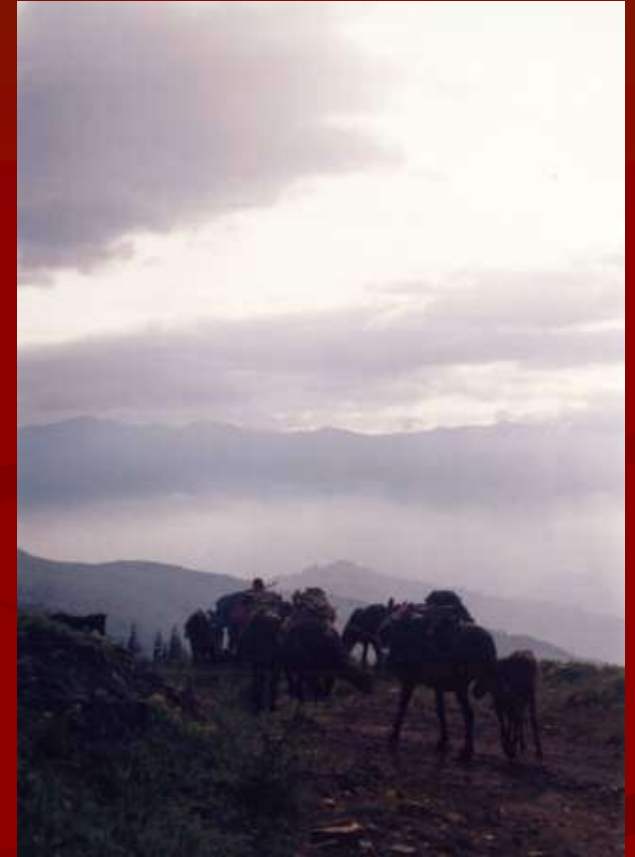




# Slow Food Presidium "Karakachan sheep"



# Transhumance Semperviva



# Pirin National Park. UNESCO site





















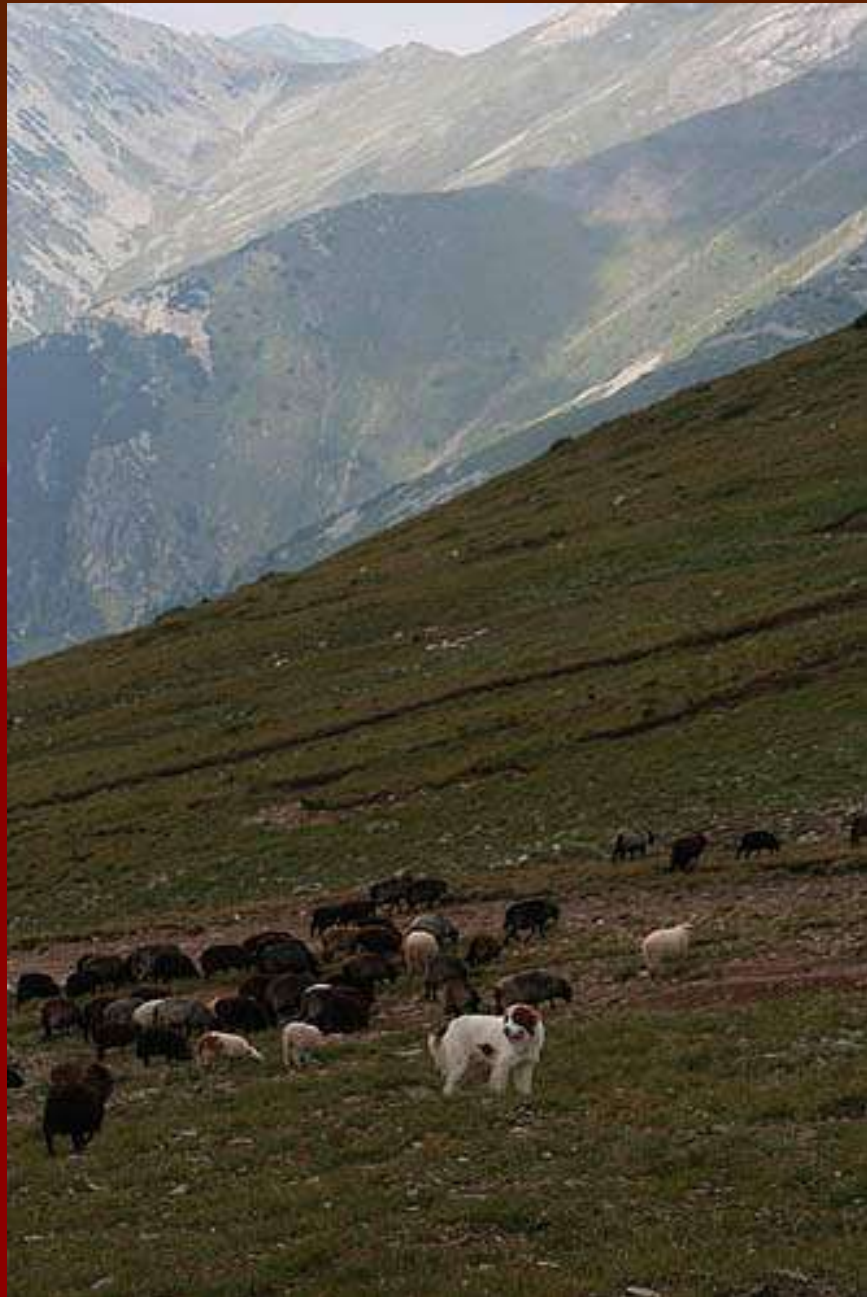














































# Kalofer longhair goat



**The conservation work with Kalofer longhair goat was supported by GEF Small Grant Programme (2006-8)**





# Kalofer longhair goat - male & female





# Male & female









# On the pasture











# Visit of Prof. Sponenberg, University of Virginia



# Visit from Slow Food





# On the National livestock exhibition



# Bulgarian longhair goat



# Bulgarian longhair goat





**Thank you!**

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