

Resolution No 4/2018 of 11 April 2018

of the Board of the Association for Sustainable Development of Poland

concerning the Natura 2000 site PLC00002 Puszcza Białowieska

The Board of the Association for Sustainable Development of Poland expresses its strong disapproval of the actions taken by the Ministry of the Environment to cease the remedial measures which were launched in 2017 to protect the integrity of the Special Protection Area (SPA) designated to protect birds and the Site of Community Importance (SCI) designated to protect habitats PLC200004 Puszcza Białowieska. In 2012, for ideological reasons and with a violation of the EU law on Nature 2000, the use of forests was drastically changed in the Forest Districts of managed forests situated in Białowieża Forest. An effect of this decision was an ever increasing dieback of aging single-age stands which had been planted in the past, followed by the loss and degradation of thousands of hectares of protected habitats and the disappearance of species of importance for the European Union. The cessation of remedial measures in Białowieża Forest means a further process of degradation of habitats and loss of species. The complete documentation of natural losses is available on the websites of the Directorate General of State Forests, the Ministry of the Environment and Association for Sustainable Development of Poland (www.ekorozwoj.pl)

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The Association is sending out the present resolution to all the Members and Senators of the Polish Parliament, the Members of the European Parliament and the available mass media.