

## **MONOGRAPHIC ANALYSIS OF THE DENSUŞ COMMUNE, HUNEDOARA COUNTY**

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**Abstract**: The authors of the paper make a presentation of the natural resources of Densus commune, starting with its location on the map of Romania and on the map of Hunedoara county and continuing with the analysis of natural, demographic, economic, socio-cultural and ecological resources. The main methods used in the research are the analysis and diagnosis of the rural space, observation, graphic processing. The study ends with the main conclusions drawn from the analysis.

## Introduction

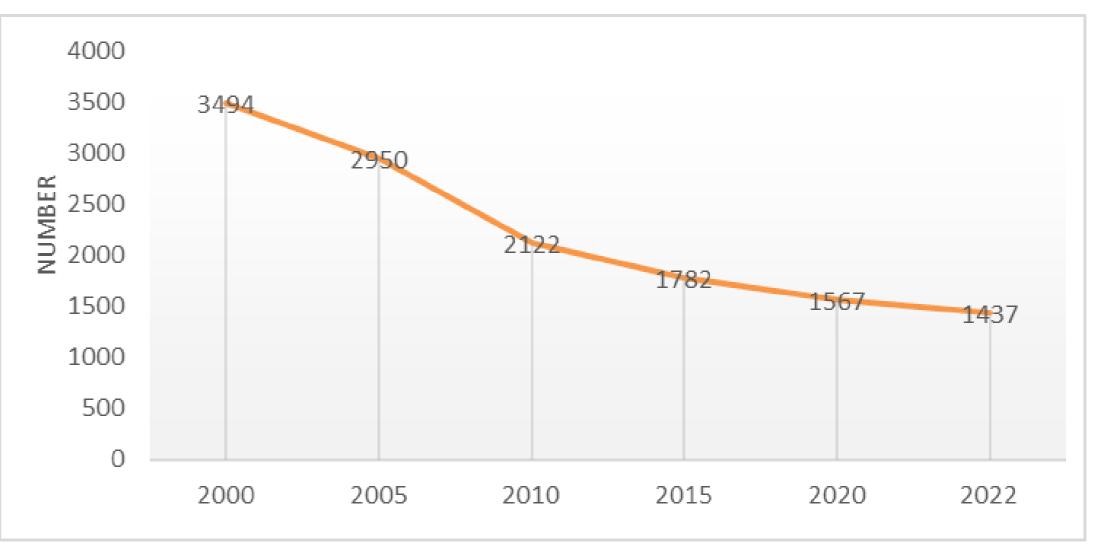
The history of Densus commune is linked to the "Saint Nicholas" church. The church was built in the vicinity of the Ulpia Traiana Sarmizegetusa fortress, the former capital of Roman Dacia, the monument is still standing today on the left bank of Galbena. Certain research shows that the first ruins of the church date from the beginning of 301, but the current construction dates from the 12th-13th centuries.

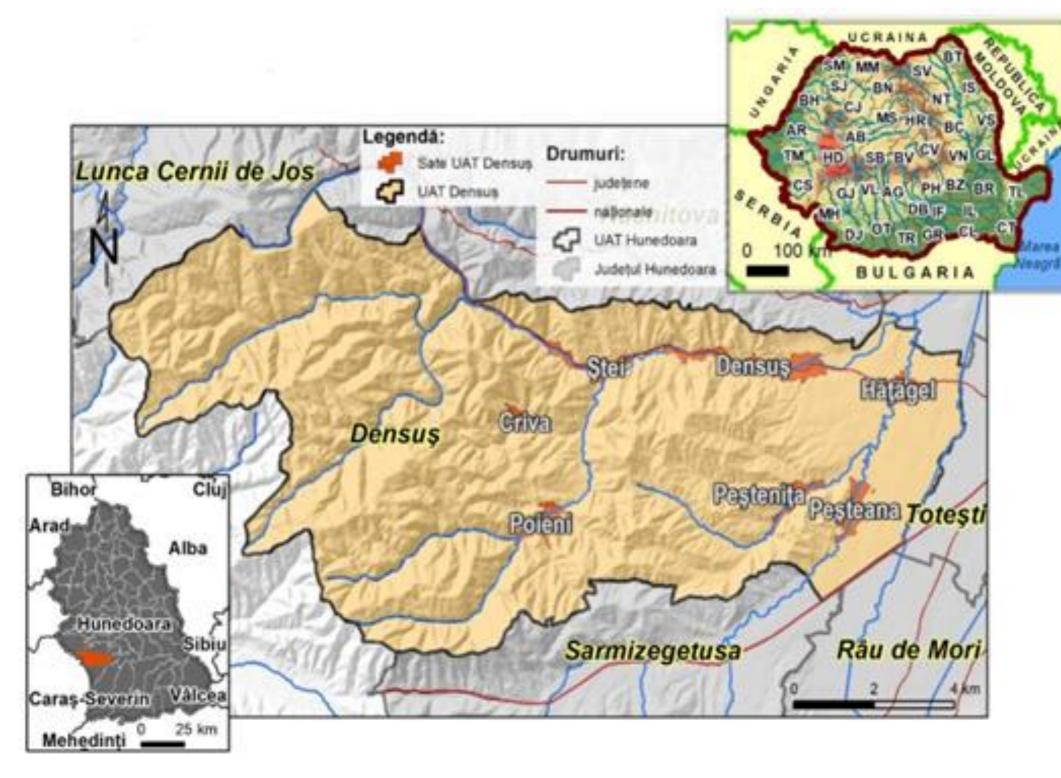
Material and method

The main methods used in the research are the analysis and diagnosis of the rural space, observation, graphic processing. Densus commune is located in the western part of Hunedoara county, in the Hateg Depression, approximately 57 km away from Deva and 13 km from Hateg.

# • Results and discussions

• The evolution of the residents. According to the previous results from the statistical data, the villages from Densus commune are facing a decline in population. If in 2000 the population of the commune was 3494 inhabitants, most of whom were in the residence of the commune (809), and the lowest population in the village of Criva (198), in 2022 the total population of the commune reached 1437 inhabitants, resulting a 59% decrease.





The settlement of Densuş commune within the country, Hunedoara county and the villages belonging to the commune



#### The evolution of Densus residents between 2000-2022

The dominant socio-economic function of Densus commune is represented by agriculture and forestry. The transport infrastructure of the commune is connected to the city of Hateg via DJ 686 Densus-Totesti to the east and further by DN68 on the Totești-Hațeg distance. County road 687 (Totești-Densus,) is completely asphalted.

### Conclusions

Densus commune has the chance to reborn, thanks to the resources it has, thanks to its favorable geographical position, thanks to the rich history it has behind it, starting from the 13th century, with the Church of Saint Nicholas, which for the locals is a

