

Natural Resource Management

Environmental Cooperation and Networking in the South Caucasus



Background

In the South Caucasus (SC) there exists insufficient environmental awareness among the general public, and at all levels of governmental agencies. Despite the fact that there are a lot of environmental NGOs working on different environmental aspects, the networking and transferring of experiences remains problematic due to a low level of transboundary collaboration, and to a scarcity of reliable and easily accessible information.

This initiative helps to make information available on environmental legislation and upon all environmental development issues in the Caucasus. It also enables a more rapid access to information, and facilitates the cooperation between regional networks and the different stakeholders.

General Information

Project region:
South Caucasus

Project duration:
2002-2007

Total budget:
CHF 1'115'000

Project partner:
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Objectives

The overall objective is to promote the principles and practice of sustainable development and good governance in the South Caucasus.

Project objectives are:

1. To strengthen regional environmental cooperation and networking in the South Caucasus region;
2. To improve the capacity of environmental NGOs;
3. To develop and maintain easy accessibility to environmental information;
4. To promote modern communication technologies for information

Expected results and activities

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- A monthly bilingual electronic bulletin "Caucasus Environmental News" and a daily digest on environmental issues distributed to CENN network;
- A quarterly regional environmental magazine "Caucasus Environment" are published and distributed;
- A Tourism and Environmental Information Centre and association for small hotels in Bakuriani are established and operational.

Activities:

Collection and publishing of environmental information; support of network organisations in regional cooperation; preparation and publication of a Regional Magazine; creation of a tourism and information centre in Bakuriani.

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