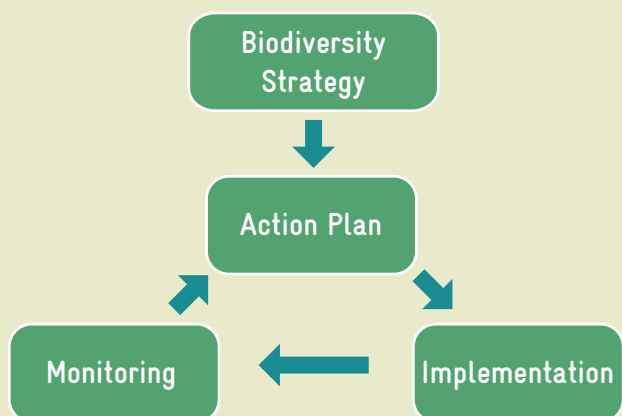


Sustainable biodiversity management in the South Caucasus



Biodiversity benefits us all

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Partners:	Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Ministry of Territorial Administration, Armenia, municipalities, non-governmental organisations, schools and colleges
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Countries:	Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia



◀ An example - the way we achieve impacts:

On 8 May 2014, the Georgian Cabinet adopted the new National Biodiversity Strategy, which was developed in consultation with numerous civil society groups with GIZ's support. Georgia is thus among the first 20 out of a total of 168 signatory states to achieve this goal, defined in the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD). By adopting this new strategic direction, Georgia is attempting to further improve its conservation of biodiversity. The Strategy will be implemented through annual action plans whose impacts will be tracked using a dedicated national monitoring system. In the context of forest remote sensing, Georgia is drawing on the results achieved by the programme in Armenia and Azerbaijan. In return, our Georgian partners are sharing their experience of developing Georgia's National Biodiversity Strategy with these two neighbouring countries.

◀ Objectives

Together with our partners, we are developing and implementing strategies to facilitate the sustainable management of biodiversity by state, private sector and civil society actors. With this approach, we aim to safeguard biodiversity in the South Caucasus on a long-term basis.

◀ Challenges

Intensive exploitation is putting considerable pressure on natural resources in the South Caucasus. Stringent nature conservation measures have only been able to curb the loss of species of flora and fauna to a limited extent. Sustainable management of biodiversity is an alternative response to local people's various requirements and needs.

◀ Activities

We advise our partners on developing national biodiversity strategies and establishing monitoring systems. Besides implementing environmental education schemes, we are also supporting the comprehensive reform of forest management training. We demonstrate the practical application of principles of sustainable forest management and climate-adapted agriculture, and integrate these principles into national regulations.

◀ Impacts

Biodiversity conservation is a task for society as a whole. It requires technical expertise, environmental awareness and an appropriate political and strategic framework. Through the sustainable management of natural resources, we not only protect rare species but also help to maintain the livelihoods of rural communities.



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