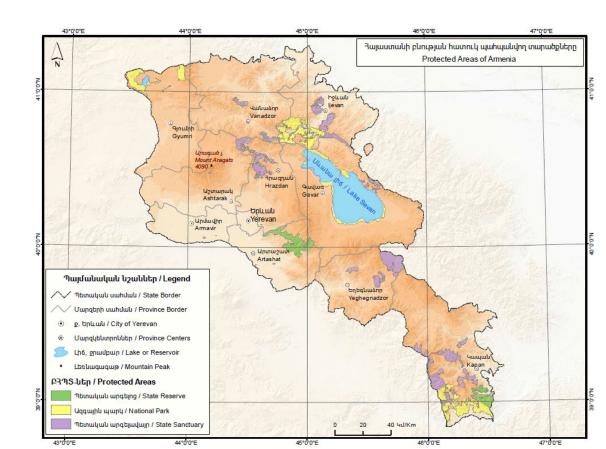


# Biodiversity conservation and restoration action plans in Armenia

- Makes up 6.7 % of the Caucasus region and
- Biodiversity hotspot region:
  - -Important intersection in the shaping of region's flora and fauna
  - -At the crossroad of migratory animals and migratory birds



### Introduction

- Legal Perspective
  - -National
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- General Projects
- Raising awareness for the general public

### Legal perspective

The following goals have been prioritized:

Goal 1(National): Eliminate all loopholes in the current legal acts and promote protection and sustainable use of biodiversity

Goal 2: Mapping of the legal acts to the EU directives

Goal 3: Compliance with international obligations

Actions for achieving the 1st 2 goals

### On the National Level

 The Ministry of Environment has initiated, developed and submitted to the Government for approval several draft legal acts

#### They are the following:

- Law of the Republic of Armenia on specially protected nature areas
- Law of the republic of Armenia on Fauna
- Law of the Republic of Armenia on Flora
- Law of hunting and hunting related activities

# Mapping of the legal acts to the EU directives

- Aim: preserving, protecting, improving and rehabilitating the quality of the environment, protecting human health, utilising natural resources in a sustainable manner and promoting measures at international level to address regional or global environmental problems
- The following tools have been utilized:
  - -TAIEX
  - -Twinning

# Actions for Goal 3: complying with international obligations

global biodiversity strategic plan for 2030

post-2020 biodiversity framework

Development of new road maps for the implementation of strategies for the biodiversity and specially protected areas of nature

## **General Projects**

#### SPPA

• Support program for the protected areas Aim: Improving natural resources and protected areas management in the southern part, in parallel improving the socio-economic situation of adjacent communities  Armenia joined the High Ambition Coalition for Nature & People Initiative(30% of the planet's land and ocean by 2030)

Aim: To promote the "30 by 30" global conservation target.

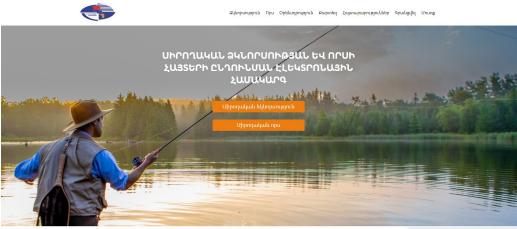
• EU4 Sevan project with GIZ and UNDP Aim: Enhance the environmental protection of Lake Sevan.

-Raising awareness through the Media



 Digitalized the amateur fishing and hunting permits by creating an online management system.

Aim: create more transparency during the process; more efficient from the management point of view, also allocate less resources for that processes.



- "10 Million Trees" environmental pan-Armenian initiative
- "Restoration of Riparian Zones in Armenia" with GIZ



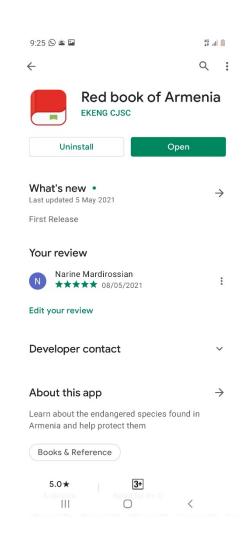






### Raising Awareness

 Mobile application for red book of Armenia(list of endangered species)





Aim: The purpose of the application is to create awareness on the species of flora and fauna in Armenia. In order to mitigate certain risks of overexploitation of these species.

- Website development and launching to enhance people's experience in protected areas and help plan their trip,
- Booklet development for the specially protected areas of nature aiming for their promotion



www.protectedareas.am

 Online lessons about the specially protected areas of nature for 11-15 years old schoolchildren

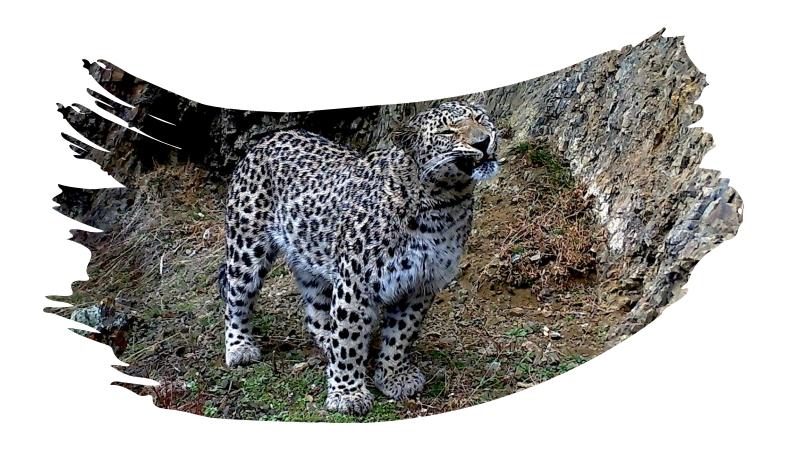
Aim: Raising awareness about the importance of the protected areas of nature and increasing

curiosity on the subject.



### **Future Directions**

- To continue with the implementation of the current projects and the legal acts
- To reinforce the steps taken in the direction of biodiversity conservation and restoration



Thank You!