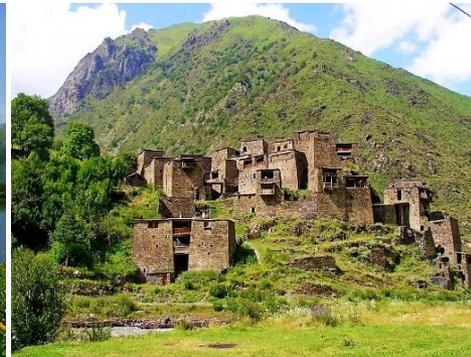


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Education

- 2015-2017: **Masters Degree** in Natural Resources Management - Ilia State University, Tbilisi, Georgia
- 1997—2003: **Bachelors Degree** in Food Quality Control and Standardization – Georgian Technical University, Tbilisi, Georgia
- 2015-2017: **Conservation Expert Diploma** – Klaus Toepfer Fellowship Programme - International Academy for Nature Conservation, Isle of Vilm, Germany



Employment and main activities

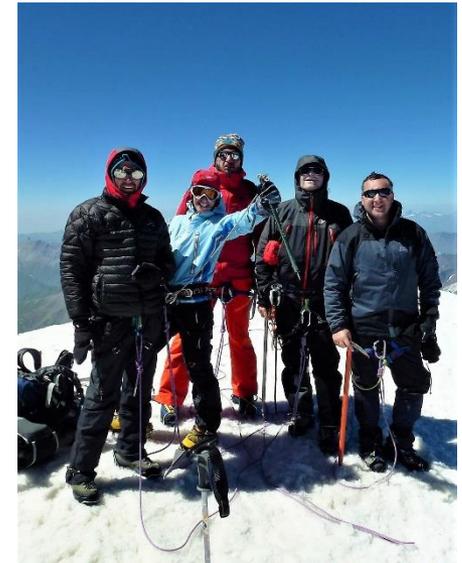
June 2014 – present: Support Programme for Protected Areas in the Caucasus – Georgia

Provide technical input to the implementation of various activities of the SPPA-Georgia:

- Eco-tourism development strategies
- Definition of borders, expansion, re-categorisation, demarcation for target PAs.
- Establishment and strengthening of PA Friends' Associations
- Environmental Education Programs in PAs
- Public awareness campaigns and implementation of communication strategies

Hobbies

- Mountain climbing/rock climbing / ice climbing
- Skiing/ski-touring
- Hiking
- Tennis playing
- Running





Volunteer work

❖ High Mountain Ecology Program at Ilia State University, Tbilisi, Georgia



1. **Sensitive Alpine Plant Communities to the Global Environmental Changes** - GLORIA-EUROPE - Global (Long-term monitoring from 2001).
1. **Sensitive ecosystems of the Central Greater Caucasus** - Committee for Research and Exploration of the National Geographic Society (2013-2014);
1. **Sustainable Management of Ecosystems in the South Caucasus** – GIZ (2013—2015);
1. **Alpine vegetation diversity and Ecology** – Ilia State University

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Ministry of Environment
and Natural Resources
Protection of Georgia



- 5 years long (2014-2019) programme co-funded by the German Cooperation in the Caucasus through the KFW Development Bank.
- 8.25 million euros are invested in the 4 target PAs and their support zones
- Enhancement of natural resources and PA management, providing support to target PAs; improving the socio-economic situation of the adjacent local rural communities.



Programme Objectives

- **The improvement of natural resources and protected area management** of the selected PAs without negatively affecting the livelihoods of the rural population in the long term
- **The improvement of the socio-economic situation of adjacent rural communities** without depletion of the natural resource base and biodiversity.

Programme Objective:

Improvement of natural resources and protected areas management in selected areas, while at the same time improving the socio-economic situation of the adjacent communities.



Project outcomes

- ❑ Selected PAs have all necessary planning documents for their development and the promotion of the adjacent communities

Baselines Studies

Eco-tourism development strategy

Staff training plan

Communication strategy



Participatory Management
Planning for PAs



Eco-Tourism Development Strategy for
Pshav-Khevsureti Protected Areas, Georgia

FINAL REPORT

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Project outcomes

❑ Selected PAs are recognized and have functional PA management

- Legal and Social Recognition
- Investments in PA infrastructure, equipment and administrations
- Measures for public awareness and education
- Measures on biodiversity conservation and monitoring
- Trainings



National Park visitors center



Biodiversity monitoring using camera traps



Staff trainings

Project outcomes

- Adjacent communities of selected PAs benefit from investments in the socio-economic development of the support zones of the PAs



Institutional Investments

- Regional Advisory Council (RAC)
- PA Friends Association

Social and Economic Investments

- Quick Start Measures (QSM)
- Financial Participatory Approaches (FPA)



Support to PA rural communities

Project outcomes

❑ The sustainable financing of national PA systems is supported

- The potential of selected PA to contribute to self-financing of PA systems is analyzed
- Measures to increase counterpart contributions of the PAs are implemented
- The PAs of the programme are supported to qualify for the Caucasus Nature Fund





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