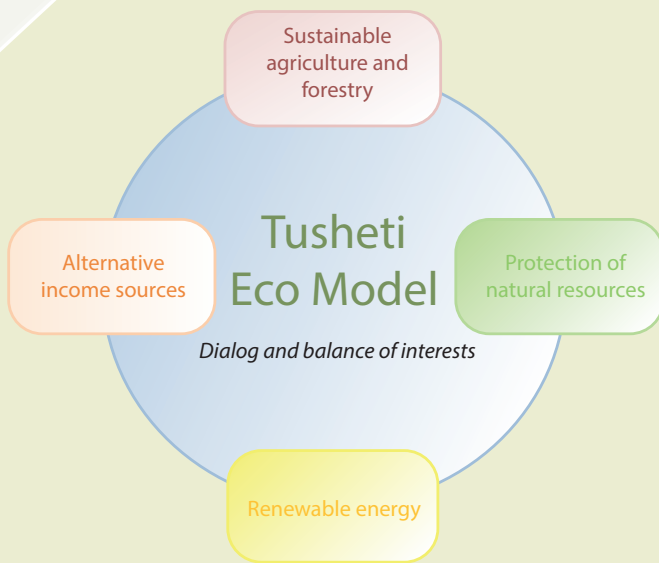


Integrated Biodiversity Management, South Caucasus (IBiS)



Diversity for a better future

Client:	German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), Austrian Development Cooperation (OeZA)
Partners:	Ministry of Territorial Administration and Emergency Situations in Armenia, Environment ministries in Azerbaijan and Georgia, other line ministries, municipalities, non-governmental organisations, educational institutions
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Countries:	Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia



◀ An example – Tusheti Eco Model

In Tusheti – a historic mountain region in the northeast of Georgia – the initiative group “Tusheti Eco Model” was founded in 2015. Through this initiative, the people of Tusheti improve their livelihoods by using natural resources in a diverse and sustainable manner. Biological and cultural diversity, the sustainable use of natural resources, the promotion of renewable energy and the development of environmental friendly tourism are main objectives.

Different interests are being discussed and a development strategy for the region is jointly developed. Through targeted education and training measures, GIZ strengthens the population and the public institutions in taking initiative and ownership. The diversity of landscapes, habitats and species are recognized and appreciated as an opportunity for sustainable development of the region.

◀ Objectives

Together with our partners, we develop strategies to facilitate the sustainable management of biodiversity and ecosystem services across sectoral and administrative boundaries, based on solid data. We contribute to safeguarding the diversity of species and ecosystems for future generations.

◀ Challenges

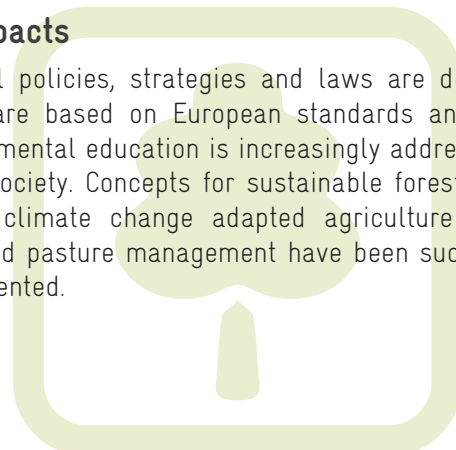
The exploitation of natural resources by the local population, private sector and governments is putting pressure on the natural resources. There are conflicting interests between different sectors and land users, coordination is poor and solid data for planning and decision making is lacking.

◀ Activities

We advise our partners in developing national cross-sectoral policies, strategies and laws. Experience gained from pilot measures are incorporated into this process. Knowledge about the relevance of biodiversity is enhanced by strengthening education and training institutions, through national campaigns and environmental education centres.

◀ Impacts

Sectoral policies, strategies and laws are developed, which are based on European standards and norms. Environmental education is increasingly addressing the entire society. Concepts for sustainable forest management, climate change adapted agriculture and for improved pasture management have been successfully implemented.



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