



The Role of Biodiversity for Sustainable Development in the Southern Caucasus Region.

Azerbaijan: Progress and Perspectives

**NATO CCMS supported Expert Meeting
to be held 22 – 24 May 2006, Baku**

**22 - 23 May 2006
«Crescent Beach» Hotel
Baku, Azerbaijan**

MONDAY, 22 May 2006

- 8:45 - 9:45 Visit to the Alley of Honours, the grave of National Leader Haydar Aliyev and the “Alley of Shahids”
- 9:45 - 10:00 Registration
- 10:00 - 11:00 Anniversary Ceremony of the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources and Opening of Expert Meeting

Chair: H.E. Mr. Goussein Bagirov (Minister of Ecology and Natural Resources, Republic of Azerbaijan)

- **H.E. Mr. Goussein Bagirov**
Minister of Ecology and Natural Resources, Republic of Azerbaijan
- **Official Greeting Letter by the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan**
- **H.E. Mr. Hartmut Vogtmann**
President of the Federal Agency for Nature Conservation, Germany
- **Mr. Emanuelle Sanguinetti**
Representative NATO - Public Diplomacy Division Threats and Challenges Section, Brussels

11:00 – 11:20 Coffee Break

- 11.20 – 13.00 **Session I:** Biodiversity Conservation: 5 Years of Experience from Azerbaijan and Experiences from other Countries

Chair: Ms. Bettina Hedden Dunkhorst (Head of Division of International Nature Conservation, Federal Agency for Nature Conservation, Germany)

- **Ms. Sadagat Mammadova**
Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources, Republic of Azerbaijan, Director of Department of Protection of Biodiversity and Development of Special Protected Nature Territories, National Focal Point of Biodiversity Convention
Protection of biodiversity and development of National Parks in Azerbaijan

- **Mr. Arif Iskenderov**
Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources, Republic of Azerbaijan, Head of Division of Ecology and Policy on Protection of environment
Assessment of destructive impact to environment and biodiversity in occupied territories.
- **Mr. Vahid Hajiyev**
National Academy of Sciences (NAS), Director of Botany Institute;
Flora of Azerbaijan and protection of plants.
- **Mr. Robert Brunner**
Director National Park THAYATAL, Austria
National Parks – from planning to reality: With the people for the people
- **Mr. Ramaz Gokhelashvili**
Director Georgian Center for the Conservation of Wildlife, Georgia
Linking biodiversity conservation and income generating activities in Georgia: Challenges and opportunities

13:00 – 14:00

Lunch

14:00 – 16:15

Session II: Biodiversity Management and Sustainable Development: National and International Experiences

Chair: Ms. Gila Altmann (Senior Specialist of Minister of Ecology and Natural Resources of the Republic of Azerbaijan)

- **Mr. Eberhard Henne**
Director Biosphere Reserve Schorfheide-Chorin, Germany,
Biosphere reserves - a motor for sustainable development?
- **Mr. Patricia Rossi**
Vice Director Parco Alpi Marittime, Italy
Sustainable tourism development in protected areas
- **Mr. Mahir Gahramanov**
Ministry of Culture and Tourism, Lead Advisor;
The Role of tourism in protection of biodiversity and management
- **Mr. Hikmat Alizadeh**
Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources, Republic of Azerbaijan, Deputy Director of Department of Protection of Biodiversity and Development of Special Protected Nature Territories
Development of ecotourism in National Parks of Azerbaijan

- **Mr. Sujaddin Guliyev**
Representative of Institute of Zoology, National academy of Sciences, Azerbaijan; *Rare and endangered mammals in specially protected nature territories and plans for their protection and sustainable use.*
- **Ms. Dorota Metera**
Project Manager EURONATUR, Poland
Instruments of rural development supporting the biodiversity conservation in Narew National Park (Poland) rural development
- **Mr. Rovshan Jalilov**
Representative Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources, Azerbaijan
Activities implemented in the sphere of forest protection
- **Mr. Arzu Mustafayev**
Director of Shirvan National Park, Azerbaijan;
Development of Shirvan National Park

16:00 – 16:30

Coffee break

16.30 – 18.00

Continuation of Session II

Chair: Mr. Hartmut Vogtmann (President of the Federal Agency for Nature Conservation, Germany)

- **Mr. Aliyar Ibrahimov**
Representative of Institute of Genetic Resources, National Academy of Sciences, Azerbaijan
Protection of plants and their sustainable use in Azerbaijan.
- **Ms. Mariam Jorjadze**
Director ELKANA, Georgia
Organic farming-an option for sustainable development in Georgia
- **Mr. Zulfugar Mammadov**
Ministry of Agriculture, Republic of Azerbaijan, Head of Agrarian Science Center;
Exploration works on agrobiodiversity area, international cooperation and responsibilities.
- **Mr. Agu Leivits**
Vice Director of Regional Nature Conservation Centre Pärnu-Viljandi, Estonia
Transboundary protected areas: Experiences from Estonia

19:30

Official banquet given by the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources

TUESDAY, 23 May 2006

9.30 – 10.15

Session III: Sustainable Use and Protection of Biodiversity

Chair: Mr. Hikmat Alizadeh (Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources, Republic of Azerbaijan, Deputy Director of Department of Protection of Biodiversity and Development of Special Protected Nature Territories,

- **Mr. Mehman Akhundov**
Director Fishery Scientific-Research Institute, Azerbaijan;
Protection of biodiversity of Caspian Sea.
- **Ms. Nino Gokhelashvili**
Representative Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection of Georgia
Biodiversity conservation and sustainable development in Georgia
- **Mr. Shovkat Bakirov**
Head of Sector of Environmentally Awareness Promotion;
The Role of public awareness promotion in the sphere of biodiversity protection

10:15 – 10:30

Coffee / Tea Break

10.30 – 11.15

Panel Discussion: Challenges and Opportunities for Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Development

Chair: Mr. Ramaz Gokhelashvili (Director Georgian Center for the Conservation of Wildlife, Georgia)

Mr. Azer Garayev; Head of NGO for protection of domestic animals, Azerbaijan

Ms. Teona Gobejishvili; Representative Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection of Georgia

Mr. Andrei Blumer; Director Association of Ecotourism, Romania

Mr. Faig Sadigov; Lead advisor of International Cooperation Division at Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources, Azerbaijan

Mr. Robert Brunner (Director National Park THAYATAL, Austria)

12.15 – 13.00

Open Discussion: Gaps and Opportunities for Future Research and

Development Activities.

Chair: Ms. Bettina Hedden-Dunkhorst (Head Division of International Nature Conservation, Federal Agency for Nature Conservation, Germany)

13.00 – 13.15

Closure of the Expert Meeting

Mr. Issa Aliyev (Head of Department of International Cooperation, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources, Republic of Azerbaijan)

19:30

Official banquet associated with establishment of the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources

WEDNESDAY, 24 May 2006

Excursion to Ismaili regions.