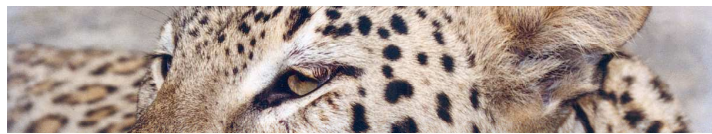


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Workshop C
Biodiversity, Society and Economy – from
Buffer Zone Development
to Regional Planning



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- **Session**

Synergies in Protected Areas
and Buffer Zones

Summary / Conclusion

- **Economic Activities**
 - Agriculture, forestry, medical plants collection
 - Sustainable tourism
 - Mineral water
- **Enabling Environment**
 - Legislation
 - Infrastructure
 - Uncontrolled development (lack of planning)
- **Stakeholders**
 - Conflict of interest (local population/administration – external stakeholders) – empowering of local population

Presentations

Hartmut Vogtmann: The German Perspective of Nature Conservation and Economy

- Medicinal plants and ecological agriculture
- Important contribution of nature conservation to disaster management (flood control)

Udo Hirsch: Sustainable harvesting and economic potential of medical plants and herbs in the Southern Caucasus

- Niche products (selected medicinal plants, ecological food products): market surveys, labelling, small networks, cooperatives, training
- Cultivation of medicinal plants is not an alternative to collection of wild plants
- Regime of Access and benefit sharing/CBD:
 - inventory of (genetic) resources and local knowledge necessary

Karin Steinmetzer: Sustainable Tourism in the Caucasus

- No mass tourism
- Local tours operators benefit
- Tourism is an important sector in rural, remote areas
- Borjomi Kh. – 2500 visitors
- Potential for local eco-tourism, advertising

Andrey Stetsenko: Protected Areas and Economy in Russia

- 4 Sectors: mineral water, tourism, agriculture, forestry (neg. interrelations: logging – mineral water - tourism)
- Scenarios:
 - Banning
 - No intervention
 - Limited economic activities
- Problem: lack monitoring of regulations and enforcement (legal- illegal logging), lack of cooperation of local administration – obstacle for buffer zone development

2. Session

Regional and Spatial Planning

Christina von Haaren, Adrian Hoppenstedt, Ruth Nussbaum: Landscape Planning / HCVF (framework)

- **Contribution LP tools:**
 - improvement of ecosystems (
 - Participation (democratization, facilitate decision making, economic interest, local communities to steer process, link to cultural values)
 - Marketing of nature (remuneration of services, product marketing - -certification)
 - HCVF: Certification for FSC
 - Commitment from Companies

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- **Discussion:**
 - **Biosphere Reserves – legislation**
 - **There should be a (market, legal) demand for Landscape Plans;**
 - **Involve political decision makers (prepare information well)**
 - **Link to economic development (land tax to finance landscape planning)**