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**GEF 19<sup>th</sup> Constituency Meeting**  
**Projects and programmes of the Constituency in the**  
**Upcoming Work Programme**

**FAO project: Conservation and sustainable use of  
biodiversity: Strengthening network of protected areas  
through improved governance and management**

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## FAO in Azerbaijan

- Azerbaijan is a member of FAO since 1995
  - The FAO-Azerbaijan Partnership Programme was signed in May 2015
  - FAO Partnership and Liaison office opened in 2016 to enhance FAO programmes in Azerbaijan
  - Country Programming Framework 2016-2020 has identified 6 priorities including strategic priorities on:
    - ✓ *animal health and plant protection;*
    - ✓ *supporting investments in agriculture, food security and rural development;*
    - ✓ *capacity development including agricultural education, research and extension;*
    - ✓ *strengthening the policy and institutional framework for agriculture and rural development;*
    - ✓ *improved crop, fisheries and livestock production*
    - ✓ *sustainable, equitable and efficient forestry, land and water resources management*
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## FAO Azerbaijan Partnership projects

5 Year Programme funded by the Government of Azerbaijan with projects which focus on different areas such as:

- Development of sustainable sheep production and food value chains
  - Improvement of cattle production through effective breeding and feeding systems
  - Disease-free national seed potato production system
  - Catalyzing efficiency and sustainability of the hazelnut sector
  - Increasing Rural Youth Employment
  - Rural Women's Economic Empowerment
  - Raising the Visibility of FAO Azerbaijan Partnership Program
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## Cooperation with MENR

- Fruitful cooperation in the field of forestry, natural resource management and fishery
  - Support to fishery sector development through national and regional Technical Cooperation Programmes
  - Technical Support provided for the revision of National Forestry Program
  - On-going GEF project on National Forest Resource Management
  - On-going GEF Regional project on Persistent Organic Pollutants
  - Up-coming GCF Readiness project to support climate technology solutions in agriculture and LULUCF sector
  - GEF-7 PIF developed on conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity
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## FAO GEF-7 PIF: basic facts

**Project name:** Conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity: Strengthening network of protected areas through improved governance and management

**GEF focal area:** Biodiversity

**Executive Entity:** Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources

**Project duration:** 60 months

**Project amount:** 2,639,726 USD



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# Alignment with FAO SOs

**Strategic Objective 2:** Increase and improve provision of goods and services from agriculture, forestry and fisheries in a sustainable manner

**Organizational Outcome:** Producers and natural resource managers adopt practices that increase and improve agricultural sector production in a sustainable manner

**Organizational Output:** Capacities of institutions are strengthened to promote the adoption of more integrated and cross-sectoral practices that sustainably increase productivity and production, address climate change and environmental degradation



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## Alignment with national priorities

- In 2016, the government of Azerbaijan adopted its National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP) covering the period 2017-2020
- The main priorities of the NBSAP include, among others, the conservation of biodiversity and the reduction of threats to biodiversity, the development of the protected area network, the restoration of endemic and local fauna, the maintenance of ecological balance, the sustainable use of genetic resources, and poverty alleviation
- The proposed project seeks to support biodiversity conservation efforts in the country by strengthening the effectiveness of Azerbaijan's Protected Area system while at the same time providing more sustainable management of surrounding production landscapes.



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## Key barriers addressed

**Barrier 1:** Weak national enabling environment to support integrated governance and sustainable management of PA network within wider landscape (policy, legal, planning, institutional)

**Barrier 2:** Limited institutional capacity (systems, tools, knowledge, skills, human) and financial resources to deliver effective long-term planning, management and monitoring of PA network within the wider landscape

**Barrier 3.** Lack of experience of participatory governance and effective management at key PAs and their buffer zones in Azerbaijan





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# Project objective and components

- The project aims to improve governance, planning and sustainable management of land, water and natural resources over the wider landscapes in which PAs are embedded in Azerbaijan to benefit stakeholders and improve environments both within PAs and in their surrounding areas (Component 1)
- It seeks to strengthen the management effectiveness and sustainability of the overall PA system in Azerbaijan (Component 2)
- Undertakes specific governance, management and capacity building activities at representative PAs and in their surrounding areas (Component 3)
- The results, experience, best practices and lessons learned from which will be scaled up and applied across Azerbaijan's protected area system



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## Project outcomes

- Frameworks (policy, regulatory and decision-making) and associated capacity to support application of a landscape approach to INRM strengthened
- Improved capacity to undertake PA management operations across the PA network
- Sustainable financing for PA network secured and mobilized from the national and international community
- Target landscapes with enhanced ecosystem functions
- Project implementation based on RBM and lessons learned/good practices documented and disseminated



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# Project outputs

- **Component 1:** 1.1.1. Mechanisms established to support cross-sector decision-making on landscape approach to INRM; 1.1.2. Policy and regulatory frameworks strengthened to support landscape level management; 1.1.3. Government and Local communities (local gov officials, local farmers and unions) have the capacity to apply principles of landscape management
- **Component 2:** 2.1.1. National PA Capacity Building Action Plan designed and implemented; 2.1.2 Participatory and user-friendly monitoring system operational and knowledge management; 2.2.1. Financing strategy for the PA system developed and under implementation



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# Project outputs

- **Component 3:** 3.1.1 Updated Participatory Management Plans for four target PA and their associated buffer zones; 3.1.2. ILM practices implemented in the four target PA and their buffer zones; 3.1.3. Alternative livelihood opportunities and markets identified and developed for communities located within the buffer zones of the target PA
- **Component 4:** 4.1.1. Gender-Sensitive Project Monitoring & Evaluation Plan and a relevant system are in place; 4.2 Mid-Term and Final Evaluations carried out; 4.3 Communication Strategy and KM Strategy are developed and implemented



# Project target sites

- Hirkan NP
- Aggol NP
- Goygol NP
- Shirvan NP

Expected start of the project: 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2020



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**THANK YOU FOR ATTENTION!**

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