

## PROJECT INFORMATION

### Sustainable Yak-husbandry in the Tien Shan Mountains in Kyrgyzstan



International and local experts  
examine pasture area.

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#### Background

On the basis of an agreement on German-Kyrgyz cooperation, Germany is supporting the sustainable economic development and stabilization of Kyrgyzstan since 2015. NABU accompanies the nationwide programme to support the expansion of yak-farming of the Kyrgyz government through selected measures in order to reconcile the economic objectives of animal husbandry with aspects of sustainability and biodiversity, which are essential for nature conservation. Kyrgyzstan fosters yak-husbandry through support programmes in order to provide an economic perspective for the population in remote mountain regions.

#### Project details

The project aimed to preserve the biodiversity of alpine meadows in the Kara-Kujur valley of the Tien Shan mountains of Kyrgyzstan. This valley serves as a model for the implementation of ecological pasture management on the alpine summer pastures. At first, NABU investigated the natural capital of high alpine meadows in the Naryn region for its grazing capacity. In cooperation with the local NGO Camp Alatoo and local pasture committees initial recommendations have been developed, which should amend the existing and future pasture management plans. Furthermore, first approaches to reward ecological services within a regional product marketing have been developed. Moreover, an environmental education centre with a permanent exhibition was established in the project area. Representatives of the pasture committees from Kara-Kujur valley visited Germany to obtain first-hand information about processing methods and marketing of yak-products. NABU also analysed market structures in local, national and international context to prepare for investments in the processing and marketing of organic yak-products from the Naryn region.

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**Beneficiary country:** Republik of Kyrgyzstan

**Duration:** 09/2016 – 03/2019

**Beneficiaries:** State Agency for Environmental Protection and Forestry Management, Ministry of Agriculture, Kyrgyz pasture committees in the Naryn region

**Implementing organisation:** Naturschutzbund Deutschland (NABU) e.V.

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