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PROJECT INFORMATION

Potential of cross-border cooperation in nature conservation between Armenia, Iran and neighbouring countries



Working map for the identification
and discussion of potential cross-
border cooperation

Source: Michael Succow Foundation

Background

For the implementation of transboundary conservation projects on the borders of Armenia and Iran, a systematic analysis of the potential of cross-border cooperation has been missing until now. Since the end of the international sanctions towards Iran in 2015, there has been great interest on both sides to strengthen their relations.

Specifically the cooperation in nature conservation can play a crucial role to bridge gaps in a region burdened with political conflicts.

Project details

It was the projects aim to analyse the potential of cross-border cooperation related to nature conservation in the boundary regions between Iran and Armenia. The analysis well-balanced reasonable topics for cooperation, the choice of suitable landscapes as well as relevant evaluation criteria. In addition, the study respected the national interests in foreign affairs of the two countries in the selection of suitable sites for cooperation.

The analysis comprised both aggravating and promoting domestic and socio-economic circumstances in for cooperation suitable areas as well as the national interests in foreign affairs of the neighbouring countries Azerbaijan, Afghanistan, Georgia, Iraq, Pakistan, Turkey and Turkmenistan. The draft analysis was intensively discussed with the authorities and technical partners in Armenia and Iran as well as with experts from neighbouring countries. The final results were presented among other topics during an international conference on the Armenian-Iranian border.

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