

KHOSROV FOREST STATE RESERVE

Armenia

Renewal of the European Diploma

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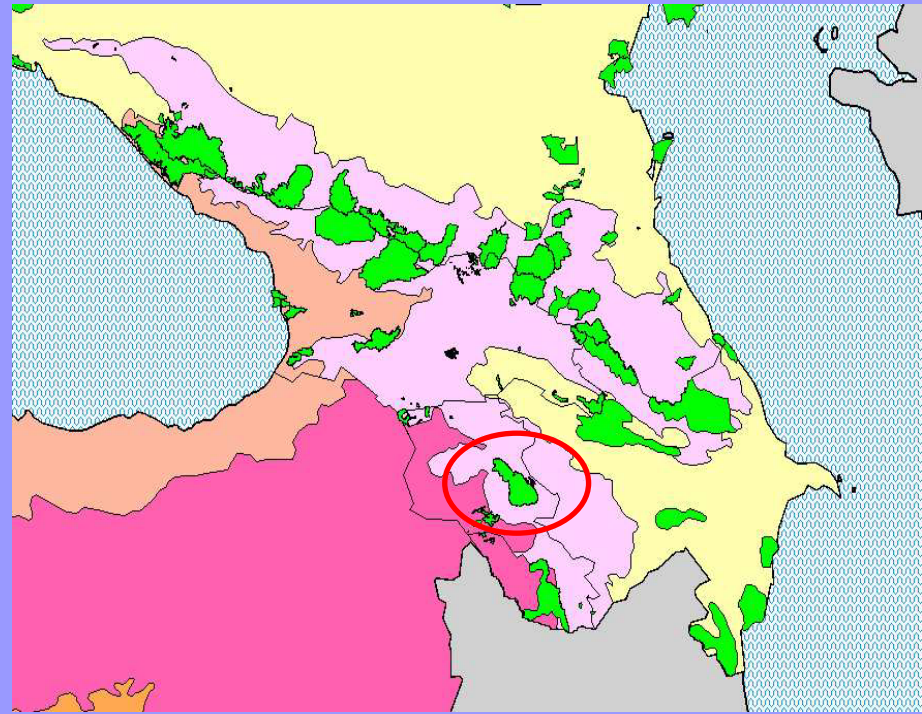
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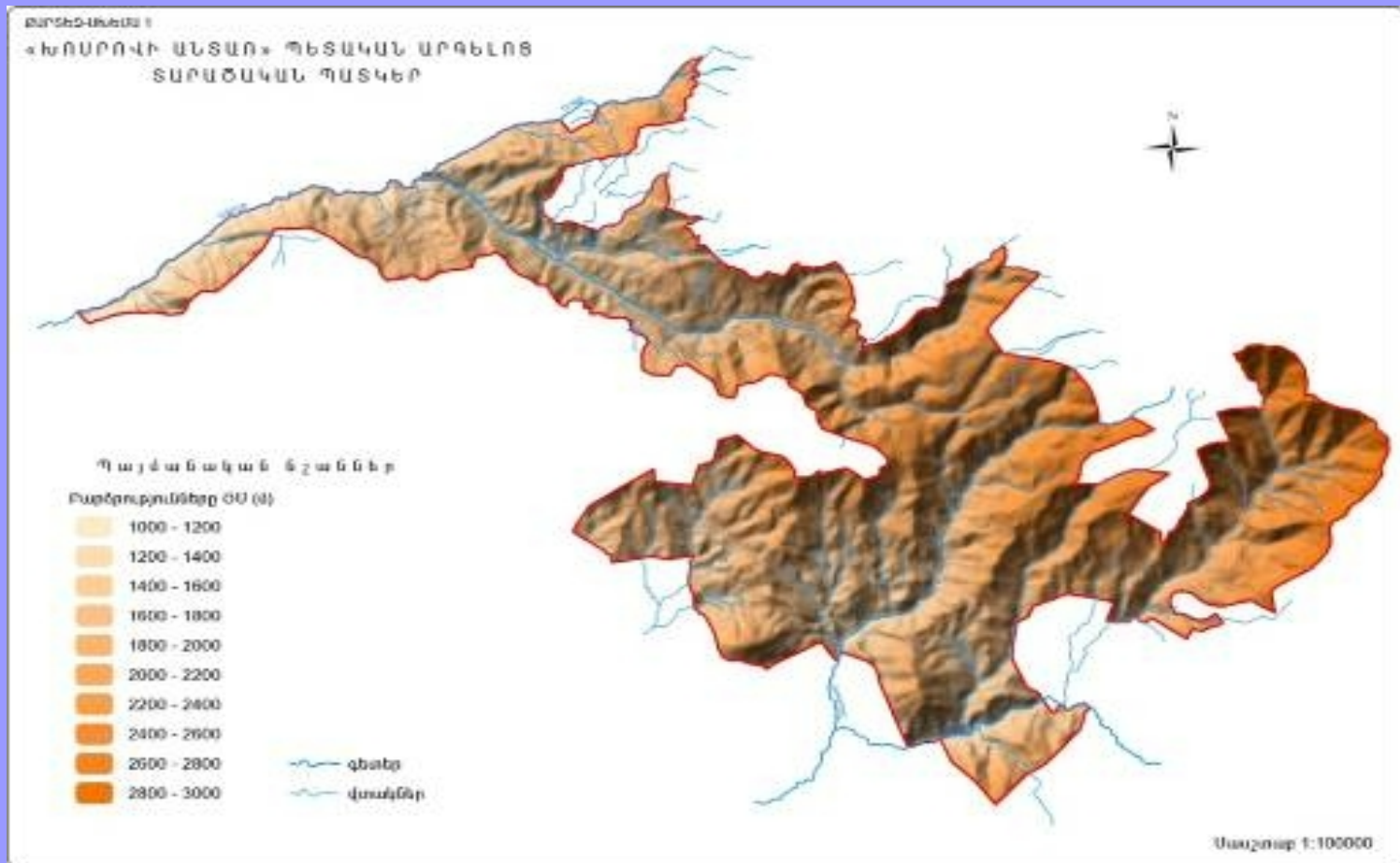
INTRODUCTION

LOCATION

Boundaries of Emerald Network sites in Armenia



STRUCTURE AND COMPOSITION











EUROPEAN INTEREST

BIODIVERSITY INTEREST

- MANY SPECIES AND NATURAL HABITATS OF EUROPEAN INTEREST ARE PRESENT
- MOST OF THEM LISTED ON APPENDICES OF THE BERN CONVENTION
- **THEIR OVERALL STATE OF CONSERVATION OF THE DHA HAS IMPROVED SINCE 2013**
- DHA IS NOMINATED CANDIDATE EMERALD SITE
- PRESENCE OF ICONIC SPECIES (OCCASIONALLY THE PERSIAN LEOPARD)

HIGH ENDEMISM



. . . AND EXCELLENT INTEGRITY



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MANAGEMENT

THE CURRENT SITUATION

- A STRONG LEGAL PROTECTION (IUCN 1a/strict nature reserve)
- NO SPECIFIC ZONING
- NO MODIFICATION TO THE BORDERS AND REGIME SINCE 2013
- CURRENTLY MANAGED ON THE BASIS OF THE 2009-2014 PLAN

... SEVERAL WEAKNESSES

- LACK OF UPDATED MANAGEMENT PLAN
- ABSENCE OF BUFFER ZONE
- SEVERAL SMALL ENCLAVES
- GRAZING
- ABSENCE OF COMPREHENSIVE TURISM VISION AND STRATEGY
- LACK OF HUMAN CAPACITIES AND SKILLS
- INSUFFICIENT TECHNICAL CAPACITIES

**IMPLEMENTATION OF
THE (2) CONDITIONS AND (6) RECOMMENDATIONS
ATTACHED TO THE 2013 RENEWAL**

- THE 2 CONDITIONS HAVE BEEN **FULLY IMPLEMENTED**
- 4 RECOMMENDATIONS HAVE BEEN **FULLY IMPLEMENTED**
- 1 IS STILL **IN PROGRESS** (MANAGEMENT PLAN)
- 1 HAS **NOT BEEN (AND SHOULD) BE IMPLEMENTED** (TURISM VISION AND STRATEGY)

CONCLUSION

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- THE **EUROPEAN INTEREST** STILL THERE
- THE **MANAGEMENT** MAY BE CONSIDERED AS SATISFACTORY BUT SHOULD BE IMPROVED
- **RECOMMENDATION TO RENEW THE ED FOR TEN YEARS WITH 2 « PRECONDITIONS » AND 4 RECOMMENDATIONS**

BY THE END OF JANUARY 2018
(as agreed with the state party during the mission)

- **PRÉ-CONDITION 1** – TO ADOPT A NEW 5-YEAR MANAGEMENT PLAN AND SUBMIT IT TO THE SECRETARIAT OF THE BERN CONVENTION PRIOR TO ITS ADOPTION
- **PRÉ-CONDITION 2** – ENGAGE AN OFFICIAL POLITICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROCESS FOR THE EXPANSION OF THE PA, THE REMOVAL OF THE ENCLAVES AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A BUFFER ZONE

... 4 RECOMMENDATIONS

- MAINTAIN THE CURRENT **LEGAL REGIME** OF THE DHA IN THE FUTURE LAW ON PROTECTION OF NATURE
- DEVELOP AND FUND AN **AWARENESS AND TRAINING PROGRAMME** IN THE NEW MANAGEMENT PLAN
- SUSTAIN AND GUARANTEE THE DHA **ADMINISTRATION CAPACITIES** IN THE LT
- ASSESS THE **STATE OF CONSERVATION** OF *CANIS LUPUS* AT BOTH DHA AND NATIONAL LEVELS, AND ADAPT ITS LEGAL REGIME ACCORDINGLY

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