

Strategy for the Conservation of the Leopard in the Caucasus Ecoregion

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Background

- First *Strategy* developed in 2007

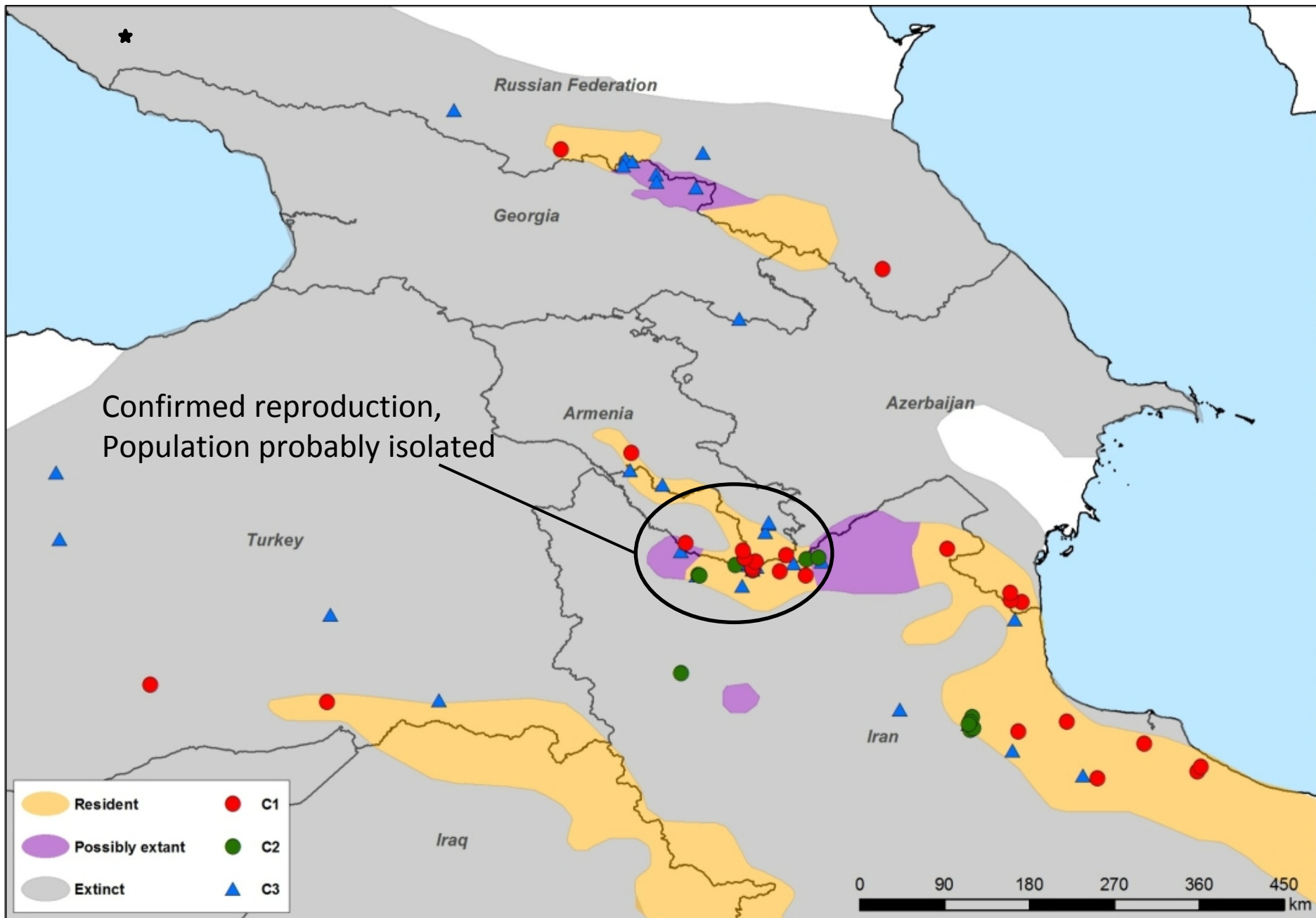
- Participating states:

- **Armenia**
- **Azerbaijan**
- **Georgia**
- Iran
- Russia
- **Turkey**

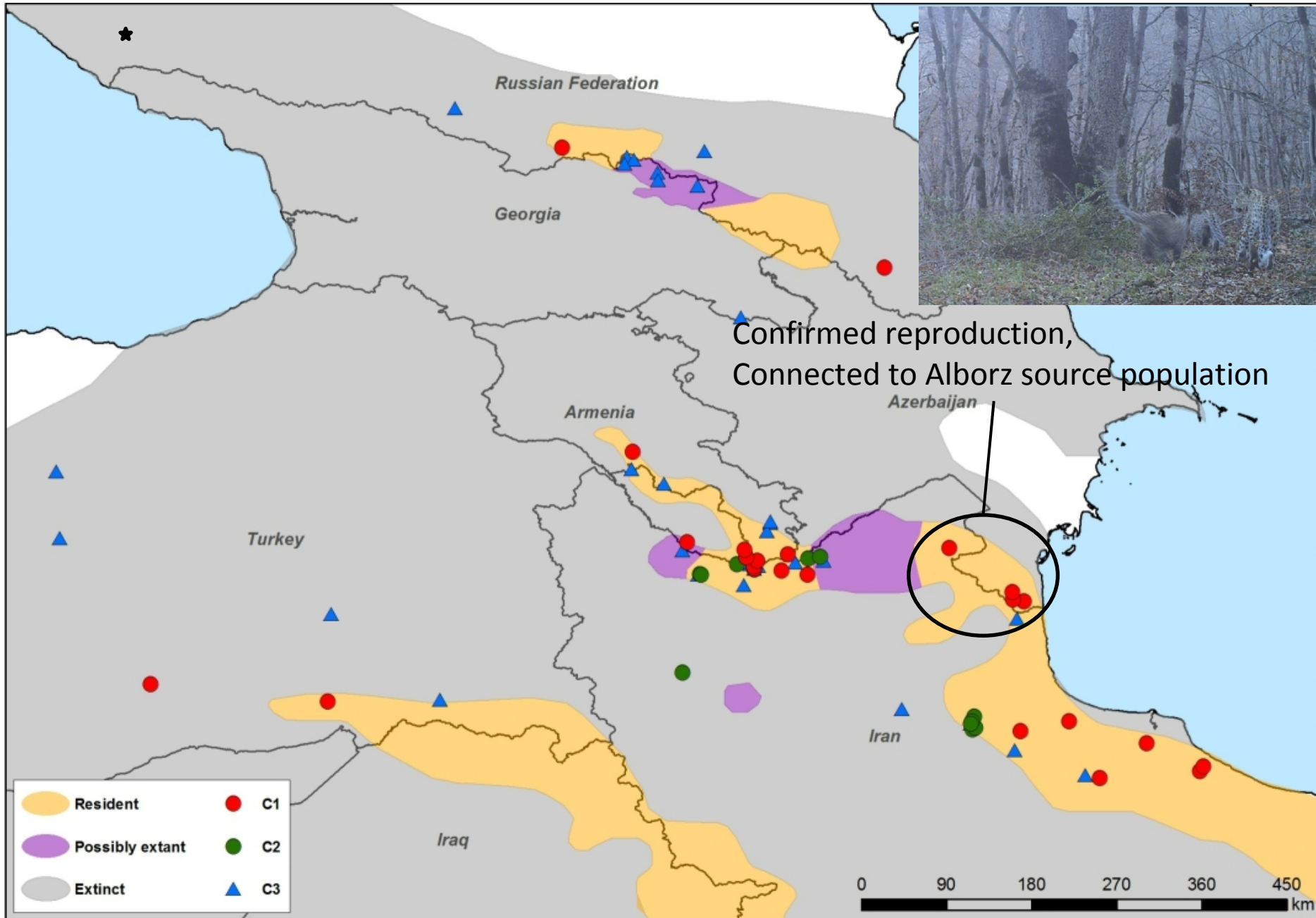


- National Action Plans (NAPs) for implementation of *Strategy*:
 - Armenia (2008)
 - Azerbaijan (2009)
 - Georgia (2010)
- Bern Convention Caucasus leopard workshop in Tbilisi, 2010
- Bern Convention Wildlife monitoring workshop in Tbilisi, 2011
- Review of *Strategy* (expert workshop) in Tbilisi, 2014

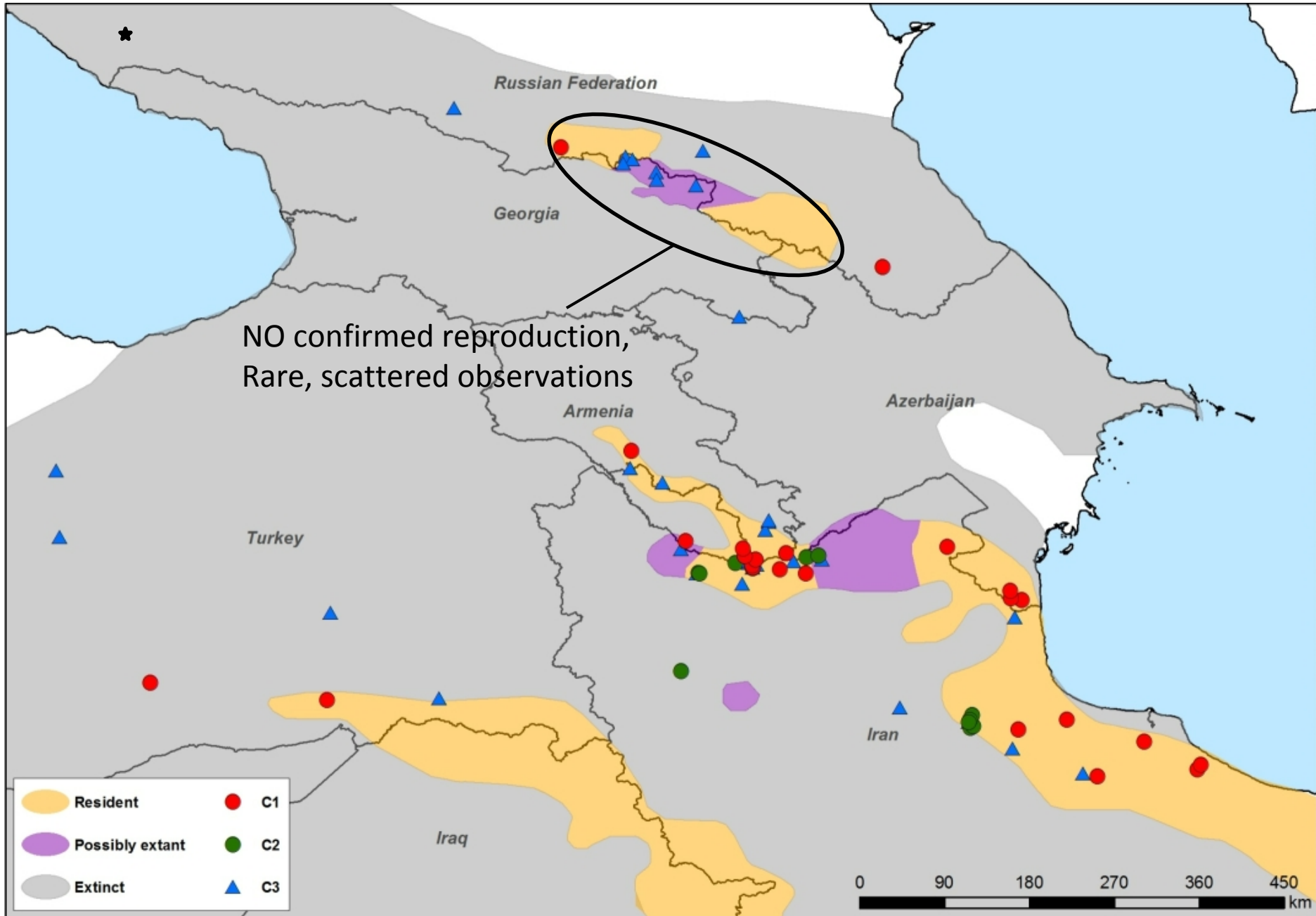
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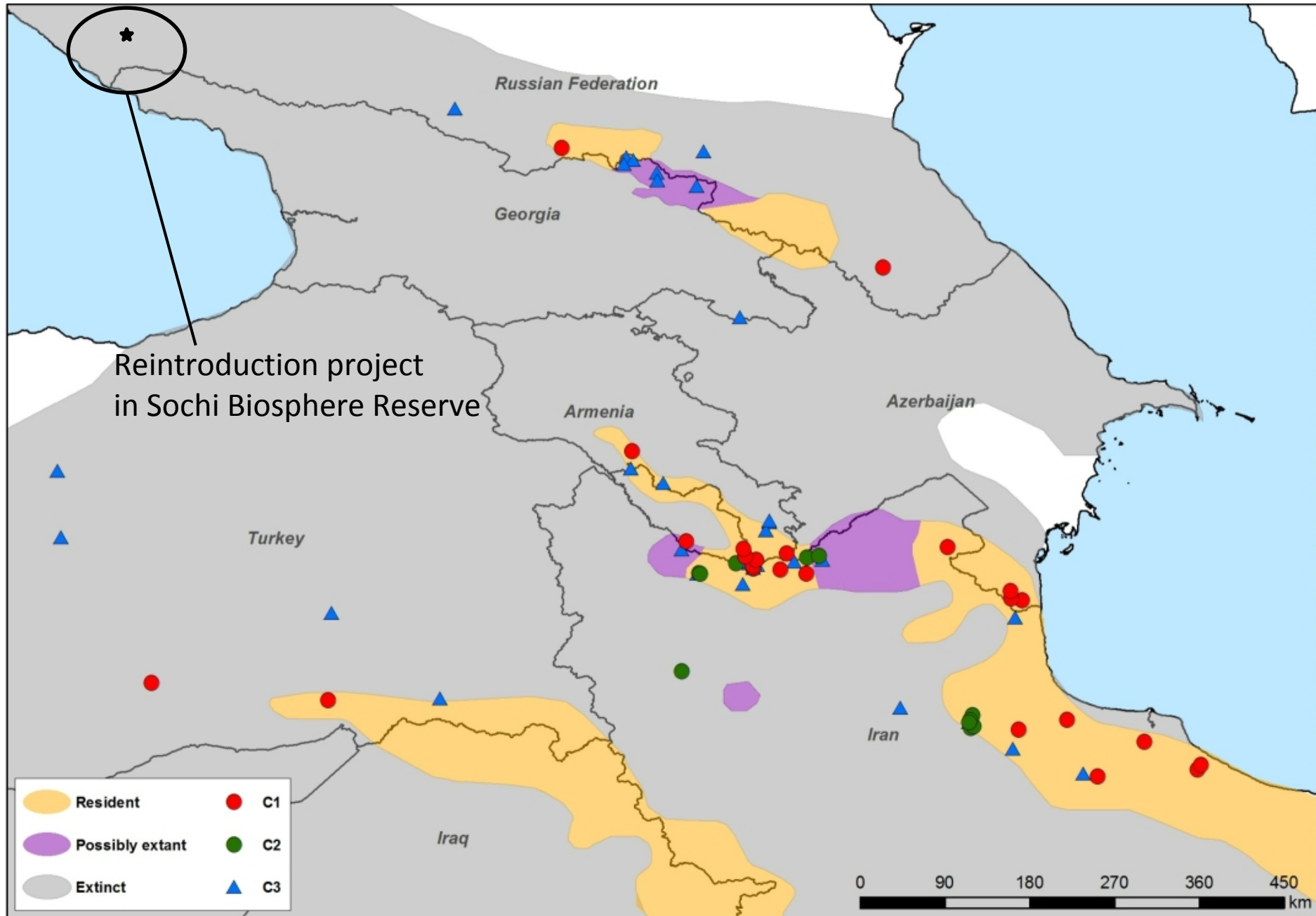
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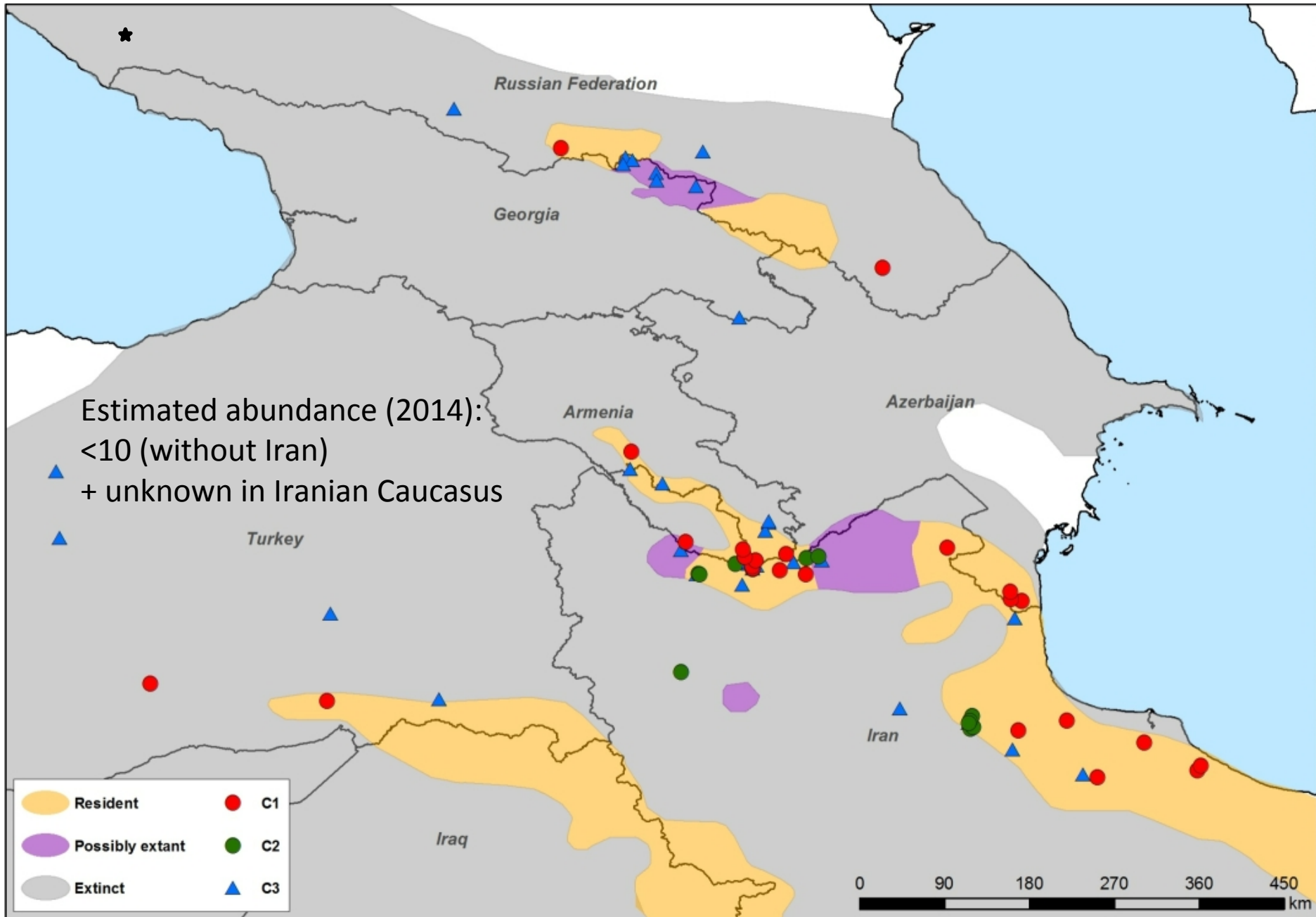
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Vision

Leopards and all wildlife prosper in natural habitats across the Caucasus ecoregion in harmony with people

Goal

Ensure the conservation and sustainable management of viable meta-populations of leopard and wild prey and their habitats, and build sustainable coexistence mechanisms with local communities across the caucasus ecoregion



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Objectives

1. Increase viability of leopard and prey populations
2. Establish joint standardised monitoring & research (incl. central database)
3. Promote foundation of new leopard populations through reintroduction
4. Establish effective networks of protected areas and corridors
5. Improve leopard and prey protection outside protected areas
6. Ensure long term support from local communities
7. Improve awareness, education and training for target groups
8. Strengthen international, transboundary cooperation
9. Optimise existing policies and if necessary develop new policies
10. Improve efforts to secure international funding for conservation activities

→ 29 Results, 76 Activities



Next steps

- Implementation through (revised) NAPs
- Strengthen transboundary cooperation
- Protect remaining population nuclei in Lesser Caucasus
- Reintroduction in Greater Caucasus
- Enhance prey base (wild ungulate management)
- Improve monitoring

