

Strasbourg, 23 February 2022

T-PVS/Files(2022)30

CONVENTION ON THE CONSERVATION OF EUROPEAN WILDLIFE
AND NATURAL HABITATS

Standing Committee

42nd meeting

Strasbourg, 29 November – 2 December 2022

Complaint on stand-by: 2020/04

**The Amulsar gold mine project and its impacts on
Emerald Network sites
(Armenia)**

- REPORT BY THE GOVERNMENT -

*Document prepared by the
Ministry of Environment of Armenia*



ՀԱՅԱՍՏԱՆԻ ՀԱՆՐԱՊԵՏՈՒԹՅԱՆ
ՇՐՋԱԿԱ ՄԻՋԱՎԱՅՐԻ ՆԱԽԱՐԱՐԻ ՏԵՂԱԿԱԼ

REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA
DEPUTY MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT

РЕСПУБЛИКА АРМЕНИЯ
ЗАМЕСТИТЕЛЬ МИНИСТРА ОКРУЖАЮЩЕЙ СРЕДЫ

№ 3/06.3.7/1269

« 23 » « 02 » 202 2

To: Ms. Ursula Sticker
Secretary of the Bern Convention
e-mail: bern.convention@coe.int
Tel. +33(0)3 88 41 22 14

Dear Ms. Sticker,

The Ministry of the Environment of the Republic of Armenia expresses its gratitude to Secretariat of the Bern Convention and the Bureau of the Standing Committee for the continued support and the detailed analysis and observations of the government report on the Complaint regarding to "The Amulsar gold mine project and its impact on the Emerald Network sites 2020/04".

Once again I would like to note that the mammal species presented in the complaint were not confirmed in the territory; the bird species are not considered to be nesting in this territory and only fly across and have an extended flight range; the fish, invertebrate and plant species indicated in the complaint also do not inhabited in the territory.

All the possible risks defined by the environment legislation are counted in the environmental and social impact assessment of the Amulsar Gold Mine Project done according to legislation of Armenia.

Please be informed that currently the program is not operational.

Field - analytical works on the optimization of the Emerald Network of Armenia is in the process.

The Institute of Botany of the National Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Armenia conducted studies on the prevalence of invasive-expansive species of Armenian flora in the territories of the Emerald network and beyond them. (Fig. 1).

The data obtained during the field work allowed to identify the species which pose a particular danger to the areas of the «Emerald» network and nature protected areas. Separated species are listed following:

- «Khosrov Forest» State Reserve: *Acer negundo*, *Achillea filipendulina*, *Ailanthus altissima*, *Centaurea iberica*, *Centaurea solstitialis*, *Chondrilla juncea*, *Clematis orientalis*, *Goebelia alopecuroides*, *Onopordum acanthium*, *Robinia pseudoacacia*.



ՀԱՅԱՍՏԱՆԻ ՀԱՆՐԱՊԵՏՈՒԹՅԱՆ
ՇՐՋԱԿԱ ՄԻՋԱՎԱՅՐԻ
ՆԱԽԱՐԱՐՈՒԹՅՈՒՆ

0010, ք.Երևան, Հանրապետության հր., Կառավարական տուն 3
3 Government Bld., Republic Sq., Yerevan, Armenia, 0010
0010, Армения, г.Ереван, Пл. Республики, Дом Правительства 3
✉ deputymin523@env.am | www.env.am
☎ +374 11 818 523 | 📠 +374 11 818 506



- «Shikahox» area - *Acer negundo*, *Achillea filipendulina*, *Ailanthus altissima*, *Anthemis triumfettii*, *Centaurea iberica*, *Centaurea solstitialis*, *Cirsium incanum*, *Conyza canadensis*, *Heracleum trachyloma*, *Rhynchosorys orientalis*, *Robinia pseudoacacia*, *Silybum marianum*, *Tanacetum vulgare*, *Verbascum laxum*.
- «Sevan» national park: *Achillea filipendulina*, *Centaurea solstitialis*, *Chondrilla juncea*, *Cirsium incanum*, *Conium maculatum*, *Hippophae rhamnoides*, *Leucanthemum vulgare*, *Onopordum acanthium*, *Tanacetum vulgare*, *Verbascum laxum*, *Xeranthemum squarrosum*.
- «Lake Arpi» national park: *Astragalus galegiformis*, *Chondrilla juncea*, *Cirsium incanum*, *Leucanthemum vulgare*, *Tanacetum vulgare*.
- «Dilijan» national park: *Acer negundo*, *Achillea filipendulina*, *Ailanthus altissima*, *Ambrosia artemisiifolia*, *Cirsium incanum*, *Clematis vitalba*, *Conyza canadensis*, *Heracleum sosnovskyi*, *Heracleum trachyloma*, *Robinia pseudoacacia*.
- «Arevik» national park: *Acer negundo*, *Achillea filipendulina*, *Ailanthus altissima*, *Carthamus turkestanicus*, *Centaurea iberica*, *Cirsium incanum*, *Clematis orientalis*, *Conyza canadensis*, *Goebelia alopecuroides*, *Onopordum acanthium*, *Robinia pseudoacacia*, *Tanacetum parthenium*, *Verbascum laxum*, *Xeranthemum squarrosum*.

As a result of the analysis, it was decided to focus on the 30 plant species listed in Table 1.

The Ministry will formally submit the optimized list of potential areas to the Secretariat of the Convention, after drawing up its conclusion as soon as possible.

Sincerely,



Anna Mazmanyan

Fig. 1

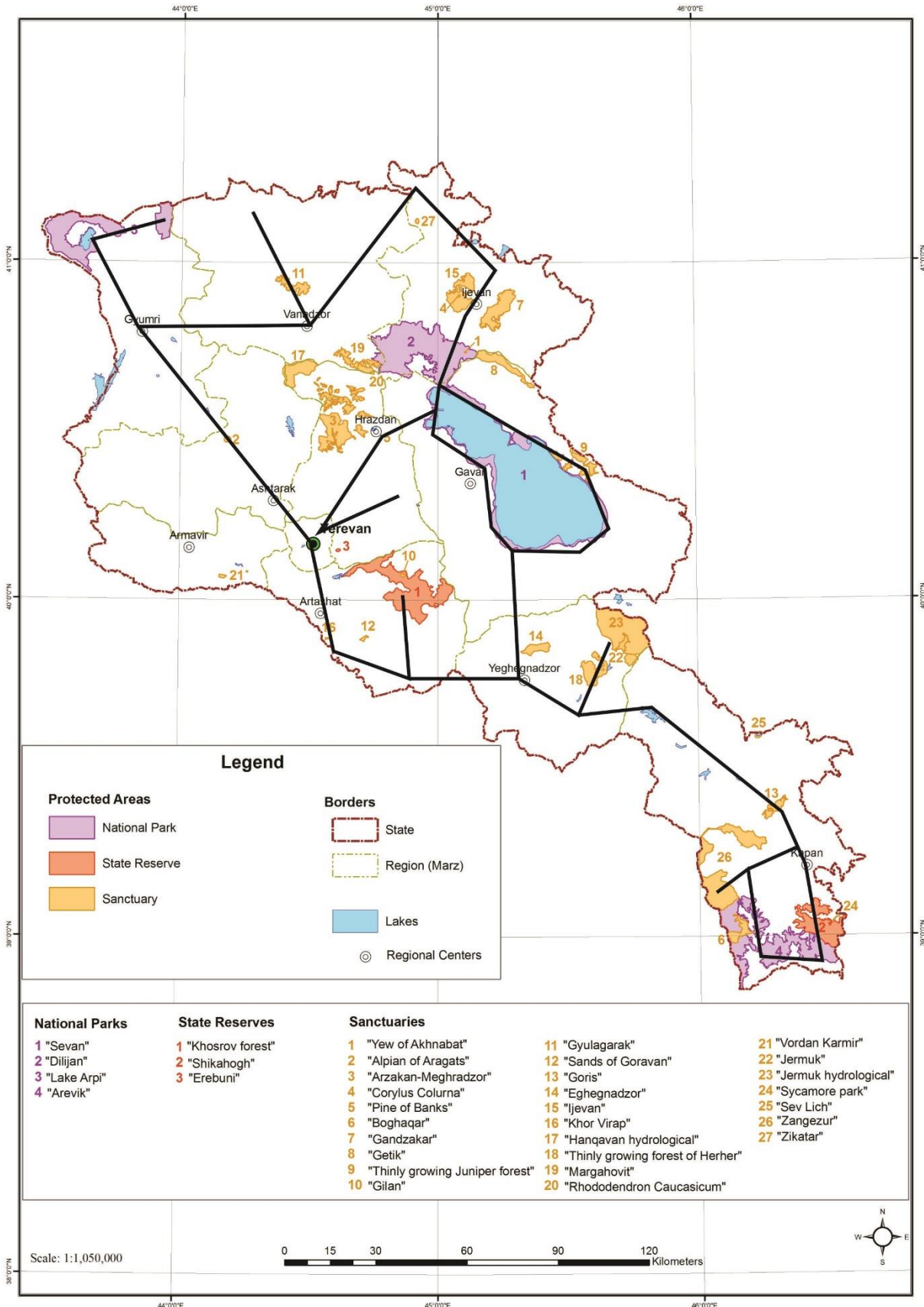


Table 1. Invasive-expansive plant flora of Armenia, which can be a threat to the habitats and ecosystems.

NN	Name of species	Khosrov forest	Shikahox	Sevan	Lake Arpi	Dilijan	Arevik
1.	<i>Acer negundo</i>	+	+	+		+	+
2.	<i>Achillea filipendulina</i>	+	+	+		+	+
3.	<i>Ailanthus altissima</i>	+	+			+	+
4.	<i>Ambrosia artemisiifolia</i>					+	
5.	<i>Anthemis triumfettii</i>	+	+	+	+	+	
6.	<i>Astragalus galegiformis</i>					+	
7.	<i>Carthamus turkestanicus</i>	+	+	+		+	+
8.	<i>Centaurea iberica</i>	+	+				+
9.	<i>Centaurea solstitialis</i>	+	+	+		+	+
10.	<i>Chondrilla juncea</i>	+	+	+	+	+	+
11.	<i>Cirsium incanum</i>	+	+	+	+	+	+
12.	<i>Clematis orientalis</i>	+		+			+
13.	<i>Clematis vitalba</i>					+	
14.	<i>Conium maculatum</i>		+	+		+	+
15.	<i>Conyza canadensis</i>	+	+			+	+
16.	<i>Goebelia alopecuroides</i>	+					+
17.	<i>Helianthus tuberosus</i>						
18.	<i>Heracleum sosnowskyi</i>					+	
19.	<i>Heracleum trachyloma</i>	+	+	+	+	+	+
20.	<i>Hippophae rhamnoides</i>			+		+	
21.	<i>Leucanthemum vulgare</i>			+	+	+	
22.	<i>Onopordum acanthium</i>	+	+	+		+	+
23.	<i>Rhynchosyris orientalis</i>		+	+		+	
24.	<i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i>	+	+			+	+
25.	<i>Silybum marianum</i>		+				+
26.	<i>Tanacetum parthenium</i>	+	+	+	+	+	+
27.	<i>Tanacetum vulgare</i>			+	+		
28.	<i>Veratrum album</i>			+	+	+	
29.	<i>Verbascum laxum</i>		+	+		+	+
30.	<i>Xeranthemum squarrosum</i>	+	+	+	+	+	+