

Central project evaluation – at a glance

Integrated Biodiversity Management, South Caucasus

Title	Integrated Biodiversity Management, South Caucasus		
County / Region / Global	South Caucasus		
Sector and CRS-Code	Biodiversity, CRS-Code 41030		
Project number	2015.2101.2		
Commissioning party	German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)		
Lead executing agency/ implementation partner	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH / Ministry of Territorial Administration and Infrastructure of Armenia, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Azerbaijan, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia		
Project volume	EUR 22,892,420		
Project term	1 December 2015 – 30 November 2019		
Reporting year	2020	Sample year	2018

Objectives and implementation of the project

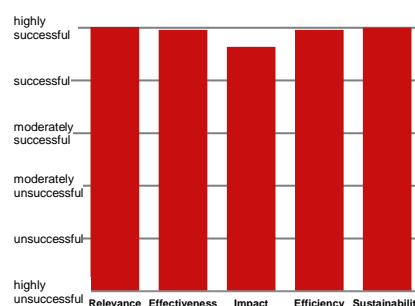
The project aimed to improve inter-sectoral management of biodiversity and ecosystem services, basing its practice on robust data. It addressed pilot schemes with the aim of mainstreaming biodiversity conservation in agriculture, forest and pasture land management and taking positive results for replication at the policy level; it aimed to strengthen a regional network with activities to raise awareness and build capacity around sustainability challenges. The project works mainly at national level in Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia, with replication at the regional level. During implementation the project has expanded in its budget and engagement of partners.

Key findings

The project has broadly achieved its ambitious objectives and is evaluated as highly successful.

- The project is aligned with the relevant strategic reference frameworks at all levels (national and regional strategies, including German development cooperation strategies).
- Two module objective indicators have been fully achieved, one partially achieved, and one regional indicator is partially achieved. Overall, the activities and outputs of the project contributed substantially to achieving objectives through steering and mentoring, financial and technical inputs and improved communications.
- The intended overarching results in relation to the sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are in line with the expected impact.
- The efficiency assessment identified complex synergies with other donors.
- A major portion of the project results show it to be stable and resilient in the long term; the project has helped to assure future funding.
- The project has achieved 23 non-intended positive or negative results, including replication of tools and approaches, and awareness-raising about international conventions and EU legislation.

Overall rating: 92/100



Conclusions

- The hypothesis that inter-sectoral management of ecoservices has improved could be confirmed.
- The strategy and steering structure set up to assure and strengthen partner ownership in the process has proved valuable. The selection of project components was based on a thorough assessment of existing partner initiatives rather than the promotion of completely new workstreams.
- When improved and valued, ecosystem services – and issues around their fragility, deterioration and restoration – gain recognition at administrative levels and within the local population.
- A more explicit linking could be made to the different SDGs.

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