Over 15 Years in the South Caucasus Region
PARTNERS AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

- German Government – 95.7 Mio. EUR
- GEF/UNDP support - 4 Mio. USD
- Wyss Foundation – 1,525,050 USD

- Corporate Partners:
  Bank of Georgia,
  Cartu Fund,
  Procredit Bank, TBC Bank, HSBC
  Bank Armenia,
  Acacia Foundation,
  KBFUS and private individuals

German cooperation
KFW
The Wyss Foundation
GEF
UNDP
CNF ACHIEVMENTS OVER 15 YEARS

- >EUR 20 Mio. invested over 15 years into the Region
- From ONE Park, Borjomi-Kharagauli National Park in Georgia in 2009/2010 to 21 Protected Areas, 5 in Armenia and 16 in Georgia by 2023
- From EUR 60K in 2009 funding up to approximately EUR 3 Mio per annum in 2023
- From 70 rangers in 2009 up to 850 park employees supporting in Armenia and in Georgia in 2023
- From 107,000 ha in 2009 now covering 679’910 ha in Armenia and in Georgia in 2023
CNF CREATION

- Created as an instrument helping the governments of the South Caucasus to support their protected area systems with operational costs and capacity building
- Established in 2007 by BMZ / KfW, WWF Germany and Conservation International (CI) under German law
- German government – the major investor from the beginning
- Main State Partners: Governments of Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia
- Working through Framework Agreements with the three Governments
- Ecoregional Conservation Plan for the Caucasus (ECP) – main guiding document
- First parks: Borjomi-Kharagauli NP in Georgia since 2009 and Khosrov Forest State Reserve in Armenia since 2010
CNF APPROACH

- CNF works through public-private partnerships with the three governments, each side committing to long-term support for the Protected Areas.
- Following a “50 percent principle”, CNF can match but does not exceed state budgets – potentially doubling a specific park’s operating funds.
- Our 50% principle promotes a long-term commitment from our partner governments.

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CNF CORE PROGRAM FUNDING

• **Operational costs** including salary top-ups and other social benefits

• **Equipment support** including uniforms and new technologies

• **Development projects** including renovation and installation of small field infrastructure
CNF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

- **Biodiversity Monitoring**, including 10—year monitoring plan, field-based monitoring of indicators species and monitoring coordination support
- **Sustainable Financing**, including additional income generation support, ecosystem service valuation study for Georgia PAs
- **Capacity Building**, including in management and financial effectiveness, SMART patrolling
- **Community Engagement and Awareness Raising** of different stakeholders, including decision-makers
CNF GOAL: 25 PARKS BY 2025