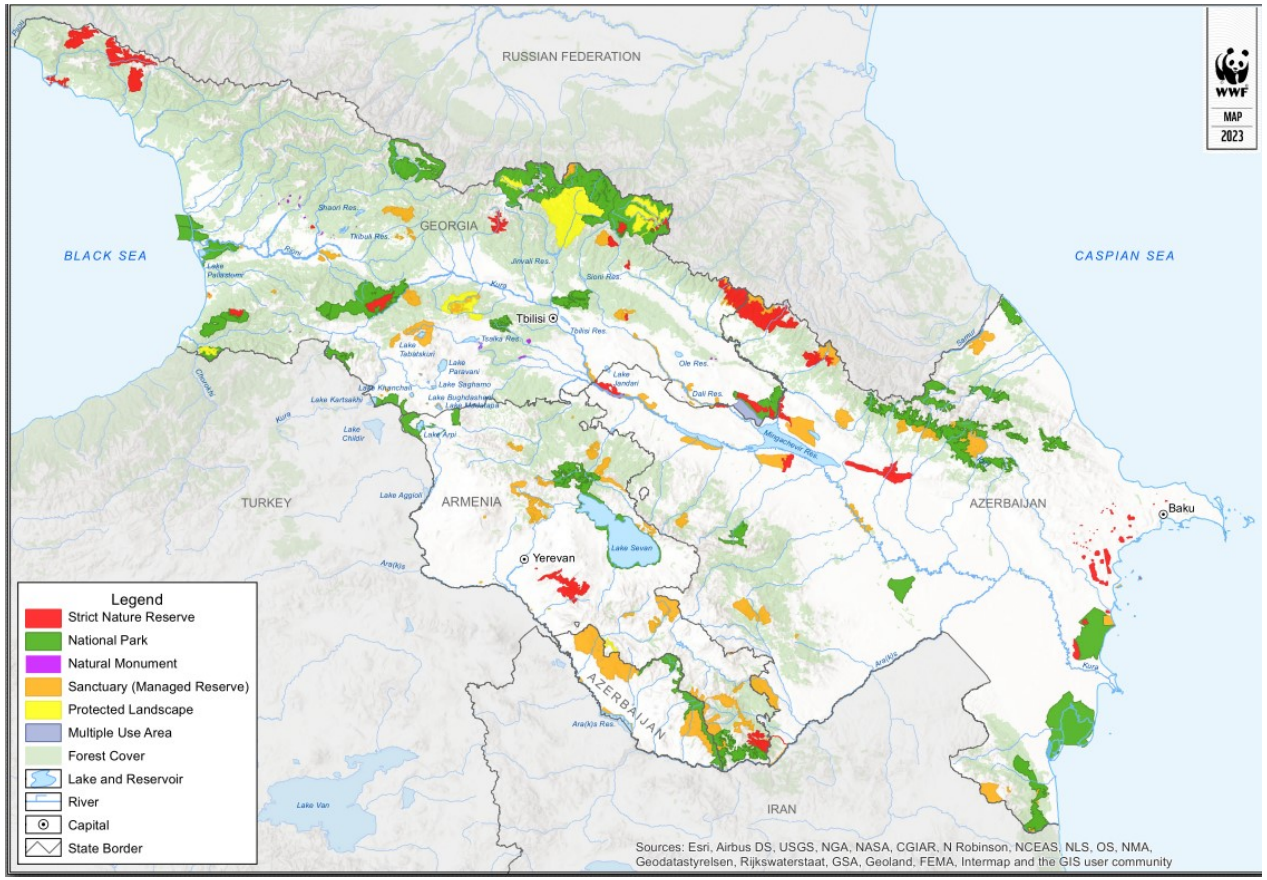
Over 15 Years in the South Caucasus Region

CAUCASUS NATURE FUND



PARTNERS AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

- **German Government – 95.7 Mio. EUR**
- **GEF/UNDP support - 4 Mio. USD**
- **Wyss Foundation – 1,525,050 USD**
- **<u>Corporate Partners:</u> Bank of Georgia, Cartu Fund, Procredit Bank, TBC Bank, HSBC Bank Armenia, Acacia Foundation, KBFUS and private individuals**

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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.

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

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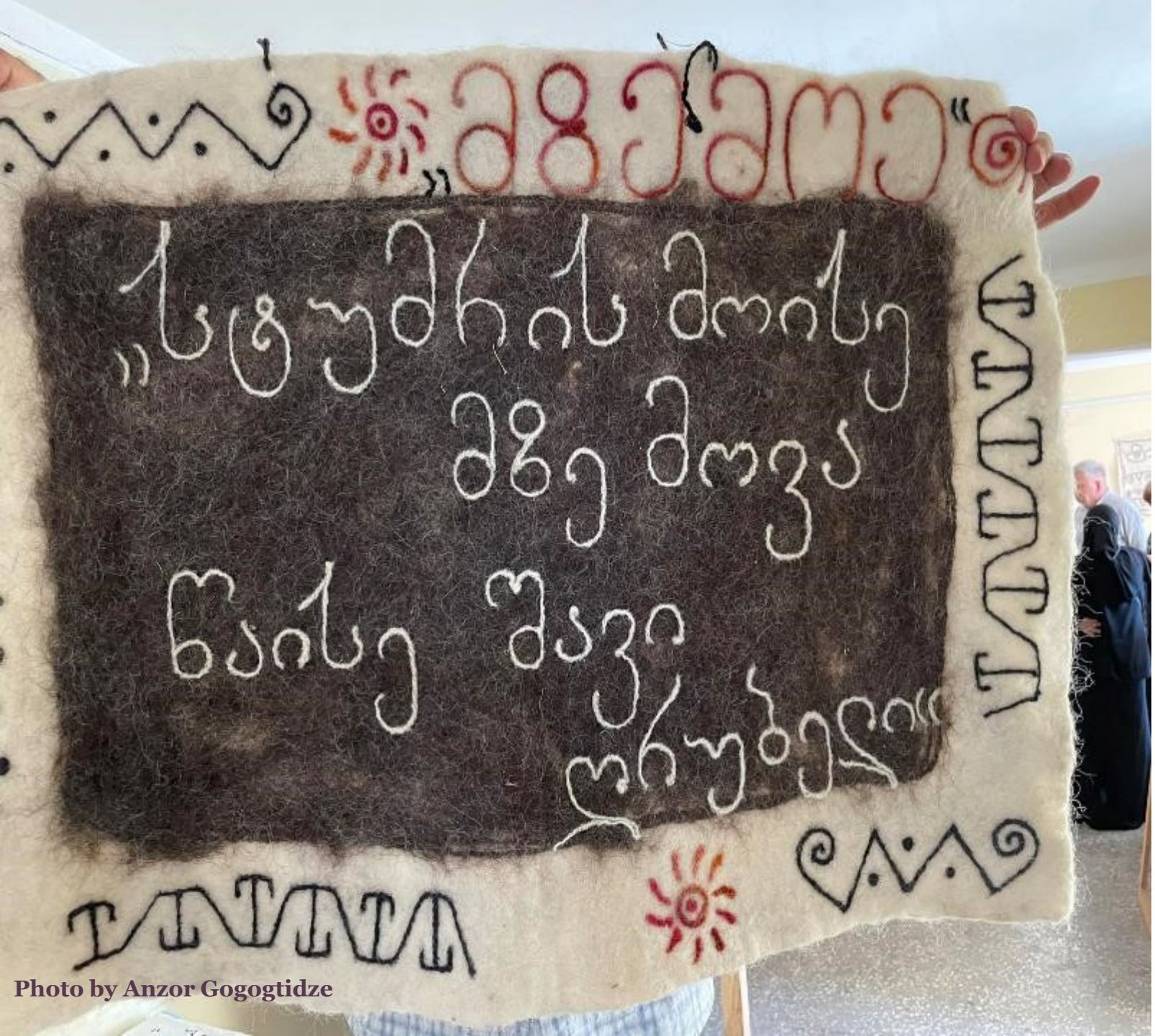

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CNF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

- **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 2024