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
CNF Achievements 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 2024