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Introduction to Emerald Site Conservation Management and Monitoring Aspects

Agenda

28th February, 12:00 (Yerevan Time)

Meeting hall of the Institute of Botany aft. A. Takhtajyan NAS RA

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Background

A set of capacity building events will be organized as part of the World Bank-led activities under EU4Environment Program sub-component 4.1: Support to protect biodiversity and natural ecosystems (Emerald network). Activities under this sub-component are aimed at advancing the establishment of the Emerald Network and management of the Emerald Sites in the Eastern Partner countries, including Armenia.

Capacity building program will offer a valuable opportunity for government officials, private sector representatives and local communities to enhance their knowledge and skills on biodiversity conservation and management of protected areas. It will also highlight the benefits of implementing the Emerald Network framework.

An important objective of this program is also to organize public consultations in order to gather input and feedback on the draft ESMP. Engaging local communities, considering their traditional knowledge, and increasing public awareness through educational initiatives, can benefit from local support.

Meeting objectives, expected outputs and outcomes

Meeting objectives:

Build the participants' knowledge on governance and conservation priorities in line with the Emerald Network principles and understanding of the role of decision-makers in biodiversity conservation and community engagement principles and importance in conservation management.

Expected outputs:

Participants have gained basic knowledge of the Management Plan (MP) guidelines and methods on developing Emerald site MPs and become familiar with conservation degree assessment such as how to determine target species and habitat types "Conservation Degree" with desktop exercises.

Expected outcomes:

Participants are equipped with a solid foundation and are able to translate knowledge into practical actions.

Participants

The meeting will gather around 40 participants from different above-mentioned stakeholder groups.

Attendance Information

Attendance at the meeting is limited to individuals who have confirmed their participation. The event will be conducted in a hybrid format to accommodate both in-person and remote attendees. Participants who have confirmed but are unable to attend in person will be provided with a link to join the meeting remotely.

About EU4Environment

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Time	Item
12:00-12:10	<p>Welcome speech</p> <p>World Bank representative</p> <p>Arsen Gasparyan <i>Director, Institute of Botany aft. A. Takhtajyan NAS RA</i></p>
12:10-12:30	<p>The Significance of the Emerald Network</p> <p>Alla Aleksanyan <i>Coordinator of International Relations & Cooperation, senior researcher, Institute of Botany aft. A. Takhtajyan NAS RA</i></p>
12:30-12:50	<p>Understanding Biodiversity and Conservation</p> <p>Georgi Fayvush <i>Head of Department of Geobotany and Ecophysiology, Institute of Botany aft. A. Takhtajyan NAS RA</i></p>
12:50-13:10	<p>Role of Policy Making and Community Engagement for Emerald Network</p> <p>Arsen Gasparyan <i>Director, Institute of Botany aft. A. Takhtajyan NAS RA</i></p>
13:10-13:30	<p>Coffee break</p>
13:30-13:50	<p>Determination of the Target Species and Habitat Types "Conservation Degree"</p> <p>George Fotiadis <i>Associate professor, Department of Forestry and Natural Environment, Agricultural University of Athens</i></p>
13:50-14:20	<p>Guidelines on Developing Emerald Site Management Plans</p> <p>Apostolos Karteris <i>Head of Business Development, KartECO</i></p>
14:20-14:45	<p>Q&A session and Open Discussion</p>
14:45-15:00	<p>Closing Remarks</p> <p>Alla Aleksanyan <i>Coordinator of International Relations & Cooperation, senior researcher, Institute of Botany aft. A. Takhtajyan NAS RA</i></p>