









# **CLIMATE-TOLERANT** RESTORATION OF DEGRADED **BIOREGIONS IN SOUTHERN CAUCASUS**

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# **OBJECTIVE AND ACTIVITIES**

The project restored degraded landscapes, taking into account future climatic changes. This included introducing drought-resistant permanent crops, reforestation and planting to provide erosion protection. It supported communities and districts in the pilot regions in developing and implementing appropriate policies and identifyied sustainable land-use strategies.

#### STATE OF IMPLEMENTATION/RESULTS

- Project completed
- In conjunction with the forestry ministry, the legal framework for establishing demonstration models was improved
- Reforestation models in pilot regions in Kakheti were developed and implemented: model rehabilitation of about 38 kilometres of degraded plantings to provide protection against wind; over 100 hectares of mixed forest consisting of native, climate-adapted tree species were planted on degraded pasture land
- Field studies were carried out to estimate the potential of the planting for CO2 storage: CO2 reduction by 2040 is likely to be 162 tonnes per hectare through biomass and 99 tonnes per hectare in the soil
- Training and technical equipment for producing high-quality seed and propagating material delivered
- · Political decision-makers were sensitised to the issue of combating landscape degradation, e.g. through radio and television programmes, press releases and project visits (including by Georgia's environment minister)

# **PROJECT DATA**

#### Country:

Georgien

#### Implementing organisation:

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH

#### Partner institution(s):

- Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection - Georgia
- Caucasus Environmental NGO Network (CENN) - Georgia, Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection -Georgia, World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) - Caucasus

#### **BMU** grant:

€ 1,852,519.32

#### **Duration:**

11/2008 till 03/2012

#### Website(s):

http://www.giz.de/en/html/index.html

## Related news and movies

## **Related publications**

















• A process of multi-country sharing of information and experience in the Southern Caucasus has been instigated, including cooperation with the Regional Environmental Centre for the Caucasus (REC Caucasus)







