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*Managing mountain resources and diversities:
the role of protected areas*

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Education

- **PhD candidate on Environment Management: 2012-2017**
- **M.S on Plant Physiology: 2002- 2005, Azad University - Tehran-Iran**
- **B.S on Biology: 1996- 1999, Azad University - Tehran-Iran**

Employment and main activities

- Expert for Department of the Environment**
- Head for committee on Mountainous Areas affiliated to National Committee on Sustainable Development**
- Mountainous areas Contact Person in Department of Environment**

Other interests (volunteer work, hobbies etc.)

- **Women's Affairs representative in the working group Environment Protection, affiliated to the Mountaineering and Sport Climbing Mountain Federation**
- **Holding exhibition to improve of general knowledge**
- **Cooperation with environmental NGOs**
- **Nature photography and painting**

Presentation of a project you are working on 1/9

The current Restoration Programs in Iran:

- The Uremia Lake restoration Project
- **Conservation of Biodiversity in Central Zagros Landscapes**
- The Cheetah habitat restoration activities
- Desertification Project



Conservation of Biodiversity in Central Zagros Landscapes

Agency	United Nations Development Program (UNDP)
Project Title	Conservation of Biodiversity in Central Zagros Landscapes
Thematic area	Environment
Partners	Department of Environment (DoE)
Donors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Department of Environment (DoE) • United Nations Development Program (UNDP) • Global Environment Facility (GEF)
Financials	<p style="text-align: right;">Global Environment Facility (GEF) – US\$ 3,000,000 UNDP – US\$ 50,000 Government of Iran (Parallel Funding) – US\$ 5,775,000</p>
Funding required for further activities	US\$ 4,000,000
Provinces	Charmahal & Baktiari, Fars, Isfahan, Kohgilouyeh & Boyerahmad
Project start date	May 2005
Estimated end date	April 2016
Relevance to SDGs	5, 15

There are 27 protected area in the Zagros region 3/9



The Central Zagros Mountains contain: 4/9

- the largest mountain range in Iran covering about 32 Million hectares and 11 provinces
- provides more than 50 % of the water needed for the country
- globally significant biodiversity
- Topographical relief and climatic conditions have led to diverse ecosystems and habitats in the area.
- home for a vast range of species, which includes over 2,000 species of higher plants and several endangered and endemic mammal species

This Project aims

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- **Conservation of Biodiversity in the Central Zagros Landscape**
- **Encouragement sustainable use of all biodiversity, renewable natural resources and ecological processes**
- **Facilitate the design, establishment, sustainable development and integrated management of the Quercus forests in west of Iran**
- **Strengthening and Coherence for Integrated Natural Resource Management**



What we are doing

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Protection:

- Identification Threats to biodiversity and to understand potential barriers to inter- sectoral planning of resources management.
- Determination Priority areas for action based on threat analysis in each pilot area.
- Implementation eco-villages in a few pilot villages.
- Implementation alternative livelihood projects in the project pilot areas.
- Introduction climate change adaptation practices to the local communities through supporting a few practical model adaptation measures.

What we are doing

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Public Education for:

- Increasing local community participation
- Management of domestic animal in the woodland
- Implanting , proliferation and pest controlling of Trees



What we are doing

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Studies:

- Ecological and socio-economics baseline studies

Also;

- We are finalizing and submitting program to the High Council of Environment (HCE) for approval.
- Then we will submit it to the Iranian Parliament for final approval and budget allocation through the 6th Iran National Development Plan



Thanks for your attention

