

Sustainable Land and Forest Management in the Greater Caucasus Landscape of Azerbaijan

Project field trip report (June 22, 2013)

Participants:

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Venue: Ismayilli, Azerbaijan

Date: June 22, 2012

Objective: The purpose of the visit was to visit the potential pilot site pastures and meet with the rayon executives and local stakeholders.

Trip timetable:

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY
22.06.2013	10.00-12.00	Travel from Baku to Ismayilli
23.06.2013	16:00-18:00	Departure from Ismayilli to Baku

Activities:

The main purpose of the trip was travelling to the potential pilot site regions to get acquainted with the pasture conditions and meeting with relevant stakeholders.

The meeting with the newly appointed head of the executive power authority Mr. Mirdamet Sadigov started at 13:00. Mr. Sadigov welcomed the joint initiative of the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources and UNDP on the implementation of an important project aimed at the improvement of natural resource management in Ismayilli.

He added that he has technical background in agricultural sector and will provide firm support to the implementation of this project at local level. He noted that he had identified focal points within his office to assist with the project implementation.

Mr. Broeck informed the mayor about UNDP's intent to engage local technical experts in the work of the project. He highlighted that UNDP intends to further enlarge its scope of activities in the region.

Later project team drove out to the summer pastures of Ismayilli to get acquainted with the pilot project sites

Project Team also had the chance to get acquainted with the pasture maps and the division of pasture rent. The following was agreed:

- 1) To work on the MOU to be signed with the local executive power authority of Ismayilli
- 2) To engage actively the local stakeholders in the project activities