



**STOCKTAKING, COORDINATION & DEVELOPMENT OF MONITORING PLAN: MEETING
FOR ACHEIVING AICHI BIODIVERSITY TARGET 11 BY 2020
25-27 April 2019
Isle of Vilm, Germany**

EASTERN EUROPE AND CENTRAL ASIA

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Eastern Europe and Central Asia

- Armenia
- Azerbaijan
- Belarus
- Kazakhstan
- Kyrgyzstan
- Russian Federation
- Tajikistan
- Turkmenistan
- Uzbekistan





Current Status

e.g. Coverage of terrestrial and marine protected areas; Ecological representation; Coverage of areas important for biodiversity; Connectivity and Integration

Terrestrial protected area coverage for the sub-region is 8.5%, with 3(2) CBD Parties reaching their national targets. **Marine protected area** coverage for the sub-region is **2.9%**, and none of the Parties have reached their national targets.

Average **coverage of protected-connected lands** in the sub-region is **1.6%**, and 2 out of 17 CBD Parties have at least 17% coverage by protected-connected lands.

Out of **67 terrestrial ecoregions** with at least 25% of their area in the sub-region, **21 have passed 17% cover by protected areas** globally. Out of **11 marine ecoregions** with at least 25% of their area in the sub-region, **3 have passed 10% cover by protected areas** globally.

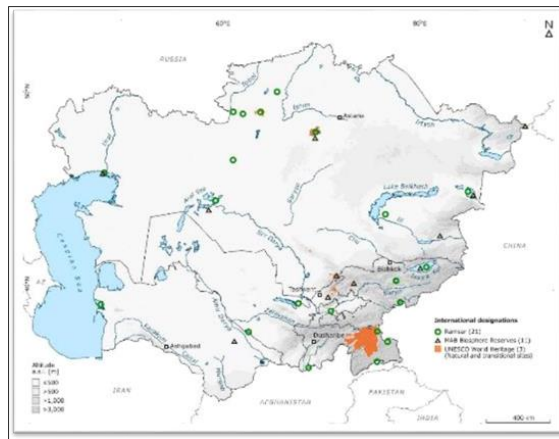


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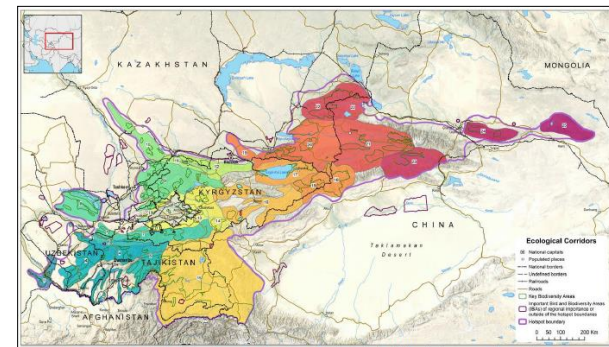
e.g. Coverage of areas important for ecosystem services; Management effectiveness; Governance and Equity

There are **1335 Key Biodiversity Areas (KBAs)** in the sub-region (1305 terrestrial and 140 marine). **Mean percent coverage** of KBAs in the sub-region is **26.18%** for terrestrial and **27.29%** for marine KBAs.

As of Jan 2019, **Tajikistan has reached the 60% PAME assessment target** for terrestrial and three have reached the 50% threshold (**Armenia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan**), and **2 have surpassed 60% for marine protected areas (Russia, Turkmenistan)**.



Source: Michael Succow Foundation, 2019



Source: Zoi Environment Network, 2017



Gaps

Specific gaps identified for elements of Target 11

(e.g. PA coverage, ecological representation, coverage of areas important for biodiversity, etc.)

PA coverage: For terrestrial PA, **two** CBD Parties have reached their national targets. When it comes to MPA, **none** of the CBD Parties has reached their national targets.

Coverage of KBA: There are 1335 KBAs in the sub-region, **1263 are not fully covered** by reported protected areas.

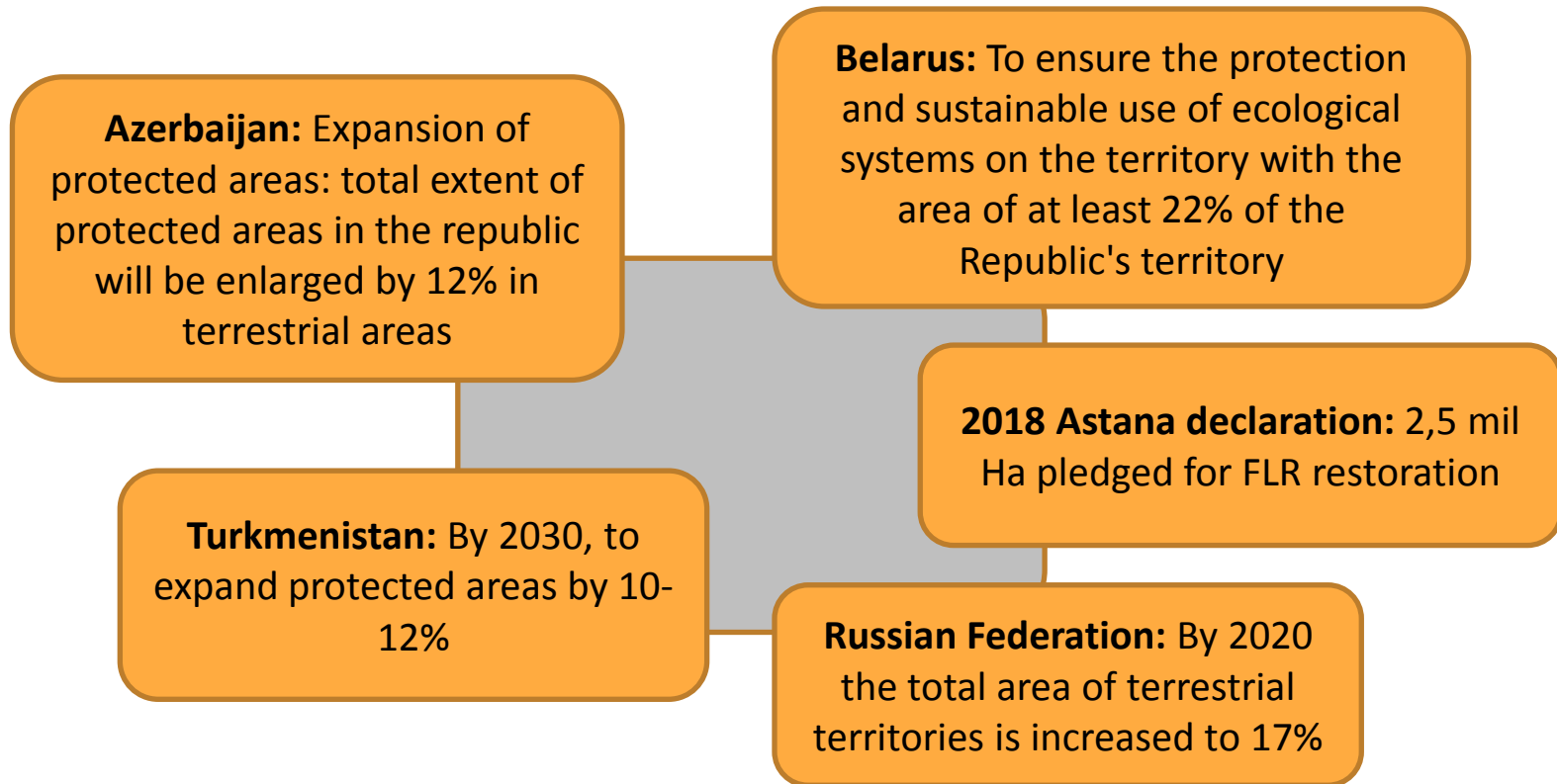
Coverage of ecoregions: 46 terrestrial ecoregions, 8 marine ecoregions and 2 pelagic provinces are candidates for further protection as their occurrence in the region is more than 25%.

Of these 46 terrestrial ecoregions, 34 are high priorities.



Commitments

Commitments identified which could address specific gaps identified for elements of Target 11





Opportunities

Opportunities identified which could address specific gaps identified for elements of Target 11

Coverage: Potential for designation of large-scale protected areas and OECMs, MPA

Connectivity: CMS/CAMI

Bringing **IBAs in Danger that have no protection**, or have only partial protection, under protected areas or OECMs, and improving the management effectiveness of all sites, are further actions of highest priority.

Restoration: 2.5 million hectares pledged for restoration in the 2018 Ministerial Roundtable on Forest Landscape in Caucasus and Central Asia – Armenia, Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan made significant pledges



Regional Partners

What partners have been identified?

Michael Succow Foundation, Frankfurt Zoological Society, Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, BirdLife, WWF (Caucasus, Russia, CA Programme), EC, CNF, RRI-CA, CAMI/CMS, GSLEP, CEPF, WCS, GIZ, FFI, Panthera, FAO/UNECE, UNDP, UNEP...

National partners

Who is doing what?

FAO/Michael Succow Foundation – Central Asian Desert Initiative (CADI)

WWF – ECONET

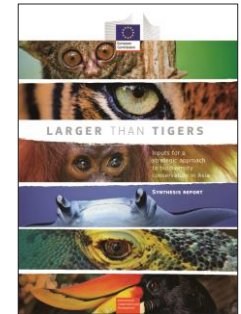
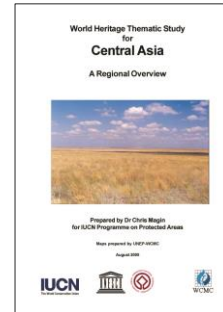
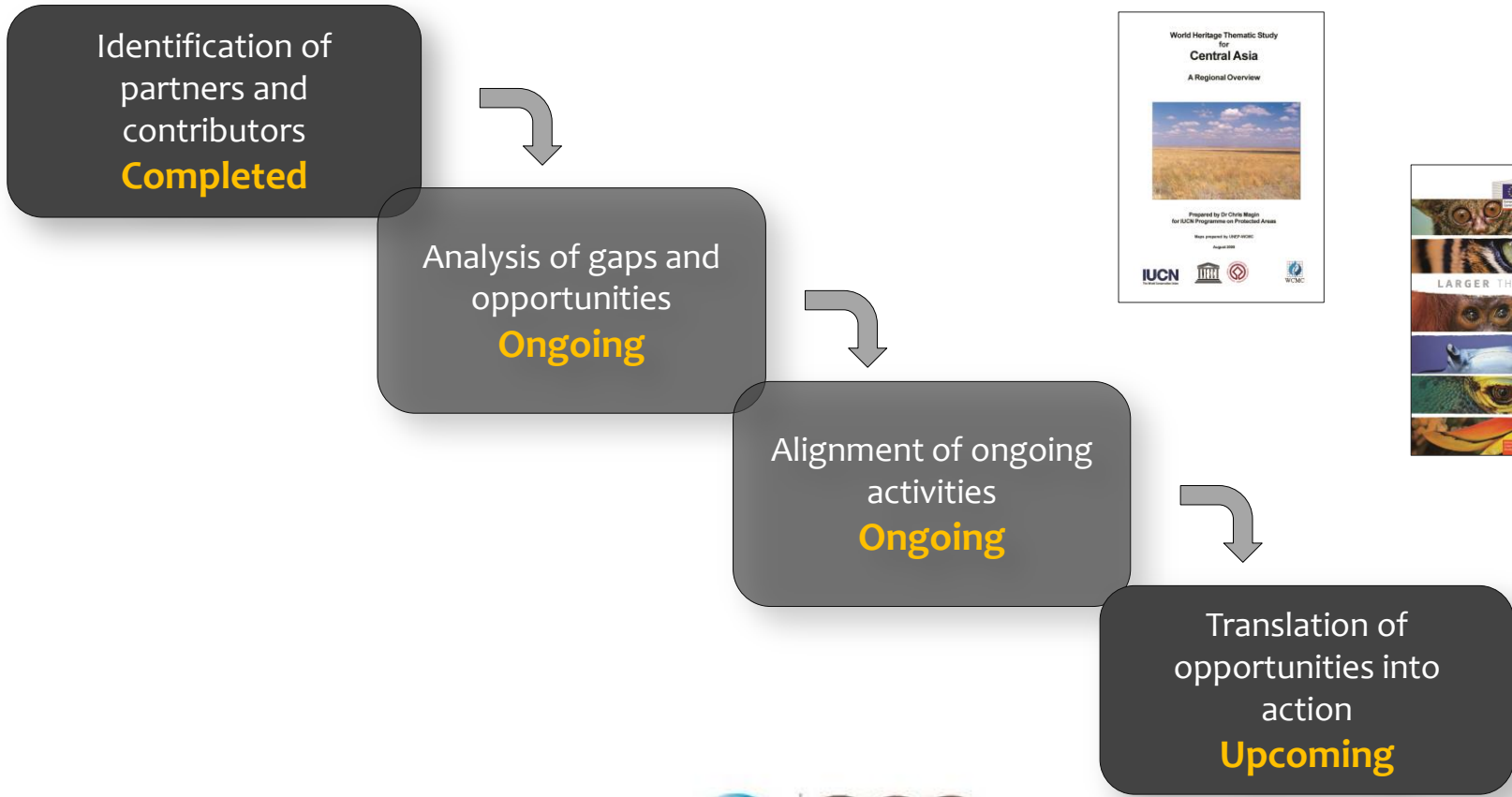
FZS, FFI, WCS, RSBP, Panthera... research

EU, IKI, GEF, GIZ, UNDP, UNEP – leverage potential

What work is ongoing to address specific gaps?



Regional Action Plan

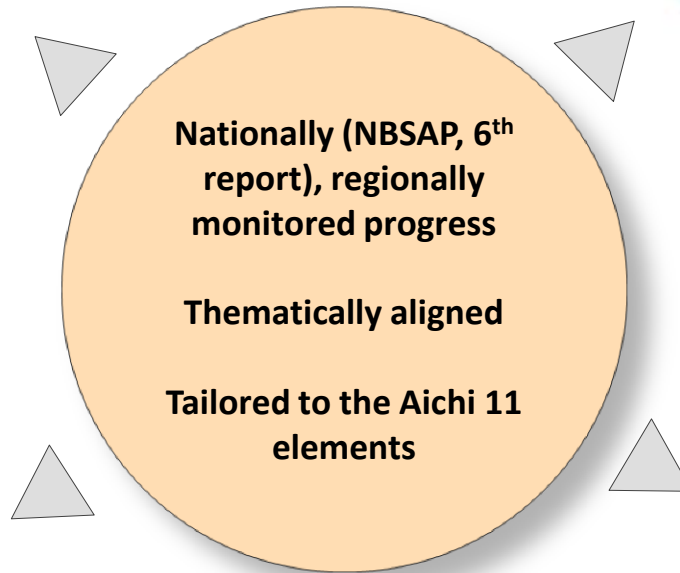




Ideas for monitoring



Green List
Protected | Conserved Areas





Way forward?

- Designated national and partner contact points
- Permanent consultation with key nat and int partners, e.g. *ad hoc* Aichi 11 working group(s)
- Based on a common approach – standardised template and guidance note
- Capacity development
- Leverage with ongoing and planned initiatives and funding programmes, e.g. CEPF MCA, SOS, Larger than Tigers, etc.



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