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Caucasus Nature Fund grants emergency funding to Armenian protected areas and proves that a leopard *can* change its spots

Dear Friends,

I am pleased to announce that we will be ushering in the autumn with an overall image makeover and two new grants.

Name Change and Redesign

In order to more accurately reflect our vision, we've changed our name from the Caucasus Protected Areas Fund to the Caucasus Nature Fund. We will still execute our mission by providing operational funding to and promoting sustainable development around protected areas in Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia.



In the coming months, we will also be rolling out a new look and feel to our materials by redesigning our website and logo. We hope that these changes will allow us to reach a larger audience worldwide and give prospective donors a more accessible way to support nature conservation in the Caucasus. We welcome your suggestions and comments regarding these new changes. Please email us at contact@caucasus-naturefund.org.

Emergency Grants

We also have important news regarding our program work - we will be providing Arevik National Park and Zikatar Sanctuary with emergency funding to supplement their 2010 budgets. Both protected areas have only recently been added to the PA system in Armenia and were overlooked in the government's 2010 budgeting process. As a result, they are desperately short of funds for basic operating needs. Arevik, in the south of Armenia, is an important leopard habitat, and Zikatar, in the North, houses an important forest research center. The CNF will grant a combined total of €40,000 to the two PAs.

We look forward to this new phase in our operations and thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

David Morrison
Executive Director

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