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Caucasus Protected Areas Fund

Caucasus Protected Areas Fund (CPAF) Announces Signature of First Framework Agreement.

On Friday, December 5, 2008, the CPAF signed its first so-called "Framework Agreement" with the Republic of Georgia's Ministry of Environment Protection and Natural Resources. Mr. Goga Khachidze, Minister, and Mr. Giorgi Shonvadze, Chairman of the Ministry's Agency of Protected Areas (APA), signed for the Georgian side.

For photos of the signing ceremony, see below.

The Framework Agreement sets forth the basis on which the CPAF will conduct its grant-making activity in Georgia, partnering with the APA to increase funding for the operating costs of Georgia's national parks and other protected areas, thereby contributing to the conservation of their outstanding biodiversity.

David Morrison, Executive Director of the CPAF, said:

"I am pleased that we have been able to take this first step for the CPAF in Georgia. The Georgian Ministry and APA are now working hard to prepare the first grant proposal. I am confident that we can reach our goal to sign our pilot project in 2009 so that CPAF support for one of Georgia's magnificent protected areas can begin early in 2010."

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