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“Emerald Network, Phase II” in Armenia

25 – 26 June, 2013

Ministry of Natural Protection of the Republic of Armenia
“Environmental Project Implementation Unit” (EPIU) State Institution
(SI)

VENUE:
Armenakyan 129, Yerevan 0070, conference hall (2nd floor)

DRAFT AGENDA

Wednesday, 25 May	
8:00 – 18.00	Field visit to a potential Emerald Site - with the participation of the representatives from the Ministry of Nature protection and the administration of the Emerald Site

Thursday, 26 May	
9.30 – 10.00	Registration of the participants of the workshop
10.00 – 10.15	<p>Opening and welcoming remarks by national authorities and Council of Europe/European Union representatives:</p> <p><i>Dr. Viktor Martirosyan</i>, Director, “Environmental Project Implementation Unit” (EPIU) State Institution (SI), Environmental Protection of the Republic of Armenia</p> <p><i>Mr. Marc Roekaerts</i>, International expert, Council of Europe</p>
10.15 – 10.30	<p>Overview on the Emerald Network Programme Phase I. Regional involvement and general information. Future development of the Emerald Network in the phase II</p> <p><i>Mr. Marc Roekaerts</i>, International expert, Council of Europe</p>
10.30 – 10.40	<p>Main activities on Emerald sites identification and management and priorities of the of the Emerald Network Project, Phase II</p> <p><i>Mr. Hasmik Ghalachyan</i>, Emerald team coordinator</p>
10.40 – 11.00	<p>Overview on Proposed Emerald Sites for Armenia and further development of the sites network: GIS Site boundaries, Reference Database, GIS distribution data for species and habitats</p> <p>Species and habitats to be added to the Bern Convention: current status of protection at national level</p> <p><i>Mrs. G. Fayvush</i>, Emerald team scientific coordinator</p>
11.00 – 11.20	<p>Proposed Emerald Sites and database:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - QA/QC report - Further development of the sites network - GIS Site boundaries <p><i>Mr. Marc Roekaerts</i>, International expert, Council of Europe</p>
11.20 – 11.50	Coffee break
11.50 – 12.10	<p>Reference Database:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Status of the 2011 data base - Questions and further development <p><i>Mr. Marc Roekaerts</i>, International expert, Council of Europe</p>
12.10 – 12.30	<p>GIS distribution data</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Species

	<p align="center">- Habitats</p> <p><i>Mr. Marc Roekaerts, International expert, Council of Europe</i></p>
12.30 – 13.00	Questions and answers session
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14.00 – 14.20	<p>Interpretation manual for new version of Resolution 4 (1996): Questions and comments</p> <p><i>Mr. Marc Roekaerts, International expert, Council of Europe</i></p>
14:20 – 14:40	<p>Species and habitats to be added to the Bern Convention: discussion on the way forward according to the Emerald Calendar 2020</p> <p><i>Mr. Marc Roekaerts, International expert, Council of Europe</i></p>
14:40 – 15:00	Discussion on the Draft Guidelines for the Management of Emerald sites
15:00 – 15:20	Cooperation with other environmental and biodiversity related projects in Armenia
15:20 – 15:40	Coffee break
15:40 – 17:00	Discussion and practical work of the national Emerald team members with the project scientific expert
17:00 – 17:15	Discussions and conclusion of the Workshop