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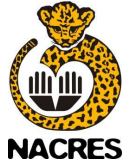


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Emerald Network Joint Programme in Georgia. Status for 2013

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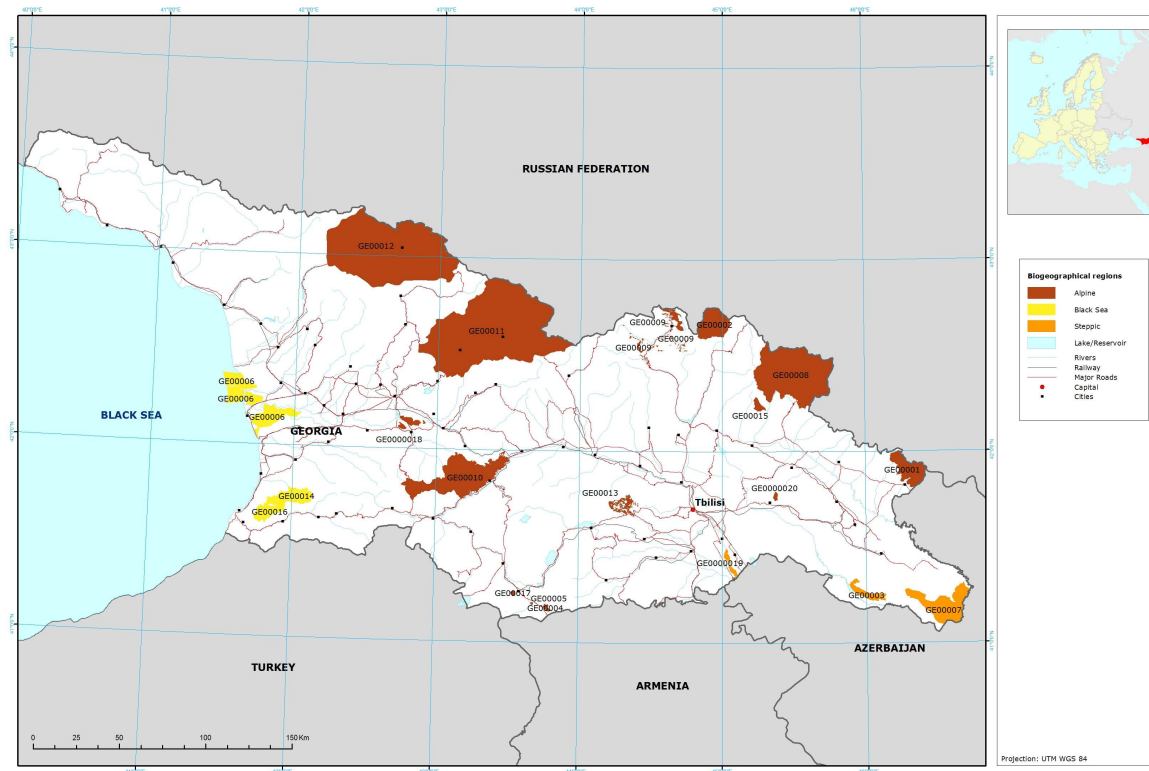


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By 2012 the following activities were implemented in Georgia:

- Sites database for the 20 potential Emerald sites with all respective ecological data;
- Digital boundaries for all Emerald sites in GIS;





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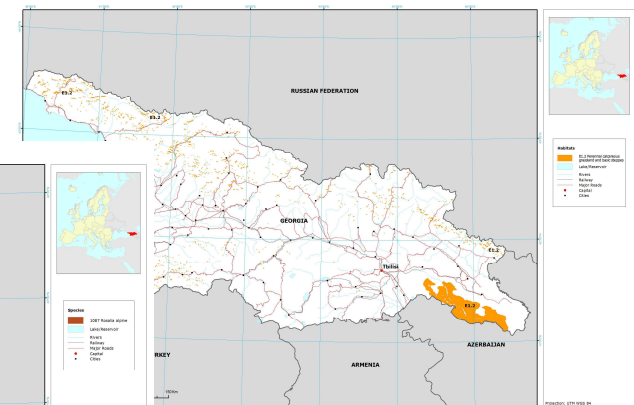
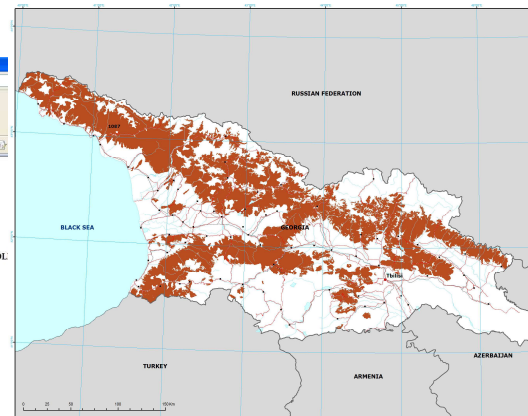
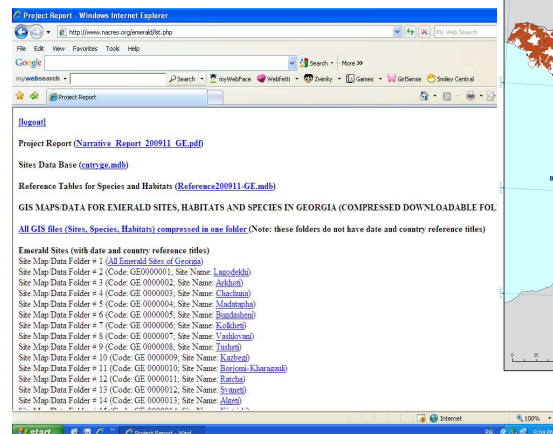


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By 2012 the following activities were implemented in Georgia:

- Distribution maps of 83 species and 10 habitats in GIS;
- Population estimate and distribution per biogeographical region in Georgia for all species and habitats of Resolutions No. 4 (1996) and No. 6 (1998) of the Bern Convention and Annex I of the Habitats Directive;





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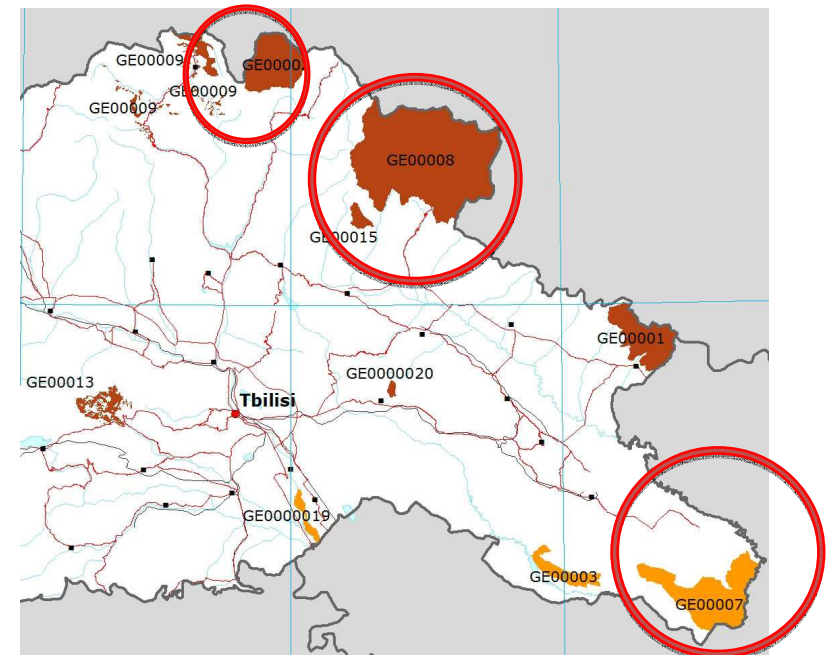
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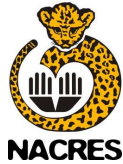
Progress in the development of the Emerald Network by the year 2013.

Continuation of sites data base

Precision of the scientific data regarding 3 potential sites of the Emerald Network:

- Vashlovani
- Tusheti
- Khevsureti





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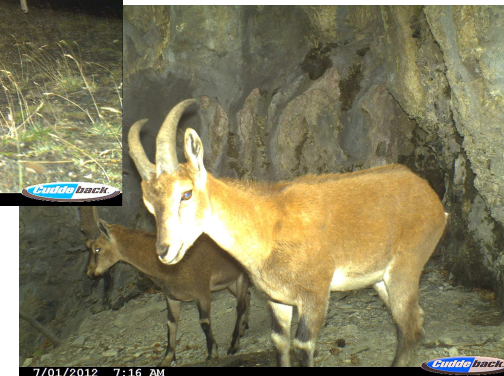
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Progress in the development of the Emerald Network by the year 2013.

Continuation of sites data base

- Populations of **wolf, bear and lynx** were assessed (including the use of telemetric research and photo-traps).
- The number of bezoar goat in Tusheti site was identified. Also, during the research the existence of bezoar goat was identified for the first time in Khevsureti site.





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National Otter survey

First National **otter** survey was conducted according to standard otter survey method, suggested by IUCN/SSC Otter Specialists Group.

Over the 12 month survey period, we visited a total of 631 sites, distributed across the entire country. Of these, 245 (39%) had signs of otters.



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Species / Habitats

- Ilia State University Black Sea mammals research program
- Research implemented by the Institute of Botany





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National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP)

National Target C 1

C.1: By 2020, Georgia's Emerald Network is fully established, includes areas most important in respect of biodiversity and ecosystem services and covers at least 20% of the land area of the country.

Specific Objective

E.1 – o1: To harmonise the classification of Georgia's habitats with the European habitat classification.

Actions/Activities	Time-frame
E.1.1 Classify Georgia's habitats applying EUNIS classification.	2013-2014
E.1.2 Create upgradable data base of NBSAP 27 priority habitats.	2013-2016



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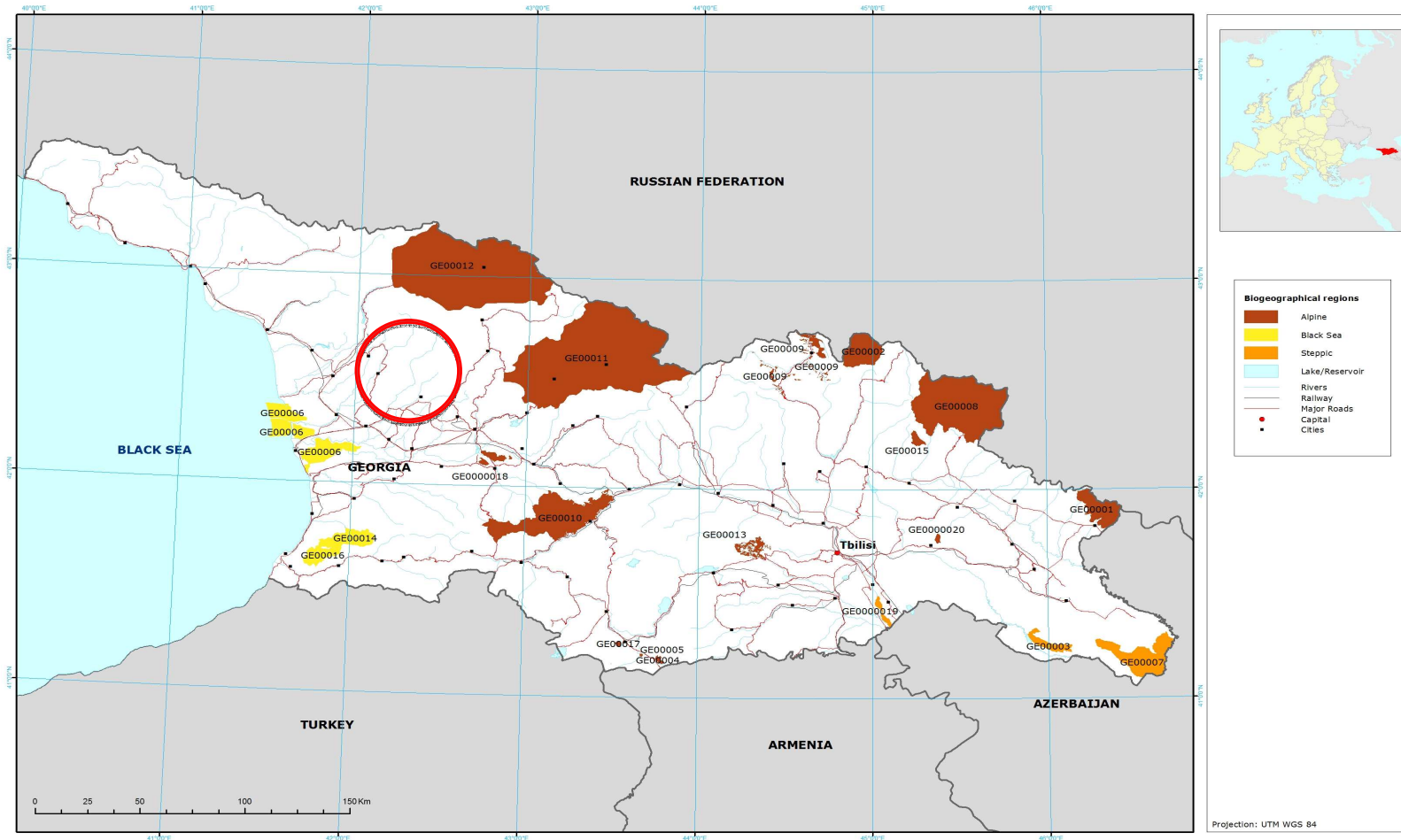
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New potential sites





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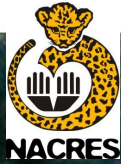


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Future activities

- Finalisation of the distribution per biogeographical region and populations in Georgia of all species and habitats of Resolutions No. 4 and 6 of the Bern Convention and Annex I of the Habitats Directive;
- Validation of distribution GIS maps of species and habitats already delivered through the 1st Joint Programme
- Finalisation of sites database for all the sites
- Identification of new potential sites



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