



## Mission Report

### SUBMITTED BY:

İsmail Belen, TCDC Consultant for Public Awareness and Training, CEM/MoFWA, Turkey

COUNTRIES VISITED: Azerbaijan

DATES OF MISSION: 21-25 July 2014

DATE OF REPORT: 2 August 2014

## Contents

|   |    |
|---|----|
| List of Pictures .....  | 4  |
| List of Figures .....   | 4  |
| Summary .....   | 5  |
| Background and purpose.....   | 6  |
| Daily Programmes .....  | 8  |
| 21 July 2014 Monday.....  | 8  |
| 22 July 2014 Tuesday .....  | 8  |
| Preparatory Meeting.....  | 8  |
| Meeting With Minister of Ecology and Natural Resources.....             | 9  |
| Visiting to FAO Office .....  | 10 |
| 23 July 2014 Wednesday .....  | 12 |
| Ceyranbatar Water Reservoir.....  | 12 |
| Azerbaijan Greenery and Landscape System” Public Corporation No:6 ..... | 14 |
| Gilazi Regional Forestry Department’s Nursery .....                     | 16 |
| Azerbaijan Amelioration and Water Farm Joint Stock Company .....        | 17 |
| Altyaghach National Park .....  | 18 |
| Quba Regional Nursery.....  | 19 |
| Şahdağ National Park.....   | 20 |
| Quba Regional Forestry Department .....                                 | 21 |
| 24 July 2014 Thursday.....  | 23 |
| Meeting with the Undersecretary.....                                    | 23 |
| Final Meeting with the Officials .....                                  | 23 |
| Visit to TIKA .....   | 24 |
| Visit to Turkish Embassy.....   | 25 |
| Azerbaijan Greenery and Landscape System” Public Corporation No:2 ..... | 26 |
| Findings and Recommendations .....                                      | 28 |
| Annex 1 Mission Itinerary .....   | 31 |
| Annex 2: Field Trip23 July 2014 Wednesday .....                         | 32 |
| Annex 3: Persons Met.....   | 33 |
| Annex 4 Boarding Cards and Invoices .....                               | 35 |
| Thanks.....   | 36 |



## List of Pictures

|   |    |
|---|----|
| Picture 1 Preparatory Meeting for the Minister-22 July 2014 .....   | 9  |
| Picture 2 The Minister of Ecology and Natural Resources of Azerbaijan HE Huseyin Bagirov .                                | 10 |
| Picture 3 Şakir İsmailov Head of Department Department of Forestry Development .....                                      | 10 |
| Picture 4 FAO Azerbaijan Office .....   | 10 |
| Picture 5 Azerbaijan Greenery and Landscape System ” Public Corporation No:6.....   | 14 |
| Picture 6 Gilazi Regional Forestry Department’s Nursery .....   | 16 |
| Picture 7 Watering tank for nursery.....  | 17 |
| Picture 8 Azerbaijan Amelioration and Water Farm Joint Stock Company.....   | 18 |
| Picture 9 The Road of National Park .....   | 19 |
| Picture 10 General View of National Park .....  | 19 |
| Picture 11 Border .....   | 19 |
| Picture 12 Watershed .....  | 19 |
| Picture 13 The Entrance Building of Quba Regional Nursery .....   | 20 |
| Picture 14 Workers of Quba Nursery.....   | 20 |
| Picture 15 Rovshan Adil oglu Jailov Undersecretary-Head of Administration Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources ..... | 23 |
| Picture 16 Closing Meeting .....  | 24 |
| Picture 17 İsmail Gürlek Assistant Country Coordinator of TİKA .....  | 24 |
| Picture 18 HE Alper Coşkun Ambassador Embassy of Turkey.....  | 25 |
| Picture 20 Azerbaijan Greenery and Landscape System” Public Corporation No:2.....   | 27 |

## List of Figures

|  |    |
|--|----|
| Figure 1 Field Trip Route .....  | 12 |
| Figure 2 the Structure of Forestry Department .....  | 22 |
| Figure 3 Structure of “Azerbaijan Greenery and Landscape System” Public Corporat.. <b>Hata! Yer işareti tanımlanmamış.</b> |    |

## Summary

**SUBMITTED BY:** İsmail Belen, TCDC *Consultant for Public Awareness and Training*,  
CEM/MoFWA, Turkey

**COUNTRIES VISITED:** Azerbaijan

**DATES OF MISSION:** 21-25 July 2014

**DATE OF REPORT:** 2 August 2014

### **PURPOSE OF MISSION:**

The main purposes are to;

- Meet with the project partners including representatives of the Ministry of Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Azerbaijan as well the people from TİKA, Turkish Embassy, and increase the visibility of regional project by introducing some formulated leaflets and brochures,
- Visit some fields and meet with local authorities and discuss existing problems and difficulties that have been facing so far,
- Meet with officers from ministry's departments related to the training, publication and press in order to discuss the ways and methods for the better awareness creation and training,
- Prepare final report that summaries the existing situations and provide some recommendations to be used future forestry projects to be implemented under the FAO Turkey Forestry Program (FTFP).

**Cleared for distribution by:** Ekrem Yazıcı

Forestry Officer for FAOSEC

### **Distribution:**

İbrahim Yamaç,

Erdoğan Özevren,

Muzaffer Doğru

Mevlüt Düzgün

## Background and purpose

The project “Capacity Building for Sustainable Management of Mountain Watersheds in Central Asia and the Caucasus” - GCP/SEC/002/TUR - is funded by the FAO/Turkey Partnership Programme (FTPP), a partnership among the Turkish Ministry of Forest and Water Affairs, the Turkish International Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TIKA) and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) at the benefit of the countries assisted by the FAO Sub regional Office for Central Asia (FAO/SEC), in particular Azerbaijan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkey, Uzbekistan.

Within this concept, “TCDC Consultant on Awareness Creation and Training” under the **“Capacity Building for Sustainable Management of Mountain Watersheds in Central Asia and the Caucasus-GCP/SEC/002/TUR**, will visit Azerbaijan, from 21 to 25 July 2014.

The main purposes are to;

- Meet with the project partners including representatives of the Ministry of Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Azerbaijan as well the people from TIKA, Turkish Embassy, and increase the visibility of regional project by introducing some formulated leaflets and brochures,
- Visit some fields and meet with local authorities and discuss existing problems and difficulties that have been facing so far,
- Meet with officers from ministry’s departments related to the training, publication and press in order to discuss the ways and methods for the better awareness creation and training,
- Prepare final report that summaries the existing situations and provide some recommendations to be used future forestry projects to be implemented under the FAO Turkey Forestry Program (FTFP).

The RC has been working as the TCDC Consultant for Awareness Creation and Training in the Project and responsible to carry out the following tasks in briefly:

- **Establish contacts for raising interest and commitment among the high level decision makers** to support testing and expansion of the holistic (integrated) participatory (collaborative) watershed management approach, integrating rehabilitation and livelihood works in the project countries.
- Provide suggestions and take initiatives for establishment useful and **sustainable communication networks among the key watershed agencies** of the project countries;
- Assist the review of the institutional setup and mechanisms related to watershed management, **in particular public awareness and training development needs** in the project countries;
- **Work closely with the other TCDC experts** and national consultants for the planning and contacting of the participatory integrated watershed management trainings;

With the framework of these tasks, during this mission the followings accomplished.

## Daily Programmes

### 21 July 2014 Monday

At the first day of this mission, reporting officer arrived to Baku together with Bayram Hopur from General Directorate of Combating Desertification. At this day, no official meeting was held.

### 22 July 2014 Tuesday

#### Preparatory Meeting

At the 22<sup>nd</sup> of July, 2014, the delegation had a meeting with the officials and project coordinator before visiting to the Minister. The officials from the Ministry listed below joined the first meeting.

1. Emin Qarabağlı-Head of International Cooperation Division
2. Rasim Sattar-zada- Head of Environmental Policy Division
3. Sadig Salmanov- Head of Sector- Department of Forest Development
4. Aytan Yusifova-Lead Adviser- Project Country Focal Point- Division of Ecology and Nature Protection Policy

During this first meeting; the purpose and program of the mission explained, information about the project provided and also some important steps between Turkey and Azerbaijan on forestry and international arena indicated. After agreement reached the delegation together with the Azeri Officials visited to HE Huseyin Bagirov, the Minister of Ecology and Natural Resources of Azerbaijan Republic.





**Picture 1 Preparatory Meeting for the Minister-22 July 2014**

After some welcoming speeches the delegation explained the reason, background and program of the mission with the special emphasizes some important subjects.

### **Meeting With Minister of Ecology and Natural Resources**

Then the Minister visited. It took nearly one hour. The Reporting Officer together with Bayram Hopur from General Directorate of Combating Desertification gave information about the project, watershed management, Turkish experiences on watershed management especially the political arrangements like “Turkish National Strategy for Basin Management”.

The RC gave a presentation and distributed some leaflets and brochures in order to increase the visibility of regional project.



**Picture 2 The Minister of Ecology and Natural Resources of Azerbaijan HE Huseyin Bagirov**



**Picture 3 Şakir İsmailov Head of Department Department of Forestry Development**



**Picture 4 FAO Azerbaijan Office**

### **Visiting to FAO Office**

After the Minister, the Head of Forestry Department and FAO Azerbaijan Country Office visited. During visit to FAO Office the RC met with Ms. Tarana Bashirova Assistant Representative of FAO and other officials.

During this visit, together with the project, its implementation, special emphasizes given to Draft Azerbaijan National Forestry Programme prepared by FAO.

Draft National Forestry Program (NFP) of Azerbaijan has been prepared for a 15 year period that covers the years from 2015 up to 2030. The preparation works started in 2012 and completed at the end of 2013. Apart from the state forestry service, it also refers a wide perspective of different stakeholders including public institutions, academia, national and international expertise, NGOs on the management of country's forest resources with the line of FAO-financed TCP project (TCP/AZE/3303).

More information could be found at the following link about National Forestry Programme of Azerbaijan.

- <http://www.fao.org/forestry/82979/en/>
- <http://www.fao.org/forestry/39774-0e03f4576d53ec8aeeba6da1d02f63922.pdf>
- <http://www.fao.org/forestry/39774-0e03f4576d53ec8aeeba6da1d02f63922.pdf>

23 July 2014 Wednesday

At the Second Day of the Mission, 22<sup>nd</sup> of July some area designated by the Minister, HE Huseyin Bagirov visited. During this visit Mr. Rahim İbrahimov ([iragim\\_forest@mail.ru](mailto:iragim_forest@mail.ru)), the Sector Head for Forestry Nurseries accompanied.

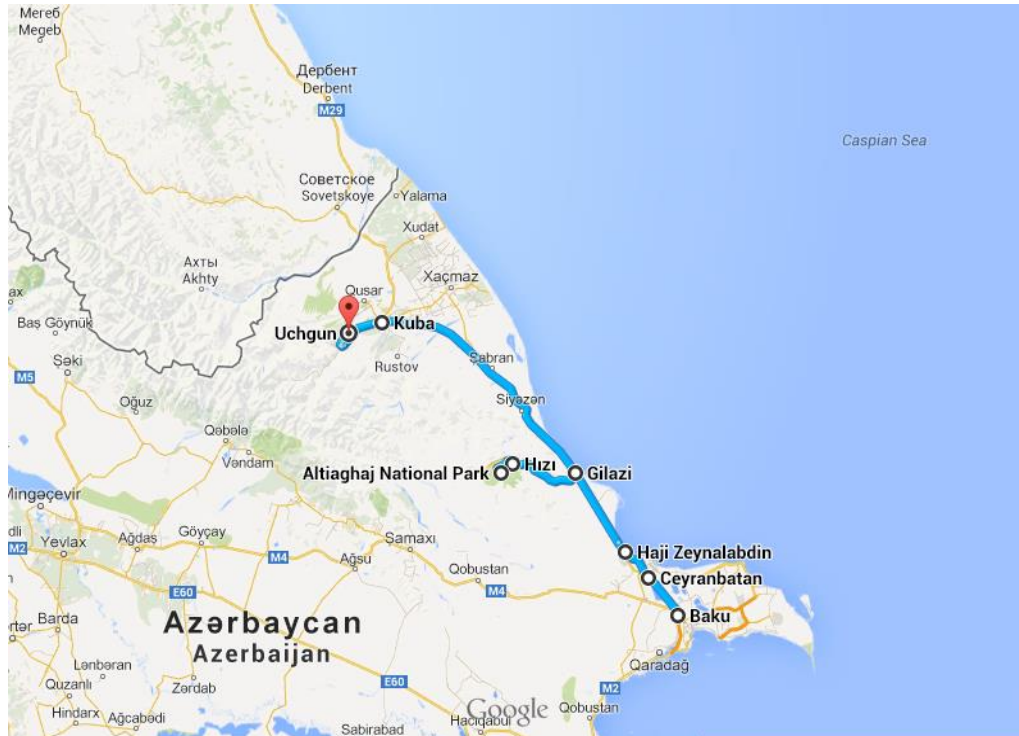


Figure 1 Field Trip Route

### Ceyranbatar Water Reservoir

As the First Stop, the Ceyranbatar Water Reservoir<sup>1</sup> visited. **Jeyranbatan reservoir** (Azerbaijani: *Ceyranbatan su anbarı*) is a reservoir in the Absheron Rayon in eastern part of Azerbaijan.

<sup>1</sup> [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jeyranbatan\\_reservoir](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jeyranbatan_reservoir)

It is located between [Baku](#) and [Sumgayit](#) cities, next to [Ceyranbatan](#) settlement 20 km away from Baku. In [Azerbaijani](#) Jeyranbatan means "the place where the [gazelle](#) has drowned" which refers to an ancient legend related to the naming of city of Sumgait.

The reservoir was built in 1958 in order to provide drinking water to increasing population of Baku and Sumgayit. The reservoir gets the water from [Samur-Absheron channel](#) which is fed by **three inflowing rivers Samurçay, Vəlvələçay and Qudiyalçay**. Due to containment of drinking water, a sanitary protection zone was founded around the reservoir in 1960. In 2001, the first sanitary zone was expanded and fenced off for protection of the reservoir lake. The project also included [foresteing](#) and cleaning of water channels in order to improve the ecology of the lake.

This water reservoir is under responsibility of the The Ministry of Emergency Situations of the Republic of Azerbaijan. <http://www.fhn.gov.az/?eng/menu/5>. The Ministry of Emergency Situations of the Republic of Azerbaijan is a central executive body responsible for the following areas:

- civil defense;
- **protection of the population from natural** (geophysical, geological, meteorological, hydrological, maritime hydrological contingencies, natural fires, etc.) and man-made (arsons, explosions, collapse of buildings and constructions, chemical, biological and radiological hazards, accidents in electric power supply system, vital utilities, waste treatment facilities, **breakdowns in hydrodynamic installations**, oil and gas production units, main pipelines, transportation and traffic accidents, etc.) disasters:
- prevention of emergency situations and elimination of their consequences;
- fire security **including forest fires**
- **safety of people in water basins**;- security of smaller vessels' operations;- technical safety in industry and mountain-mine works
- safety in construction;- drafting of government policy and regulations on the state material reserves funds;- management, coordination and supervision on the areas mentioned above;- protection of strategic facilities, objects and installations in cases of imminence/occurrence of an emergency situations

## Azerbaijan Greenery and Landscape System” Public Corporation No:6

As the second stop of the mission, Azerbaijan Greenery and Landscape System<sup>2</sup>” Public Corporation No:6 area visited.



**Picture 5 Azerbaijan Greenery and Landscape System ” Public Corporation No:6**

“Azerbaijan Greenery and Landscape System” Public Corporation was established under the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources with the purpose of implementation of services in the greenery sphere, as well as conduction of other works on establishment, cultivation, rehabilitation, extension of greeneries, and development of appropriate infrastructures in accordance with the decree “on improvement measures of management of greeneries establishment in the Republic of Azerbaijan of the President of the country dated June 13, 2008, with the purpose of perfection of management system providing durable development of greenery establishment, rehabilitation, and tillage sphere in the soils of non-forest foundation, as well as in the guarding strips of highways in the Republic of Azerbaijan.

The charter of the Public Corporation was confirmed with the ordinance № 77 of Cabinet of Ministers dated May 6, 2009, and it began to function since July 1, 2009. The following 8

---

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.eco.gov.az/en/azeryasland-melumat.php>

greenery administrations were founded attached to the Public Corporation with the purpose of implementation of aftercare services to greeneries in various areas:

- The official territory of Greenery Administration № 1 scopes Atbulag-Hajigabul part of Baku-Gazakh highway.
- The official territory of Greenery Administration № 2 scopes the highway surroundings of Zig- International Airport named after Heydar Aliyev.
- The official territory of Greenery Administration № 3 scopes the highway surroundings of Sabunchu district- International Airport named after Heydar Aliyev.
- The official territory of Greenery Administration № 4 scopes Alat-Salyan part of Baku-Astara highway.
- The official territory of Greenery Administration № 5 scopes Pirakashkul-Chayli village surroundings of Baku-Shamakhi highway.
- The official territory of Greenery Administration № 6 scopes the part between Z.Tagiyev-Zarat settlements of Baku-Guba highway.
- The official territory of Greenery Administration № 7 scopes Bayil slope.
- The official territory of Greenery Administration № 7 scopes Alat-Atbulag part of Baku-Gazakh highway.

Currently the Public Corporation implements greenery establishment and aftercare works in plots of lands of non-forest foundation, as well as in protection strips of highways in the Republic of Azerbaijan.



## Gilazi Regional Forestry Department's Nursery



**Picture 6 Gilazi Regional Forestry Department's Nursery**

As the second stop, Gilazi Regional Forestry Department's Nursery visited. This nursery is small scale and workers explained that there are two main problems which are "shortage of water and low revenue for the workers"

According to the information provided by the workers, the annual production capacity is nearly 150.000. There are no modern facilities for watering. Main source is "river water". Because of dry season recently they were watering with tankers. Gilazi region is a part of Xızı Rayon.





**Picture 7 Watering tank for nursery**

### **Azerbaijan Amelioration and Water Farm Joint Stock Company**

During this field trip, Xızı Watering Administration has been visited which is a part of “Azerbaijan Amelioration and Water Farm Open Joint Stock Company (OJSC)” (Azərbaycan Meliorasiya və su təsərrüfatı Açıq Səhmdar Cəmiyyəti )

OJSC is one of the main institutes responsible for watering and sanitization. The President of this organization is being appointed by the President of Azerbaijan. The official web page is

<http://www.mst.gov.az>

The main unit based on Baku and it has regional/sub regional offices throughout the country.



Picture 8 Azerbaijan Amelioration and Water Farm Joint Stock Company

### Altyaghach National Park

**Altyaghach National Park** (Azerbaijani: *Altıağac Milli Parkı*) — is a national park of Azerbaijan. It was established by the decree of the President of Azerbaijan Ilham Aliyev, on an area of 11,035 hectares (110.35 km<sup>2</sup>) in the Khizi Rayon and Siazan Rayon administrative districts on August 31, 2004<sup>3</sup>.

The area of Altyaghach is 90.5% covered by temperate deciduous broadleaved forests. The major types of trees are Persian Ironwood (*Parrotia persica*), Caucasian Oak (*Quercus macranthera*), Caucasian Ash (*Fraxinus angustifolia* subsp. *oxycarpa*), European Hornbeam (*Carpinus betulus*), Oriental Hornbeam (*Carpinus orientalis*), Oriental Beech (*Fagus orientalis*), Silver Birch (*Betula pendula*), White Birch (*Betula pubescens*), etc. Shrub species occurring in the area include Various-Leaved Hawthorn (*Crataegus heterophylla*), Dog Rose (*Rosa canina*), Blackberry (*Rubus fruticosus*), etc.

The national park is home to the rare East Caucasian tur (*Capra cylindricornis*), a mountain dwelling goat antelope found only in the eastern half of the Caucasus Mountains.<sup>[1]</sup> Other large mammals found here are the lynx (*Lynx lynx*), brown bear (*Ursus arctos*), wild boar (*Sus scrofa*),

<sup>3</sup> [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Altyaghach\\_National\\_Park](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Altyaghach_National_Park)

wolf (*Canis lupus*), golden jackal (*Canis aureus*), jungle cat (*Felis chaus*), red fox (*Vulpes vulpes*), roe deer (*Capreolus capreolus*), badger (*Meles meles*), and otter (*Lutra lutra*), etc.



Picture 9 The Road of National Park



Picture 10 General View of National Park



Picture 11 Border



Picture 12 Watershed

### Quba Regional Nursery

According to the information provided by officials, there are 6 six nurseries attached to the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources. These nurseries are relatively bigger. Besides these bigger ones, there are 35 small scale nurseries operates under the regional forestry departments.



Quba Regional Nursery is one of the bigger ones. The Minister of Ecology and Natural Resources HE Huseyin Bagirov wants from Delegation to visit this nursery and expressed his ambitious to rehabilitee with a modern sytle.



Picture 13 The Entrance Building of Quba Regional Nursery



Picture 14 Workers of Quba Nursery

### Şahdağ National Park

**Shahdag National Park** (Azerbaijani: *Şahdağ Milli Parkı*) — is a national park of Azerbaijan. It was established on an area of 130.000 hectares (1,159 km<sup>2</sup>) in the Quba Rayon, Qusar Rayon, İsmayıllı Rayon, Qəbələ Rayon, Oğuz Rayon and Şamaxı Rayon administrative districts on December 8, 2006.

It is located in northern Azerbaijan, close to the border with Russia at the Greater Caucasus Mountains. Mount Bazardüzü, the highest mountain of Azerbaijan is located in Shadag National

Park. The Shahdag National Park is the largest national park not only Azerbaijan but in the whole **Caucasus**. The World Bank has allocated a \$17 million loan and \$8 million grant for the national park's creation, while the government of **Japan** has provided \$8 million as a grant for the project implementation<sup>4</sup>.

The Governing body for this National Park is the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Azerbaijan. The responsible unit is **“Department of Protection of Biodiversity and Development of Especially Protected Nature Reserves”**

Currently there are eight national parks, eleven State Nature Reserve and twenty four **State Nature Sanctuaries** in Azerbaijan<sup>5</sup>.

### **Quba Regional Forestry Department**

During this field trip, the regional forestry department of Quba has been visited. The Forest Development Department is under the Ministry and has regional departments.

For the past 200 years the forest area has become twice as less. In 8-9th century the present area of Azerbaijan was covered with 35 percent of forests. At present forests of Azerbaijan constitute 989,4 thousand ha or 11% of the territory<sup>6</sup>.

49 percent falls in the share of the Great Caucasus region, 34 percent belongs to the Lesser Caucasus region, 15 percent pertains to the Kura-Araz lowland, 0,5 percent or 6 thousand ha refers to Nakhichevan Autonomic Republic. The forest density ratio in Azerbaijan is 0,12 ha per capita. It should be pointed out that 261 thousand ha of forest area refer to the territory which has been occupied by Armenia. Northern-eastern slopes of the mountain chain of the Great Caucasus are deemed to be vast forest areas of Azerbaijan. These forests start from the Azerbaijanian territory and stretch up to the border of Dagestan. In northern eastern part of

---

<sup>4</sup> [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shahdag\\_National\\_Park](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shahdag_National_Park)

<sup>5</sup> <http://www.eco.gov.az/en/b-xm-tb.php>

<sup>6</sup> <http://www.eco.gov.az/en/m-meshe.php>

Azerbaijan forest encompasses the administrative regions of Guba, Gusar, Davachi, Siyazan and Khizi towards southwest.

From the Khizi region towards southwest forest tracts gradually decline and are completely replaced by drought areas. In the macro slope of the Great Caucasus within the territory of the Shamakhi region forest tracts emerge again and form continuous cover along the slopes up to the border of the Republic of Georgia. Here forests mainly cover the area pertaining to the mountainous part of the Ismailly, Gabala, Oghuz, Shaki, Gakh, Zagatala and Balakan regions. The forest tract stretches uninterruptedly by the southern slope towards west up to the border of Georgia.



Figure 2 the Structure of Forestry Department

24 July 2014 Thursday

### Meeting with the Undersecretary



Picture 15 Rovshan Adil oglu Jailov Undersecretary-Head of Administration

### Final Meeting with the Officials

At the final day of the mission, a wrap-up together with relevant official a closing meeting was held in order to evaluate all details. The following people joined that meeting.

| No | Name-Surname         | Title                                     | Email  |
|----|----------------------|---|--|
| 1  | Rasim Sattar-zada    | Head of Division                          | rsattarzade@azdata.net   |
| 2  | Aytan Yusifova       | Lead Adviser- Project Country Focal Point | a_yusifova@yahoo.com   |
| 3  | Sadig Salmanov       | Head of Sector                            |  |
| 4  | Rahim İbrahimov      | Head of Sector                            | <a href="mailto:iragim_forest@mail.ru">iragim_forest@mail.ru</a> |
| 5  | Ogtay Caferov        | UNCDD Focal Point                         | <a href="mailto:o.djfarov@mail.ru">o.djfarov@mail.ru</a>         |
| 6  | Rashad Allahverdiyev | Director of Division                      | <a href="mailto:az.mineco@gmail.com">az.mineco@gmail.com</a>     |
| 7  | Mamed Hidayetov      | Chief Engineer                            |  |





**Picture 16 Closing Meeting**

After this closing meeting a report submitted to the Minister directly.

### **Visit to TIKA**

Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency is one the partners of this project. The Country Coordinator was not in Baku so the delegation met with the Assistant Country Coordinator Mr. İsmail Gürlek and gave detailed information about the project, watershed management.



**Picture 17 İsmail Gürlek Assistant Country Coordinator of TIKA**



### Visit to Turkish Embassy

One of the main duties of the Consultant is to give information about the project and watershed management to High Level Decision Makers and to increase political awareness. Establishing a network between the official among project countries official is also has priority.

To this end, the Ambassador to Baku of Turkey, HE Alper Coşkun has been visited. During this meeting he explained his satisfaction to the Mission and relevant document prepared. He also expressed Turkish willingness to cooperate with project countries.

He gave special emphasizes to have cooperation under the umbrella of The Cooperation Council of Turkic Speaking States- <http://www.mfa.gov.tr/turk-konseji-en.en.mfa> .

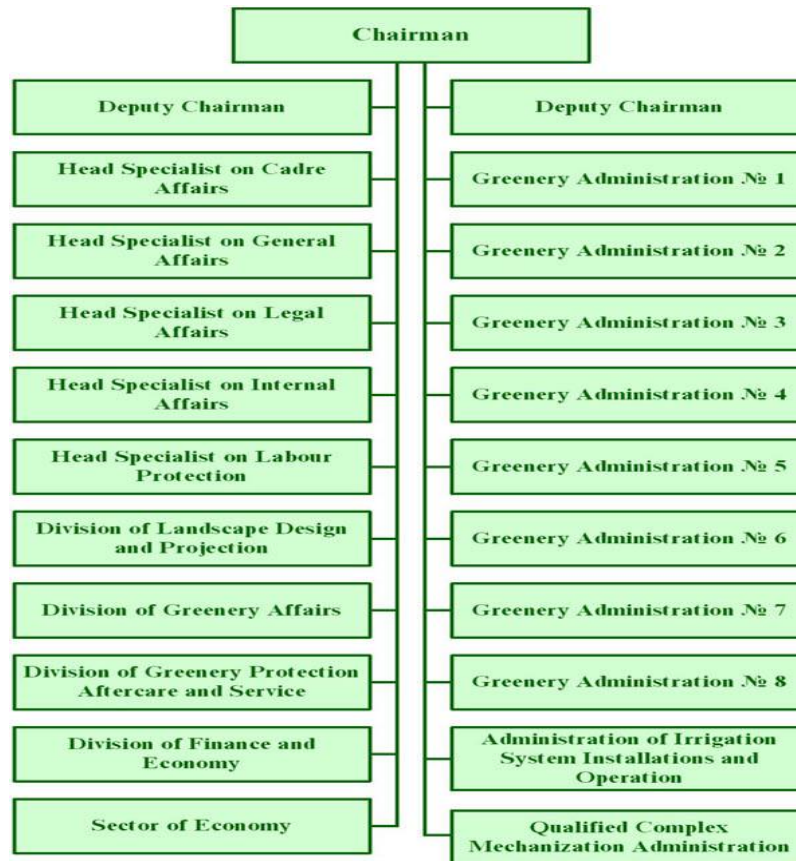


Picture 18 HE Alper Coşkun Ambassador Embassy of Turkey

## Azerbaijan Greenery and Landscape System” Public Corporation No:2

As the final stop of this mission, the delegation visited to Azerbaijan Greenery and Landscape System” Public Corporation No:2 together with Mr. Əşrəfov Ramik Yunis oğlu Head of Department Azerbaijan Greenery and Landscape System” Public Corporation<sup>7</sup>.

The structure of this instate showed below:



<sup>7</sup> <http://www.eco.gov.az/en/azeryasland-melumat.php>



**Picture 19 Azerbaijan Greenery and Landscape System” Public Corporation No:2**

## Findings and Recommendations

- During this mission, the Reporting Consultant met with the project partners including representatives of the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Azerbaijan as well the people from TIKA, Turkish Embassy, and increase the visibility of regional project by introducing some formulated leaflets and brochures. In this case, the Reporting Officer, together with the others, met with the following which are the responsible persons for the project. The full list of people met attached
  - Minister HE Huseyin Bagirov,
  - the Ambassador of Turkey to Baku HE Alper Coşkun,
  - TIKA Assistant Country Coordinator İsmail Gürlek (The Coordinator was not in Bakü)
  - FAO Assistant Representative Tarana Bashirova
- During this mission the reporting consultant visited some fields and meets with local authorities and discusses existing problems and difficulties that have been facing so far. The list of visited area attached as annex.
- According to the ToR, the TCDC Consultant for Awareness Creation and Training should;
- Establish **contacts for raising interest and commitment among the high level decision makers** to support testing and expansion of the holistic (integrated) participatory (collaborative) watershed management approach, integrating rehabilitation and livelihood works in the project countries.
  - *During this mission, the RC met with the Minister, Undersecretary and Head of Departments who are to be considered among the high level decision makers.*
  - *It was understood that, integrated participatory (collaborative) watershed management approach needs to be improved, needs to be discussed in Azerbaijan.*
  - *Most of the drinking water comes from watersheds and rivers like in the case of [Ceyranbatar Water Reservoir](#). The National Parks and Forest Funds are very important for water harvesting.*

- Provide suggestions and take initiatives for establishment useful and **sustainable communication networks among the key watershed agencies** of the project countries;
  - *In Azerbaijan there are several institutions, Ministries responsible for watershed management. They can be listed like below:*

| No | Institute  | Web Page  |
|----|--|---|
| 1  | Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources                      | <a href="http://www.eco.gov.az/">http://www.eco.gov.az/</a>   |
| 2  | Ministry of Agriculture  | <a href="http://www.agro.gov.az/">http://www.agro.gov.az/</a> |
| 3  | Ministry of Emergency Situations of the Republic of Azerbaijan | <a href="http://www.fhn.gov.az/">http://www.fhn.gov.az/</a>   |
| 4  | Azerbaijan Amelioration and Water Farm Joint Stock Company     | <a href="http://www.mst.gov.az">http://www.mst.gov.az</a>     |

- Assist the review of the institutional setup and mechanisms related to watershed management, **in particular public awareness and training development needs** in the project countries;
- *In this regard “TURKEY National Basin Management Strategy- NBMS” could be good example for public awareness. The NBMS (2014-2023) has been published at the Turkish Official Gazette at the date of 4th of July, 2014 with a High Planning Council Resolution. This Strategy Document is considered to be a good example for other Project countries. According to this Document; in Turkey, including the Prime Ministry, there are several Ministries involved the watershed management. These are;*
  - *Ministry of Forest and Water Affairs*
  - *Ministry of Food Agriculture and Livestock*
  - *Ministry of Environment and Settlement*
  - *Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources*
  - *Ministry of Culture and Tourism*
  - *Ministry of Interior*
  - *Ministry of National Education*
  - *Ministry of Health*

- *Ministry of Development*
- *Local Authorities*

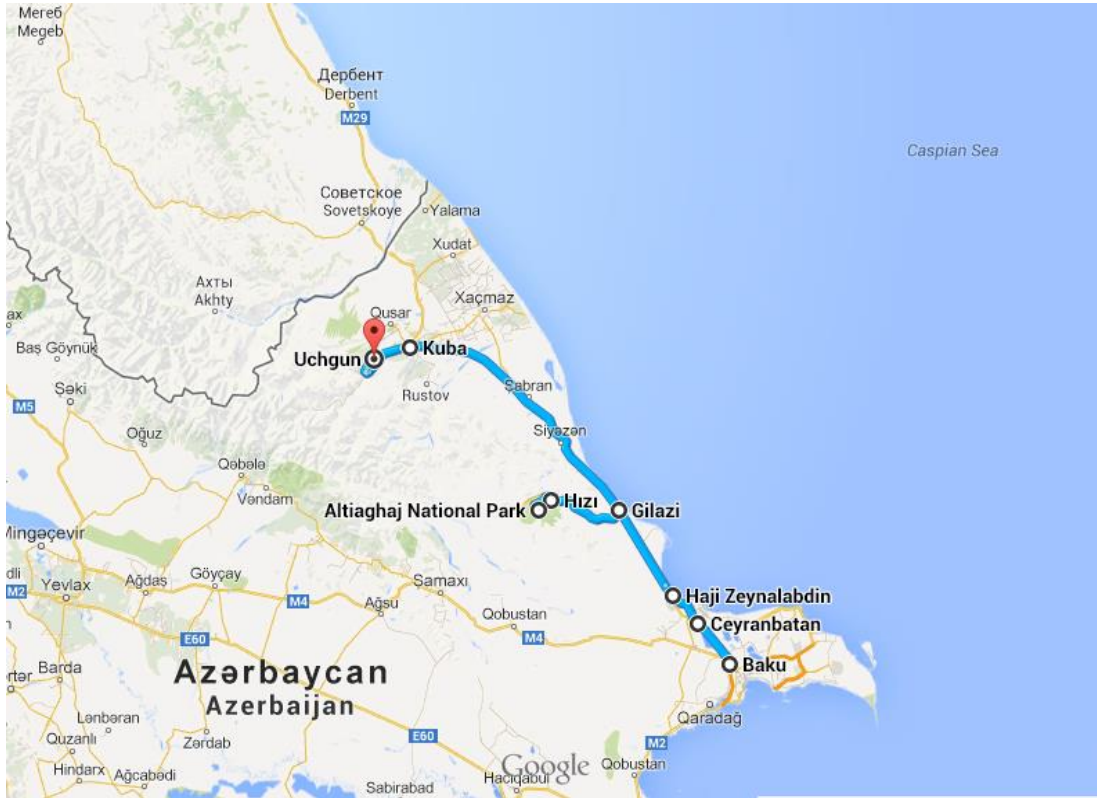
Together with *National Basin Management Strategy*, the Draft National Forestry Program (NFP) of Azerbaijan could be a good possibility for further. This draft program has been prepared for a 15 year period that covers the years from 2015 up to 2030. The preparation works started in 2012 and completed at the end of 2013. Apart from the state forestry service, it also refers a wide perspective of different stakeholders including public institutions, academia, national and international expertise, NGOs on the management of country's forest resources with the line of FAO-financed TCP project (TCP/AZE/3303). During this mission, the RC met with the Ministry as well with FAO Country Office in order to inform them about the program and its status.

## Annex 1 Mission Itinerary

| Date                      | Activity  | Overnight |
|---------------------------|---|-----------|
| 21 July 2014<br>Monday    | Arrival to Baku<br><br>06:30-07:35 Ankara-Istanbul TK<br><br>08:50-13:40 Istanbul-Baku  | Baku      |
| 22 July 2014<br>Tuesday   | Meeting with the Officials<br><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Minister of Ecology and Natural Resources of the Republic of Azerbaijan HE Huseyin Bagirov</li> <li>• FAO Azerbaijan Office</li> </ul> | Baku      |
| 23 July 2014<br>Wednesday | Field Visit   | Baku      |
| 24 July 2014<br>Thursday  | Wrap Up Meeting with the Officials<br><br>Visiting to TİKA<br><br>Visiting to Turkish Embassy   | Baku      |
| 25 July 2014<br>Friday    | Back to Turkey  |           |



## Annex 2: Field Trip 23 July 2014 Wednesday



1. Ceyranpinar Water Reservoir
2. Azerbaijan Greenery and Landscape System” Public Corporation No:6
3. Gilazi Regional Forestry Department’s Nursery
4. Altiğaç National Park
5. Quba Regional Nursery
6. Şahdağ National Park
7. Quba Regional Forestry Department
8. Azerbaijan Greenery and Landscape System” Public Corporation No:2



### Annex 3: Persons Met

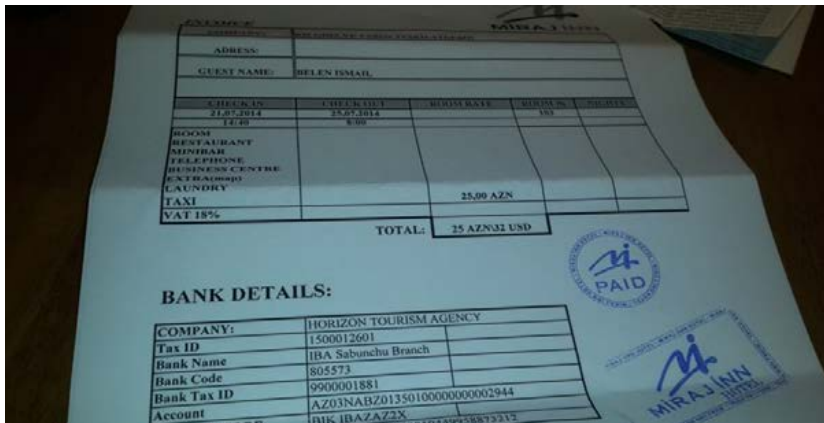
| N o | Name-Surname             | Title                                    | Institute  | Email   | Web Page  |
|-----|--------------------------|--|--|---|---|
| 1   | Huseyngulu Baghirov      | Minister                                 | Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources                    | <a href="mailto:ekologiya.nazirliyi@gmail.com">ekologiya.nazirliyi@gmail.com</a>          | <a href="http://www.eco.gov.az/en/n-rehberlik.php">http://www.eco.gov.az/en/n-rehberlik.php</a>                 |
| 2   | Rovshan Adil oglu Jailov | Undersecretary -Head of Administration   | Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources                    |   |   |
| 3   | Alper Coşkun             | Ambassador                               | Embassy of Turkey  |   | <a href="http://www.baku.be.mfa.gov.tr/">http://www.baku.be.mfa.gov.tr/</a>                                     |
| 4   | İsmail Gürlek            | Assistant Country Coordinator            | TIKA Baku Office   | <a href="mailto:i.gurlek@tika.gov.tr">i.gurlek@tika.gov.tr</a>                            |   |
| 5   | Tarana Bashirova         | Assistant Representative                 | FAO  | Tarana.bashirova@fao.org  |   |
| 6   | Şakir İsmailov           | Head of Department                       | Department of Forestry Development                           | <a href="http://www.eco.gov.az/mese-rehber.php">http://www.eco.gov.az/mese-rehber.php</a> | <a href="http://www.eco.gov.az/en/meshe-struktur.php">http://www.eco.gov.az/en/meshe-struktur.php</a>           |
| 7   | Əşrəfov Ramik Yunis oğlu | Head of Department                       | Azerbaijan Greenery and Landscape System” Public Corporation |   | <a href="http://www.eco.gov.az/n-rehberlik8.php">http://www.eco.gov.az/n-rehberlik8.php</a>                     |
| 8   | Rasim Sattar-zada        | Head of Division                         | Environmental Policy Division                                | <a href="mailto:rsattarzade@azdata.net">rsattarzade@azdata.net</a>                        | <a href="http://www.eco.gov.az/en/es-esasistiqametler.php">http://www.eco.gov.az/en/es-esasistiqametler.php</a> |
| 9   | Emin Qarabağlı           | Head of Division                         | International Cooperation Division                           | <a href="mailto:Emin.garabaghi@gmail.com">Emin.garabaghi@gmail.com</a>                    | <a href="http://www.eco.gov.az/en/b-ikiterefli.php">http://www.eco.gov.az/en/b-ikiterefli.php</a>               |
| 10  | Aytan Yusifova           | Lead Adviser-Project Country Focal Point | Division of Ecology and Nature Protection Policy             |   |   |
| 11  | H. Tansu Tuna            | Third Secretary                          | Embassy of Turkey  | <a href="mailto:tansu.tuna@mfa.gov.tr">tansu.tuna@mfa.gov.tr</a>                          |   |
| 12  | Sadig Salmanov           | Head of Sector                           | Department of Forestry                                       |   |   |

|    |                        |                                    |   |   |   |
|----|------------------------|------------------------------------|---|---|---|
|    |                        |                                    | Development   |   |   |
| 13 | Rahim İbrahimov        | Head of Sector                     | Department of Forestry Development  | <a href="mailto:iragim_forest@mail.ru">iragim_forest@mail.ru</a>                              |   |
| 14 | Dergah Rüstemov        | Director of No 6                   | Azerbaijan Greenery and Landscape System” Public Corporation                                    |   |   |
| 15 | Azer Yalmanov          | Gilazi Nursery                     | Department of Forestry Development  |   |   |
| 16 | Paşa Memedov           | Director of Altiagaç National Park | Department of Protection of Biodiversity and Development of Especially Protected Natur Reserves | <a href="http://www.eco.gov.az/en/b-struktur.php">http://www.eco.gov.az/en/b-struktur.php</a> | <a href="http://www.eco.gov.az/en/milliparklar.php">http://www.eco.gov.az/en/milliparklar.php</a> |
| 17 | İsayer İlgar Eldoroğlu | Director                           | Quba Regional Forestry Nursery  |   |   |
| 18 | Farid Hakbarov         | Director                           | Quba Forestry Department  |   |   |
| 19 | Malik Hüseynov         | Forest Ranger                      | Quba Forestry Department  |   |   |
| 20 | Ogtay Caferov          | UNCDD Focal Point                  | Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources   | <a href="mailto:o.djfar@mail.ru">o.djfar@mail.ru</a>  |   |
| 21 | Rashad Allahverdiyev   | Director of Division               | Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources   | <a href="mailto:az.mineco@gmail.com">az.mineco@gmail.com</a>                                  |   |
| 22 | Mamed Hidayetov        | Chief Engineer                     | Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources   |   |   |
| 23 | Eskinaz Guliyeva       | Administrative Assistant           | FAO   | <a href="mailto:eskinaz.guliyeva@fao.org">eskinaz.guliyeva@fao.org</a>                        |   |
| 24 | Chinara Aliyeva        | Secretary                          | FAO   | <a href="mailto:chinara.aliyeva@fao.org">chinara.aliyeva@fao.org</a>                          |   |

## Annex 4 Boarding Cards and Invoices

In this part of mission report boarding cards and invoices attached.

The flight expenses covered by FAO. Travel expenses from home to Esenboğa Airport and back to home also provided by FAO. The RC paid hotel expenses in Baku (308 USD), taxi from Hotel to Baku Airport (32 USD) and fee for exit to abroad (8 USD)



## Thanks

As the final words of this mission report, I would like to thank to;

- Mr. Hanifi Avcı, Director General of Combating Desertification and Erosion.
- FAOSEC Coordinator Mustapha Sinaceur
- FAO SEC Forestry Officer Mr. Ekrem Yazıcı
- JPO İbrahim Yamaç
- Administrative Officer Yasin Tamer
- Project Regional Coordinator Erdoğan Özevren
- Bayram Hopur accompanied me during this mission.
- HE Huseyin Bagirov, Minister and his colleagues
- Ms. Ayten Yusifova, Project Country Focal Point
- HE Alper Coşkun, the Ambassador to Baku of Turkey,
- Mr. İsmail Gürlek, the Assistant Country Coordinator
- Ms. Tarana Bashirova, Assistant Representative of FAO
- Rahim İbrahimov Head of Sector, Department of Forestry Development
- Other TCDC Consultants whom I am delightfull to work with them namely Muzaffer Doğru and Mevlüt Düzgün.

2 August 2014- Saturday