VANISHING TREASURES

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GOAL:
- Highlight the importance/need of adaptation to climate change in the biodiversity sector
- Exchange experience on climate change adaptation of wildlife from existing projects and initiatives

FORMAT:
- Experts’ flash talks on wildlife conservation in the light of climate change followed by interactive discussions involving experts and practitioners from Central Asia and East Africa Region as well as other mountain regions (e.g. Carpathian mountains).
VANISHING TREASURES – SIDE EVENT
Monday, 26 November 2018

SPEAKERS:

- Maria Patek (Federal Ministry for Sustainability and Tourism, Republic of Austria) highlighted the findings of the Mountain Adaptation Outlooks of UN Environment including that adaptation to climate change in the biodiversity sector still remains a gap.

- Chyngyz Kochorov (Secretariat of the Global Snow Leopard and Ecosystem Protection Program (GSLEP)) and Mr. Aggrey Watsiba (Executive Committee of the Great Ape Survival Partnership (GRASP)) explained how climate change threatens mountain species such as the snow leopard in Central Asia and mountain gorilla in East Africa (Virunga region).

- Ján Kadlečík (State Nature Conservancy of the Slovak Republic) presented green infrastructure as a relevant tool to help species to adapt to climate change.

- Official international kick-off of the new “VANISHING TREASURES” Flagship Programme of UN Environment presented by Eric Schauls (Ministry of Sustainable Development and Infrastructure, Grand Duchy of Luxembourg) and Matthias Jurek (UN Environment).
Vanishing Treasures
PROTECTING ENDANGERED MOUNTAIN SPECIES
The Project
DESIRED LONG-TERM IMPACT

Increased climate change adaptation of both wildlife/biodiversity & people and greater conservation of biodiversity by contributing to

- Adaptive capacity of mountain ecosystems
  - Maintenance of related ecosystem services under climate change

- Protection of mountain flagship species
  - Contribution of species to ecosystem functioning

- Alternative livelihoods
  - Promotion of alternative livelihoods to local mountain communities
Ecosystem-based adaptation to climate change and climate smart wildlife conservation integrated into planning and policy processes of developing countries with fragile mountain ecosystems based on successful pilot demonstration.
THANK YOU

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