



VANISHING TREASURES

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VANISHING TREASURES – SIDE EVENT, Monday, 26 November 2018

CBD COP 14 Theme: Biodiversity and climate change

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).



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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



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AT A GLANCE

3 TARGET COUNTRIES/REGIONS



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



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OVERALL PROJECT OUTCOME

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



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