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Publications

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Projects

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Elaboration of the management plan for the Svaneti 2 – GE0000045 Emerald site. Supported by the Ministry of Environmental protection and Agriculture of Georgia. 2020

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Conference

Conservation and ecology of chamois in Georgia. Chamois International Congress. Majella National Park. Lama dei Peligni. Abruzzo, Central Italy. 17th-20th June 2014.

Convention of Migratory Species (CMS) Scientific Council Meeting. 2013. Bonn. Germany

ACCOBAMS Regional Meeting. Conservation Status of Black Sea Cetaceans. 2012. Istambul, Turkey.

Convention of Migratory Species (CMS) Scientific Council Meeting. 2010. Bergen. Norway

6 th World Congres on mountain ungulates and 5 th International Symposium on Mouflon. 2016. Nicosia. Cyprus.

Regional Workshop to Facilitate the Description of Ecologically or Biologically Significant Marine Areas (EBSAs) in the Black Sea and the Caspian Sea and Training Session on Ecologically or Biologically Significant Marine Areas. 24 Apr - 29 Apr., Baku, Azerbaijan. 2017

Establishing a regional monitoring system in Black Sea. Regional Online Workshop. 2020

IMMA (IMPORTANT MARINE MAMMAL AREAS) Regional Workshop. Black Sea, Turkish Straits System and Caspian Sea region. February, 2021 (Online).

The international cooperation

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Courses

Prey predator relationship (bachelor course)

Marin habitats (Msc course)

Wildlife research methods (MSc course)

Species conservation (MSc course)