

PROJECT INFORMATION

Community-based management of pasture land and wild animals in the mountain regions of Kyrgyzstan



Mountains in Kara Kujur valley,
Tien Shan

Source: NABU e.V.

Background

The project area is located in the Kara-Kujur valley in the Naryn region. The valley belongs to nine municipalities and is situated about 300 km southeast of the Kyrgyz capital Bishkek. The approximately 9,000 inhabitants derive their income exclusively from agriculture and pasture farming and are therefore particularly affected by climate change. The increasing exploitation of natural resources threatens the livelihoods of the population and leads to conflicts. These are based on structural problems of the pasture management system and the interrelation of pasture farming and nature conservation, as well as on perception and knowledge deficits.

Project details

As part of the project, three municipalities were supported in the preparation of an inter-municipal pasture management plan for three years. The areas covered by the plan correlate with the pastures effectively used by livestock farming and shepherds. The planning process was participatory and involved all relevant stakeholders in the region. Pastoralists were trained to self-assess the location and condition of their pastures. The assessment was done visually, according to the established methods of assessing pasture vegetation and degradation characteristics in Kyrgyzstan. Together with interested stakeholders, wildlife management was also introduced. For this purpose, two new wildlife conservation associations were established as part of the project. One wildlife conservation association successfully participated in a tender for the management of a wildlife conservation area in the Kara-Kujur valley and will manage the area for the next 15 years. The relevance of sustainable pasture management was discussed at a conference in light of the challenges of climate change.

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