

Comments by Germany on Kazakhstan: Kazak Steppe Conservation and Management

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Dear Ms. Barbut,

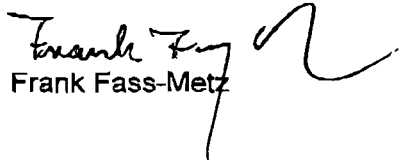
Germany agrees to the project proposal in general.  
But changes outlined below should be made during further planning steps and project implementation:

1. A lot more emphasis should be put on capacity building. Insufficient organizational structures and staffing standards are described as the key barriers. With the expansion of the protected areas system and the implementation of new types, e.g. wildlife corridors and seasonally managed areas, new skills and competencies for steppe management have to be developed.
2. Participation of the local population in the proposal is limited to the management of wildlife corridors and buffer zones and is to play a role during certain workshops at rayon level. Since increasing the capacities of local communities and of land use managers is an outspoken concern of the project, they should be involved in the management process from the inception workshop all the way through information and communication processes into a participatory monitoring of the project progress.

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3. The project should include a major component of information and education of local communities. Especially the local schools can be involved into an extended awareness and information strategy. Experience in other countries has shown that local communities can be effectively involved through schools and the provision of education material.

Best regards

  
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