



# **DEVELOPMENT OF LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION PLAN (LEAP) FOR THE TOWN OF KAPAN, SYUNIK ARMENIA**

Nune Harutyunyan,  
Regional Environmental Center for the  
Caucasus

Armenian Branch Office Director  
OSCE Yerevan Office, 17 March 2010

# About REC Caucasus



- Regional Environmental Centre for the Caucasus (REC Caucasus) is an independent, not-for-profit, non-advocacy organization registered in 2000, to work for environment and sustainable development in the Caucasus region.
- **Mission of the REC Caucasus** is building civil society through promotion of **public participation in the decision-making process, development of free exchange of information** and encouragement of cooperation at national and regional level among **NGOs, governments, businesses, local communities** and all other stakeholders.
- REC Caucasus assists the Caucasus states in **solving environmental problems** and **supports building democracy**.

# LEAP as a SUGGESTED METHODOLOGY



## WHAT IS LEAP?

LEAP is an integrated system of environmental planning and action

## WHO BENEFITS?

LEAP implies cooperation between all segments of the society, including authorities, business and civil sectors, benefitting the whole community

## WHAT DOES IT HELP TO SOLVE?

LEAP helps in identifying and addressing the environmental challenges faced by the community., as well fin appropriate solutions for them.



# Project Goal, Rationale and Relevance to CASE and ENVSEC Initiative

- **The goal** of this project is improvement of environmental management and practical application of environmental planning at the local level by means of public participation in environmental decision-making process and cross-sectoral cooperation.
- **Project rationale and relevance to CASE Country Strategy and ENVSEC Initiative**  
**In line with objectives:**
  - a. Increase of public and political awareness on the linkages between environment and security,
  - b. Demonstrates cooperation in the field of environment with government organizations, NGOs, private sector and international organizations.



# EXPECTED OUTPUTS

The main **outputs** of the Project are viewed as follows:

- Environmental conditions in the Kapan community are improved by implementing concrete strategies
- Public awareness of Kapan community on environmental issues is promoted
- Capacities of both local government and NGOs to manage and implement environmental programmes are strengthened
- Main environmental priorities are set and prioritized thorough direct public participation of local community members and LSG
- LEAP for the town of Kapan is produced.

# BUDGET



- Requested from CASE: **EUR 16 000**
- Contribution of Syunik LSG (Marzpetaran) - **EUR 715**
- Project duration – 8 months.



# REC CAUCASUS EXPERIENCE

- REC Caucasus has been the first organization to develop LEAP for the towns of South Caucasus region.
- In Armenia LEAPs were developed for the towns of **Ararat** (2003-2007), **Kajaran** (2007, contracted by UNDP) and **Vardenis** (2008-2009)
- Guidelines for LEAP implementation in South Caucasus were developed in 2009



# LEAPs





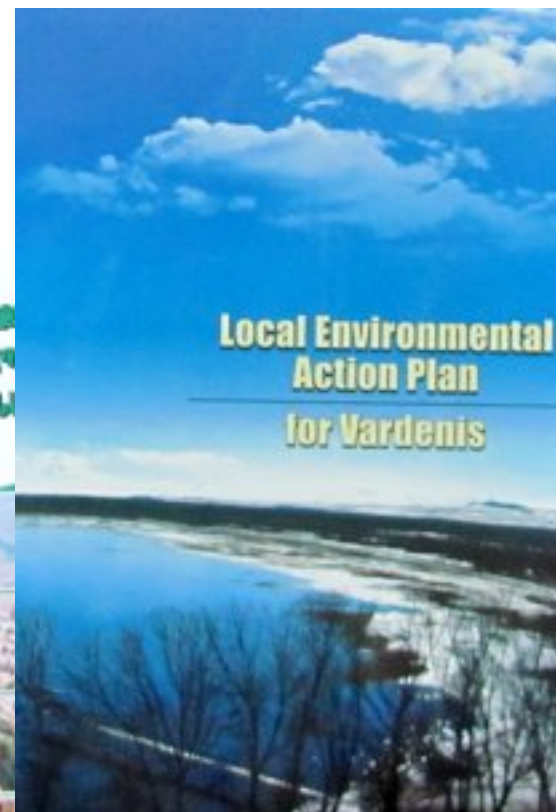
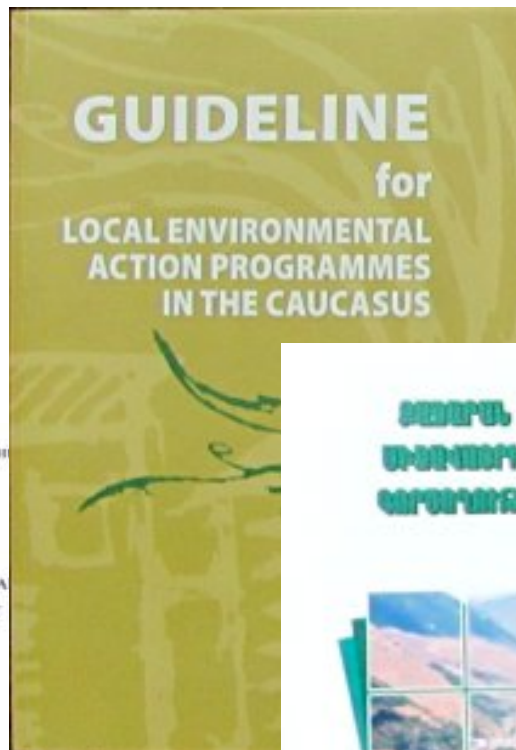


# PUBLICATIONS



“МЕСТНЫЙ ПЛАН ДЕЙСТВИЙ ПО ОХРАНЕ  
(МЦЛООС)”

ОТЧЕТ О СОСТОЯНИИ ОКРУЖА  
ГОРОДА АРАБАТ



**THANK YOU !**



**[www.rec-caucasus.org](http://www.rec-caucasus.org)**

**Our new website also available in  
Armenian**

**[www.rec-caucasus.am](http://www.rec-caucasus.am)**