



## Pasture Management Networking Platform in Tajikistan

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### Context

Degrading pastures are becoming an increasing threat to the rural livelihood, the economy of Tajikistan, and the globally important biodiversity and ecosystems, with restoration being nearly impossible and becoming more and more expensive. It is estimated that some level of land degradation currently affects almost all of the agricultural land in the country. Combating degradation processes and restoration of rangeland ecosystems are a priority for Tajikistan.

Government is paying an increasing attention to the problem of rangeland degradation. Still for the time being there is not enough clear vision of the rangeland sector's future and sustainable livestock management.

Many different projects and donor funded initiatives are continuously contributing to the identification of solutions and provide support. Up to date a number of pilot initiatives in Tajikistan have been able to show different locally-applicable approaches to sustainable natural resource use and pasture management. At the latest gathering of practitioners and experts devoted to pasture management, on Aug 28th, 2013 it was noted that there is weak and inconsistent organization of networking/ coordination and knowledge exchange among pasture related stakeholders, as well as lack of synergies in activities. Participants have expressed their interest and necessity to have an informal "Pasture Management Networking Platform".



Participants and guests of the Central Asian Practitioners' Conference on Advancement of Sustainable Pasture Management. Kyrgyzstan.

### Our objectives

The overall objective of the "Pasture Management Networking Platform" is to contribute to sustainable management of rangelands in Tajikistan that fosters rural economic development while restoring rangelands ecosystems.

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## Our measures

The objective will be pursued through national dialogue and knowledge exchange based on practical and on-the-ground experiences of the pasture management network members. All activities are conducted in the framework of the EU funded Project FLERMONECA, which is implemented by the regional GIZ programme for sustainable use of natural resources in Central Asia.

Following the kick-off workshop in December 2013 and based on common efforts by the members of the network numerous activities have been launched. For example, joint visits to Kyrgyzstan and within Tajikistan to study the best practices in the field of pasture management have been organized; public hearings of draft by-laws in different districts of Tajikistan have been conducted; a Model Charter for Pasture User Unions and the roadmap for the registration process are being elaborated and also a visual map showing all passed and ongoing projects in the field of pasture management in Tajikistan. Members of Pasture Network participate in international conferences and presentations of best practices. More than 90 persons from 20 organizations have been directly involved in activities of the network. About 400 persons have received information relevant and useful to their work such a documentation of good practices, fact sheets and policy notes on important aspects of pasture management, calendar for herders on pasture use planning & monitoring, newsletter.

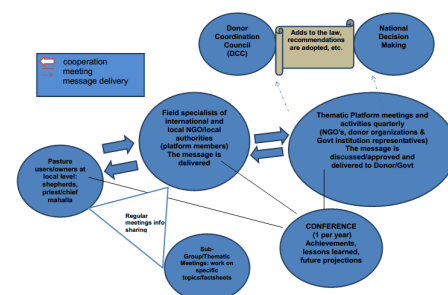
## Results up to date

Due to networking and knowledge sharing network members are increasingly enabled to master their tasks towards sustainable pasture management, irrespective of their position and relation to pasture management. The network is widely known and well situated in Tajikistan. Decision makers are increasingly approaching the network for information sharing purposes and joint discussions prior to decision taking.

Thus the platform will provide for continued and consistent exchange of knowledge and experiences and joint learning; for systematic and standardized identification and documentation of good practices and promotes dissemination; contributes to the development and implementation of pasture management policy in Tajikistan.



Exchange visits on pasture management to Kyrgyzstan.



Cooperation/Coordination/Information Delivery Scheme of the Pasture Management Platform.



Domestic animal flocks walking on a public road in Garm, Rasht district.

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