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NATURE CONSERVATION ACTIVITIES OF BEZOAR NGO

Areas of activity

Bezoar NGO was established in 2003.

Main objective - conservation activities, anti-poaching campaign



Areas of activity

In 2004 720 ha area was rented to support conservation activities



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In 2008 the rented area was extended to 1920 hectares



Assessment of biodiversity in the region

More than 24 scientific expeditions with participation of Armenian and foreign experts were organized at the site

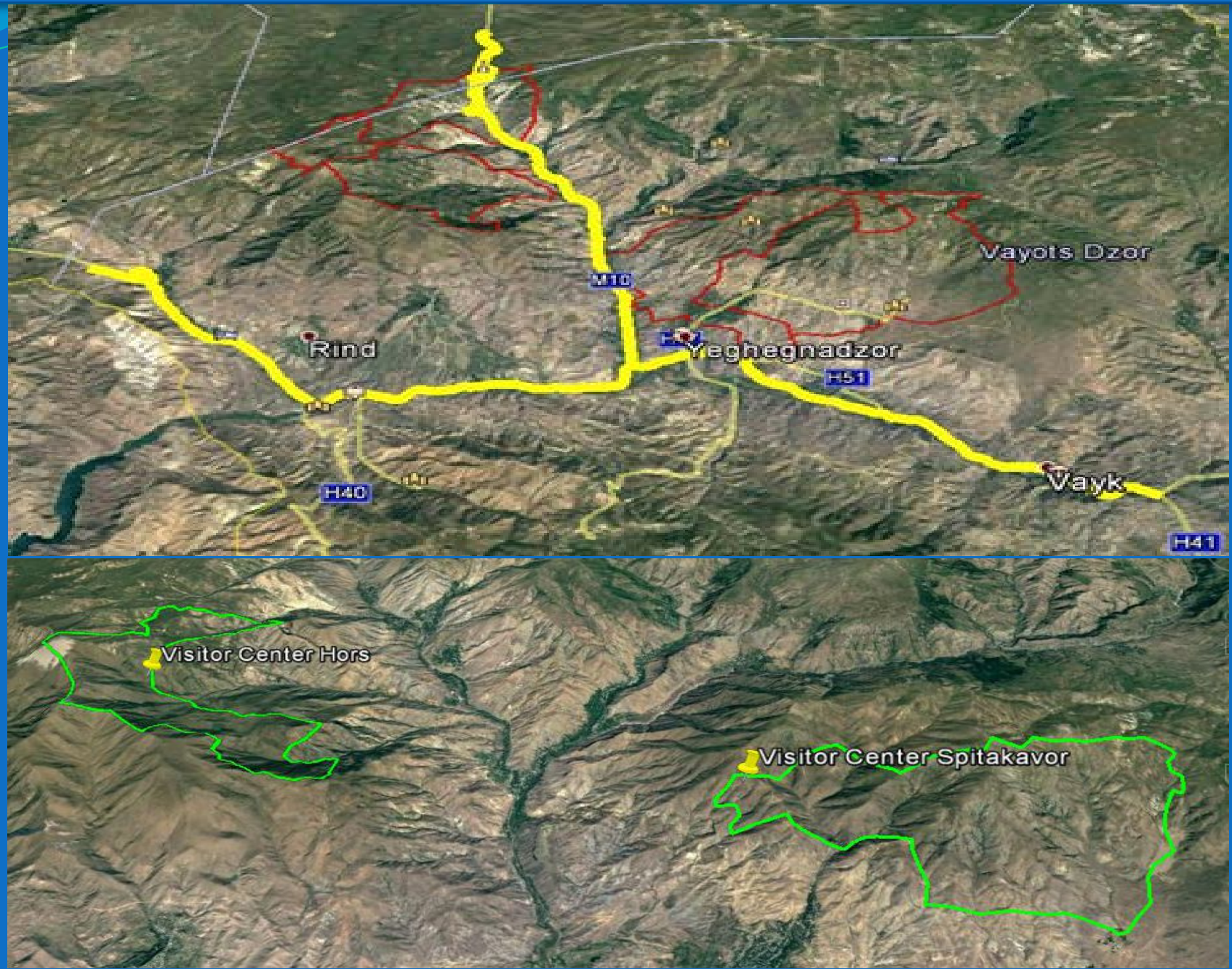


Assessment of biodiversity in the region

As a result, 14 species of reptiles, 45 species of birds and 23 species of mammals were recorded. Among them are 2 endangered species of vipers, Caspian snowcock, lynx, brown bear, bezoar goat, etc.



Strategically positioned for tourism development



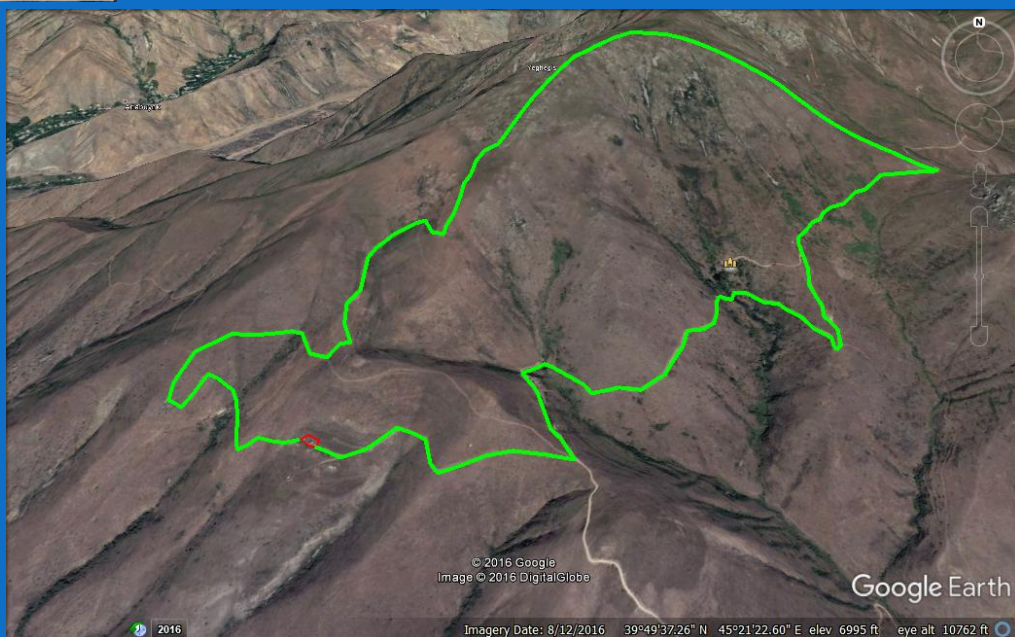
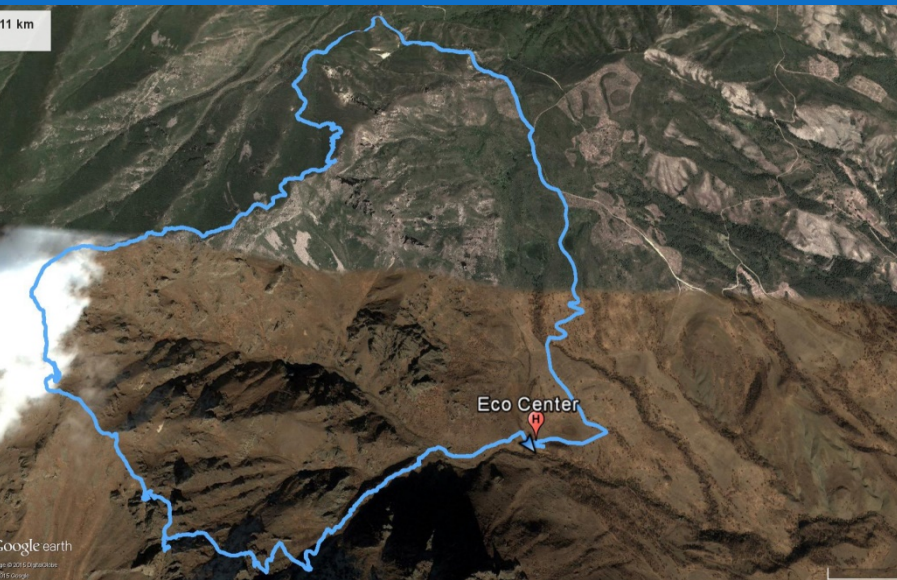
Construction of the guest house in Hors community



Community livelihood improvement



Established eco-tourist trails



Environmental Public Awareness



Patrolling community conservation area



Sustainability of results



Development of Eco-tourism infrastructure

- **Development and marking of trails (hiking, horse-back riding, off-road car driving). Marking of already developed trails;**
- **Establishing 3 camping and 5 bivouac sites;**
- **Ensuring comfortable stay in existing visitor centers: installing water heaters, PV systems;**
- **Establishing a new visitor center;**
- **Support for establishing new B&Bs with cultural/ ethnic elements (tonir, khnotsi) in Hors, Taratumb, Aghnjadzor, Gladzor and Vernashen communities;**

Establishment of cooperation and eco-tourism network

- **Signing cooperation agreement with other organizations located in the area and active in ecotourism business which can become part of an ecotourism infrastructure;**
- **Developing a database-driven common information system to include information about all ecotourism-related businesses available in Yeghegnadzor region;**
- **Development of a website with pricelist for services offered by Bezoar NGO and its partner organizations offering ecotourism services in the region.**

Environmental awareness

- **Raising awareness of local population on environmental issues, educational programs for children (especially school-age), exchange of good practices and lessons learned;**
- **Creation of new young naturalists' clubs and long term support of their works;**
- **Organization of seminars, workshops and festivals for villagers;**
- **Development of rural communities entrepreneurship.**

Thank you!



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