

**Create Conditions for Inhabitation of Birds on the Seashores of
Absheron Region
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Grant Budget: USD1,850

Objective of the project:

To improve the conditions for the development of bio-variety at the Caspian Seaside of Absheron region

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Background and Problem Statement

The Caspian Sea is under crisis situation for several years. The cause is that bio-variety has destroyed in the result of soiling with oil, harmful wastes that flow into the Sea by rivers and illegal hunting. Besides, as a result of soiling of Caspian Sea zones, increasing number of restaurants, lack of greenness and destruction of existing ones, it is prevented birds (especially, sea-gulls that considered as sea sanitarian) and animals (snakes, tortoises etc.) to settle in these areas. In addition to these listing causes, destruction of animal and bird nests by men, especially by children shows its negative effect to the growth of bio-variety in seashore.

These mentioned problems are mostly observed in Absheron peninsular because of high and seaside population. Inhabitation of birds and animals in this region is possible in the north part of the peninsular. And this is connected with the certain minority of population density, restaurants, hotels and beaches in the area. However, lack of greenness, destruction of animal and bird nests are more observed here. By mean of the actions to be held within this project that is intending to be carried out, as a result of formation of greenness in limited number in a certain areas, educating the local people and especially children about the bio-variety along seaside and its importance, the existing problems shall be eliminated partially.

Goals and Objectives

Educating people especially children about bio-variety on the seaside and its importance;

- Green plantings in some seaside areas of Absheron region;
- Increasing public awareness and participation to protect bio-variety in the Caspian seaside in partnership with municipalities and governmental bodies.

Implemented project activities:

On October 12, 2005, grant money was received and project realization began. Project staff was determined and works as per work plan started. The works were the followings:

- the booklet was prepared
- 1000 booklet published

- booklets distributed among the beneficiaries

Following to project staff was educated how to create volunteer groups which will be work in the project and held meetings in districts. The members of volunteer groups were the pupils of different schools, situated in the beneficiary regions. The trainings and meetings topics were the followings:

- To enlarge the enlightenment works in the beneficiary districts;
- To create new ideas according to the project;
- To enlarge the project set;
- To initiate these works in the communities;
- To inform the teens and pupils about the project aims and objectives.

Note that, the number of participants of volunteers groups are 91. Now, the first stage of the project is finished. Besides, the project staff and volunteer groups continue their enlightenment and other cooperation activities with the beneficiaries.

The duration of the project is extended to complete the few remaining activities.