

## Activity n.9

## Area COMMUNITIES WELL BEING

Activity code: AA3a

# Assess local sustainable natural resource use techniques and practices

### EXPECTED RESULT R3 Local-level natural resource management improved

This result will be achieved by an integration of "soft" - awareness rising and information - and "hard" - institutional development and best practices – activities. The definition of the result itself is to some degree dependent on the ongoing developments regarding the CKNP Management Plan, with regard to zoning and use-regulations and will be closely coordinated with this ongoing process. Lessons learned about implementation of park regulations and NRM management at the local level has been taken into account in order to render the activities most successful and to avoid known pitfalls. Furthermore, sensitization and awareness raising are being carried out in reference to an existing communication and outreach strategy and program for conservation-related issues.

Implementing partners: Ev-K2-CNR



Implementation Period - 24 Months

Focus area - CK

Budget - 2,075,657 PKR



## RESULTS:

A study of the customary laws in Gilgit Baltistan and CKNP Area for management of Natural Resources has been developed and its results constitutes an integral part of the CKNP Management Plan. Moreover from the outputs of the study has been possible to propose an Amendment in the draft 2011 Act, The Gilgit-Baltistan Wildlife (Protection, Preservation, Conservation and Management) – Article 16 – National Parks.



## Highlights

United Nations in its Universal Declaration (Agenda 21: Chapter 26) titled "Recognizing and Strengthening the Role of Indigenous People and their Communities" has called on Governments to recognize that the lands of indigenous people and their communities should be protected from activities that the indigenous people consider to be socially and culturally inappropriate through adoption or strengthening of appropriate policies and / or legal instruments at the national level (or intergovernmental organizations). Government of Pakistan being a signatory to this declaration has the moral responsibility to harmonize the customary laws (and rights of indigenous people) to evolve indigenous people friendly rules. This is often being advocated that the customary laws/practices, being adopted since long times by the local communities for the management of their resources in light of their sustained livelihoods, are reasonable alternatives to statutory laws for the protection of natural resources. It is further advocated that if such customary laws/practices are equally effective in protecting park resources, these may also be useful in promoting the management of a National Park?

In order to see if there is anything good in the existing customary laws/practices and if these are effective enough to be wholly or partially accepted as substitute for the statutory laws and park rules of CKNP, these were reviewed. These were further assessed to see their impacts on the conservation of natural resources and park's biodiversity. The findings are given in the detailed study produced under this activity

## CKNP

The Central Karakoram National Park (CKNP), in the Northern Area of Pakistan, was declared National Park in 1993. In 2014 the CKNP, thanks to the Seed Project, with official approval of the Management Plan by the Gilgit Baltistan Government, becomes fully operational. It is a mountain area covering over 10,000 km<sup>2</sup> that includes the world's largest glaciers, outside the Polar Regions. CKNP is the highest National Park all over the world encompassing four peaks over 8,000 m including K2 [www.ckn.org](http://www.ckn.org)



## Seed

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