



## Press release

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### **bp and the Agency of the protected areas start new phase of cooperation**

Head of the agency of the protected areas (APA), Davit Iosebashvili and Head of Country for bp in Georgia, Aytan Hajiyeva today signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) expressing their organisations' will to jointly select projects that support sustainable development of protected areas in Georgia.

'The Agency for the protected areas under the ministry of the Environment and agriculture of Georgia has ongoing cooperation with many local and international organizations, who are actively involved in and contribute to the development and conservation of biodiversity of the protected areas in Georgia. I want to highlight bp's support for the renovation of the Sataplia protected area in 2010-2011. The Sataplia nature reserve is one of the most popular ecotourism sites in Georgia. New infrastructure, a glass panoramic view, cave lighting, a conservation building for the dinosaur were arranged and the entire territory was renovated.' – said Davit Iosebashvili, the Head of the agency for the protected areas.

Aytan Hajiyeva, head of country for bp in Georgia, said: "I am pleased we are able to continue our partnership with the agency of the protected areas with the aim to conserve local biodiversity and improve sustainable development of the protected areas in Georgia. Sustainability is an integral part of bp's strategy, and we will work together sharing experiences and resources to better focus on the opportunities that increase ecotourism potential and bring benefits to the local people".

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