

Project Update: August 2012

We successfully conducted a survey in Central Armenia from 20th July to 12th August 2012. It was shorter than trips for the first grant but more intensive because we had no days off and didn't return to Erevan between surveying different areas. We visited the following areas and counted wild goats: Khachatzor branch of Khosrov NR (the only state-protected wildlife area during the whole trip) – 25 goats and two bears; Urts Range – seven goats (for the first time we saw there a female with a kid), Ardoikar Cliffs and Ekhegis Gorge – 142 goats, Noravank Canyon – 153 goats and three wolves, Jermuk Canyon – 29 goats, and finally Ak-Kilisa Valley – 37 goats. We also spotted 10 mouflons in a small valley near Nakhichevan border from they had not been seen since the 1990s.

In Noravank we again saw a hornless male. We clearly witnessed an increase in Noravank and Jermuk which we had visited several years before.



