

Project Update: August 2017

On the first stage of the project in August during the 4 days we have visited the places which we have noticed as the place where *Triticum timopheevii* has been originated and spread.

On the appointed territory we couldn't find any individuals of *T. timopheevii*. Places where *T. timopheevii* was placed before is occupied by other culture or is covered with bushes or used as pasture. We have taken pictures and took the coordinates on the place where could be *T. timopheevii*. We have marked all points on the map and with photo materials gave it to the representative of IUCN.

On the first stage of the project in chosen villages we have met local population and talked about the importance of *T. timopheevii*. Local peasants were interested to plant and reproduce the seed of *T. timopheevii*. Collaboration with peasants for research sites we have chosen the optimal personal plots.



Left: Area where was spread *T. timopheevii* (Village Lailashi in Lechkhumi). Right: Area where was spread *T. timopheevii* (Agricultural landscape – Village Sadmeli in Racha).



Left: Here was plot of *T. timopheevii* (Pasture - Village Orbeli in Lechkhumi). Right: Agricultural landscape with landslide .There was spread *T. timopheevii* (Village Khvanchkara in Racha).



Left: Taking GPS coordinates near village Lailashi (Lechkhumi). Right: Near village Lailashi in Lechkhumi (Searching of *T. timopheevii*).



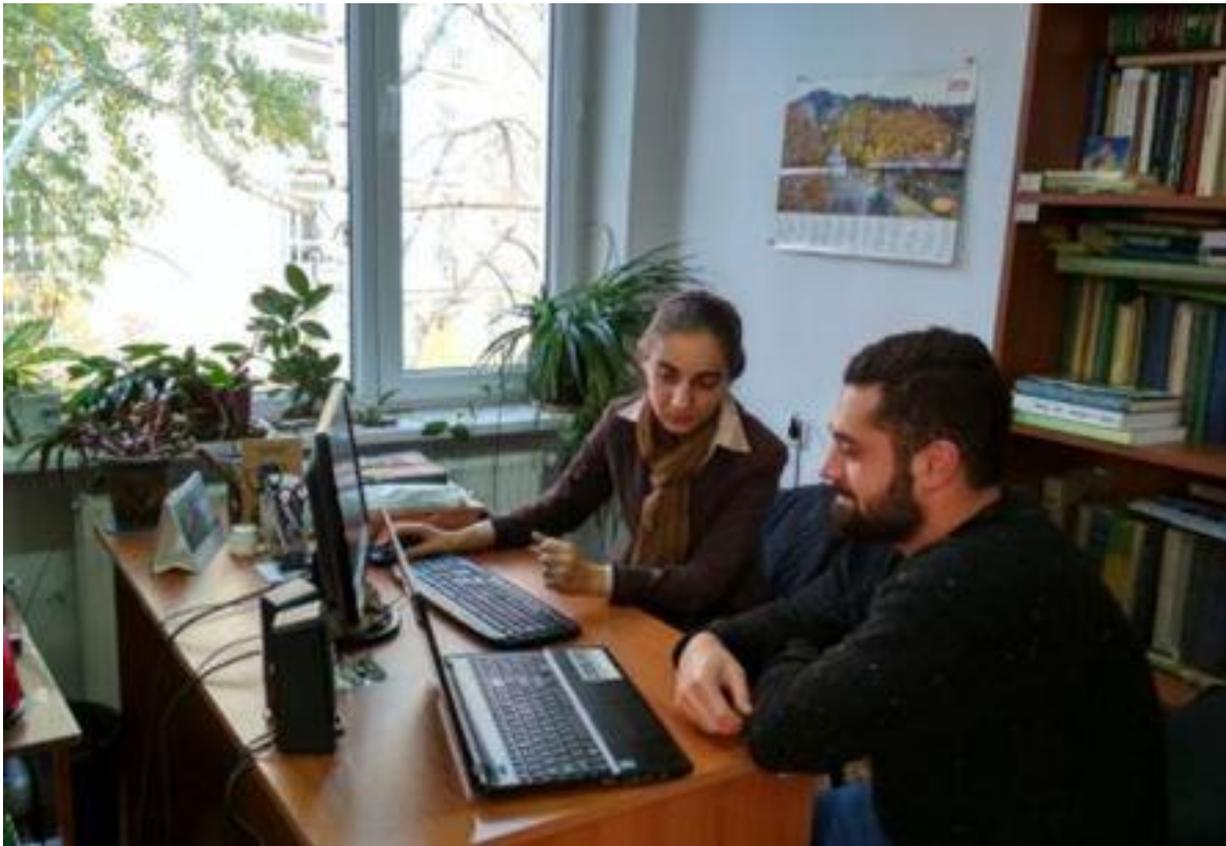
Left: Meeting with local people (Village Orbeli in Lechkhumi). Right: Meeting in peasant family (Village Sadmeli in Racha).



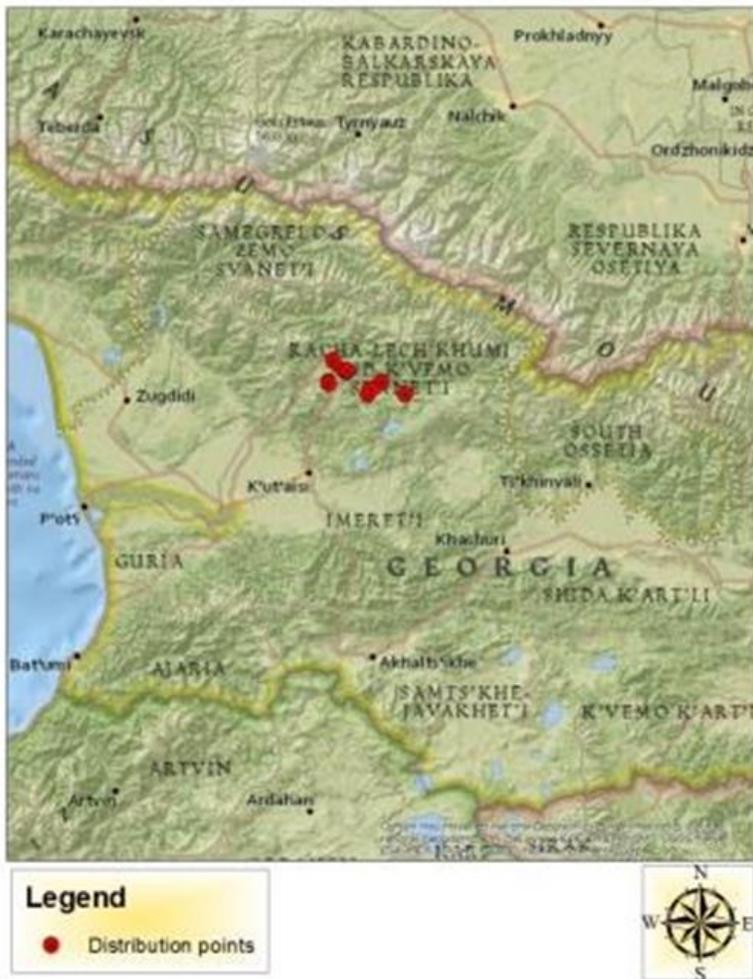
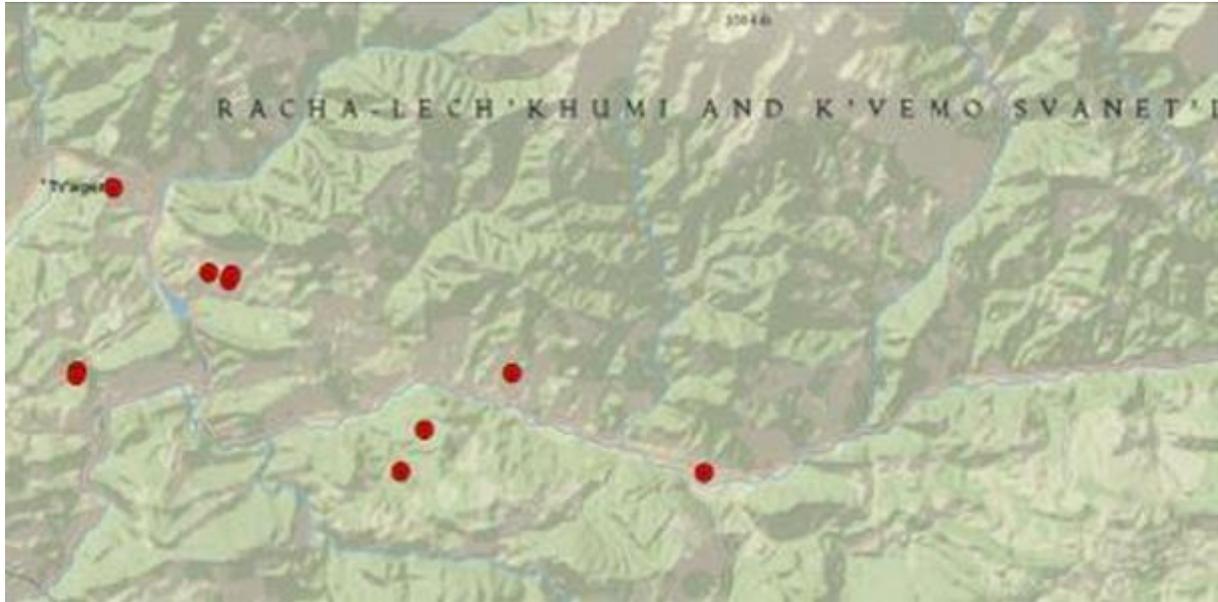
Left: Meeting with peasants – Village Patara Oni in Racha. Right: Meeting with local peasant in village Orbeli (Lechkhumi).



Left: Taking GPS coordinates near village Gvirishi, Area where was spread *T. timopheevii* (Lechkumi). Right: Area where was spread *T. timopheevii* (Village Patara Oni in Racha).



Business meeting with representative of IUCN in Georgia



Our taken points. Where could be areas of *T. timopheevii* in Racha-Lechkhumi region.