

As part of the ongoing project “Development of a Strategy for the Restoration of an Endangered Endemic Fish Species of Lake Sevan – Sevan Trout,” a new and vital phase has been successfully implemented: the release of Sevan trout fingerlings into Lake Sevan and its tributary rivers for research purposes.

Sevan trout fingerlings, measuring 18–22 cm in length and weighing between 42–100 grams, were released into Lake Sevan and several of its tributary rivers for research. This important step aims to support the revival of this endangered, endemic species and contribute to the long-term ecological health of the lake's ecosystem.

The release activities were carried out with the participation of Nelli Barseghyan, Tigran Vardanyan, and Vardan Asatryan, whose active involvement ensured the success of this phase.

Work on releasing fingerlings of different size will continue, accompanied by systematic monitoring in the targeted rivers and lake areas to evaluate their adaptation and survival.

This initiative marks meaningful progress in our shared mission to restore the Sevan trout population and protect the natural legacy of Lake Sevan for future generations.



Photo 1 - The food base study

Vardan Asatryan studies the food base of fish in a tributary of the Karchaghbyur River.

Photo by Nelli Barseghyan





Photo 2 – Preparing Fish for Study and Release

Tigran Vardanyan prepares fish for study and subsequent release into the river. This involves transferring the fish from a transport bag into a container for temporary holding, ensuring they are handled safely before undergoing morphological and health assessments.

Photo by Nelli Barseghyan





Photo 3 - Biological Examination

Nelli Barseghyan examines the biological characteristics of fish released into rivers. This process includes measuring body length and weight. This analysis helps evaluate the fish's adaptation, growth, and health after release.

Photo by Tigran Vardanyan





Photo 4 – Sevan Trout Fry (Pre-Release for Study)

The photo shows Sevan trout fry that are about to be released into local rivers for study. These juvenile fish are carefully reared and monitored to support the restoration of native trout populations.

Photo by Tigran Vardanyan





Photo 5 – Transporting Fish for Release

Tigran Vardanyan and Vardan Asatryan are moving the box containing fish to the release site. This step ensures the safe transfer of fish from holding containers to their natural habitat, minimizing stress before their release into the river.

Photo by Nelli Barseghyan





Photo 6 – Release of Sevan Trout Fry

The release of Sevan trout fry into the river.

Photo by Nelli Barseghyan