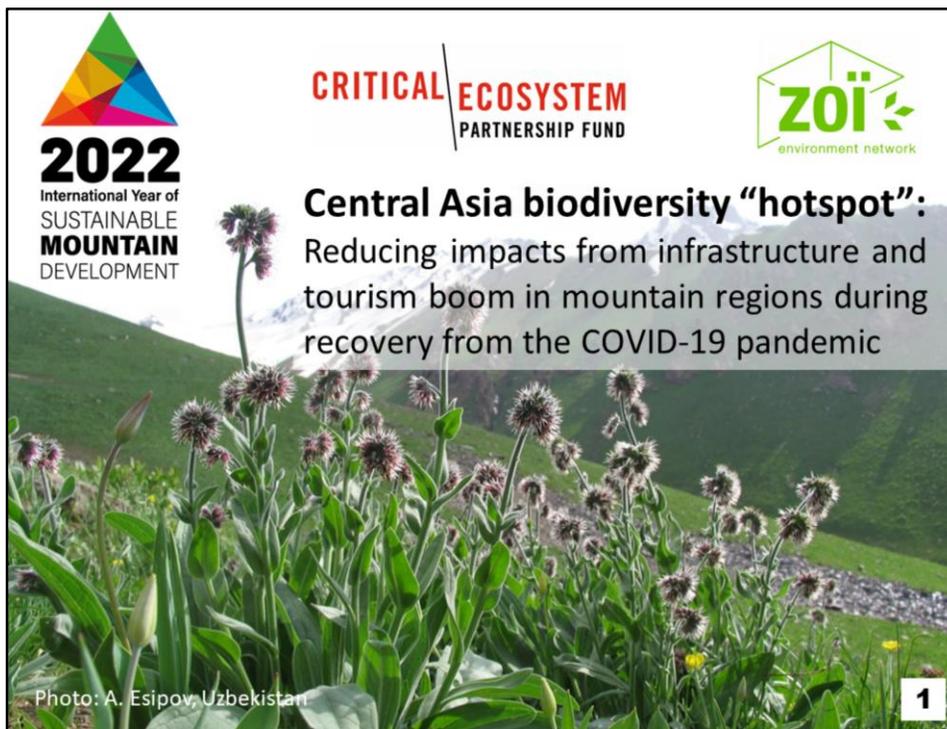


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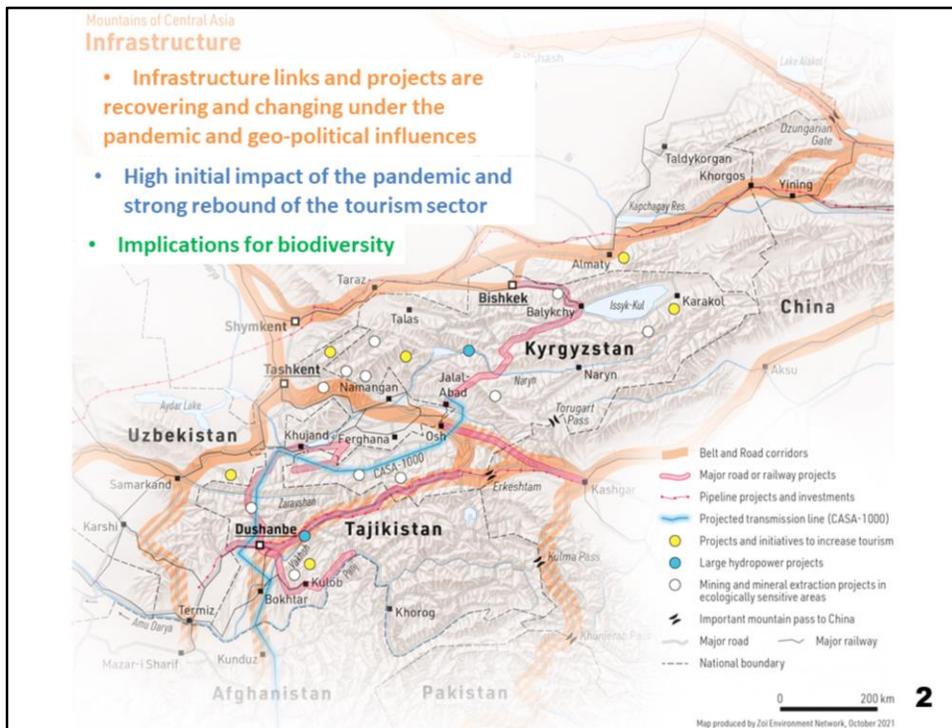
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Mountains of Central Asia are part of globally recognized biodiversity hotspots with many (1500+) endemic species of flora and endangered animals
Most population of Central Asia lives nearby mountains and pressures are increasing
2022 is the International sustainable mountain development year and a landmark moment for biodiversity action: Kunming CBD and global BIODIV targets
Zoi and CEPF are engaging local civil society organisations, Aarhus centres and youth into nature restoration actions and promoting safeguards among booming infrastructure and tourism sectors
Zoi also works with OSCE on the promotion of the UNECE Espoo Convention (strategic environmental assessment) application in Central Asia



Map of the main infrastructure developments in the Mountains of Central Asia

Extraction and transporting of sand and gravel

Infrastructure boom have impacts on on biodiversity and protected areas

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Gravel extraction and river bed development in the Zarafshan national park, Uzbekistan

Photo: N. Marmazinskaya, 2022

Bukhara deer

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Impacts from infrastructure and tourism in the Zarafshan national park, Uzbekistan. Many other biodiv sites are affected.

What can companies do to preserve nature?



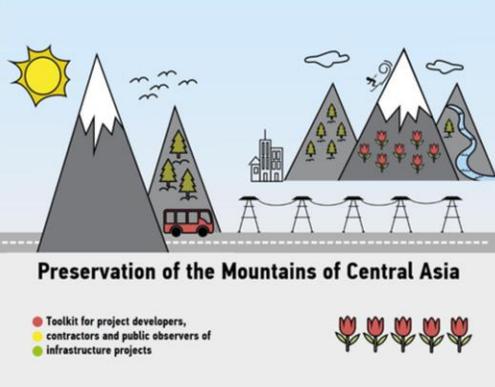
Conducting environmental impact assessments (EIA)



Implementing practical solutions to reduce environmental impacts

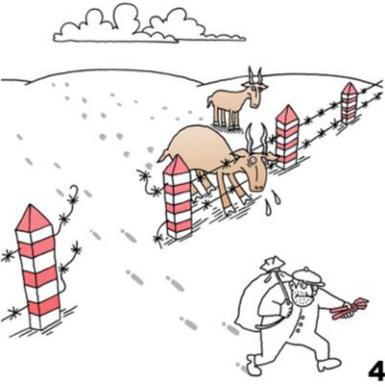


Informing field staff about rare and vulnerable species of animals and plants



Preservation of the Mountains of Central Asia

- Toolkit for project developers,
- contractors and public observers of
- Infrastructure projects



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Samplers of Zoi information and awareness materials

Local communities, civil society organisations and youth are actively engaged in nature restoration actions



Trainings, field actions and information campaigns on biodiversity safeguards in Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan

Other processes: EU Larger than Tigers, EU-Central Asia environment cooperation, World Bank's Green Growth and RESILAND

