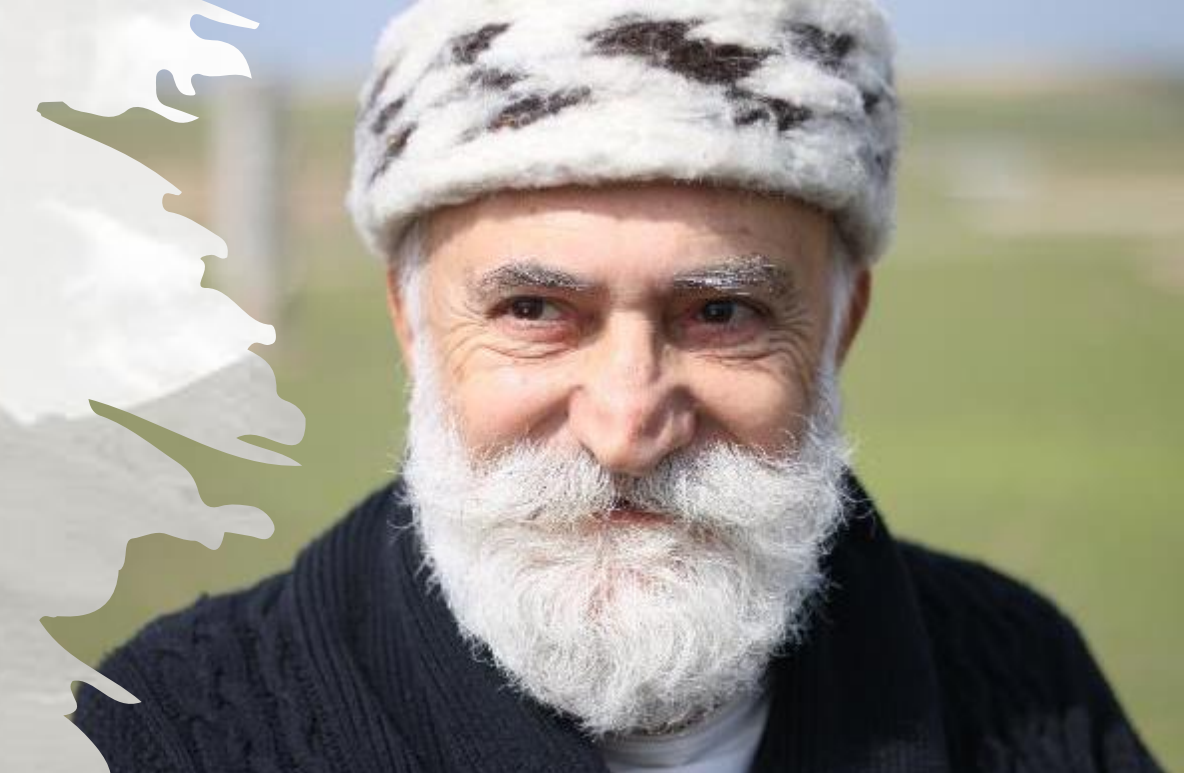


In Memoriam

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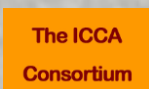
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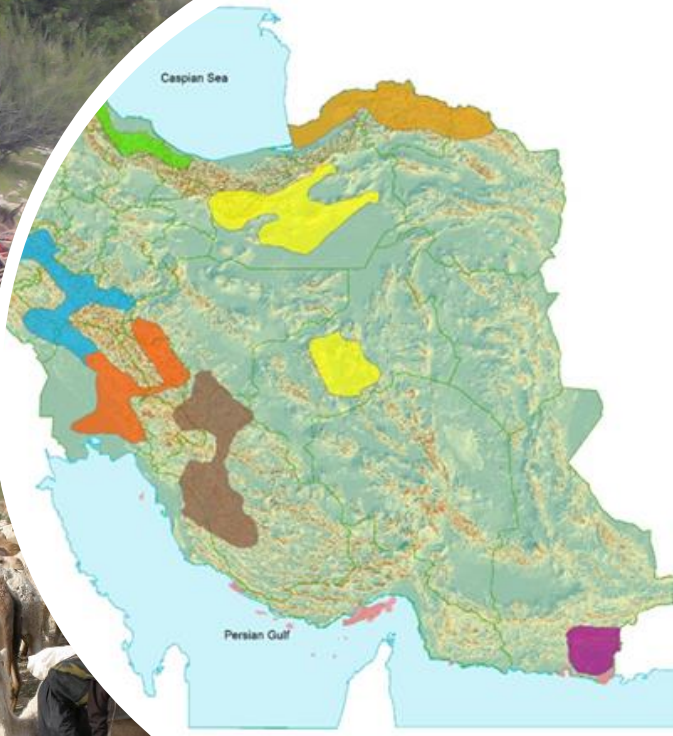
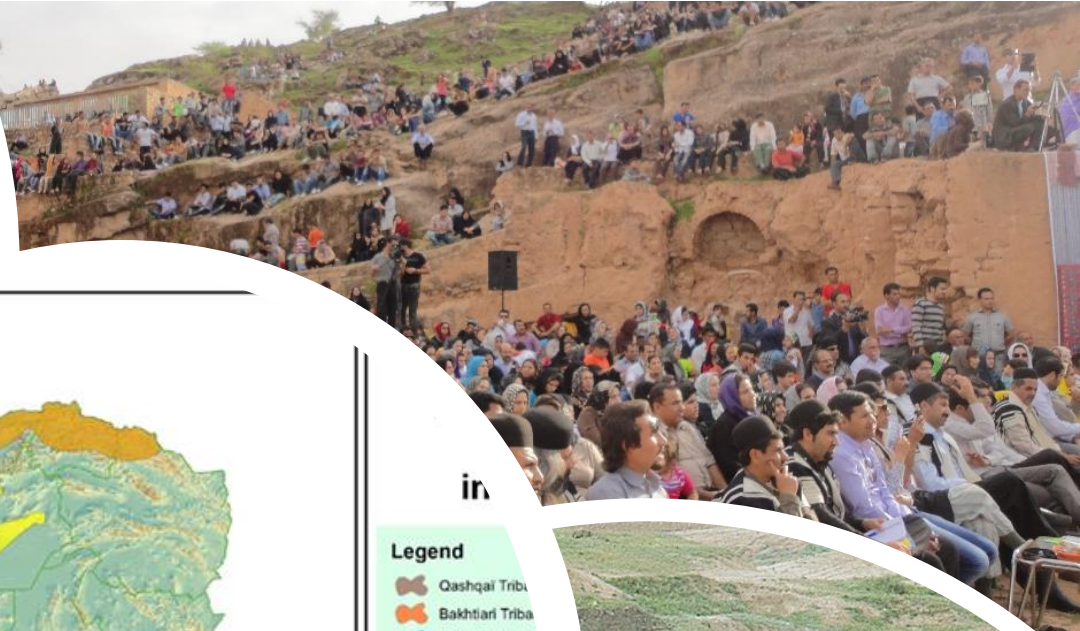


Rangelands and Indigenous Mobile Pastoralists of Iran

Challenges, Struggles and Practices on the Governance of Territories of Life and Territory Based Sustainable Range Management

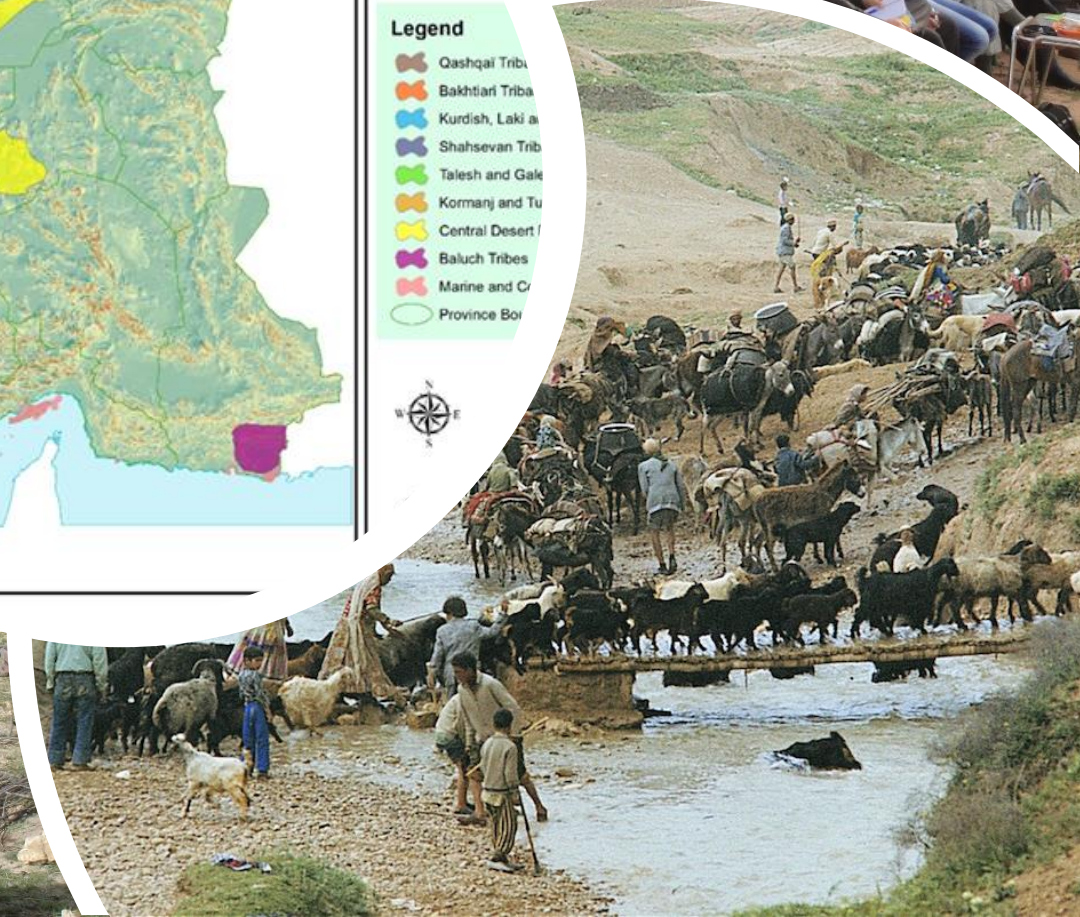
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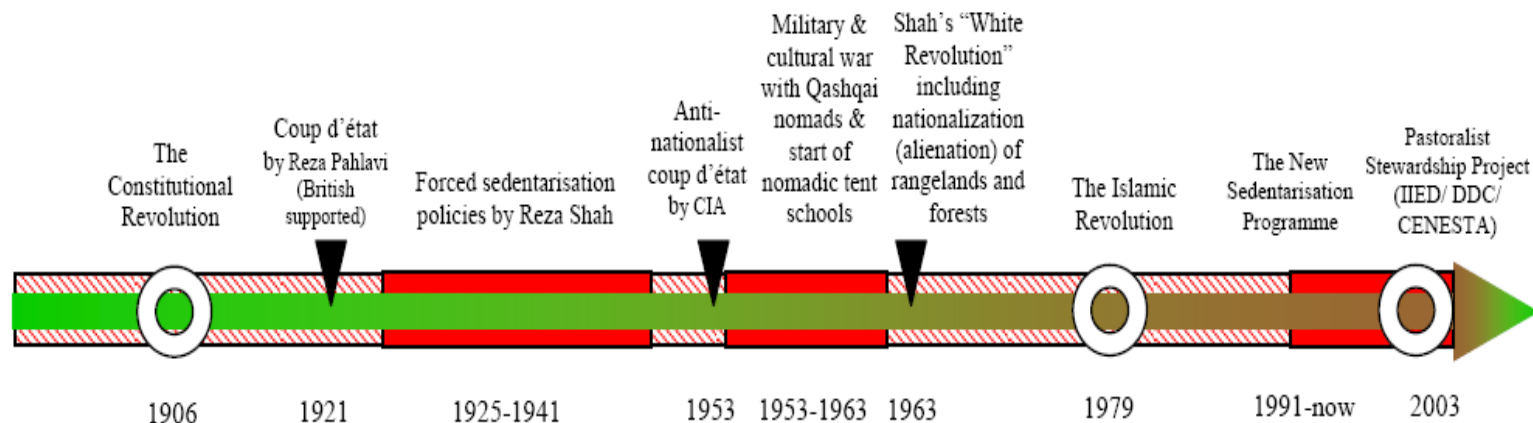


Legend

- Qashqai Tribu
- Bakhtiari Triba
- Kurdish, Laki a
- Shahsevan Trib
- Talesh and Gale
- Kormanj and Tu
- Central Desert
- Baluch Tribes
- Marine and Cr
- Province Boi



Political and policy changes impacting mobile pastoralists' governance of natural resources and “territories of life” in the past century



Historic events in Iran affecting nomadism and rangelands (not to scale)



- **Assessment of Current Predicament**
- **Desirable Future Visioning**
- **Developing Roadmaps (Strategy/ & Action Plan)**



Response to Current Predicament

- **Re-empowering** mobile pastoralists & their traditional **governance institutions**;
- **Registering** their **tribal organizations**;
- **Re-claiming** appropriate recognition of their governance over their territories of life;
- Establishment of **UniNomad & UniCamel**;



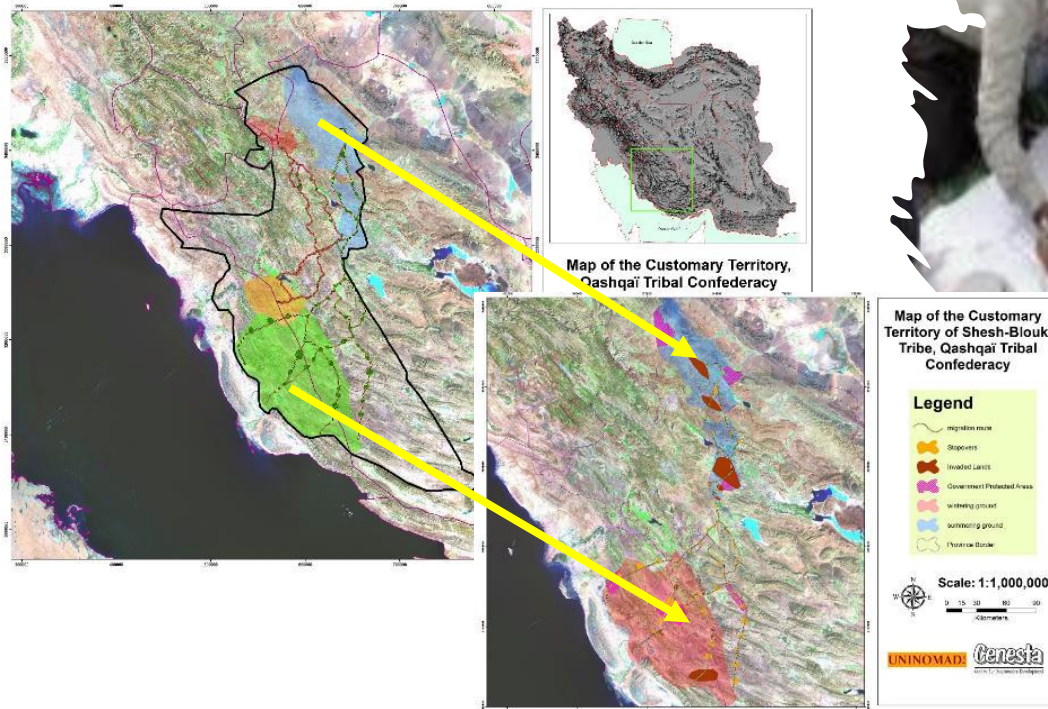
Policy Influence & Advocacy

- Revision of the natural resource law;
- Participatory governance assessment of Protected & Conserved Areas;
- Advocacy and lobby with policy & decision makers in recognition of the concept of territory and avoid fragmentation the territories of life at various levels;
- Advocacy for the rights of mobile pastoralists over their territories of life within the framework of national & international laws



Participatory Geographic Information System (PGIS)

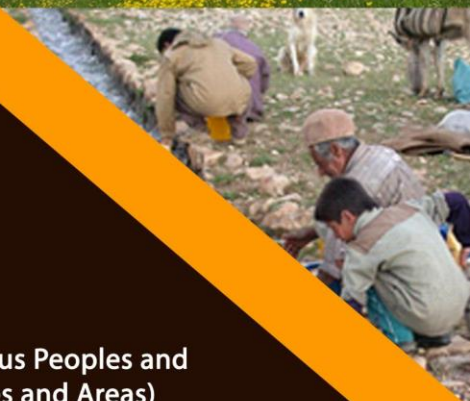
- Delineating accurate territories of life of mobile pastoralists;
- Identifying threats, occupations, and governance re-allocations;
- Preparing the community restitution plan and institute a legal support plan;
- Advocacy to change policies, promoting the right to tribal territories as a critical element for conservation of rangelands and revival and existence of mobile pastoralists.



Involvement of mobile pastoralists organisations in various Actions

- Several GEF/SGP projects to cope with climate change issues, drought and promotion of ICCAs;
- Promoting and understanding territories of life- ICCAs in Iran and Beyond;
- **Territory-Based** Sustainable Range Management Program (TBSRM);
- Organizational Cohesion, Policy influence;
- Restoration of degraded rangelands;
- Promoting innovative livelihoods;
- Governance Assessment of Protected and Conserved Areas of Iran.

Achieving Conservation and Sustainable Livelihoods in Primary Territory of Nomadic Pastoralists



Brief description of four GEP Projects on ICCAs (Indigenous Peoples and Community Conserved Territories and Areas)

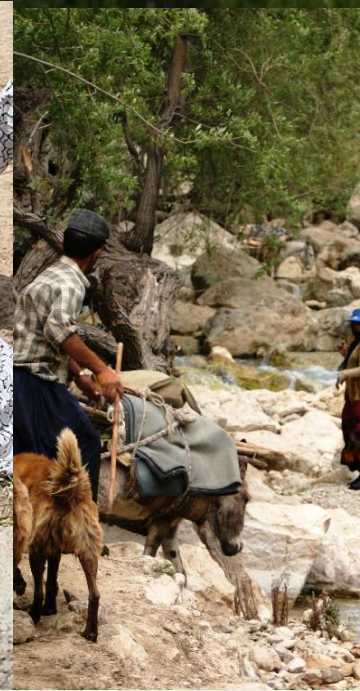


Conservation of Namdan Plain (Kushke-Zar Wetland), summering ground of Qashqai tribal confederacy

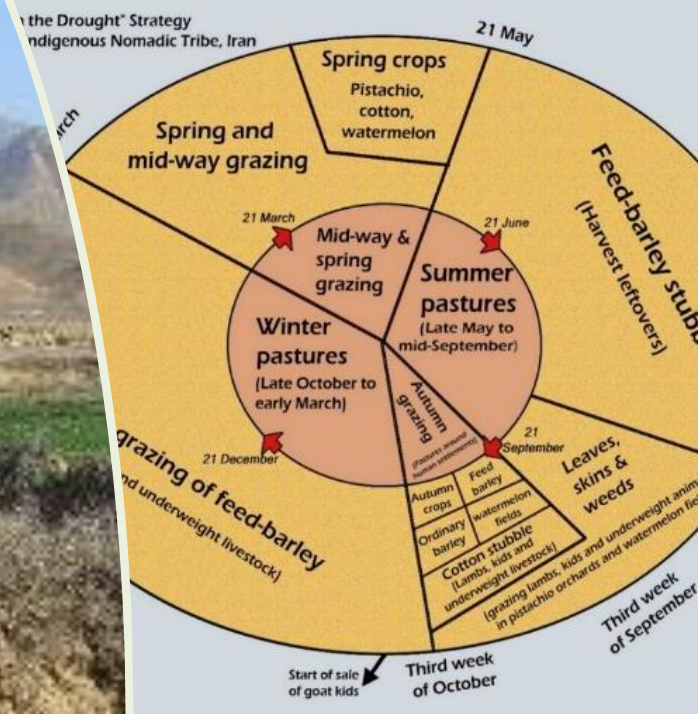
First pilot project focusing on “Indigenous Peoples
Territories and Community Conserved Areas (ICCAs)” in
Iran, recognition of the first ICCA through the issue of an
official letter from DOE



Understanding and Promoting Territories of Life/ ICCAs in Iran and beyond



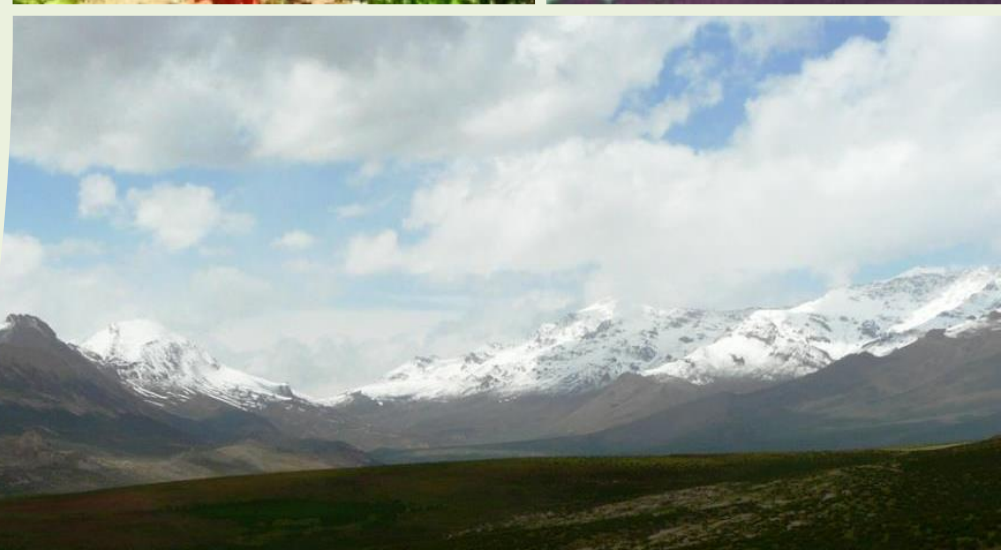
Reviving Indigenous Community Conserved Areas (ICCAs) in Customary Territories of Abolhassani indigenous nomadic tribe— Coping with the Effects of Climate Change and Drought through Local Initiatives and Ecological Management



**Sustainable management of
natural resources and
livelihood improvement–
Chodari nomadic pastoralist
tribe– through adaptation
to climate change and
drought mitigation
Kharturan Region, Central
Desert of Iran**



**Restoring traditional
Inverted Tulip ICCA
(Indigenous and
Community Conserved
Area) in the midpoint
resting territories of the
Bakhtiari Tribal
Confederacy,
Farrokhvand Tribe**



Empowering Iran's Indigenous Nomadic Tribes: towards Poverty Eradication and Nature Conservation through Diversification of Income and Wealth Generation





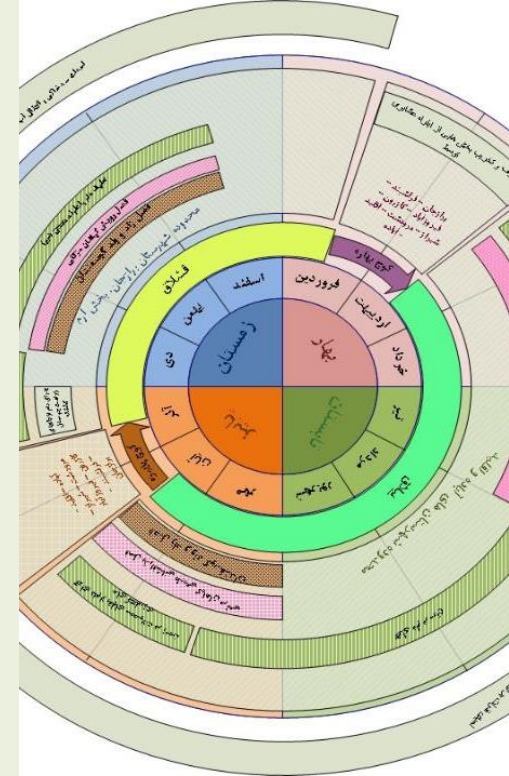
Reintroducing red spotted trout to Ali Darvish River in order to rehabilitate the population of brown bear in Summering Ground of Takle Tribe, Shahsevan Tribal Confederacy



**Planning and
implementation of
Indigenous &
Community Conserved
Areas (ICCA)-based
Ecotourism by the
Heybətli clan of the
Kuhi Sub-tribe of Shish
Bayli tribe of the**



Strengthening the productive capacity of the tribal territory to produce fodder while coinciding with the improvement of Rangelands



Qurt Sub-tribe of Shish Bayli Tribe, Qashqai Tribal Confederacy



Capacity Building to Promote Organizational Cohesion of Union of Nomads of Migratory Tribes and Sub-tribe

Currently under execution



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**Documentation of traditional knowledge
by Hamule sub-tribe of Bakhtiari
Nomadic Tribe on customary
management of livestock and rangelands
during drought conditions**



Currently under execution

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Revival of customary management of natural resources & CCAs in Mazeh-kuh by Farokhvand Tribe in Bakhtiari Tribal Confederacy

Currently under execution

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Empowerment of Abolhssani Nomadic Tribe
Against Climate Change Resilience Through
Promoting Innovative Livelihoods

Currently under execution

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Revival of Seikavand Rangelands in Bakhtiari Tribal Confederacy, Rostami sub-tribe

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Final Remarks

- Call for stronger support at policy and practice arena for **recognition of territories of life/ICCAs** and promote the role of mobile pastoralists and their governance systems to achieve **Territory Based Sustainable Range Management**, conservation of bio-cultural diversity and **restoration of rangelands and ecosystems** within their territories of life;
- Call for **building alliances** among all right-holders and stakeholders (at national and international) to actively **support and take action** on The International Year of Pastoralists and Rangelands (**IYPR**)



