

**Programme for Joint WHC-IUCN Mission to Western Caucasus
17-21 May 2010**

May 17	
	Arrival to Moscow Transfer to Sochi
May 18	
1.	<p>Working meeting (Review of the main conservation issues in relation to the WHC decisions)</p> <p>1. Construction of Olympic facilities (including new ones) in relation to their impact on the World Heritage Site "Western Caucasus": list, location, main characteristics, assessment of possible impact on the WHS and of measures of its prevention (reduction)</p> <p>2. Tourism development on northern slopes of the WHS and adjacent areas: on Lagonaki Plateau and in m.Oshten area – analysis of the situation and perspectives</p> <p>3. Tourism development on southern slopes of the WHS: in Krasnaya Polyana area and other adjacent areas – analysis of the situation and perspectives</p> <p>4. Construction of road and transport infrastructure including infrastructure for Olympic construction</p> <p>5. Illegal logging on northern slopes of the WHS (Nature Monuments "The Rivers Pshekha and Pshekhashkha Headwaters", "The River Tsitsa Headwaters" (Republic of Adygea))</p> <p>6. Delimitation and management of the WHS: organization of buffer zone, zonation, management plan</p> <p>7. Other issues including Programme of reintroduction of the Persian leopard, establishment of the biosphere polygon of the Caucasian Reserve</p>
2.	Meeting with stakeholders (Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment RF, Sochi National Park, Caucasian Reserve, State Corporation "Olympstroy", Organizing Committee "Sochi-2014", NGOs, tourism operators)
May 19 *	
	Survey of Olympic facilities: biathlon complex, Olympic village, roads; Psekhako range (road and illegal logging) – by car;
May 20 *	
	<i>In case of good weather conditions:</i> Survey of Lagonaki Plateau, m.Oshten, upper Mzymta valley, Nature Monuments "The Rivers Pshekha and Pshekhashkha Headwaters", "The River Tsitsa Headwaters" (Republic of Adygea) – by helicopter

	<p><i>In case of bad weather conditions:</i></p> <p>In case of bad weather conditions it is possible to arrange a trip to the Republic of Adygea by car that will include the survey of Lagonaki Plateau, m.Oshten, Nature Monument "The Rivers Pshekha and Pshekhashkha Headwaters" and coming back to Sochi</p>
May 21	
	<p>Departure to Moscow</p> <p>Working meeting with direction and specialists of Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment RF</p> <p>Departure from Moscow</p>

* Time and schedule of the trips to be confirmed according to the weather conditions