

# CAUCASUS WILDLIFE REFUGE: PIONEERING PRIVATE CONSERVATION IN ARMENIA

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## SUMMARY

**Caucasus Wildlife Refuge: 20,000 ha of pristine land conserved in the 1<sup>st</sup> privately protected area in the South Caucasus**

- preserving healthy population of top predators
- restore the endangered species' population in the country
- engage local populations in conservation.



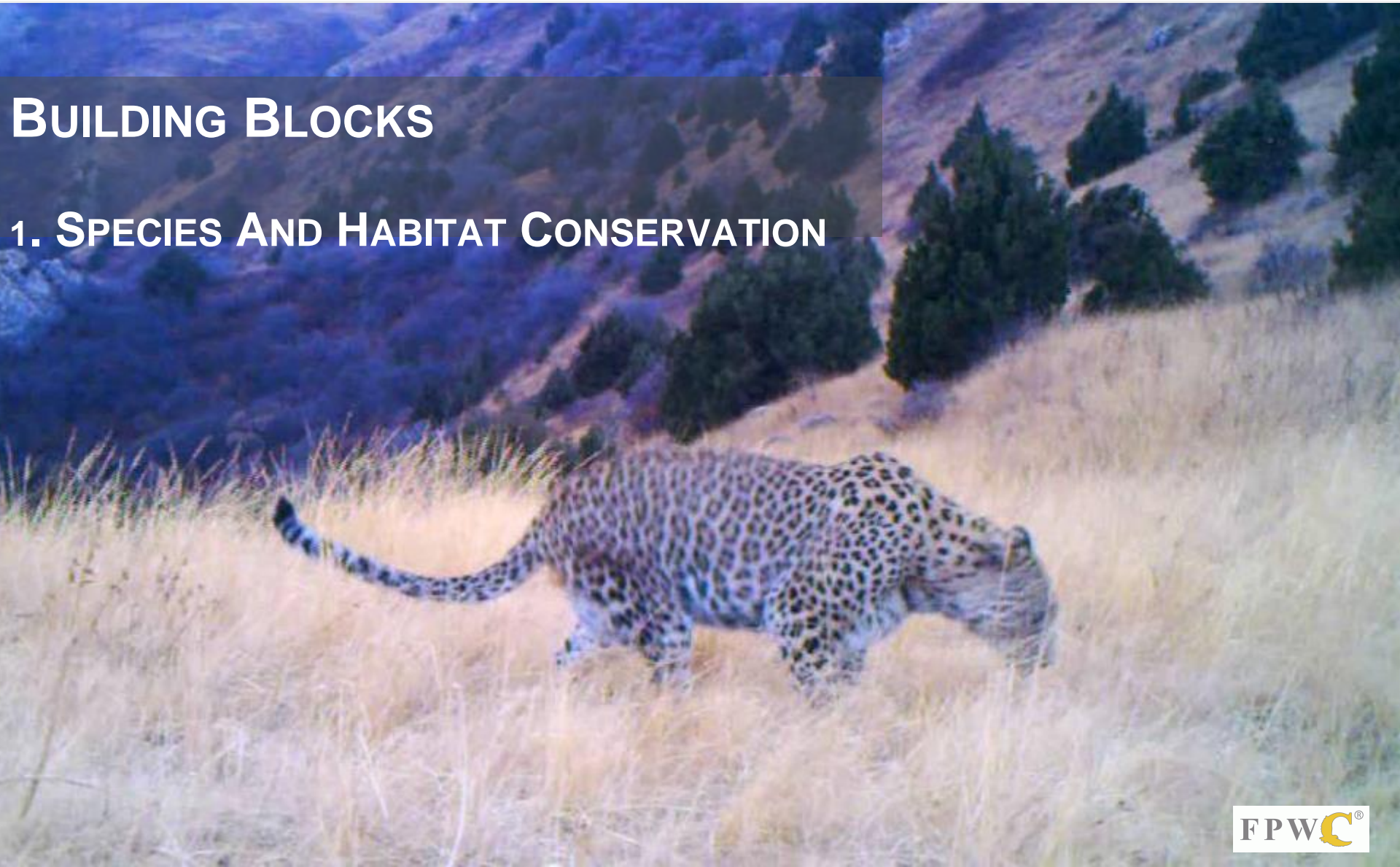
## CONTEXT

- **Conservation**
- **Sustainable Community Development**
- **Behaviour Change**



# BUILDING BLOCKS

## 1. SPECIES AND HABITAT CONSERVATION





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## 2. REGENERATING RESILIENT COMMUNITIES



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### 3. IMPROVING NATIONAL LEGISLATION

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### 4. EMPOWERING PEOPLE FOR POSITIVE CHANGE

## IMPACT

### ECOLOGY

10,000 + HECTARES OF PROTECTED AREA

DRASTIC AND CONTINUOUS INCREASE IN  
WILDLIFE POPULATIONS'  
NUMBERS

### ECONOMY

55 COMMUNITIES WITH IMPROVED  
INFRASTRUCTURE

DOZENS OF WORKPLACES AND INCOME  
OPPORTUNITIES FOR RURAL POPULATION

### SOCIETY

1000+ YOUNG STEWARDS EDUCATED TO  
BECOME LOCAL LEADERS

### CULTURE

NATIONWIDE ENVIRONMENTAL  
CAMPAIGNS WITH A REACHOUT  
TO 500,000+ PEOPLE



# REFLECTIONS

- Constructive approach and proactive collaboration as opposed to demonstrated criticism
- Sustainability starts with a sense of compassion
- Children and youth are the powerful ambassadors for the sustainable future



A scenic mountain landscape at dusk or dawn. The sky is a mix of soft blues, purples, and oranges. In the foreground, a brown goat with small horns stands on a grassy slope, looking towards the camera. In the background, several mountain peaks are visible, some with other goats grazing on them.

# Thank you!

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