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1. Objectives of the assignment and expected outputs

In the frames of ENPI-FLEG 1, the Feasibility Study on Establishment of a Forested Protected Area in Northern Armenia was implemented with the aim to assess the possibility to establish a new protected area (PA) to embrace 3 existing state sanctuaries (Gandzakar Sanctuary, Hazel-Nut Sanctuary and Ijevan Sanctuary with the total area of about 13000 ha) as well as other areas important in terms of biodiversity on the territory of Sevqar and Ijevan Forest Enterprises of “Hayantar” State Non-Commercial Organization (SNCO).

In the frames of the ENPI-FLEG 2 Program the task on mapping and clarification of the boundaries of the proposed Ijevan Sanctuary was finalized in 2015, the draft map has been provided to “Hayantar” SNCO for final refinement. The sanctuary territory has been assessed to be about 14,000 ha located within administrative borders of the communities Aghavnavanq, Hovq, Gandzaqar and Getahovit and Ijevan town. In the frames of the Project a management plan (MP) for the sanctuary is under development.

The objective of this assignment is to support to development of draft legal documentation related to establishment of the proposed new Ijevan Sanctuary and approval of the sanctuary boundaries, charter, management plan and other respective documents.

According to the Terms of References the expected outputs of the assignment should include final drafts of the following legal documents:

- a) Draft governmental decision on establishment of the sanctuary and approval of the sanctuary boundaries (scheme and description of the boundaries).
- b) Draft charter of the sanctuary and a draft legal act on its approval.
- c) Draft legal act on making amendments in the charter of “Hayantar” SNCO.
- d) Draft legal act on approval of the sanctuary management plan.

2. Existing legal documents required for approval of a number of draft legal documents related to establishment and functioning of the proposed Ijevan Sanctuary

The proposed Ijevan Sanctuary will be established on the basis of existing Gandzakar Sanctuary, Hazel-Nut Sanctuary and Ijevan Sanctuary located on forest lands of “Hayantar” SNCO under the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Armenia (RA). The sections below provide details on the mentioned existing sanctuaries.

1) **“Ijevan” State Sanctuary** was established by the Council of Ministers of the Armenian Soviet Socialistic Republic (ArmSSR) according to the order N 212 from 09.04.1971. The sanctuary is located in the Aghstev river basin in Tavush Region of Armenia, on the slopes of Ijevan and Kayen mountain ridges, at the altitude of 900-2100 m above sea level. It occupies 5908 ha. The **protection objects** of the sanctuary are forest landscapes and typical fauna.



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2) “**Gandzakar**” **State Sanctuary** was established by the Council of Ministers of the ArmSSR according to the order N 212 from 09.04.1971. The sanctuary occupies 6813 ha. It is located in Tavush Region of Armenia in the Paytajur river basin, which is the right tributary of the River Aghstev, at the altitude of 820-890 m above sea level. The **protection objects** of the sanctuary are mountainous forests with rare and valuable fauna species (brown bear, Caucasian black grouse, roe-deer).

3) “**Hazel-nut**” **State Sanctuary** was established by the Council of Ministers of the ArmSSR according to the decision N P-341 from 13.09.1958. The sanctuary occupies 40 ha. It is located in Tavush Region of Armenia in the Khaghaghaghbyur river basin on the northern slopes of Ijevan mountain ridge at the altitude of 1500-1800 m above sea level. The **protection objects** of the sanctuary are the groves of relict hazel-nut and yew.

Forest Code of the Republic of Armenia

According to Article 12 of the RA Forest Code the forests of specially protected nature areas are the forests of special significance. According to Article 42 the order of forest use in the forests of specially protected nature areas is established by the Forest Code and the RA Law on Specially Protected Nature Areas.

According to Article 15 of the RA Forest Code management plans are developed in the process of forest management planning with the aim to manage forest enterprises. According to the same article the management plans should be approved by the state authorized management body.

Provision 5 of Article 6 of the Order N 130-N from 10.08.2005 by the RA Minister of Agriculture on “Approval of the instruction on management plans of forest enterprise” is titled “Specifics of management planning in the forests of specially protected areas”. It defines that the management plans for national parks and **sanctuaries** should be developed by a separate program with use of the materials from scientific studies and additional thematic mapping.

Law on Specially Protected Nature Areas of the Republic of Armenia

The relations in the field of specially protected nature areas are regulated by the Republic of Armenia Law on Specially Protected Nature Areas.

According to Provision 1 of Article 5 of the law the Government of the Republic of Armenia should establish specially protected nature areas and define their categories.

According to items c), e) and f) of Article 8 of the law the management plans, charters, size of territory and boundaries of the specially protected nature areas of international and national significance should be approved by the Government of the Republic of Armenia.



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There are some gaps in the law, for example, the objectives and reasons for establishment of specially protected nature areas are not defined, the management principles of specially protected nature areas are not clearly stated, some provisions on protection regime for sanctuaries are missing and others.

In order to fill the gaps in the acting law as well as to improve the effectiveness of management of specially protected nature areas the Ministry of Nature Protection of the Republic of Armenia has developed the revised draft of the Republic of Armenia Law on Specially Protected Nature Areas, which at present is in the National Assembly of the Republic of Armenia.

According to Provision 2 of Article 7 of the revised draft law the specially protected nature areas should be managed by state non-commercial organizations according to this law, management plan of the specially protected nature area, documents on spacial planning approved by the established order and charter of the given organization. Provision 5 of the same article the specially protected nature areas located on forest lands (except reserves and national parks) can be managed by the authorized body responsible for the management of forest sector.

Decision N 1059-A of the RA Government from 25.09.2014 on “Approval of the Strategy and State Program on Protection and Use of Specially Protected Nature Areas of the Republic of Armenia”

According to Provision 12 of the approved strategy the management of specially protected nature areas under the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Armenia is vested with “Hayantar” SNCO. For that purpose according to Provision 18 of the strategic document the Department on Specially Protected Areas has been established in the structure of “Hayantar” SNCO under the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Armenia. The established department should deal with the management of 13 forest sanctuaries in the structure of the SNCO by the order established by the legislation. The mentioned 13 sanctuaries have no approved management plans.

Taking into consideration the above mentioned facts as well as that the charter of “Hayantar” SNCO has been approved by the Government of the Republic of Armenia, it is expedient that the chartes of forest sanctuaries are also approved by governmental decisions.

In spite of the fact that forest management plans are approved by the authorized body of state management, namely the Minister of Agriculture of the Republic of Armenia, it is expedient to approve the management plans of forest sanctuaries by the governmental decisions as they are specially protected nature areas.



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3. Procedure for approval of the developed draft documents

The draft legal documents shall be presented to “Hayantar” SNCO, which afterwards shall organize all required procedures on approval of the drafts according to the established regulations.

According to the procedures “Hayantar” SNCO should present the drafts to the authorized state body - the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Armenia, which then should organize circulation of the draft to state stakeholders. Upon having feedback from state stakeholder bodies (in five days according to the law) the summary of received objections and proposals should be prepared, the drafts should be revised if needed and then presented to the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Armenia to undergo state expertize (in 15 days according to the law). Upon having conclusion on state expertize from the Ministry of Justice the drafts can be presented to consideration of the Government of the Republic of Armenia.

Public consultation of the drafts should be done by uploading the drafts on the official web-sites of “Hayantar” SNCO and/or the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Armenia.

4. Conclusions and developed draft legal documents

The issues related to the task were consulted with respective specialists from “Hayantar” SNCO including first deputy director Chief Forester R. Petrosyan, Head and staff members of the Department on Protected Areas Management, Heads of respective forest enterprises and other related specialists. Consultations were held also in WWF-Armenia with presence of WWF-Armenia representatives, other respective stakeholders and specialists.

Consideration of the facts mentioned in the above sections as well as outcomes of the consultations and discussions resulted in the following conclusions.

1. Ijevan State Sanctuary is located on forest lands under management of “Hayantar” SNCO. Therefore it is expedient to have one decision of the Government of the Republic of Armenia on establishment of Ijevan State Sanctuary and approval of its charter and making changes in the charter of “Hayantar” SNCO (see annex 1). This decision should include general information on establishment of the sanctuary, charter of the sanctuary (with provisions on the sanctuary location, protection regime, protected objects, restrictions and others) and respective changes and additions to the charter of “Hayantar” SNCO, as at present there are no provisions on management of specially protected nature areas in the charter of “Hayantar” SNCO. In the charter of “Hayantar” SNCO the expression “forest fund” should be replaced by “forest lands”.
2. A separate decision of the Government of the Republic of Armenia should approve the size of the territory of Ijevan State Sanctuary (14519.52 ha) and description of its boundaries (see Annex 2).
3. Another decision of the Government of the Republic of Armenia shall approve the management plan of Ijevan State Sanctuary (see Annex 3 with draft decision on “Approval of the management plan for the period of 20.. – 20... of Ijevan State Sanctuary of “Hayantar” SNCO). The management plan will include provisions on development, protection, rehabilitation and use of the sanctuary territory. At present the works on development of the sanctuary management plan are ongoing.



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Therefore in case of need the draft decision can be modified respectively and finalized upon having the final draft of the management plan.

4. In addition to the above mentioned draft decisions the Annex 4 presents justification for the need to approve the draft legal documents and reference documents in relation to their approval as required by the Republic of Armenia Law on Legal Acts.



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5. Annexes

Annex 1. Draft decision of the Government of the Republic of Armenia on “Establishment of Ijevan State Sanctuary, approval of the sanctuary charter and making changes and additions in the decision N 388-N of the Government of the Republic of Armenia from 16 January 2003”

Draft

Government of the Republic of Armenia

Decision

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on establishment of Ijevan State Sanctuary, approval of the sanctuary charter and making changes and additions in the decision N 388-N of the Government of the Republic of Armenia from 16 January 2003

According to the Republic of Armenia Laws on Specially Protected Nature Areas and on State Non-Commercial Organizations, the Government of the Republic of Armenia **decides** to:

1. Establish Ijevan State Sanctuary on the basis of existing Gandzakar, Hazel-Nut and Ijevan State Sanctuaries located on the state forest lands of Ijevan and Sevkar forest enterprises (branches) of “Hayantar” State Non-Commercial Organization within administrative boundaries of the communities Gandzakar, Hovk, Getahovit, Aghavnavank and Ijevan town of Tavush Region of the Republic of Armenia in order to ensure natural development, protection, conservation, rehabilitation, reproduction as well as sustainable development of natural and recreational resources of landscape and biological diversity of natural ecosystems of state forest lands under “Hayantar” State Non-Commercial Organizaion.

2. Approve the Charter of Ijevan State Sanctuary according to the Annex.

3. Make the following changes and additions to in the decision N 388-N of the Government of the Republic of Armenia from 16 January 2003 on approval of the Charter of “Hayantar” State Non-Commercial Organizaion:

1) State provision 1 as follows:

“1. Approve:

1) The Charter of “Hayantar” State Non-Commercial Organizaion according to Annex N1.



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2) The Charter of Ijevan State Sanctuary according to Annex 2.

2. In the approved Charter of “Hayantar” State Non-Commercial Organization:

1) State provision 10 with the following contents and new editing:

“10. The objective and aim of the organization is to ensure conservation, protection, reproduction, use, stock-taking, inventory, maintenance of state forest cadaster, monitoring, improvement of productivity of forests and forest lands of state forests and forest lands of the Republic of Armenia (hereinafter forest lands), scientific studies of natural ecosystems, landscape and biological diversity and natural heritage of specially protected areas – state forest sanctuaries located on forest lands as well as sustainable use of forest resources.”

2) In the 1st paragraph and sub-provisions c), l) and n) of provision 11 and in provision 36 replace the words “forest fund” with the words “forest lands”, in sub-provision a) replace the words “stock-taking of the forest fund and maintenance of forest cadaster” with the words “state forest stock-taking and maintenance of state forest cadaster”.

3) Add new provisions 11.1-11.4 to the Charter:

“11.1. Protection of forest lands shall be done by the protection service of the organization through respective structural sub-divisions and district inspectors:

11.2 The staff of the protection service of the organization should:

1) Ensure enforcement of the norms and regulations established by the legislation of the Republic of Armenia, charters of the sanctuaries and this Charter on the territories under management of the organization.

2) Check passports of the people who enter the sanctuaries located in the forest lands managed by the organization.

3) Prevent any activity on the territory of the organization, which violates forest legislation as well as nature protection and nature use regimes.

4) Make protocols on violations of protection norms of the forest legislation, including the norms of the sanctuaries on the territory of the organization to commence the procedure on violations according to the order established by the legislation of the Republic of Armenia.

5) Takes tools of violation or direct objects of violation (hunted object, timber) if the person who violated protection regime is missing.

6) Ensure compliance with the requirements established by the sanctuary charter for physical persons and organizations acting on the buffer territories of the sanctuaries.

11.3 The staff of the protection service of the organization has the right to wear uniform and use civil and service arms according to the order established by legislation of the Republic of Armenia.

11.4 The damage to health and property of the protection service staff caused during implementation of service duties shall be compensated according to the order established by law.”



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4. This decision shall enter into force the next day after its official publication.



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Charter of

Ijevan State Sanctuary

I. General Provisions

1. The forest lands under “Hayantar” State Non-Commercial Organization include also Ijevan State Sanctaury located on the state forest lands of Ijevan Forest Enterprise of “Hayantar” State Non-Commercial Organization within the administrative boundaries of Gandzakar, Hovk, Aghavnavank and Getahovit rural communities and Ijevan urban community of Tavush Region of the Republic of Armenia.

Ijevan State Sanctuary includes Ijevan, Gandzakar and Hazel-Nut State Sanctuaries (hereinafter sanctuary) established according to the order N 212 from 09.04.1971 and decision N P-341 from 13.09.1958 by the Council of Ministers of the ArmSSR. It is located in the middle flow of the River Aghstev at the altitude of 800-2100 m above sea level, on the southern slopes of Ijevan mountain ridge and northern and north-western slopes of Miapor and Paytapar mountain ridges. Ijevan Sanctuary occupies 14519.52 ha of state owned forest lands in Tavush Region of the Republic of Armenia.

2. The main aim of the sanctuary establishment is to ensure natural development of forest, meadow, meadow-steppe and mountainous-steppe natural ecosystems, protection, conservation, rehabilitation and reproduction of landscape and biological diversity, unique natural and historical-cultural monuments as well as sustainable use of natural resources of Tavush Region of the Republic of Armenia.
3. The special objects for conservation of the sanctuary are the unique fauna of forest ecosystems and forest vegetation, in particular forest landscapes with typical rare and valuable fauna species (brown bear, Caucasian black grouse, roe-deer and others), mountainous forests and groves of relict hazel-nut and yew.

II. Objectives of the Sanctuary

4. The main objectives of the sanctuary include:
 - 1) Safeguarding natural development and conservation of landscape and biological diversity of the sanctuary;
 - 2) Conservation of habitats of flora and fauna species;
 - 3) Conservation and reproduction of flora and fauna species under the threat of extinction as well as those registered in the Red Book of the Republic of Armenia in the middle flow of the River

Aghstev, on the southern slopes of Ijevan mountain ridge and northern and north-western slopes of Miapor and Paytapar mountain ridges.

- 4) Development of scientific-cognitive and ecological tourism;
- 5) Safeguarding respective preconditions for ecological education and up-bringing of population of Tavush region;
- 6) Safeguarding the foundation for ecological monitoring and maintenance of chronicle of nature;
- 7) Safeguarding respective preconditions for carrying out scientific-experimental studies.

III. Regime of the Sanctuary

5. It is prohibited on the territory of the sanctuary:

- 1) any activity, which disturbs natural development of natural complexes of the sanctuary as well as threatens safety of natural habitats;
- 2) any activity, which disturbs hydrological regime of the territory except the cases when water resources are needed as drinking water resources for population of the settlements in the region;
- 3) disturbance of natural conditions of the habitats of flora and fauna representatives;
- 4) works on introduction and adaptation of new species of flora and fauna as well as genetically modified organisms (species) originated through biotechnologies;
- 5) use of chemicals and mineral fertilizers for plant protection;
- 6) use of ecologically harmful technologies, which cause emissions and waste waters in the amounts exceeding the norms established by legislation of the Republic of Armenia;
- 7) production, use and storage of radioactive substances and waste as well as of other substances, which are harmful or toxic for human health and environment;
- 8) works on geological studies (with disturbance of soil cover), mining operations and ore processing activities;
- 9) loggings (except sanitary and maintenance cuttings);
- 10) movement of motor and caterpillar means of transportation outside of the roads and water courses of general use and their parking outside of the road network or the sites not envisaged for parking;
- 11) construction and exploitation of economic and residential facilities, construction of roads, pipe-lines, electricity lines and other communications (except the objects needed for the sanctuary functioning, such as office, ranger station and others);
- 12) any other activity, which disturbs the stability of the sanctuary ecosystems or threatens conservation of the ecosystems requiring special protection, representatives of flora and fauna and objects of scientific or historical-cultural value;

6. On the territory of the sanctuary it is allowed to implement the following activities as prescribed by the law:

- 1) reproduction of wild rare and valuable species of flora and fauna typical to the sanctuary ecosystems;
- 2) measures on prevention of the phenomena and processes, which disturb the balance of ecosystems as well as on restoration of disturbed ecosystems;



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- 3) cognitive tourism as prescribed by regulations;
- 4) tourism including organization of services related to ecotourism with consideration of locations of historical and cultural monuments on the sanctuary territory and with safeguard of undisturbed historic environment;
- 5) use of organic fertilizers and biological means to control pests and diseases of flora and fauna species;
- 6) organization of educational, up-bringing and practical trainings for educational institutions;
- 7) scientific-research studies;
- 8) recreational and sport fishing in specially envisaged locations;
- 9) leasing lands for recreational purposes according to the order established by the law;
- 10) production, processing and marketing of agricultural products by ecologically friendly methods.

7. State supervision over compliance with nature protection and nature use regimes on the territory of the sanctuary shall be done by the state authorized body according to the order established by the Republic of Armenia Law on Environmental Supervision.

8. Organizations and citizens, who violate the nature protection regimes and allowed forms of nature use shall be liable according to the order established by the law.

IV. Buffer zone and buffer zone regime of the sanctuary

9. The buffer zone of the sanctuary includes: in the west – southern slopes of Ijevan ridge, in the south-west – the territories of the River Getik watershed basin, in the south – north-western branches of Miapor ridge, in the east – the territories of Ijevan Forest Enterprise separated by the tributaries of the River Aghstev, in the north – the territories limited by the Sarnajur River watershed basin.

10. Any economic activity, which can threaten the stability of ecosystems as well as protection of the flora and fauna representatives and of the objects of scientific or historic-cultural value shall be prohibited on the territory of the buffer zone of the sanctuary.

V. Sanctuary protection

12. Protection of the sanctuary shall be done by “Hayantar” State Non-Commercial Organization.



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Annex 2. Draft decision of the Government of the Republic of Armenia on “Approval of the boundary description, scheme and size of the territory of Ijevan State Sanctuary of “Hayantar” State Non-Commercial Organization

Draft

Government of the Republic of Armenia

Decision

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on approval of the boundary description, scheme and size of the territory of Ijevan State Sanctuary of “Hayantar” State Non-Commercial Organization

The Government of the Republic of Armenia decides to:

1. Approve:

- 1) The boundary description and scheme of Ijevan State Sanctuary of “Hayantar” State Non-Commercial Organization according to Annexes N1 and N2 .
- 2) Size of the sanctuary territory - 14 519.52 ha.
2. This decision shall enter into force on the tenth day upon its official publication.



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Annex N1
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Boundary description of Ijevan State Sanctuary

Annex N2
to the RA Government decision
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Scheme of Ijevan State Sanctuary



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Draft

Government of the Republic of Armenia

Decision

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on approval of the management plan for the period of 20.. – 20... of Ijevan State Sanctuary of “Hayantar” State Non-Commercial Organization

The Government of the Republic of Armenia decides to:

1. Approve:

1) Management plan for the period of of Ijevan State Sanctuary of “Hayantar” State Non-Commercial Organization according to the Annex.

2. This decision shall enter into force on the tenth day upon its official publication.

**Annex
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**Management plan of
Ijevan State Sanctuary for the period of**



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Justification

for approval of the package of draft decisions of the Government of the Republic of Armenia on

“Establishment of Ijevan State Sanctuary, approval of the sanctuary charter and making changes and additions in the decision N 388-N of the Government of the Republic of Armenia from 16 January 2003”, “Approval of the boundary description, scheme and size of the territory of Ijevan State Sanctuary of “Hayantar” State Non-Commercial Organization and “Approval of the management plan for the period of 20.. – 20... of Ijevan State Sanctuary of “Hayantar” State Non-Commercial Organization

1. Current state and the need for approval of the legal acts

According to Provision 12 of the Strategy approved by decision N 1059-A of the RA Government from 25.09.2014 on “Approval of the Strategy and State Program on Protection and Use of Specially Protected Nature Areas of the Republic of Armenia” the management of specially protected nature areas – 13 forest sanctuaries under the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Armenia is vested with “Hayantar” SNCO. However, the charter of “Hayantar” SNCO has no provisions on management of sanctuaries in its structure along with the principles on management of sanctuaries and their protection regime.

The mentioned 13 sanctuaries have no charters and management plans, their boundaries have not been clarified.

In the frames of ENPI-FLEG 1, the Feasibility Study on Establishment of a Forested Protected Area in Northern Armenia was implemented with the aim to assess the possibility to establish a new protected area to embrace 3 existing state sanctuaries established by the Council of Ministers of ArmSSR (Gandzakar Sanctuary, Hazel-Nut Sanctuary and Ijevan Sanctuary with the total area of about 13000 ha) as well as other areas important in terms of biodiversity on the territory of Sevkar and Ijevan Forest Enterprises of “Hayantar” State Non-Commercial Organization.

In the frames of the ENPI-FLEG 2 Program the task on mapping and clarification of the boundaries of the proposed Ijevan Sanctuary was finalized in 2015. In 2016 draft management plan of Ijevan State Sanctuary was developed.

Taking into consideration the above mentioned facts as well as that the charter of “Hayantar” SNCO has been approved by the Government of the Republic of Armenia, it is expedient that the charters of forest sanctuaries under “Hayantar” SNCO are also approved by governmental decision.



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The need for development of the presented drafts has been based on the above stated facts.

2. The nature of the proposed regulation

Approval of draft decisions of the Government of the Republic of Armenia on “Establishment of Ijevan State Sanctuary, approval of the sanctuary charter and making changes and additions in the decision N 388-N of the Government of the Republic of Armenia from 16 January 2003”, “Approval of the boundary description, scheme and size of the territory of Ijevan State Sanctuary of “Hayantar” State Non-Commercial Organization and “Approval of the management plan for the period of 20.. – 20... of Ijevan State Sanctuary of “Hayantar” State Non-Commercial Organization will regulate relations on establishment, protection, use and governance of Ijevan State Sanctuary established via consolidation of 3 existing sanctuaries under the management of “Hayantar” SNCO.

3. The institutes and persons involved in development of the drafts

The issues on establishment and studies of Ijevan State Sanctuary of “Hayantar” State Non-Commercial Organization have been discussed with representatives of rural and urban communities of the RA Tavush Region, administration of “Hayantar” SNCO and its branches as well as respective specialists.

4. Expected results

Approval of the presented drafts will improve the management of specially protected nature areas by “Hayantar” SNCO.



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Reference on making changes in expenditures or revenues of state budget in relation to approval of the legal acts

No significant increase of expenditures of state budget is expected by approval of draft decisions of the Government of the Republic of Armenia on “Establishment of Ijevan State Sanctuary, approval of the sanctuary charter and making changes and additions in the decision N 388-N of the Government of the Republic of Armenia from 16 January 2003”, “Approval of the boundary description, scheme and size of the territory of Ijevan State Sanctuary of “Hayantar” State Non-Commercial Organization and “Approval of the management plan for the period of 20.. – 20... of Ijevan State Sanctuary of “Hayantar” State Non-Commercial Organization.

Reference on the need of making changes in legal acts

There is no need for changes in other legal acts in relation to approval of draft decisions of the Government of the Republic of Armenia on “Establishment of Ijevan State Sanctuary, approval of the sanctuary charter and making changes and additions in the decision N 388-N of the Government of the Republic of Armenia from 16 January 2003”, “Approval of the boundary description, scheme and size of the territory of Ijevan State Sanctuary of “Hayantar” State Non-Commercial Organization and “Approval of the management plan for the period of 20.. – 20... of Ijevan State Sanctuary of “Hayantar” State Non-Commercial Organization.

Reference on involvement of public in drafting and consultations of the legal acts

Public awareness on draft decisions of the Government of the Republic of Armenia on “Establishment of Ijevan State Sanctuary, approval of the sanctuary charter and making changes and additions in the decision N 388-N of the Government of the Republic of Armenia from 16 January 2003”, “Approval of the boundary description, scheme and size of the territory of Ijevan State Sanctuary of “Hayantar” State Non-Commercial Organization and “Approval of the management plan for the period of 20.. – 20... of Ijevan State Sanctuary of “Hayantar” State Non-Commercial Organization” was arranged through*

* Note: Public awareness on the drafts will be arranged through uploading the drafts on official web-sites of “Hayantar” SNCO and/or the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Armenia.

