

**An Assessment of the Awareness, Attitudes, and Expectations of the Local
Population Regarding Krtsanisi Forest Park**

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Abstract

The Krtsanisi Forest Park is located in southeast Georgia, 350 meters above sea level, within administrative borders of Gardabani Municipality, between the municipalities of Tbilisi and Rustavi, with a total area of 530 ha. 210 hectares of total area of the forest park is currently managed by the National Wildlife Agency.

The presented thesis assesses the awareness, attitudes, and expectations of the Ponichala district population (Tbilisi) towards Krtsanisi Forest Park, as well as to its current management unit, and therefore, provides information that can contribute to the process of setting priorities for the sustainable management and further development of the aforementioned forested area.

Within the scope of the presented study, combination of desk research and survey methods have been used. Based on the analysis of the data obtained, relevant conclusions and recommendations have been elaborated to contribute to the involvement of local population in the Krtsanisi forest-park's management and improve environmental conditions in the aforementioned area in general.

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