

PATARIDZE, Tamar (Georgia)**Current employment and/or position/title:**

Deputy Head of the Agency of Protected Areas of Georgia under the Ministry of Environment Protection of Georgia

Experience in fields of concern to IUCN:

Tamar Pataridze serves as a Deputy Head of the Agency of Protected Areas of Georgia for almost one year. The protected areas system of Georgia is developed and managed according to the categories and principles of IUCN. Therefore Tamar's daily work is directly connected with the main fields of concern of IUCN, such as biodiversity protection, improving socio-economic conditions of local people, climate change adaptation and mitigation etc. She is the person who knows the problems from inside, is well aware of the priorities and processes undergoing in the country and region, has intensive communication with her colleagues from other countries and can perfectly fulfil the task of effective communication and coordination between Georgia, other countries from the region and IUCN.

Particular qualifications to be a Regional Councillor:

Tamar Pataridze

- has seven years of working experience in the field of environment;
- is experienced in non-governmental as well as governmental sectors;
- has technical understanding of environmental issues and holds a professional degree in the field;
- has the knowledge and understanding of issues of biodiversity protection and protected areas in the country as well as in the region; and
- has effective communication skills and speaks perfect English.