



**Format for the preliminary database of CCA sites in I.R. Iran**

***Basic data (please provide all)***

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| Site Name (in local language and in English)  | Soldouz (or Sirangoli) wetland                         |
| Country (Province)  | Naghadeh (West Azerbaijan Province)                    |
| Area encompassed by the CCA (specify unit of measurement).  | 4500 ha  |
| GIS Coordinates (if available)  |  |
| Whether it includes sea areas (Yes or no)   | No   |
| Whether it includes freshwater (Yes or no)  | Yes (brackish)   |
| Marine (Y or N)   | No   |
| Concerned community (name and approx. number of persons)  | Naghadeh and surrounding villages                      |
| Is the community considering itself an indigenous people? (Please note Yes or No; if yes note which people)   | Yes (Azeri)  |
| Is the community considering itself a minority? (Please note Yes or No, if yes on the basis of what, e.g. religion, ethnicity)  | Yes  |
| Is the community permanently settled? (Please note Yes or No; if the community is mobile, does it have a customary transhumance territory? )  | Yes  |
| Is the community local per capita income inferior, basically the same or superior to national value? (please note how confident you are about the information)  | Same or Less   |
| Is the CCA recognised as a protected area by governmental agencies? (Yes or no; if yes, how? If no, is it otherwise recognized?) If yes, legal document? Establishment date?  | Yes (after 1963 it has become part of government land) |
| Conflicts with land tenure, natural resource use?   | Yes  |
| What is the main management objective (e.g. livelihood, cultural, spiritual...)   | Livelihood and cultural                                |
| By definition, a CCA fulfils a management objective. To which IUCN management category <sup>1</sup> do you consider it would best fit (this does not imply that the management objective is consciously pursued by the concerned community, but that it is actually achieved) | TBD  |

***Additional qualitative information***

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| Main ecosystem type   | Wetland  |
| Description of biodiversity & resources (ecosystems, species, functions) conserved by the CCA | A variety of plant and animal species (incl. migratory birds)  |
| Description of local ethnic groups and languages spoken                                       | Azeri  |
| Broad historical context of the CCA   | For centuries the local communities have managed water resources of the wetlands on the southern part of the Uromiyeh Lake such that there was a |

<sup>1</sup> Please see [http://www.iucn.org/themes/wcpa/wpc2003/pdfs/outputs/pascal/pascalrev\\_info3.pdf](http://www.iucn.org/themes/wcpa/wpc2003/pdfs/outputs/pascal/pascalrev_info3.pdf)

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|  | complex of 4 wetlands known as “Green Belt”. These wetlands supported the communities in terms of water and other resources for years.  |
| Governance structure for the CCA (who takes management decisions, how?)                                      | Distribution of water to these wetlands and surrounding agricultural lands was a collective decision                                    |
| Length of time the governance model has been in place  | For centuries. Just recently one local NGO with support from UNDP/GEF/SGP revived the above wetland by restoring the old water channels |
| Land and resource ownership in the CCA   | Government ownership (DoE)  |
| Type of land use in the CCA  | Livestock breeding + rangeland management   |
| Existence of written or oral management plans and specific rules for the use of natural resources in the CCA | Yes, orally   |
| Map and zoning of the CCA (please attach if available and relevant,)   | Available.  |
| Relevant pictures with captions (please attach if available)   | Not sure if available   |
| Major threats to biodiversity and/or the CCA governance system   | Drought; agriculture (increased demand for water); lack of support from government to this newly re-established ICCA                    |
| Local CCA-relevant features, stories, names, rules and practices   | Available   |

**Contact individuals and organizations:** here it is vital to have names of contacts directly related to the community governing the CCA

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**References<sup>2</sup>** : please stress references describing the conservation, cultural and socio-economic values of the CCAs.

Please refer to documentation of UNDP/GEF/SGP funded project since 2003.

<sup>2</sup> Please use the same format of the references in:

<http://www.iucn.org/themes/ceesp/Publications/TILCEPA/guidelinesindigenouspeople.pdf>



Fig. 1 – Soldouz (or Siran Goli) Wetland is a Satellite Wetland on the southern tip of the Lake Uromiyeh Ramsar Site. This wetland has been revived through local community efforts (GEF/SGP funded project)



Fig. 2 – Soldouz and surrounding wetlands known as “The Green Belt” have been an important life support system for rangelands and grazing of livestock, an important livelihood for the local communities of this region of Iran