



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

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

Site Name (in local language and in English)	Talesh Nomads
Country (include State and Province)	Khojdare, Talesh (Guilan Province)
Area encompassed by the CCA (specify unit of measurement).	1794 ha
GIS Coordinates (if available)	
Whether it includes sea areas (Yes or no) N	No
Whether it includes freshwater (Yes or no)	Yes (rivers)
Marine (Y or N)N	No
Concerned community (name and approx. number of persons)	Khojdare & Lotum villages (50 households - 330 persons)
Is the community considering itself an indigenous people? (Please note Yes or No; if yes note which people)	Yes/Talesh nomad
Is the community considering itself a minority? (Please note Yes or No, if yes on the basis of what, e.g. religion, ethnicity)	Yes/Sunni muslim
Is the community permanently settled? (Please note Yes or No; if the community is mobile, does it have a customary transhumance territory? )	Yes - Women stay in the village and work on agriculture lands, and men move with the cattle and there are customary transhumance territory
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)	It is less than per capita income according to 1385 national census
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, it is government land according to Forest and Rangelands Conservation Law 1963
Conflicts with land tenure, natural resource use?	Yes, just recently government passed laws to encourage forest dwellers to leave the forest and stop livestock breeding
What is the main management objective (e.g. livelihood, cultural, spiritual...)	Livelihood, cultural and spiritual values
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

<sup>1</sup> Please see [http://www.iucn.org/themes/wcpa/wpc2003/pdfs/outputs/pascat/pascatrev\\_info3.pdf](http://www.iucn.org/themes/wcpa/wpc2003/pdfs/outputs/pascat/pascatrev_info3.pdf)

***Additional qualitative information***

Main ecosystem type	Forest
Description of biodiversity & resources (ecosystems, species, functions) conserved by the CCA	Caspian forest are known for plant and animal biodiversity and Talesh region is one of the most pristine areas
Description of local ethnic groups and languages spoken	Talesh (Guilaki)
Broad historical context of the CCA	Talesh region is one of the oldest human settlements in Iran
Governance structure for the CCA (who takes management decisions, how?)	Elders and community leaders
Length of time the governance model has been in place	For centuries
Land and resource ownership in the CCA	Government land with customary practices
Type of land use in the CCA	Forestry + cattle herding
Existence of written or oral management plans and specific rules for the use of natural resources in the CCA	Customary laws and practices
Map and zoning of the CCA (please attach if available and relevant,)	Available
Relevant pictures with captions (please attach if available)	Available
Major threats to biodiversity and/or the CCA governance system	Tree cutting, erosion caused by logging roads, unusual weather conditions (Floods, heavy snow), government pressure, emigration to cities, conversion of forest to agriculture.
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.

Mona Kananian, MSC Thesis, Tehran University - 2004

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

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



Fig.1 – A typical view of the Caspian Forests at higher altitudes