

## PARTICIPANTS

Coordination



Local coordination



## PROJECT DETAILS

**Project Coordinator:** Forest Science and Technology Centre of Catalonia, CTFC (Spain)

**Local Partner:** Andishe Pouya Rural Entrepreneurship Development Centre, TAKRA (Iran)

**Duration:** 48 months

**Location of the Action:** Mazandaran province in Caspian coastal area in north of Iran, including 2 counties (Savadkooh and Northern Savadkooh)



**HYRGROW - Enhancing CSO's capacities to contribute to forest governance and sustainable growth in the Hyrcanian Mixed Forests eco-region**

## Associates

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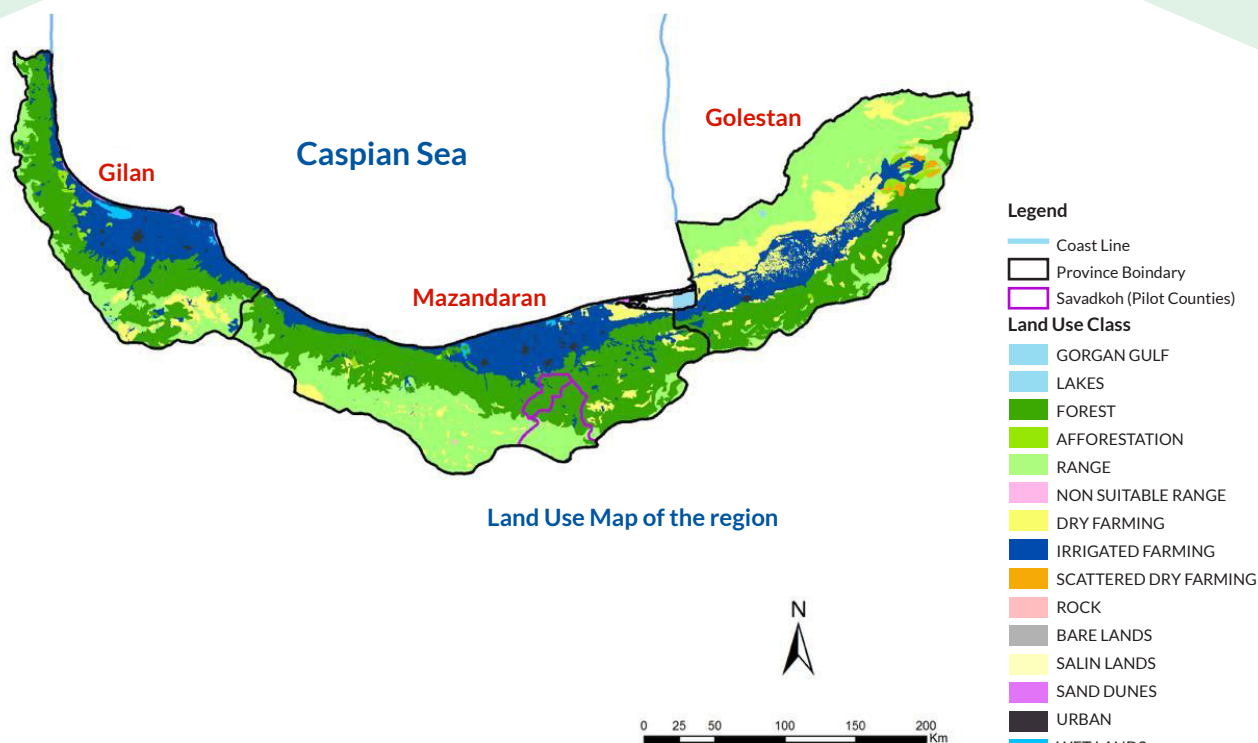
## ACTION OVERVIEW

The action is aimed at enhancing the knowledge and capacity of Iranian Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) to create and implement together with local authorities a sustainable and participatory forest governance and sustainable growth in the Hyrcanian Mixed Forests eco-region.

Specifically, the project works to strengthen and better engage environmental CSOs, formally organized as well as informal grass-roots local groups and networks, in decision-making and consultative provincial and local structures and in public control over the use of natural resources, and empowering them with knowledge and resources on sustainable forest practices to improve the livelihoods of forest dwellers while connecting their voices/interests within the local and regional authorities.



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## ACHIEVEMENTS

**HYRGROW contributes to:**

**R1.** CSO recognition by the government with collaboration and capacity building for synergy and drawing its participation in decision and policy making based on their needs;

**R2.** Strengthened existing grass-root organizations (existing network of environmental/rural development CSOs), especially representing rural voices, and more CSOs joined;

**R3.** Local producers involved with NTFPs (mainly mushrooms, truffles, medicinal plants and honey), handicrafts and ecotourism have a formed network or an association;

**R4.** Local CSOs and other stakeholders capacitated on sustainable forest practices and the use of NTFPs for income generation;

**R5.** Participatory advocacy campaigns, capacity-building, research and knowledge dissemination to promote forest conservation/NTFPs for the livelihood of rural communities;

**R6.** Increased awareness on participatory forest governance in the Hyrcanian forests.

