

National Taskforce to Safeguard Protected Wildlife Areas

A national taskforce has been established by the Ethiopian Wildlife Conservative Authority (EWCA) in collaboration with Population, Health and Environment Ethiopia Consortium (PHEEC), to safeguard protected natural environments and wildlife.

The taskforce will take corrective measures up on receiving reports about violations of conservation and management rules, mobilizes technical and financial resources necessary for effective park management and monitors the effectiveness of the regional level taskforces at implementing proposed action plans.

A pilot project of the taskforce has been implemented on Awash National Park and Semien Mountains National Park by Wildlife Sustainable Development and Frankfurt Zoological Society lead by PHEEC starting April, 2013. The newly formed taskforce is the extension of the earlier project that includes more private and public stakeholders.

With the presence of Amin Abdulkadir minister of culture and tourism, Chachi Tadesse singer and wild animal development and safeguarding voluntary ambassador, the national taskforce formation conference on protected areas and wildlife management was launched on May 22, 2014 at the Ghion Hotel in Kirkos District.