Basic facts

• Name: Nenskra HPP
• Location: Georgia
• Capacity: 280 MW
• Type: storage dam
• Project promoter: Korea Water Resources Corporation; Georgian state JSC Partnership Fund
• Biodiversity impacts: territory of the planned Upper Svaneti National Park
• Social impacts: effects on Svan indigenous communities
Affected Svan population

- 400 Svan households
- 2 communities
- Svans – indigenous peoples with own language, laws, customary use of lands and traditions
- Dependency on communal lands for subsistence agriculture, grazing, timber
- Low income population
- Internally displaced people from Abkhazia live in the affected villages

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Nenskra dam social impacts

Nenskra will cause:

• Physical resettlement of families in the power house area
• Flooding of communal land (pastures and forests)
• Impact economic livelihoods
• Affect vulnerable people (internally displaced people, women)

Project ESIA fails to:

• identify the affected population
• assess socio-economic impacts
• propose mitigation

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Consultations with affected communities – flawed

- June 2015 – Public consultations meetings – no timely notice, ESIA available in 1 community only, no risks presented at public hearings
- May – German external review deems the ESIA as „in need of substantial revision“
- September – pre-construction works commenced
- October – environmental and construction permits issued, no significant changes to ESIA made
- Spring 2016
  - construction works start
  - Stakeholder Engagement Plan missing
  - Environmental and Social Management Plan lacking
  - It is already late for meaningful consultations with the affected people

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Natural hazards – inadequate assessment

- Nenskra HPP may increase the geo risks:
  - Multiple existing mudflows and landslides in the project area
  - Debris covering the Nakra village
  - Dam facilities to increase the flooding risks

- Nenskra ESIA fails to:
  - Identify existing mudflows effects
  - Assess mudflow and landslide risks
  - Propose adequate mitigation measures

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Multiple hydro combined impact

- Nenskra is located in Upper Svanetia region
- 35 HPPs planned in the area size of Mallorca island
- Cumulative impacts on the Enguri river basin ecosystems
- Inside the planned Upper Svaneti National Park hydro development clash with conservation efforts
Planned hydropower plants
Upper Svanetia, Georgia

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For more information:

- Briefing on the Nenskra HPP
- Comments on the Nenskra ESIA
- Preliminary comments on the Nenskra hydropower plant Environmental and Social Impact Assessment consultation process
- Photo story: Above the clouds, below the dam
- Map of planned hydropower plants in Upper Svanetia
- Review of Nenskra HEP ESIA study

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