

Attitudes of mountainous regions citizens toward the environmental problems (Mestia Municipality as an example)

Tamar Khuntselia

E-mail: Tamar.khuntselia@ens.tsu.edu.ge

Department of Geography, Faculty of Exact and Natural Sciences, Iv. Javakishvili Tbilisi State University #1, I. Chavchavadze Avenue, Tbilisi 0179, Georgia

Mountain ecosystems have a large role for global or regional development, since mountainous regions are a source of drinking water, biodiversity and hydropower. Mountain ecosystems are important for long-term development, poverty reduction and green economy. Thus, the sustainable development of the mountainous regions is a global priority.

Georgia is a classical example of a country where mountain regions cover a significant part of the country. A clear example is that the 70% of the mountain landscapes of the hold, which results in the mountainous regions and the importance of contributions to the country's sustainable development.

Sustainable development is one of the most important aspects to take into account the immediate needs of the population development plans. The purpose of the work is to study / represent the attitudes of the population of Mestia Municipality, Zemo Svaneti in one of the most distinctive and interesting mountain regions of Georgia in the context of development of the region towards ecological problems. The purpose of research is one of the distinctive and interesting mountainous region - the study of attitudes of Mestia Municipality environmental issues in the context of regional development. Here are the rapid development of the region in terms of tourism, expanding the infrastructure.

The survey covers the population of the municipality is based on the questionnaire and a pre-determined number of respondents. Based on the results of the survey will be used for statistical analysis package SPSS.

As a result of the survey, the ecological problems of Mestia municipality have been identified. In order to study the spatial distribution peculiarities of problems, geometric

systems were analyzed and the opinions of the population were analyzed with the peculiarities of their subsistence environment, socio-economic conditions and growing tourism in the region.

The results are crucial as to improve the sustainable development strategy of the region and to plan preventive measures as well as one of the examples of the world's mountainous regions and the environmental interaction.