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- Stakeholder Conference, Sofia, Bulgaria
- Smart and Blue – new opportunities for the blue economy of the Black Sea – Supporting maritime business growth

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# Guria

- Region in western Georgia
- 22 km black sand Black Sea coastline
- Population 139,800, area 2030 sq. km
- Four municipalities
- Subtropical climate
- Tourism and agriculture sectors
- Oil transshipment (BP Supsa terminal)
- Mountain and coastal ecosystems
- Kolkheti National Park / Ramsar site

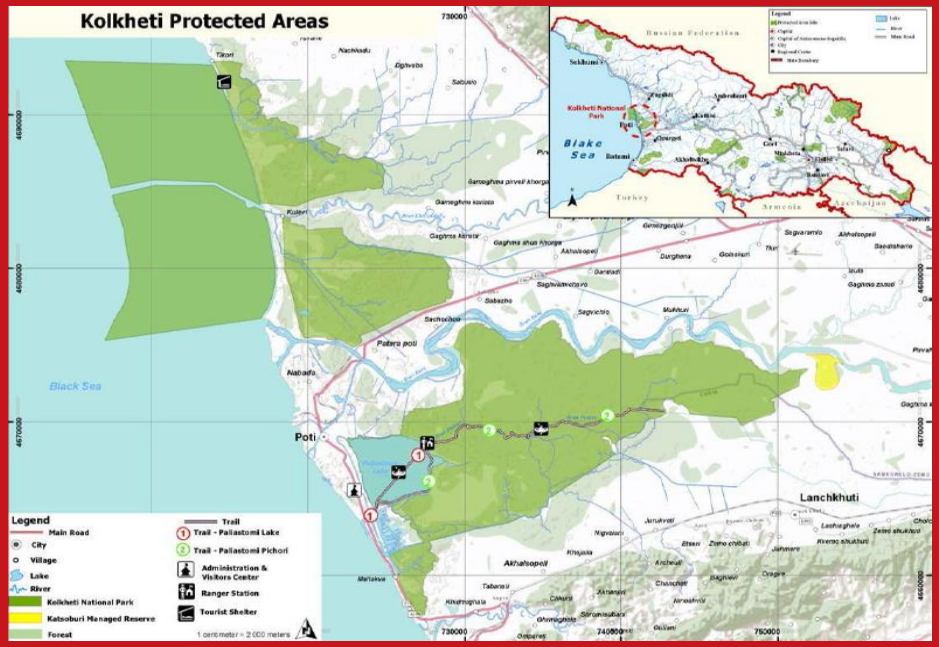
Bakhmaro

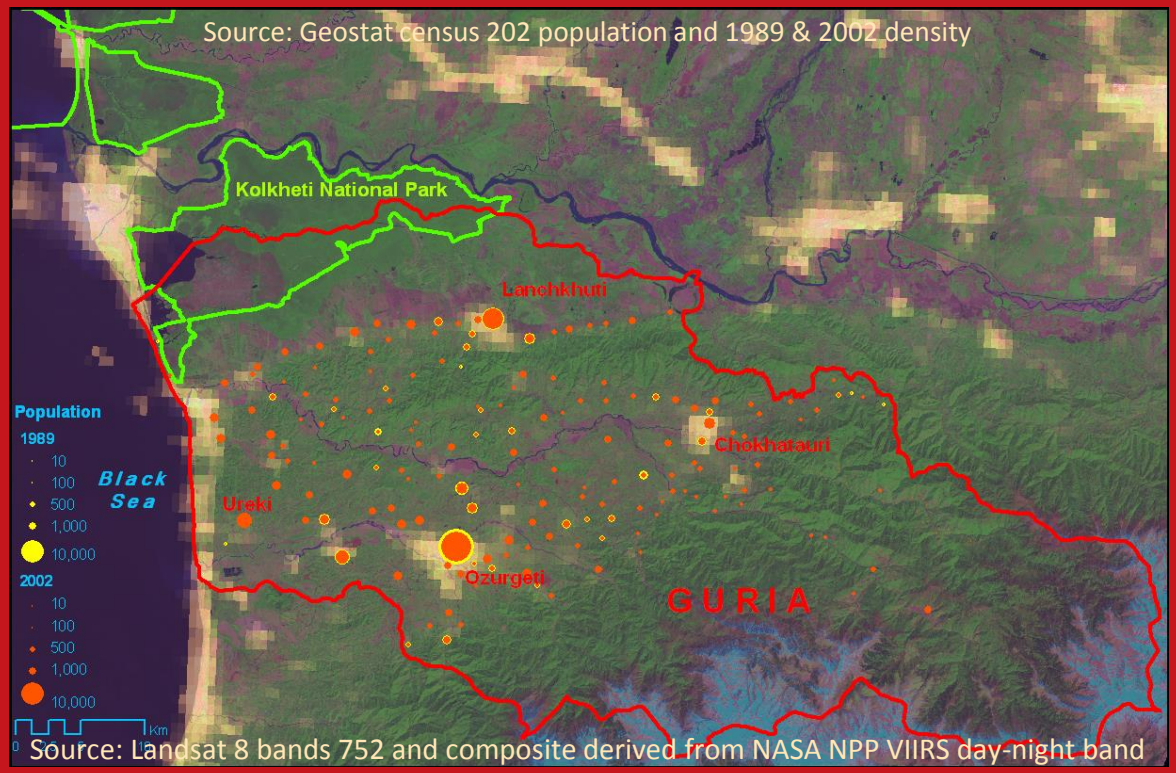
Gomismta

Ureki

Shekvetili

# Kolkheti National Park

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Kolkheti National Park
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Ureki
Ozurgeti
GURIA
Black Sea
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1989
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500
1,000
10,000
2002
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100
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10,000
Km
Source: Landsat 8 bands 752 and composite derived from NASA NPP VIIRS day-night band

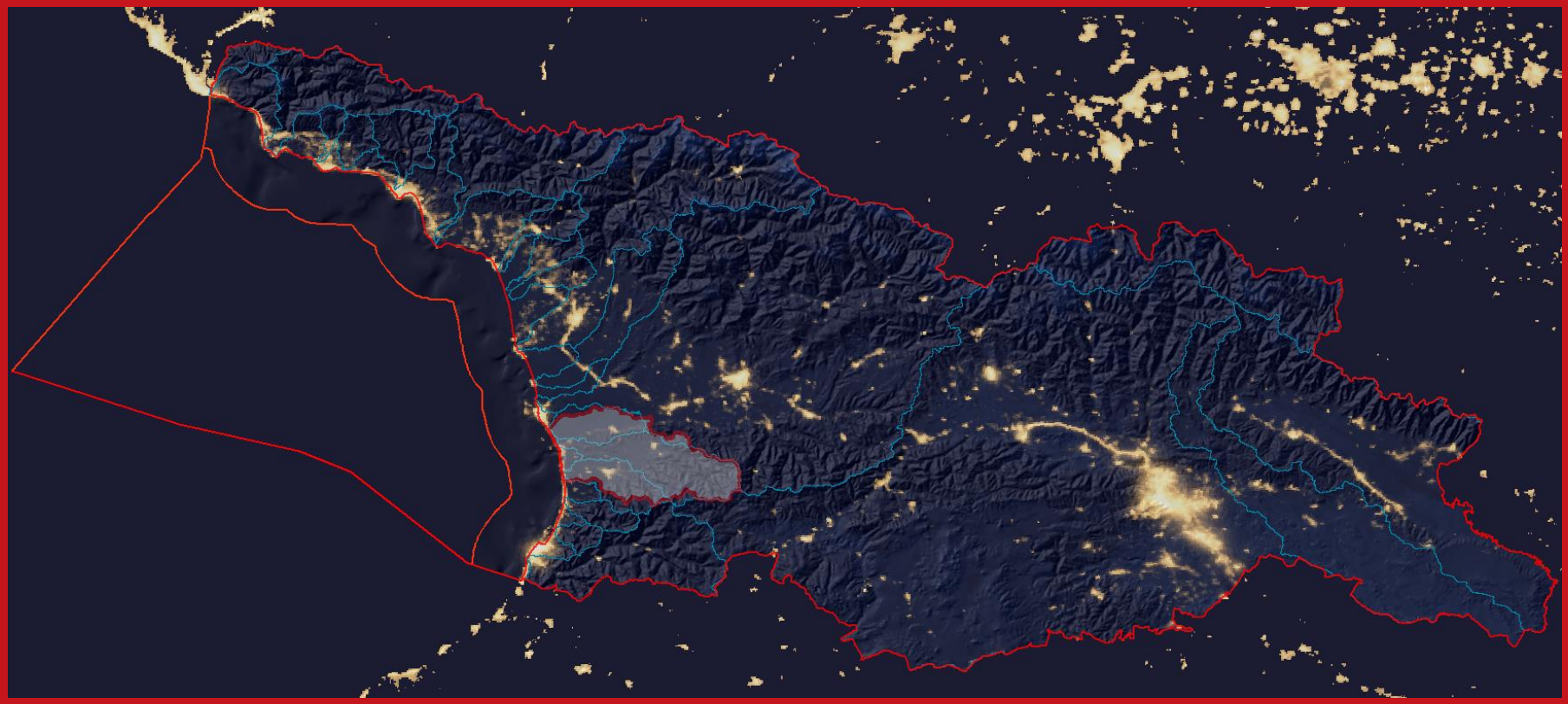
# Guria in AER

- Since 2008 Guria is full member of the Assembly of European Regions (AER), striving for integration with European values, strengthening cooperation between Regions and enhancing visibility of Guria Region
- Guria actively captures opportunities of participation in European projects

# EU-Georgia-AA

- Water Framework Directive
- Marine Strategy Framework directive
- Maritime Spatial Planning Directive

Approximation with these Directives would be instrumental for the Georgian implementation of Integrated Maritime Policies for the Black Sea



# THANK YOU

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