



Government Representative Sarid



Position:

Ministry of Environment –
Head of Department for Ecosystem Restoration

Role:

You represent Sarid in the joint planning effort for the transboundary climate adaptation project.

Key interests and priorities:

- Hydropower expansion (currently at 50% of potential)
- Reducing natural hazard risks (landslides, floods)
- Strengthening economic development and improving well-being in mountain communities

Negotiation goals:

- Advocate for major reforestation and river stabilisation to protect hydropower dams
- Secure TEF funding for ecosystem-based disaster risk reduction (eco-DRR)
- Demand greater data sharing from the Government of Miria, which has historically restricted access
- Maintain close cooperation with the Government of Miria on environmental values, and encourage it to loosen its strict Nature-based Solutions requirements
- Oppose any project elements that might limit hydropower expansion or water storage
- Be skeptical of any activities that may hinder future economic development in mountain areas



Hydropower Operator

Living in Sarid



Affiliation:

Private Energy Firm –
RiverPower

Role:

You operate a major hydropower plant in Sarid, near one of the potential project areas.

Key interests and priorities:

- Stable water flows for consistent energy production
- Concerned about sedimentation, erosion, and ecosystem degradation affecting infrastructure
- Protection of existing and future hydropower infrastructure
- Good connections to neighbouring countries for potential expansion outside of Sarid

Negotiation goals:

- Push for catchment protection—but only where it benefits hydropower
- Open to co-funding certain eco-DRR measures that protect dams
- Strongly oppose any Nature-based Solutions that threaten or restrict reservoir operations
- Seek TEF support for upgrading infrastructure with eco-friendly technology
- Demand access to reliable water data—but resist open data sharing with researchers



Facilitator
Living in Sarid



Affiliation:
Tamlar Connection Secretariat



Government Representative Kitar



Position:

National Planning Agency –
Lead for Infrastructure and Development

Role:

You represent Kitar's development interests.

Key interests and priorities:

- Tourism growth
- Agricultural expansion and productivity
- Rapid development with minimal regulation

Negotiation goals:

- Demand project components that support tourism corridors and agricultural development
- Promote alignment with energy infrastructure expansion (wind and solar)
- Advocate for public-private partnerships
- Resist heavy environmental regulation and lengthy Environmental Impact Assessments
- Oppose strong roles for civil society or scientific community
- Avoid "mountain-centric" restrictions that may slow economic growth



Tourism Operator

Living in Kitar



Affiliation:

Regional Tourism Board – EcoTrails

Role:

You promote ecotourism and mountain trails in the Tamalar Range.

Key interests and priorities:

- Restoration of scenic landscapes
- Maintaining access to trails and attractions
- Tourism-driven economic benefits

Negotiation goals:

- Support scenic restoration and low-impact tourism infrastructure
- Oppose proposed conservation zoning or access restrictions
- Advocate for public-private collaboration
- Support regional mountain range wide activities, since this is a larger market and would support upscaling activities of the company
- Argue that tourism generates jobs, while noting that existing constraints in Miria may be affecting regional economic opportunities
- Support restoration efforts that prioritize visual appeal, even if not fully ecological



Farmer

Living in Kitar



Affiliation:

Local agricultural cooperative

Role:

You represent small-scale mountain farmers.

Key interests and priorities:

- Water and land productivity
- Fair prices for quality mountain products
- Protection from landslides, erosion, and erratic rainfall
- Maintenance of traditional land use
- Improve financial resources to invest into climate resilience

Negotiation goals:

- Push for agroforestry, pasture restoration, and hazard protection
- Request fair compensation for mountain farmers for their work in ensuring food security, biodiversity conservation and rural development
- Oppose top-down planning; demand direct involvement of local communities
- Resist tourism infrastructure that reduces available grazing land
- Advocate for NbS grounded in traditional knowledge



Government Representative

Miria



Position:

Department of Environment –
Head of Section Sustainable Mountain Development

Role:

You represent the smallest and most mountainous country in the region.

Key interests and priorities:

- Nature-based Solutions promotion
- Community involvement and local governance
- Biodiversity conservation
- Ecosystem-based economic growth

Negotiation goals:

- Prioritize ecological restoration and strict conservation
- Push for binding community consultation and inclusive governance
- Require robust environmental monitoring and evidence-based design
- Block any intervention deemed harmful to habitats or biodiversity
- Request improved sediment management from the Government of Sarid to reduce downstream impacts from hydropower operations, and insist that sufficient sediments continue to flow naturally to support river health and agriculture
- Insist on transparent data sharing (contradicting Sarid's private-sector concerns)



Local Citizen

Living in Miria



Affiliation:

Community Association “Voices of the Mountains”

Role:

You represent local residents living near the proposed project areas.

Key interests and priorities:

- Water quality and safety
- Livelihood opportunities
- Protection of local forests, culture, and traditional practices
- Strong skepticism toward large donor-driven projects
- Opposition to mass tourism

Negotiation goals:

- Demand meaningful participation, not symbolic consultations
- Advocate for community-based monitoring and early warning systems
- Insist on local benefits: jobs, training, small-scale infrastructure
- Be skeptical of Sarid’s large scale storage of water in dams, especially during dry months
- Oppose mass tourism



Researcher

Living in Miria



Affiliation:

Tamlar Research Institute –
Department of Ecosystem Restoration

Role:

You provide scientific input and data to support evidence-based climate change adaptation.

Key interests and priorities:

- Evidence-based ecosystem restoration
- Strong monitoring and data systems
- Transparent, open data sharing
- Structural involvement of science and research in decision-making
- Highlighting risks of climate inaction

Negotiation goals:

- Insist on robust environmental baselines and assessment (seen by the Government of Kitar as delays)
- Promote open data access—strongly opposed by Sarid’s hydropower sector
- Present research showing that Sarid’s hydropower operations increase soil degradation and loss of agricultural land in Miria
- Present research showing that dry season water availability went down by 20% over the past 10 years
- Push for long-term climate resilience, warning against short-term development priorities
- Request active participation in the project, as well as some funding to support scientific activities during its implementation