

PROJECT INFORMATION

Enhancing Cooperation for Conservation Impact in the Western Tien-Shan



Western Tien-Shan, Sayram-
Ugam State National Nature
Park, Uzbekistan

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Background

Following the request of the World Heritage Committee to enhance the transboundary management of the Western Tien-Shan World Heritage site, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan have signed a tripartite Memorandum of Understanding in early 2019. As a result, they committed to establish a dedicated working group, with representatives of authorities and scientific organizations that would develop a joint five-year management framework for the site. Such document would guide the development of national management plans, support transboundary cooperation and assure compatibility.

Project details

The overall goal of the project is to improve conservation efforts and transboundary management of the Western Tien-Shan World Heritage site. This will be achieved by strengthening transboundary cooperation of its seven protected areas and by building their capacity for effective and harmonized monitoring, reporting and implementation of conservation measures. This approach will strengthen and facilitate cooperation among a diverse set of stakeholders, including park managers, government officials, local communities, civil society organizations, and international organizations. As a Regional Committee member, IUCN will support the effective transboundary management planning and facilitate the agreement on a common set of the IUCN Green List indicators. Building on existing work and realized cooperation with stakeholders in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Uzbekistan, the capacity development for effective networking in conservation can be immediately translated into action on the ground, resulting in improved conservation outcomes and impacts.

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Project countries: Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan

Duration: 04/2022 – 02/2024

Beneficiaries: Governments, protected area management staff of 7 protected areas within the Western Tien-Shan World Heritage Site

Implementing organisation: IUCN Regional Office for Eastern Europe and Central Asia (ECARO) in cooperation with IUCN World Heritage Programme and the IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas

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