

DEVELOPMENT DIRECTIONS OF ECOLOGICAL TOURISM IN SPECIALLY PROTECTED AREAS OF NAVOI REGION

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Abstract

This article describes the nature reserves established in Uchkuduq, Tomdi and Nurota districts of Navoi region, further expansion of existing ones, financing, work on protection of endangered species, prospects of rational use of the potential of ecotourism facilities.

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Ecological tourism is organized primarily in areas where eco-resources are available. There are many such beautiful and beautiful places in our country. In particular, Navoi region is distinguished from other regions of our country by its rich and unique nature in many ways, attractive mountains, unique hills, hot deserts, and deserts, as well as unique flora and fauna. A large part of the territory of Navoi region consists of deserts and deserts, and there are great opportunities for the development of ecological tourism in this place. If we take the Kyzylkum desert alone, the desert not only has incomparable minerals, but it also keeps the secrets of a long history in its bosom. Another important opportunity of Navoi region is the fact that the city of Nurota and the mountain range in its territory are recognized as tourist objects and the number of tourists coming to it is constantly increasing. People come to Nurota with two motivations. The first is pilgrimage, and the second is travel.

The President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Shavkat Mirziyoyev, on February 16, 2022, PD-131 signed the resolution. According to the document, in the Uchkuduq district of the Navoi region, the "Central Kyzylkum" national nature park with a total area of 1.2 million ha and the "Oktog-Tomdi" state reserve with a total area of 40,000 ha were established in the Tomdi district. is being done. In 2022, the activities of the park and reserve will be financed from the funds of the Fund for the implementation of works related to ecology, environmental protection, and waste. Starting in 2023, the funds of the local budget of the Navoi region will be involved in financing works. Also, the State Ecology Committee was assigned the task of forming staff from qualified specialists for the "Markaziy Kyzylkum" National Nature Park and the "Oktog-Tomdi" State Reserve.

According to the document, the share of protected natural areas in the country will almost double in 2018-2021, the share of Ugam-Chotkal State Biosphere Reserve, Khorezm National Nature Park, and South Ustyurt National Nature Park, as well as the share of "Sudoche" State Reserve will almost double. it is mentioned that it has doubled.

In particular, the purpose of creating protected natural areas is to preserve the unique natural complex and objects of the Kyzylkum desert, as well as rare animals and birds that are in danger of extinction, as well as plant species. , it consists of the protection of landscapes there.

There are more than 30 rare animal species and more than 10 plant species included in the Red Book of the National Nature Park and State Reserve. About 80% of the gazelle, a rare species of gazelle, lives in these protected natural areas.

As a clear example of our above opinion, the establishment of the "Markaziy Kyzylkum" National Nature Park and the "Oktog-Tomdi" State Reserve in the protected natural areas resulted in the protection of rare animals and plants and natural complexes in the next ten years. the number of animals will increase by at least 15%, and the distribution areas of plant populations will expand by 20%¹.

In addition, in recent years, in our country, special attention has been paid to the development of the economy and the improvement of the well-being of the people through the development of tourism. Among them, 10 campsites and 10 "yurts" for ecotourism were built by the limited liability company "Oxus Adventure". In addition, in recent years, in our country, special attention has been paid to the development of the economy and the improvement of the well-being of the people through the development of tourism. Among them, 10 campsites and 10 "yurts" for ecotourism were built by the limited liability company "Oxus Adventure" on the Aydarkol reservoir. the Aydarkol reservoir². The purpose of creating these campsites is to further develop ecological tourism in Navoi region and increase the number of tourists.

Nurota State Reserve. It is one of the protected areas of the province. This reserve is located in the central part of the Nurota Ridge. The area of the reserve is 17,752 hectares. Nurota Nature Reserve was established in 1975 to preserve the rare endemic subspecies Severtsov's sheep (*Ovis ammon severtzovi*), included in the International Red Book (IUCN) and the Red Book of the Republic of Uzbekistan. In addition, genetic varieties of walnuts and other crop varieties of fruit trees are protected there. There are 34 species of mammals. Severtsov sheep is one of the species that is common here and rare in other regions. At the same time, it is possible to observe other species of rare animals here. Foxes, wolves, boars, jackals and other species of wild animals are mostly found in the high parts of the mountain. On the lower side of the mountain, it is possible to see animals such as badger, desert cat, marten. Wild boars live in the foothills and forests, and the natural environment of the reserve creates favorable conditions for their living.

Nurota ridge. This area is distinguished by the original flora of the Pamir-Aloy and Tien-Shan mountain systems and the Turan desert plains, due to the unique environment within the regions. There are many types of medicinal plants in both mountainous and desert regions. There are 814 species of vascular plants belonging to 78 families in the Nurota ridge. Currently, 29 species of plants in the Nurota range are included in the Red Book of the Republic of Uzbekistan, 3 of them are tulips, 5 are astragalus and other plant species. Many shrubs and trees, especially rich artificial fruit forests, can be seen in this area, testifying to the horticultural activities of the local population for centuries. Artificial forests, which are among these unique landscape types, are made of walnut and other trees. Some of the forests are made up of fruit trees such as walnuts, apples, black and white mulberries, apricots, cherries, grapes, and pears, while the other part is made up of trees such as poplar, willow, and alder. The bushes and forests on the slopes of the mountain are mainly composed of bitter almonds and similar trees. In addition, there is also a tree-Oriental biota, which is very rare in the Central Asian region. The circumference of a thousand-year-old biota is 8.5 meters, and it is located in the village of Mojrum.

Based on the above, in addition to the development of ecological tourism in the specially protected areas of Navoi region, the organization of tourism without harming the ecology and environment is an

¹ <https://meros.uz/object/nurota-davlat-qoriqxonasi>

² <https://yuz.uz/uz/news/aydarkol>

urgent and important issue at the moment. Therefore, we can make the following suggestions for the further development of tourism in specially protected areas. Including:

1. Creation of a list of ecological touristic and specially protected objects of Navoi region;
2. Improving the condition of ecological tourist facilities and adapting them to standards;
3. Identification of endangered species in specially protected areas and their protection;
4. Development of new tour packages, tourist programs and tourist routes in specially protected areas of Navoi;
5. Development of work on ensuring technical safety in specially protected areas of the region;
6. Creation of scientific, innovative and methodical manuals aimed at the development of ecological tourism in the future.

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