



Central Asian Conservation Network: *Building Momentum for Conservation*

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Central Asian Conservation Network

The Central Asian Conservation Network (CACN) is an initiative for enhancing conservation action in Central Asia and along the Central Asian Flyway.

It provides a platform for information sharing, collaboration, capacity development, scientific research and data sharing, and joint programmes on biodiversity conservation.



Central Asian Conservation Network

- Open to NGOs, state agencies, academia, experts, development partners, donors, int. treaties
- Broad biodiversity focus + habitat restoration
- Central Asian Flyway – bird conservation + connects sites (multi-species) + tool for transboundary connection





Why the CACN?

- Transboundary issues need transboundary action
 - NGOs are a driver of conservation in CA & CAF
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- ✓ Sharing experience and best practices
 - ✓ Potential regional data sharing
 - ✓ Joint funding applications
 - ✓ Enhancing impact of small(er) NGOs, multiply capacities

Purpose & aim

Enhance
transboundary
collaboration for
conservation

Coordinated
monitoring and
research on key
species & sites

Capacity-building,
sharing of best
practices

Foster a new
generation of
conservationists

Build synergies to
strengthen existing
initiatives

Development/
strengthening of
new conservation
actors

Increase investment
by governments,
development
partners, donors

Implement joint
projects



Network members



- Open to all: NGOs, state agencies, academia, experts, development partners, donors, int. treaties
- NGOs - key members
- Flexible for specific local contexts
- Value of inputs from various levels
- Membership from CA and CAF countries



CACN in the Central Asian Flyway

- New developments for the CAF
 - ICAF (CMS, COP14)
- Several initiatives with limited membership
- CACN can fill gaps



Management

- Host organisations: YGPE & Nature Foundation
- Co-chairs: Khurshed Alimov & Katherine Hall
- Hosts & chairs: coordination
- Hosting on rotational basis
- Future structure...

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Activities

- **Webinar** for future conservationists
- **Joint application** for CEPF Ecosystem Profile Update - Mountains of Central Asia
- **Survey** of gaps, needs, opportunities in the CAF
- **Conference:** Building Momentum for Biodiversity Conservation along the CAF (Bishkek Kyrgyzstan, 8 April 2025, HSF)

Upcoming activities



- **Policy brief:** OECMs
- **Webinar:** Transboundary bird monitoring – methodology and case study (Srushti Conservation Foundation)
- **Webinar:** Peatland research and perspectives for Central Asia and the CAF (University of Eastern Finland)
- **Conference:** Nature, Borders, Migration (Joensuu, Finland, October 2025, University of Eastern Finland)
- Future project applications...
- Welcome other ideas...!



Thank you!

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