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
- ✓ 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



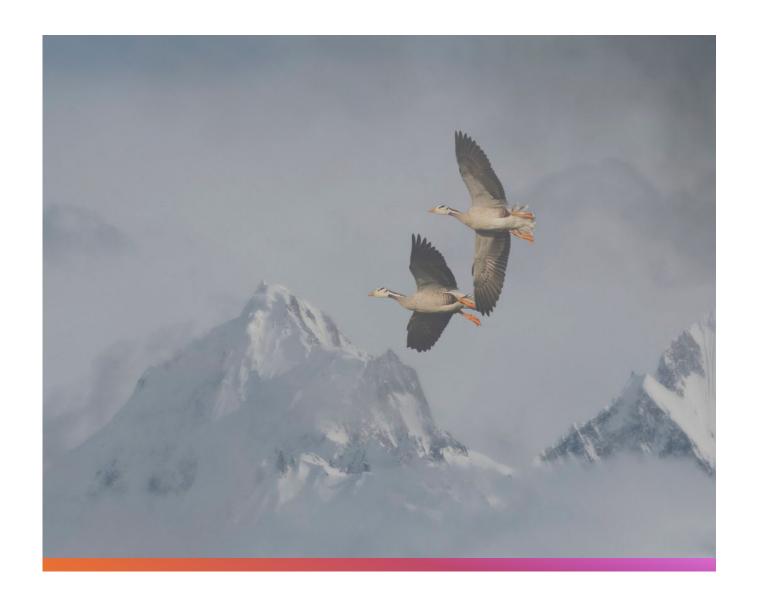


Network members



- 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

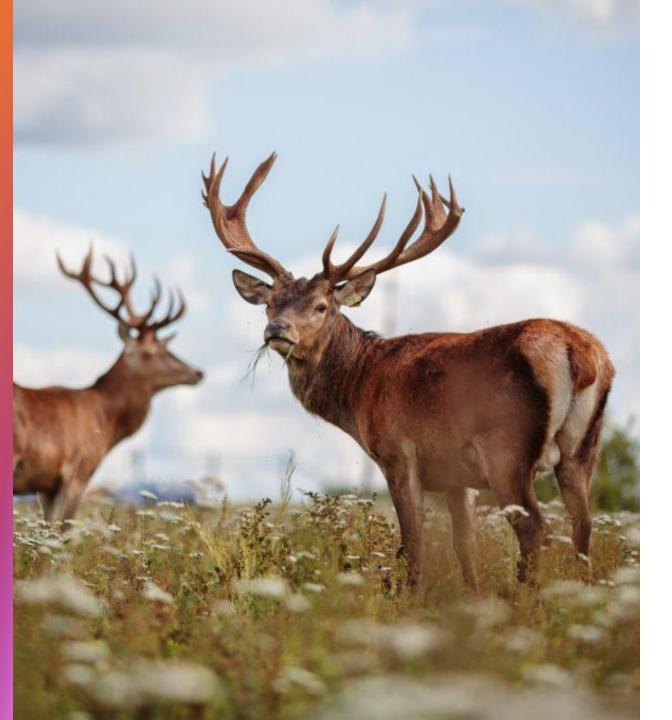




CACN in the Central Asian Flyway

- 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...



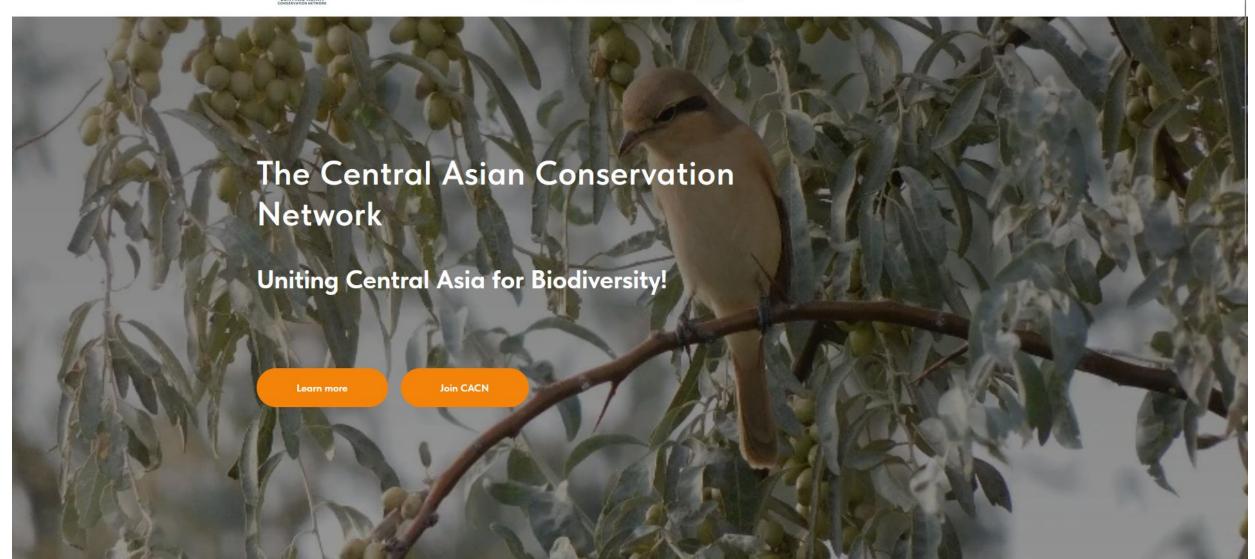
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About

Central Asian Flyway

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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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