

IUCN – The World Conservation Union

IUCN – The World Conservation Union was founded in 1948 and brings together 79 states, 113 government agencies, 754 NGOs, 36 affiliates, and some 10,000 scientists and experts from 181 countries in a unique worldwide partnership. Its mission is to influence, encourage and assist societies throughout the world to conserve the integrity and diversity of nature and to ensure that any use of natural resources is equitable and ecologically sustainable. Within the framework of global conventions IUCN has helped over 75 countries to prepare and implement national conservation and biodiversity strategies. IUCN has approximately 1000 staff, most of whom are located in its 42 regional and country offices while 100 work at its Headquarters in Gland, Switzerland.

IUCN Representative Office for Russia and the Commonwealth of Independent States

Within the framework of the European Regional Programme, IUCN Moscow Office was opened in 1994, and IUCN Representative Office for Russia and CIS countries – in 1999. The objectives of the Office's activities are strengthening the collaboration of government agencies, scientific and non-governmental organizations; coordination of their efforts towards environment protection and biodiversity conservation.

The current priorities are:

- Forest Programme;
- Establishment of Northern Eurasia Ecological Network;
- Rare Species Conservation;
- Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development;
- Arctic Programme;
- Public Support for Conservation Initiatives.

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