Report on preparation of the nomination dossier for the Ramsar sites of San-Tash Lake, Konur Olon (Konur-Olon and Alabash valleys) and the Juuku High-mountain Lakes network according to the Terms of Reference for Short-Term Consultancy Services of Kyrgyzstan Task No. 2.

Photo during the work with specialists from the Issyk-Kul office of the Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Protected Areas (Issyk-Kul oblast, Karakol).

Lake San-Tash is located in the northeastern part of Kyrgyzstan, in Tyup district of Issyk-Kul region, at an altitude of 1988 m, coordinates 42°45'09" N 79°00'25" E.
The lake receives melted snow water and water from rainfall on the mountain slopes. In recent years, because of the heat in the summer, water from melting glaciers of the high mountain belt has practically stopped flowing into the lake. At this time, the lake has almost dried up.

The lake San Tash was photographed on July 19, 2021 with a field trip to the lake that shows that this lake has dried up.

In this regard, there is no need to nominate the dossier of this lake for Ramsar sites.

1. Lake Konur-Olon (Konur-Olon and Alabash valleys) is located in the eastern-southern part of Kyrgyzstan, in the Ton district of the Issyk-Kul region, at an altitude
of 1902 m above sea level, coordinates 42°06' 47° N 76°41' 44° E. The lake is a swampy area with insignificant amount and area of water surface.

2. Juuku Lakes are located in the eastern-southern part of Kyrgyzstan, in Jety-Oguz district of Issyk-Kul region, at an altitude of 3788 m, coordinates 41°57’ 27° N 78°08’ 49° E. Represented by several small water bodies. The insignificance of water surface volumes does not allow recognizing them as lakes of international importance as habitats for waterfowl.

Identification of any features of these territories (their ornithological significance), necessary and important for waterfowl, which would allow to nominate
these territories for inclusion in the list of Ramsar sites (areas), requires additional observations and research.

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