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Tajikistan became a member of RRI-CA

Almaty, Kazakhstan – Tajikistan has joined the Ramsar Regional Initiative for Central Asia (RRI-CA). The Chairman of the Committee on Environmental Protection under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, Sheralizoda Bakhodur officially informed the Coordinating Committee of RRI-CA and said that the accession of the Republic of Tajikistan to RRI-CA would intensify activities on conservation and sustainable use of wetlands, enhance regional cooperation and stimulate implementation of wetland ecosystem conservation projects in Tajikistan.

Since 2016 RRI-CA included Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Turkmenistan, from 2019 Uzbekistan. With Tajikistan's accession to RRI-CA, the Initiative has become a full-fledged regional organization within the structure of the Ramsar Convention.

"I am confident that Tajikistan, by joining RRI-CA, will make even greater progress in the study and sustainable use of Ramsar wetlands," said Mr. Khisrav Shirmatov, State Focal Point for the Ramsar Convention in Tajikistan.

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The Ramsar Convention is a Convention on Wetlands of International Importance mainly as Waterfowl Habitat. The Ramsar Convention Secretariat coordinates the day-to-day activities of the Convention. It is located at the headquarters of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) in Gland, Switzerland.