



## FOURTH SUB-REGIONAL MEETING ON THE NOMINATION OF THE WEST TIEN-SHAN AS A TRANSBOUNDARY NATURAL HERITAGE SITE

23-24 May 2013., Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

### **Organizers:**

UNESCO Almaty Cluster Office and National Commission for UNESCO of the Kyrgyz Republic with the support of the UNESCO World Heritage Centre.

The meeting has been attended by 14 participants from governmental agencies, scientific and public organizations from Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan, and UNESCO experts.

Acting in the framework of the Global Strategy for a Balanced, Representative and Credible World Heritage List and taking into account recommendations of previous regional UNESCO workshops (November 2005, Almaty; July 2007, Almaty; September 2009, Tashkent; July 2011, Almaty), and drawing on international experience regarding preparation of natural transboundary nominations, the participants have agreed on and developed the following proposals and recommendations:

- To set the 30<sup>th</sup> of September 2013 as the date for submission of the West Tien-Shan nomination dossier to the UNESCO WH Center.
- To assign works on completion of the nomination dossier to the Association for the Conservation of Biodiversity in Kazakhstan (S.Sklyarenko). During the work to consider editor's corrections, which are agreed during the given meeting (Annex 1), based on recommendations of Ch. Magin and G. Welch and changed Form for preparation of the Nomination, approved by the Committee of the World Heritage in 2012 as well.
- To ask the Committees for UNESCO of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic and the Republic of Uzbekistan to hasten the reconciliation procedure and submission of the joint nomination dossier to the World Heritage Center taking into account earlier agreement on submission of the joint nomination on behalf of three involved countries by the Republic of Kazakhstan. To assign technical support of the procedure of agreement

and submission of the nomination to Domashov Iliya, member of the working group on preparation of the nomination.

- To take into account possible inscription of the nomination of the natural heritage site “Xinjiang Tianshan” submitted by China on the World Heritage List during the 37<sup>th</sup> Session of the World Heritage Committee (Phnom Penh, 16-27 June, 2013).
- To conduct consultations with experts of IUCN, WHC and China on the procedure of possible extension to the “Xinjiang Tianshan” nomination during the 37<sup>th</sup> Session of the World Heritage Committee and forthcoming conference on transboundary extension of the natural heritage property of the Russian Federation “Gold Mountains of Altai” (2-5 July Ulan-Bator). To discuss possible interaction with relevant authorities of the People’s Republic of China, nomination criteria, comparative analysis, title of nomination, joint property management (A. Butorin).
- To ask representatives of the National Commissions for UNESCO of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Uzbekistan to attend the 37<sup>th</sup> Session of the World Heritage Committee to inform the WH Committee about works on preparation of “West Tien-Shan” nomination and participation in consultations and working meetings with experts of IUCN, WH Center, and China (UNESCO Almaty Cluster Office).
- To encourage authorities of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Uzbekistan responsible for preparation and submission of “Western Tien-Shan” nomination to facilitate cooperation.
- Taking into account reached agreements to request a support for completion of the project on preparation of the nomination from Swiss Cooperation Office in Kyrgyzstan and Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (UK).

Participants express their gratitude to UNESCO for the assistance provided for preparation of the West Tien-Shan transboundary nomination and hope for further cooperation in identification, conservation, and promotion of World Natural Heritage in the Central Asia Region in accordance with the results of periodical reporting on implementation of the Convention in Asia-Pacific Region.

The participants express their gratitude to the National Commission for UNESCO of the Kyrgyz Republic for the high organizational level of the meeting and hospitality.