



**THE STATE COMMITTEE OF THE REPUBLIC  
OF UZBEKISTAN ON ECOLOGY  
AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

**EU-CA PLATFORM FOR ENVIRONMENT AND  
WATER COOPERATION**

**UZBEKISTAN PROPOSAL FOR JOINT ACTIONS**



“Overcoming the consequences of the Aral Sea disaster requires the active consolidation of international efforts”  
Shavkat Mirziyoyev, President of the Republic of Uzbekistan



“Aral Sea disaster is the biggest ecological catastrophes of our time”  
António Guterres, the UN Secretary-General





In accordance with the decree of the President of Uzbekistan on April 21, 2017, the system of public administration in the sphere of ecology and environmental protection was improved.

- Comprehensive program was also adopted on radically improving the management of household waste:
- Introduced clusters for collection and processing of waste in 9 cities of the country in recent years



- The creation a unified system for planting trees and the coordinated activation of forest reclamation works on the dried day of the Aral Sea, on a single scientifically grounded basis on an area of 37 thousand hectares, as a result of which the total area of forest plantations expands over 700, thousand hectares



- Development of their infrastructure and the introduction of innovative management, including the widespread promotion the development of ecological forms of tourism, aimed both at understanding the surrounding nature and at maintaining and preserving it.





# ARAL SEA REGION NATURAL PROTECTED AREAS NETWORK

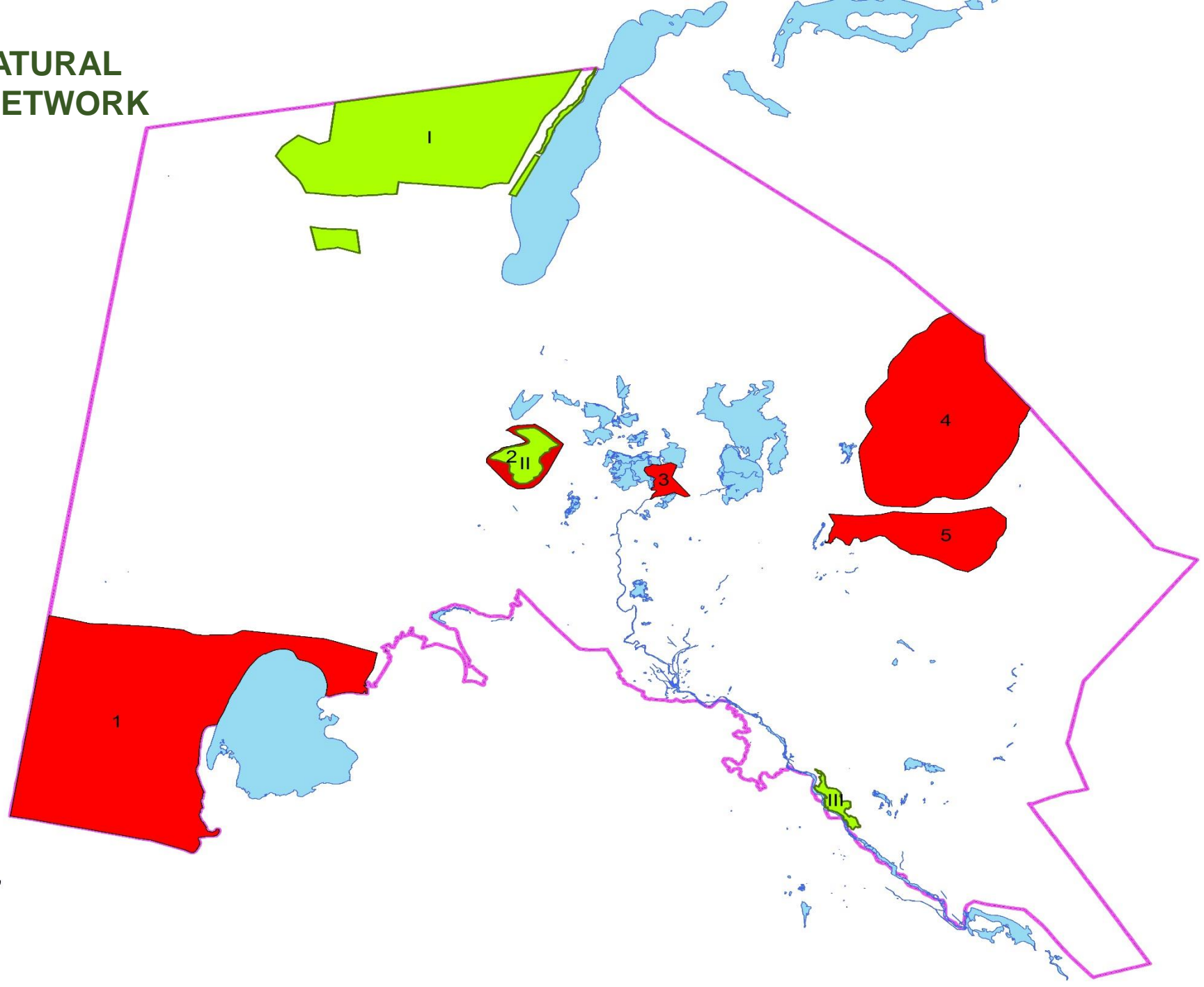
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### Existing natural protected areas

- I "Saiga" landscape complex reserve (628,3 thousand hectares )
- II "Sudochie" Reserve (50 thousand hectares)
- III "Lower Amudarya" State Biosphere Reserve (68,7 thousand hectares)

### Proposed natural protected areas

- 1 "South Ustyurt" strictly protected natural reserve (1.4 million. hectares)
- 2 "Sudochi lakes system" (84.7 thousand hectares)
- 3 "Mejdurechye (interfluves) Akdarya-Kazakhdarya" (22.4 thousand hectares)
- 4 "Akpetki" (600 thousand hectares)
- 5 "Beltau" (190 thousand hectares)





# Improvement of the socio-economic and environmental situation in the Aral Sea region

- The creation of a regional center for growing seedlings of desert and forage plants, which will become a unique scientific and educational base for the preparation of popular specialists;
- Building resilience of communities affected by the Aral Sea disaster through Multi-Partner Human Security Fund for the Aral Sea





The declaring of Aral Region a zone of ecological innovations and technologies, ensuring the implementation of the principles of “green economy”, in particular, the implementation of a comprehensive program for the introduction of environmentally friendly renewable energy sources and technologies, which will reduce the anthropogenic burden on the environment, preserve natural resources and improve the environmental situation.



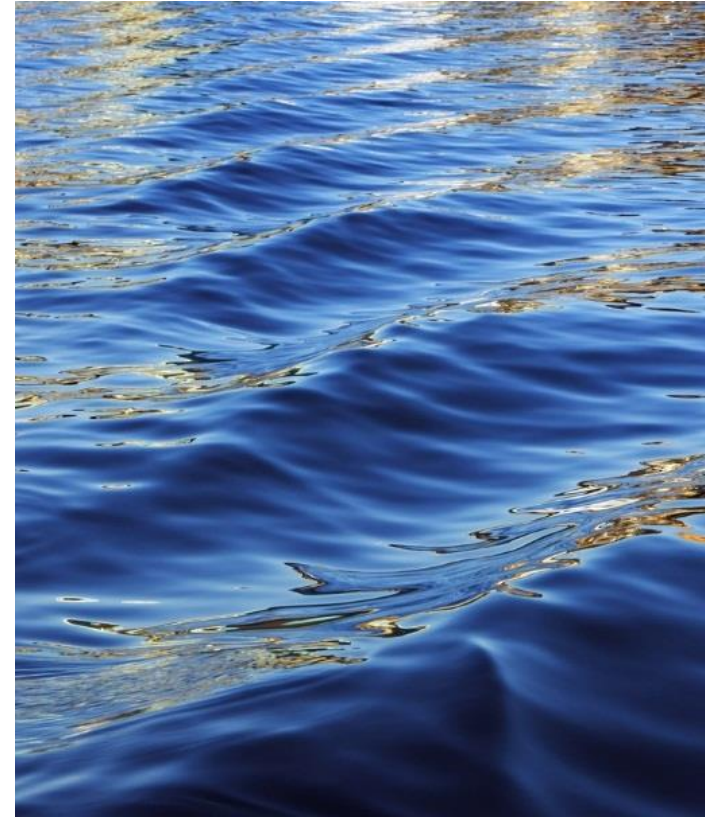


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## Public Awareness on Environmental Protection

Raising public awareness about the current state of the environmental condition through establishment of regional ecological map of the with a high degree of visualization which aimed to increase the efficiency of environmental monitoring, the efficiency of decision-making in crisis situations as well as improve reliability forecasts





# Network of natural transboundary protected areas

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- development of infrastructure, material and technical base in order to preserve the biological diversity in nature and protecting the natural resources
- demonstration of the use of modern eco-tourism products in one of the selected protected natural areas.





The introduction of an eco-labelling system.

- The establishment of a national label for environmentally friendly products will allow Uzbekistan to join the Global Ecolabeling network. It will also improve the competitiveness of locally produced goods on international export markets.
- Creation of internationally accredited laboratory to determine the compliance of products, services and waste with “International Accreditation Forum” standards



Strengthening institutional research and technical capacities for the implementation of sustainable management

Establishment of Regional Research and Development Network of Central Asia in Uzbekistan in the field of environmental protection.



	Name of Project	Purpose of Project	Duration of Project
1.	Development “Green Belt in the Aral Sea region”	Planting trees and shrubs along the main highways and railways in the Republic of Karakalpakstan, Khorezm, Navoi and Bukhara regions	2019-2021
2.	Development of the system of protected natural areas in the Republic	5 new protected natural areas, development of infrastructure and material and technical base of existing protected areas and forestry	2019-2022
3.	Strengthen technical cooperation and material and technical bases of environmental protection bodies	Formation of a comprehensive system for assessing the ecological condition in the region and the creation of a modern environmental monitoring laboratory	2019-2021
4.	Development of infrastructure and material and technical base of organizations in the field of sanitation in the Aral Sea region	Optimization of operating landfills (closure of 31 small local units and the creation of 5 units of new large inter-district landfills)	2019-2021





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