

Interregional meeting about optimization of use of waterfowl of Kumo-Manytch stopover in Kalmykya Republic, Stavropolsky kray and Rostovskaya oblast

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During May 2010 the drafts of the documents for the “Interregional meeting about optimization of use of waterfowl of Kumo-Manytch stopover in Kalmykya Republic, Stavropolsky kray and Rostovskaya oblast” were prepared. The dates of this meeting which included governmental, scientific and hunting representatives of the three regions of the Russian Federation were established.

On the 15 of June 2010 in Elista in the House of Government of Kalmykya Republic the “Interregional meeting about optimization of use of waterfowl of Kumo-Manytch stopover in Kalmykya Republic, Stavropolsky kray and Rostovskaya oblast” took place. The representatives of the Government of Kalmykya Republic, Ministry of Natural Resources, Nature Protection and Energy Development of Kalmykya Republic, Ministry of Natural Resources of Stavropolsky kray, Department of Conservation and Use of the Objects of Animal World and Water Biological Resources of Rostovskaya oblast, Department of Control of Nature Use of Kalmykya Republic, Severtsov Institute of Ecology and Evolution RAS, State biosphere reserves “Tzernie zemli” and “Rostovsky”, Stavropol state university, Stavropol society of hunters, Yashalta society of hunters, UNEP/GEF project «Conservation of biodiversity of wetlands in low Volga», private game husbandry “Tzingis” and Geese, swan and duck study group of Northern Eurasia took part in this meeting.

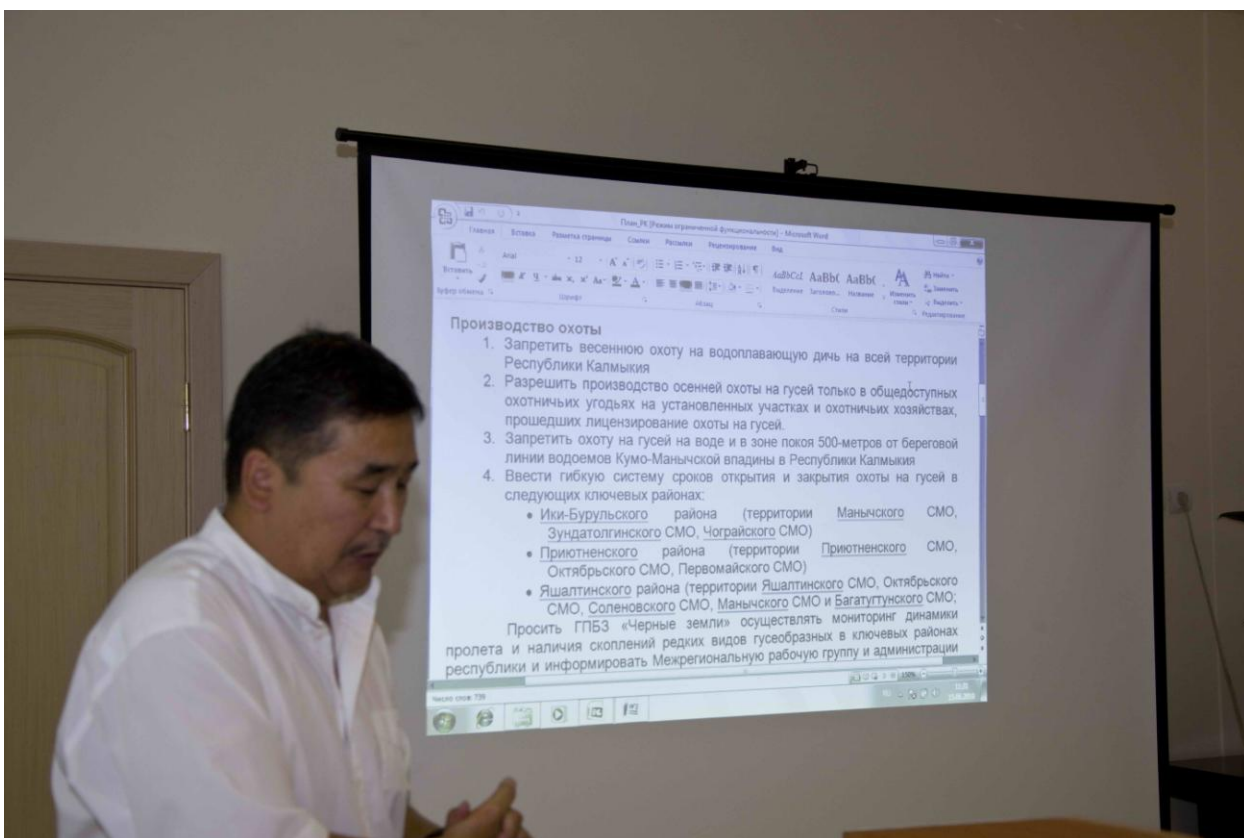
The meeting was saluted by the Government of Kalmykya Republic and Buda’s lama (fig.5). Letters of support addressing the meeting were sent from the following organizations: International Red-breasted goose conservation working group, UNEP/GEF, the UNEP/AEWA Secretariat, International Goose Specialist Group, BirdLife International, Moscow state university, State reserve “Taymirsky”, Menzibir’s society of bird conservation, Association “Leaving nature of steppe” and Southern state university.

The participants discussed the problem of waterbird hunting regulation on the Kumo-Manytch stopover with special attention to the problem of rare geese species (Red-breasted Goose and Lesser White-fronted Goose) conservation during spring and autumn-winter hunting. Rostovskaya oblast and Kalmykya Republic decided not to open the spring hunting. The participants recognized the necessity of international cooperation in monitoring and protection of the rare geese species with NGOs of all the countries within the range of the Red-breasted Goose and Lesser White-fronted Goose. The necessity to apply for support from foreign NGOs for the implementation of the urgent measures for hunting regulation was strictly noted.

The tabled draft on the creation of “The interregional working group for optimization of use of waterfowl of Kumo-Manytch stopover” was approved. During the meeting the participants decided to update the proposed drafts of the Strategy and the Action plan for optimization of use of waterfowl of Kumo-Manytch stopover in Kalmykya Republic, Stavropolsky kray and Rostovskaya oblast and indicated the responsible persons from each region to do it. During the next meeting of the interregional working group the drafts of these documents would be discussed for approve their final versions. After this, the documents should be presented to the Governments of Kalmykya Republic,

Stavropolsky kray and Rostovskaya oblast for confirmation and next implementation. The meeting strongly recommends the administration of Rostov district to extend the prohibition of hunt within the buffer zone of the Biosphere State Reserve “Rostovsky”. During the meeting a lot of participants indicated the necessity of the implementation in practice and the procedure of obligatory exams for hunters before giving them the license to hunt. Also it was decided to organize a cycle of seminars for hunters, and to include in the scholarship programs a special chapter about rare species and to prepare lecture material for teachers. Also from the site of Kalmykya the proposal to implement in practice the compensation of damage from the migrating bird’s for farmers have been done. The role of the development of ecotourism as the compensatory activity instead of hunting was strictly marked. (fig.6). The participants noted the high level of the organization of Meeting, actuality of discussed problems and constructivism of the proposed decisions. The participants also expressed the gratitude to the organizers of the meeting: Ministry of natural resources, nature protection and energy development of Kalmykya Republic and Severtsov Institute of ecology and evolution RAS and also thanked the UNEP/AEWA and Geese, swan and duck study group of Northern Eurasia for sponsoring.







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