



**Draft of the IV International Webinar on the topic:
“Status of the Caspian Seal (*Pusa caspica*) Population – Present and Future”**

Webinar Date: August 8-9, from 10:00 to 17:00 (Astana, GMT +6)

Organizers: Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Institute of Hydrobiology and Ecology with the support of Tengizchevroil LLP

Working Languages: Russian, English

Format: Online conference (webinar)

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1. What are the causes of mortality in Caspian seals? Research, hypotheses, and facts.

- 1.1. The Caspian Sea as the habitat of the Caspian seal: the impact of climate warming, water flow, sea level drop, and regression on the species' distribution in the sea.
- 1.2. Pollution of the sea – sources, management and cleanup.
- 1.3. Caspian seal mortality – numbers, research and causes.

2. Conservation of the Caspian seal – realities, contradictions, and future perspectives.

- 2.1. Assessment of the Caspian seal population status.
- 2.2. National initiatives and measures by Caspian states to protect the Caspian seal.
 - 2.2.1. Creation of a State Nature Reserve in the Kazakh part of the Caspian Sea to preserve the Caspian seal population (speakers: Fisheries Committee of the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of the Republic of Kazakhstan in collaboration with KAPE LLP).
- 2.3. International cooperation for the conservation of the Caspian seal.

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