

## Brief information about the project

Name of the project	AP09260144 “Rational Use of Natural Tourist-Recreational Resources of The Republic of Kazakhstan Based on Recreational Capacity Assessment and Anthropogenic Impact Minimization” (0121PK00303)
Relevance	It is determined by the need to develop scientifically based approaches to managing tourist flows, assessing recreational capacity and minimizing the anthropogenic impact on the natural complexes of Kazakhstan to ensure the sustainable development of the tourism industry. The COVID-19 pandemic, despite the negative impact on world tourism, has shown a tendency to increase interest in domestic tourism in Kazakhstan, which makes it important to develop new tourist destinations on the principles of sustainability and environmental management.
Purpose	The goal of this research project is to develop a mechanism for regulating recreational impact by state and local authorities for the sustainable development of territories based on the rational use of natural tourism and recreational resources of Kazakhstan, taking into account recreational capacity and reducing negative anthropogenic impact.
Objectives	The objectives of the project include a systematic analysis of modern world and domestic research on the assessment of tourist and recreational capacity and methods of rational use of natural tourist and recreational sites; development of an improved methodology for the conditions of Kazakhstan; identification of natural tourist and recreational sites of the Republic of Kazakhstan and analysis of their attractiveness; collection and processing of data to calculate tourist and recreational capacity and permissible anthropogenic load; verification of numerical results; visualization of the results obtained; development of scenarios for the development of tourist facilities; development of mechanisms for regulating recreational impacts by state and local authorities for effective environmental management, taking into account the economic and social conditions of the territory.
Expected and achieved results	A systematic analysis of modern studies devoted to the assessment of tourist and recreational capacity and methods of rational use of natural tourist and recreational facilities both on a global scale and in the CIS countries was carried out. The historical and chronological aspects of the development of the conceptual and terminological apparatus related to the topic are considered, and a comparative analysis of various approaches to assessing tourist and recreational capacity is presented. During the research process, key trends and principles of sustainable tourism development were identified, and a definition of natural and recreational tourism objects was proposed. The results of the analysis provide valuable information for the further development of the methodological base in this area and contribute to increasing the efficiency of management of tourism and recreational resources. An integrated methodology has been created to assess the tourism and recreational capacity and potential of individual territories of Kazakhstan. The methodology includes the calculation of coefficients that reflect the specifics of the region and provides sound recommendations for assessing natural objects, taking into account various methods and approaches, including scoring and visual assessment, analysis of overtourism and the use of fuzzy logic models. Particular attention is paid to cognitive modeling of the structural components of the tourist complex, which made it possible to identify a new way of constructing graph models, different from widely used platforms. This approach is demonstrated by the

	<p>example of assessing the residual and optimal recreational capacity for specially protected areas, ensuring the safety and sustainability of tourism activities. In addition to this, the results section contains a comparative analysis of existing assessment methods and offers a methodological basis for further improvement and testing of the developed methodology in Kazakhstan.</p> <p>An analysis of natural tourist and recreational sites of the Republic of Kazakhstan was carried out, promising directions for the development of tourism were identified, and their attractiveness was assessed. The work was based on extensive sociological research using the questionnaire survey method, which allows us to form a holistic picture of the current state and development potential of the industry. Interactive cartographic materials based on GIS technologies have been developed to graphically represent the distribution of anthropogenic load and identify areas with a tense ecological situation based on the results of an assessment of tourist and recreational capacity. And a master plan has been developed, reflecting the stages and specific measures to reduce the negative anthropogenic impact on tourism and recreation facilities, aimed at the successful and dynamic development of tourism. Positive experience can be extrapolated to other tourist and recreational areas/objects with similar conditions</p>
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