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## PROSPECTS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF ECOLOGICAL TOURISM IN UZBEKISTAN

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**Abstract.** This article presents tourism, ecological tourism, the importance of ecotourism, decrees and resolutions of the Republic of Uzbekistan on tourism development today, ecotourism opportunities, issues of ecotourism development, specifics of effective use of ecotourism, proposals and recommendations for ecotourism development in the region.

**Keywords.** tourism, ecology, tourism industry, ecological tourism, World Tourism Organization (WTO), National Company "Uzbektourism", "State Committee for Tourism Development of the Republic of Uzbekistan".

### Introduction.

Tourism is a fast growing and important sector of the economy of many countries of the world, and ecotourism, which is an integral part of it, has turned into a rapidly developing industry as an innovative direction. The World Tourism Organization (WTO) has identified trends in the development of ecotourism, and by 2020 ecotourism is one of the five main strategic directions. In recent years, the share of ecotourism in the global tourism industry has grown steadily, reaching an annual growth rate of 30 percent.

The ecological direction of tourism actually began in the 70s of the twentieth century. In 1972, tourist guides were organized for the inhabitants of the Scandinavian countries, who watched and studied whales. The fact that the proceeds from this tourism were used to protect the whales was also recognized by the ecotourism guide [5]. In the 80s of the twentieth century, the idea of using nature in environmentally friendly ways for recreational purposes was promoted in Europe and America, and the concepts of "green tourism" and "ecotourism" arose, balancing environmental, economic and social requirements. This idea quickly spread to other continents and countries of the world. Based on this, a new type of tourism that protects

nature, enhances the ecological culture of tourists, at the same time is aimed at obtaining appropriate benefits, serves an educational purpose, takes care of the traditional culture of the local population, and improves their lives. standards and wellbeing. direction - ecological tourism was formed and began to develop. Another reason for the rapid development of ecotourism in the world is that international tourism and conservation centers also support the development of ecotourism. These findings are based on the differences between ecotourism and general tourism and help to understand the true nature and content of ecotourism.

To make the tourism industry a leading sector of the economy, Uzbekistan is consistently carrying out reforms to develop all types of tourism, including ecotourism. Over the years of independence, more than 20 regulatory legal acts have been adopted for the development of tourism in Uzbekistan. In particular, the Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan dated February 7, 2017 "On the Strategy for the Further Development of the Republic of Uzbekistan" [1], the Decree dated August 16, 2017 "On Priority Measures for the Development of Tourism in 2018-2019" were raised to a new level. According to this decision, in addition to the traditional tourism sectors, it is planned to

adopt separate programs in the fields of medicine, recreation, agro- and ecotourism [2].

The new edition of the Law "On Tourism of the Republic of Uzbekistan", adopted on July 18, 2019, as well as other scientific documents in this area play an important role in enriching various aspects of the history of ecotourism, an important sector of the economy. economy [3].

One of the best solutions to the global environmental problems facing humanity is the development of ecotourism, which currently gives the expected and expected results in the preservation and protection of the planet's nature in the international community.

The country is taking consistent measures to develop the tourism sector, which has great potential to solve the most important socio-economic problems, such as job creation, rapid development of regions, and higher incomes and living standards. Currently, special attention is paid to measures to create a modern tourist infrastructure in the regions of the country. In the context of a market economy and the development of market relations, favorable conditions for the development of all sectors of tourism in Uzbekistan, including ecotourism, further integration of tourism into the economy of the republic plays an important role in the country's economy. All this attracts the attention of foreign tourists. Also, as a result of the development of domestic tourism, the citizens of Uzbekistan will be able to learn more by visiting ecotourism sites, which will form a sense of national pride and pride in the Motherland. Political stability in Uzbekistan also plays an important role in the development of ecotourism.

In order to further develop the tourism industry in the Republic of Uzbekistan, coordinate work in this area and develop long-term plans, on July 27, 1992 by the Decree of the President of the Republic, the national company "Uzbektourism" was created. Uzbekistan [6]. Its main tasks are the development of tourism infrastructure in the country, the construction of modern tourist complexes with foreign investments, the

development of new tourist routes, and the expansion of the range of services. In 1993, Uzbekistan became a member of the World Tourism Organization (WTO), which unites more than 120 countries. Uzbekistan is also a member of the WTO European Commission. In 1994, Uzbekistan participated in the X session of the Assembly of the World Tourism Organization in Bali, Indonesia, with its projects in the field of tourism [7]. In the early years of the development of tourism in the Republic of Uzbekistan, the main focus was on traditional types. This has led to the development of historical and pilgrimage tourism in our country. Judging by the tourism potential of Uzbekistan, our country has the opportunity to develop those types of tourism that are developing in the world. We also see that the legal documents related to tourism are not fully developed, secondly, currency conversion has not been liberalized, and thirdly, the creation of favorable conditions for visiting the Republic of Uzbekistan by foreign citizens and simplification of the visa regime has not been introduced. In order to develop ecotourism and tourism in the Republic of Uzbekistan and create a world-class tourism industry in the future, on December 2, 2016, President Shavkat Mirziyoyev signed a Decree "On measures to accelerate tourism development in Uzbekistan" and a Resolution of the State Committee for Tourism Development "On Tourism Development" in the country became a solid basis for the development of the tourism industry, including ecotourism on a programmatic basis [4]. In the development of tourism in the Republic of Uzbekistan, it is necessary to study the priorities and programs of world ecotourism, develop national ecotourism programs based on the experience of developed countries. In the context of the rapid development of ecotourism in the country, the social significance of tourism has increased due to the fuller and more efficient use of the existing huge tourism potential, along with traditional cultural and historical tourism, the development of other potential types of

tourism - pilgrimage, tourism. medicine, agro, ecotourism.

In this regard, in August 1996, a round table was held on the development of tourism with the National Company "Uzbektourism" and the Fund "Ecosan" in connection with the reasons and nature of the socio-economic, historical environment in the emergence of ecotourism. ... Among the main issues discussed was the organization of ecotourism in Uzbekistan as a separate branch of tourism [8]. In the second half of the last century, tourist routes related to the rich nature of Uzbekistan were organized. But most trips are collectively referred to as nature trips because they are mostly with other tourist destinations. Along with the historical heritage of Uzbekistan, we see that its natural resources, unique climate, flora and fauna have more opportunities than the number of tourists visiting Uzbekistan. The importance of tourism, especially ecotourism (ecotourism), has been proven in practice. Ecotourism is not just an ecological concept, it is a type of travel that encourages people to restore health, relax and earn extra money.

Another reason for the development of ecotourism is that the tourist not only gets to know the nature and its natural conditions, biological resources, but also rests in the very heart of nature, deeply feels the beauty of nature. There is a desire to save his resources. As noted in the Concept for the Development of Ecotourism in Uzbekistan, part of the ecological resources is the basis for the development of ecotourism in Uzbekistan. All regions of Uzbekistan are divided into 5 ecotourism zones, which by their nature ecologically differ from each other when determined from the sea level [9]. The climate, flora and fauna of these regions are also diverse. Also, 4 seasons of interest for foreign tourists are important ecotourism resources. These eco-tourism resources can also include 11 large rivers and 55 reservoirs. Ecotourism includes travel aimed at protecting the environment, rational use of natural resources and restoration of degraded natural complexes. The purpose of ecotourism is material and

financial expenditure of a part of investments from ecotourism to protect nature, wise use of natural resources and restore degraded natural complexes. This serves to improve the relationship of man to nature. In this case, rest, relaxation or restoration of any mental or physical capabilities of people are secondary.

Tourism will stimulate communications, new technologies for the development of the industry, the construction of roads, communication lines, medicine, drinking water, energy and so on. The development of ecotourism, that is, the expansion of the flow of tourists, will lead to the development of sectors of the economy, construction, transport, trade and so on. Therefore, it is important to pay more attention to the development of ecotourism in the regions. The organization and development of ecotourism in all regions of the country will ensure economic growth in all spheres, solve the problem of employment of a part of the population, as well as the reconstruction, repair and expansion of ecotourism facilities. The development of ecotourism in Uzbekistan not only protects nature, attracts ecotourists to our native nature, solves the problems of preserving and reproducing rare flora and fauna, but also improves economic and social conditions, creates new jobs.

It is noteworthy that today Uzbekistan is one of the leading countries in the development of ecotourism through the rational use of nature, maintaining the ecological balance and taking measures to protect the environment. Today, in addition to tourism legislation, the ecological direction of tourism is regulated by the laws "On the protection and use of nature", "On the protection and use of the flora", "On the protection and use of wildlife", "On protected natural areas". It is noteworthy that

The goal of reforms and efforts in this area is to further improve the well-being of the population through the rapid development of the tourism industry (ecotourism) in the country. In general, special attention should be paid to the design of hotels, restaurants, bus routes, cultural heritage sites, natural



monuments by means of promoting our nationality.

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