
AGREEMENT ON THE CENTRAL ASIAN AND CAUCASUS REGIONAL FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE COMMISSION

The Agreement on the Central Asian and Caucasus Regional Fisheries and Aquaculture Commission was approved under Article XIV of the FAO Constitution by the Hundred and Thirty Seventh Session of the FAO Council through Resolution No. 1/137 of 30 September 2009.

Under Article I, paragraph 2 of the Agreement, membership in the Commission is open to any FAO Member and such non-member State of FAO that is a Member of the United Nations, any of its Specialized Agencies or the International Atomic Energy Agency, provided that the territory of such State is situated wholly or partly within the Area defined in Article IV of the Agreement.

Article IV defines the Area in which the Commission shall carry out its functions and responsibilities as the inland waters and areas within the territorial boundaries of the States of Central Asia, namely Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan and of the Caucasus, namely Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia and Turkey and, with respect to inland fisheries, other waters within the trans-boundary water basins bordering the territories of the States of Central Asia and of the Caucasus.

Pursuant to Article XIII, paragraph 2 of the Agreement, any FAO Member or State referred to in Article I, paragraph 2 may accept the Agreement and become a Party to it by depositing an instrument of acceptance with the Director-General of FAO, who acts as Depositary.

In accordance with its Article XIV, the Agreement entered into force on **3 December 2010** the date of deposit of the third instrument of acceptance. The Agreement was registered with the Secretariat of the United Nations on 16 June 2011 under No. 48577.

Parties: 5

The following States have accepted the Agreement on the dates indicated:

Participant	Acceptance
Armenia	3 December 2010
Azerbaijan	8 March 2013 ¹
Kyrgyzstan	3 May 2010
Tajikistan	9 March 2010
Turkey	19 December 2011

¹ Accepted for deposit on 22 March 2014.

Reservations and declarations

Azerbaijan (reservations and declarations made upon acceptance):

“Following Article 13 (4) of the Agreement, the Republic of Azerbaijan declares that the Caspian Sea is not included in the areas, referred to in Article 4, to which the provisions of the Agreement will be applied.

The Republic of Azerbaijan declares that until the liberation of the territories of the Republic of Azerbaijan occupied by the Republic of Armenia and the complete elimination of the consequences of the aggression, none of the rights, obligations and provisions set forth in the Agreement shall be applied with respect to the Republic of Armenia.

The Republic of Azerbaijan declares that it is unable to guarantee the implementation of the provisions of the Agreement in the territories occupied by the Republic of Armenia (Nagorno Karabakh and seven adjacent regions of the Republic of Azerbaijan) until the territories is freed from occupation and the consequences of the occupation are completely eliminated (Schematic map of the occupied territories of the Republic of Azerbaijan is enclosed).

All responsibility for the damage to or destruction of water bioresources from the date of occupation of the territories of the Republic of Azerbaijan lies with the Republic of Armenia until the occupied territories are liberated and the consequences of the occupation are totally eliminated.”