# Role and Importance of Ethno-philology in the Process of Formation of Ecological Ethics in the Caspian Region of Dagestan MEGIII-RU01-05

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## Objective of the project:

Collection of information (publications, articles, folklore material) containing the knowledge about ecology of the Caspian region in Dagestan, including Kislyar, Izbebash, Caspiysk and Nogaisk districts; processing of collected material on these regions; systematization of collected information and its publication; wide dissemination of the Project results.

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#### **Background and Problem Statement**

Dagestan is one of the richest and unique regions. The Northern Caspian region possesses significant fish resources and unexploited hydrocarbon resources. Nowadays many vital problems require their resolution. These include environmental protection, interrelation between people and nature and conservation of bioresources. There is no doubt that such problems should be addressed by all Caspian communities. Today the Caspian ecosystem is in disastrous condition followed by reduction of commercial bioresources, depletion of fish stocks, suffering of flora and fauna. People pursuing material benefits bring irreversible damage to the nature and their consciousness needs to be changed.

### **Goals and Objectives**

Given the insufficient people's awareness of the Caspian environment, it is planned to collect the material related to the Caspian flora and fauna. Library archives in Kislyar, Izberbash, Caspijsk and Nogaisk districts, mass media and Internet sources will provide opportunities to fill the information gaps. Next planned step is district-wise processing if collected information leading to its systematization and publication in the form of a brochure for wide dissemination.

The material will be collected on importance in nature in the life of the society and educational role of sensible interrelation between people and the environment, the experience of bringing up the human eco-culture will be accumulated and summarized in a publication for further dissemination and use in schools and other educational institutions of Dagestan and other parts of the Caspian region of Russia.

## Proposed project activities:

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