

AMIRKHANOV, Amirkhan (Russian Federation)

Current employment and/or position/title:

Deputy Head, Federal Service for Supervision of Natural Resource Usage of the Russian Federation.

Experience in fields of concern to IUCN:

Dr Amirkhan Amirkhanov started his nature conservation activities in 1978 as a Scientific Director in the North-Ossetian State Nature Reserve. In 1992 he joined the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of the Russian Federation. From 1993 till 2000 he occupied the position of Deputy Minister and Deputy Chairman of the Russian State Environmental Administration, and then worked as Deputy Director, Director and Acting Director of the Department of the State Environmental Policy in the Ministry of Natural Resources of the Russian Federation. In 2010 he was appointed Deputy Head of the [Federal Service for Supervision of Natural Resource Usage](#). Dr Amirkhanov is one of the most respected and authoritative experts in nature conservation. For many years of fruitful labour Dr Amirkhanov was granted a title of Honoured Environmentalist of the Russian Federation (by Decree of the President of the Russian Federation in 2003), he is honoured with the Medal "850 Anniversary of Moscow", honoured with diplomas of IUCN, International Union for Conservation of Nature, Russian Ecological Union, All-Russia Society for Nature Conservation and other international and non-governmental organizations, as well as the ones of the State Committee for Ecology of Russia and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment of the Russian Federation.

Particular qualifications to be a Regional Councillor:

Dr Amirkhan Amirkhanov is well-known in the IUCN family and familiar with IUCN's activities. In 1993, when he was a Deputy Minister, he took part in negotiations with IUCN for increasing IUCN activities in the region. During the period 1994 till 2011 he was triply elected as IUCN Regional Councillor. In this position he contributed a lot to promoting IUCN's mission in the region, supporting the work of IUCN Members and Commissions and engaging with IUCN on topical issues in Russia (International Tiger Forum 2010, the Sochi 2014 Olympic Winter Games). In 1998 Dr Amirkhanov took an active part in establishing the Russian National Committee for IUCN (and served as its Chair). Dr Amirkhanov has extensive international experiences in the nature conservation policy and management scene. Since 1994 Dr Amirkhanov took an active part and provided contributions to nearly all major IUCN fora, including World Conservation Congresses and regional IUCN Members meetings (the Meeting of European IUCN Councillors and Chairs of IUCN National Committees in Europe, 2010, Nizhne-Svirskiy State Natural Reserve Leningrad Oblast, the Russian Federation). Dr Amirkhanov is actively involved in bilateral nature conservation activities and dealing with various international organizations (European Council, Arctic Council, UNDP, UNESCO, World Bank).