

Project Update: November 2013

This autumn we are processing the data collected from the plots of reed wetlands and three various plots of two flooded meadow types - with reservation mode and used for grazing and haymaking. It was found that over last 20 years reed areas had been increased tenfold which is not favourable for many wild species and for stability of riverine ecosystem.

Mapping of the habitats of rare and endangered animals and plants of the park floodplain using GIS-maps is in progress. We defined the areas to be assigned to the reservation, limited recreation, regular recreation and managed zone with traditional nature management practices. Plots required regular haymaking to conserve rare species and to prevent diverse habitats from becoming overgrown were selected.

O. Abduloieva and A.Podobailo took part in the training workshop “Experience of higher education institutions in biodiversity conservation” for Ukrainian researchers of nationally protected areas.

Anatoliy Podobailo elucidated a function of the park in protecting Uday River at a press conference held due to the environmental project for schoolchildren and on the excursion for schoolteachers of biology of Pyryatyn district.

Making the film about the park “Pyryatynsky” is in progress.



Collecting samples in autumn, on the picture (from the left to the right) - researcher of the park Nadiya Mylenko and a student-zoologist. Photographed by O. Abduloieva.



Left: Cutting common reed on the experimental key plot. Photographed by O. Abduloieva. Right: Participants of the expedition with the students on the common reed key plot. Photographed by O. Abduloieva.