



TACIS pollution surveys

“Caspian Water Quality Monitoring and Action Plan for Areas of Pollution concern”

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The Tacis project “Caspian Water Quality Monitoring and Action Plan for Areas of Pollution concern (Caspian MAP)” has the pleasure to announce the start of the Caspian pollution survey for Turkmenistan on Sunday September 28th at Turkmenbashi port.

The Turkmenistan pollution survey is one of the 4 regional surveys by the littoral states. The survey is part of the Tacis support to come to a Regional Water Quality Monitoring Programme under the Tehran Framework Convention (Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the Caspian Sea).

During these survey both water and sediment samples will be taken to determine status and trends in water quality. The samples will be analyzed by the CasPEcocontrol, with the assistance of TurkmenGeology and one international laboratory. This is a follow-up to the regional intercalibration exercise which was successfully held in the first part of 2008.

The foreseen Regional Water Quality Monitoring Programme is expected to include national monitoring programmes.

The staff of the project would like to express its gratitude to the Minister of Nature Protection for the excellent support to this activity and the permission to execute the surveys.

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