

General information about structure of nature reserved fund of Donbass.

Donbass occupies a leading position in economic potential of Ukraine that's why forming a network of nature reserved territories and objects, as a way of saving of the rest wild nature in Donetsk region, is one of the important directions of nature protection activity.

As for 01.10.03 the nature reserved fund of Donetsk region includes 113 objects with general area of 77634,81 hectares that makes 2,93 % of the region territory. The network of the reserved objects includes 1 natural reserve, 1 national natural park, 1 botanical garden of national importance, 5 regional landscape parks, 53 forests, 38 nature sanctuaries, 13 reserved natural boundaries.

National natural park – «Svyatye gory (Sacred mountains)»

Regional landscape parks – "Meotida", «Donetsky kryazh (Donetsk range)» and others.

Reserves – «Stone tombs», "Homutovskaja steppe" and others

The program of nature preservation and ecological safety in Donetsk region for 2001 – 2005 provides to increase nature reserved fund area up to 4 % to 2005.

1870 kinds of plants (40 % of flora of Ukraine) are registered in the region, for 50 years 33 kinds have disappeared. It is totaled 25 thousand kinds of animals in the territory, about 130 kinds of them are put into Red Book.

List of joint activities for ecological tourism development in Donetsk region.

1. Partnership between business, authority and public to develop eco-tourism in the region (DCCI has already carried out seminars and presentations where 3 sectors were participating).
2. Propagation of careful attitude to nature while a pastime on the nature (seminars / trainings, propagation during excursions for schoolboys, students).
3. Controlling loading and influence on nature reserved territories by means of informing tourists about rules of behaviour in the territories, involving tourist business in the activity (travel companies offering leisure in nature).
4. Training programs for eco-tourism instructors.
5. Making eco-tourist children's and student's camps (needs capital expenses for stock purchasing).
6. Development of leisure infrastructure and informing about opportunity of having leisure in nature reserved territories.

It is a brief information about the activity which could be quite useful in the view that tourism and active leisure in nature in our region increase but infrastructure is absent that results unorganized leisure and uncontrollable loading on the nature.

Donetsk CCI has already started its information support of nature reserved territories and acquainting tourist business with the opportunities of our region. Additional money resources will enable to develop infrastructure and to find more levers to settle tourist streams in the territories. Unfortunately, budgetary funds are extremely short for the actions. With DCCI's assistance the Regional Federation of Ecological tourism has been organized that united public organizations functioning in the direction. We have carried out a number of presentations of our region natural potential and seminars with participation of governmental structures and public organizations. If necessary, I can give more detailed information about DCCI activity in the sphere of eco-tourism development.