



**THE ACCOUNTS CHAMBER
OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION**

**ENVIRONMENTAL
ASSESSMENT
IN THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION**



Public governance in the field of environment protection

The Constitution of the Russian Federation

**International laws and regulations
(18 conventions and about 90 bilateral
environment protection agreements)**

Federal legislation

(The Environmental Doctrine, The Basics Principles of the State Environmental Development Policy in the Field of Environmental Development of Russia for the Period up to 2030, Water Strategy of the Russian Federation for the Period up to 2020, the Federal Laws: "On Environment Protection", "On Production and Consumption Waste", "On Fisheries and Conservation of Aquatic Biological Resources", "On Air Protection" and other laws and regulations)

**Laws and regulations of the federal executive
authorities**

**Laws and regulations of the constituent entities of
the Russian Federation**

**The public governance
in the field of
environment protection
is based on the system of
legislative and other
regulatory legal
enactments.**

**The implementation of
measures in the field of
environment protection
is carried out in the
framework of both the
national programs of
the Russian
Federation:
"Environment
Protection",
"Rehabilitation and
Use of Natural
Resources", "Forestry
Development", and
regional programs**

Cooperation of the Accounts Chamber of the Russian Federation with Supreme Audit Institutions of foreign countries in the field of environment protection



The audit of the use of catch quotas for aquatic biological resources with the SAI of Norway

The audit of mitigation of radioactive contamination with the SAI of Norway

The performance audit of the use of aquatic biological resources of the Caspian Sea carried out by the SAIs of Russia, Azerbaijan and Kazakhstan

The audit of the compliance with the Kyoto Protocol to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change with the SAIs of 11 countries

The audit of the use and protection of aquatic biological resources of the Baltic Sea with the SAIs of Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Russia and Sweden



The audit of the Black Sea protection against pollution with the SAI of the Republic of Georgia, Republic of Romania, Republic of Turkey and Ukraine

The audit of the activities of the public authorities of the Russia and the Latvia in the field of regulation of the import of Latvian food products to the Russia

The audit of the fishery basin of the Azov and Black Seas with SAI of Ukraine and the Control and Accounting Chambers of the Krasnodar Krai and the Rostov Region

The audit of the activities of government authorities to ensure environmental safety of Lake Chudskoye and the rational use of transboundary water bodies with SAI of Estonia

The performance audit of the use of aquatic biological resources of the Caspian Sea carried out by the SAIs of Russia, Azerbaijan and Kazakhstan



Results of control activities carried out with SAIs of foreign countries



Assessment of the measures taken within the framework of implementation of the Vienna and Bucharest Conventions, the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, the CITES Convention has been made



Amendments have been introduced to federal laws and regulations in the field of environment protection (for instance, to the Federal Law “On Production and Consumption Waste”, the Forest and Water Codes of the Russian Federation)



The Agreement on Preservation and Rational Use of Aquatic Biological Resources of the Caspian Sea was ratified in 2015



Cooperation of the Accounts Chamber of the Russian Federation and the National Audit Office of Mongolia

Milestone 1 (2012)

Executors: SAIs of Russia, Republic of Buryatia and Mongolia



OBJECTIVES of Milestone 1:

1. to identify principal factors and risks influencing the environmental condition of cross-border water bodies, near-border forests, rare species of plants, wild animals, small rivers and streams;
2. to determine the efficiency of the use of public funds allocated to the protection of cross-border water bodies, near-border forests, rare species of plants, wild animals, small rivers and streams.

Milestone 2 (2015)

Executors: SAIs of Russia, Republic of Buryatia and Mongolia with participation of the Control and Accounting Chamber of the Zabaykalsky Krai, the Accounts Chamber of the Republic of Tyva



OBJECTIVES of Milestone 2:

1. to identify principal factors and risks influencing the environmental condition of cross-border water bodies, near-border forests, rare species of plants, wild animals, small rivers and streams;
2. to determine the efficiency of the use of public funds allocated to the protection of cross-border water bodies, near-border forests, rare species of plants, wild animals, small rivers and streams;
3. to assess the efficiency of implementation of the findings of the audit in the field of government regulation of environment protection in Russia and Mongolia carried out in 2012

Audited entities

Executive authorities of Russia and Mongolia and their local agencies engaged in the management and supervision in the field of environment protection and ensuring control over and monitoring of the use and protection of water bodies in the basins of the rivers of Selenga and Onon, as well as local organizations exercising control and audit in the field of protection and use of near-border forests, rare species of plants and wild animals



Results of the audits carried out by the Accounts Chamber of the Russian Federation and the National Audit Office of Mongolia

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- The meetings of the Joint Russian-Mongolian Commission on environmental issues have been put on a regular basis (only 2 meetings had been held from the time of its establishment in 1994 and up to 2012, while 3 meetings have been held since 2013).

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- 5 relevant documents have also been developed since 2013 for the purpose of improvement of the methodological support of state monitoring of water bodies: Harmonized Program of Water Quality Monitoring in the Selenga Basin (in terms of hydrochemical surveys); Methodological Guidelines on State Monitoring of Water Bodies; Methodological Guidelines on the Organization of Monitoring of the Condition of the Bottom and Banks of the Border Part of the Chikhoi (Tsokh) River; Patterns of Comprehensive Use and Protection of Water Bodies of the Selenga River Basin; Rates of Permissible Impact on Water Bodies of the Selenga River Basin.

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- The Agreement between the Government of the Russian Federation and the Government of Mongolia on forest fire protection was signed in 2014.



Multilateral audit in the field of environment protection and sustainable development in the Arctic

Interaction formats



7 bilateral meetings and negotiations – the SAIs Russia and Norway;

5 multilateral meetings with the participation of 7 regional account Chambers of the Russian Federation;

2 seminars with the SAIs - participants of the multilateral audit;

12 interview meetings with the representatives of the Arctic Council and working bodies from Russia, Norway, Sweden, Finland, Denmark and the United States, and also representatives of the Arctic Council Permanent Participants (the Saami Council, the Secretariat of Indigenous Peoples in the Arctic Council and the Association of Indigenous Peoples of the North, Siberia and Far East of the Russian Federation);



1 extended field meeting in Salekhard with the participation of the members of the Government and the Legislative Assembly of the Yamalo-Nenets Autonomous District



External state audit in the field of environment protection



Preliminary audit

Operational analysis

Follow-up control

Thematic audits

Expert examination of draft laws

More than 80 audits of the federal budget were carried within 5 years

More than 20 audits of control and analysis of the implementation of strategic planning documents in the field of environment protection

More than 20 laws and regulations were reviewed within 2.5 years



The results of environmental assessment



Lake Baikal

Natural areas of preferential protection



Water resources

Forest resources



Aquatic biological resources

The findings of external state audit made it possible to:

ensure control over the coordination and implementation of program activities;

enhance the financial discipline of public authorities;

enhance internal financial audit;

take measures to improve legislation



Implementation of the information transparency principle

1. Publication of information on the results of state external audit: on the official Internet page of the Accounts Chamber <http://audit.gov.ru/> , on Facebook social network, Twitter account and on the YouTube video hosting.
2. The Portal of State and national accounting Chambers been put into operation in order to unify control bodies of all levels.

The Internet resource allows to arrange video conferences, use electronic document flow, carry out joint work with documents, form and use an electronic library, carry out training activities, store the information, carry out population surveys.

The Portal accommodates:

- the information on the amount of control and expert analytical activities
- unified manuals and classifiers in the field of state and municipal financial audit and control

Novations in statutory regulation and methodological support of external state audit in Russia



Broadening of control powers of the Accounts Chamber of the Russian Federation, expansion of control powers and a variety of audited entities



Empowerment of the Accounts Chamber of the Russian Federation to expertise drafts of regulatory acts on budgetary matters and to initiate administrative offence proceedings



Establishment of Standard System of the Accounts Chamber of the Russian Federation, which includes activity organizing standard and external state audit standard

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