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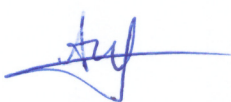
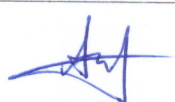

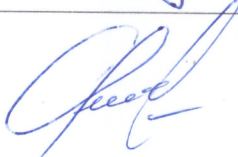
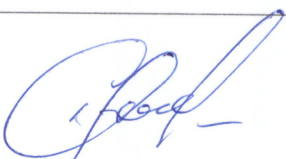

**REPORT ON MONITORING AND ASSESSMENT OF THE IMPACT OF  
KAZAKHTELECOM JSC 'S ACTIVITIES ON BIODIVERSITY, PHYSICAL IMPACT**

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## ANNOTATION

The research was conducted as part of the implementation of the Roadmap for the development of ESG practices of Kazakhtelecom JSC (Minutes of the in-person meeting of the Board of Directors of Kazakhtelecom JSC No. 2 dated 01/14/2023).

JSC Kazakhtelecom (hereinafter referred to as the Company), in order to implement paragraph 17 of Section E of the above-mentioned roadmap, entered into a Service Purchase Agreement No. 972983/2024/1 dated April 11, 2024 (Appendix 3) with KAZTEKO LLP (license for environmental design in Appendix 2).

June 3 to August 8, 2024, studies were conducted in Astana. During the studies, measurements of atmospheric air, noise levels, electromagnetic field strength were taken, and the types of fauna and vegetation and their condition in places where telecommunications equipment is present were determined.

The company is the national communications operator of Kazakhstan, providing a range of infocommunication services: telephony, data networks, broadband Internet access, IPTV, hosting, SIP telephony, video conferencing. Today the Company covers all the main target markets of infocommunication services consumers. It is engaged in the implementation of a number of large infrastructure projects, modernization and digitalization of telecommunication networks, introduction of new technologies and telephone installation in villages, as well as the development of broadband Internet access. The company also implements key programs for the development of existing fixed-line communications services, primarily based on fiber-optic technologies, including the provision of high-speed fixed-line Internet access, channel leasing and reservation, provision of private virtual networks (IP VPN) and packaging of services based on fixed access.

The Company's facilities are located throughout the Republic of Kazakhstan: the company's regional and city telecommunications networks are located in 237 settlements, of which:

- 17 cities of republican significance

- 24 small towns

- 159 district centers

- 54 settlements with a dedicated zone code (former district centers).

In 2024, monitoring and assessment of the impact of telecommunications equipment on the environment in Astana was carried out. The objects of influence were automatic telephone exchanges, auxiliary equipment, wireless network antennas, and additional power supply sources.

Electromagnetic radiation and noise measurements were taken in areas where telecommunications equipment was present. Studies were also conducted on the impact of 5 G antennas on wildlife (birds) in areas where equipment was present.

The total number of atmospheric air measurements was 47 points for 5 ingredients: nitrogen oxide, nitrogen oxide, carbon, sulfur oxide, carbon monoxide. To determine the maximum one-time ground concentration, measurements were taken in three series, taking into account the wind direction, at a height of 1.5-2.0 m from the ground surface, as well as in close proximity to telecommunications and auxiliary equipment. For physical impact - 17 points, for electromagnetic impact - 18 points.

The conducted studies showed that there are no exceedances for atmospheric air, physical impact, and electromagnetic radiation.

## 1. GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE ENTERPRISE

The certificate gives the right to carry out activities in accordance with the constituent documents within the framework of the legislation of the Republic of Kazakhstan (the title documents are provided in Appendix 1).

|    |                                    |   |
|----|------------------------------------|---|
| 1. | <b>Name of the organization</b>    | JSC «Kazakhtelecom»                               |
| 2. | BIN                                | 941 240 000 193                                   |
| 3. | Location of legal entity           | Astana city, Yesil district<br>Sauran street , 12 |
| 4. | Certificate of branch registration | 04.12.2007  |

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|----|------------------------------------|---|
| 1. | <b>Name of the organization</b>    | LLP "KAZTEKO"   |
| 2. | BIN                                | 151 240 023 058   |
| 3. | Location of legal entity           | Aktobe region,<br>Alginsky district,<br>Alga city,<br>microdistrict 4.15, apartment 2 |
| 4. | Certificate of branch registration | 29.12.2015  |

## 2. BRIEF NATURAL AND CLIMATIC CHARACTERISTICS OF THE AREA WHERE THE ENTERPRISE IS LOCATED

The company has two main offices located in the cities of Astana and Almaty. Regional representative offices (branches) are available in all regions of Kazakhstan, in all its parts.

### ***Natural and climatic conditions of the objects.***

**Astana** has a sharply continental climate with dry summers and cold, snowy winters. The average annual temperature is 3.5 °C. The average annual precipitation is 318 mm. Astana is the second coldest capital in the world (after Ulaanbaatar). Astana is located on the banks of the Ishim River. Due to its remote location from the oceans, winters here are colder than in cities located further west at the same latitude (Uralsk, Voronezh, London). Summers here are warm and dry, and despite this, most precipitation falls during the warm period (April-October). Dust storms are possible in summer.

The warmest month is July, with an average temperature of 20.8 °C. The coldest month is January with a temperature of -14.2 °C. Stable snow cover lasts from late October to early April.

Absolute maximum temperature: +41.6 °C (recorded on July 22, 1936). Absolute minimum temperature: -51.6 °C (recorded on January 5, 1893).

The annual maximum precipitation is 780 mm (in 1892), the annual minimum is 113 mm (in 1951). The record maximum precipitation per day is 86 mm (recorded in July 1972).

Average wind speed is 3.4 m/s.

Relative air humidity is 67% (the highest in November – 80%, the lowest in June – 53%).

Table 2.1

| Climate of Astana       |       |       |       |       |       |      |      |      |      |       |       |       |       |
|-------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Indicator               | Jan.  | Feb.  | March | Apr.  | May   | June | July | Aug. | Sep. | Oct.  | Nov.  | Dec.  | Year  |
| Absolute maximum, °C    | 3.4   | 4.8   | 22.1  | 29.7  | 35.7  | 40.1 | 41.6 | 38.7 | 36.2 | 26.7  | 18.5  | 4.5   | 41.6  |
| Average maximum, °C     | -9.9  | -9.2  | -2.5  | 10.9  | 20.2  | 25.8 | 26.8 | 25.2 | 18.8 | 10.0  | -1.4  | -8    | 8.9   |
| Average temperature, °C | -14.2 | -14.1 | -7.1  | 5.2   | 13.9  | 19.5 | 20.8 | 18.8 | 12.3 | 4.6   | -5.4  | -12.1 | 3.5   |
| Average minimum, °C     | -18.3 | -18.5 | -11.5 | 0.2   | 7.9   | 13.2 | 15.0 | 12.8 | 6.6  | 0.2   | -8.9  | -16.1 | -1.5  |
| Absolute minimum, °C    | -51.6 | -48.9 | -38   | -27.7 | -10.8 | -1.5 | 2.3  | -2.2 | -8.2 | -25.3 | -39.2 | -43.5 | -51.6 |
| Precipitation rate, mm  | 16    | 15    | 18    | 21    | 35    | 37   | 50   | 29   | 22   | 27    | 28    | 22    | 320   |

Table 2.2

| Climate of Astana (350m) over the last 10 years (2013 - 2023) |       |       |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|---|-------|-------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Indicator   | Jan.  | Feb.  | March | Apr. | May  | June | July | Aug. | Sen. | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. | Year |
| Absolute maximum, °C  | 3.8   | 8.2   | 20.4  | 29.0 | 33.2 | 37.6 | 38.2 | 38.2 | 36.1 | 25.7 | 13.6 | 2.8  | 38.2 |
| Average maximum, °C   | -12.2 | -10.4 | -0.9  | 13.0 | 20.3 | 26.4 | 26.2 | 26.0 | 19.5 | 9.2  | -1.9 | -9.1 | 8.8  |

|                                |       |       |       |       |      |      |      |      |      |       |       |       |       |
|--------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Average<br>temperatu<br>re, °C | -15.9 | -14.5 | -5.1  | 7.6   | 14.3 | 20.2 | 20.5 | 19.8 | 13.6 | 5.0   | -4.6  | -12   | 4.1   |
| Average<br>minimum,<br>°C      | -19.3 | -18.8 | -9.3  | 2,2   | 8.1  | 14.0 | 14.7 | 13.6 | 7.6  | 0.7   | -7.6  | -15.3 | -0.8  |
| Absolute<br>minimum,<br>°C     | -38.2 | -39.3 | -28.6 | -17.4 | -2.1 | 2.5  | 6.1  | 2.9  | -4   | -13.9 | -29.2 | -40.6 | -40.6 |

### 3. CHARACTERISTICS OF THE OBJECT AS A SOURCE OF INFLUENCE ON THE ENVIRONMENT

According to Article 12 of the Environmental Code of the Republic of Kazakhstan [1], objects that have a negative impact on the environment, depending on the level and risk of such impact, are divided into four categories:

- 1) objects that have a significant negative impact on the environment (objects of category I);
- 2) objects that have a moderate negative impact on the environment (category II objects);
- 3) objects that have an insignificant negative impact on the environment (objects of category III);
- 4) objects that have minimal negative impact on the environment (objects of category IV).

In accordance with the Decisions on determining the category of an object that has a negative impact on the environment, issued by the territorial government bodies of the Ministry of Ecology, Geology and Natural Resources of the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Company's objects were assigned categories III and IV .

The main types of impact on the environment are:

- **emissions.** Emissions of pollutants into the atmosphere are formed from stationary (boiler houses, diesel generators) and mobile sources, which are of a short-term seasonal nature or during construction, installation and dismantling works.
- **wastewater.** Wastewater is generated from administrative buildings, discharged into the central sewerage networks in accordance with the agreement, with the exception of wastewater at the Company's facilities in the Zhambyl region. Wastewater at these facilities is discharged into screened septic tanks with subsequent disposal in accordance with the agreement.
- **waste.** The Company generates both hazardous and non-hazardous waste. All waste has waste passports and is transferred to third-party organizations for disposal or burial.

### 4. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF TECHNOLOGICAL EQUIPMENT AS A SOURCE OF INFLUENCE ON THE ATMOSPHERE

Telecommunication equipment is a set of technical means that are designed to transmit, receive and process information in telecommunication systems. It plays an important role in the modern world, providing communication between people in different parts of the planet.

The Company's telecommunications equipment is widely represented throughout Kazakhstan, which emphasizes its importance in providing communications and access to information for individuals and legal entities.

Telecommunication equipment includes various devices: from simple phones and modems to complex network switches and servers. It is used in many industries, such as telecommunications, information technology, aviation, defense and others.



The primary function of telecommunications equipment is to ensure efficient and reliable transmission of information. This includes installing and maintaining network systems, setting up connections, and ensuring the security of transmitted data.

Modern telecommunications equipment not only transmits voice messages, but also transmits data via the Internet. Thanks to it, it becomes possible to communicate via video, exchange messages and access information in real time; without it, it would be impossible to ensure global communication and quick access to information that is necessary in everyday life.

Almost every device we use daily for communication, such as a telephone, computer or television, requires telecommunications equipment to function. It allows voice and video signals to be transmitted, as well as data exchanged over the Internet.

Telecommunication equipment is also used in the construction of communication networks, including cellular and landline telephone networks, data transmission networks, satellite communication systems, and others. It ensures efficient and reliable transmission of information over long distances.

In addition, telecommunications equipment plays an important role in ensuring the security and protection of data during its transmission. It allows for encryption of information and control of access to the network, protecting the privacy of users.

Telecommunication equipment includes various devices that perform different functions. All network equipment is divided into two groups - active and passive. Devices from the first group operate on electricity, but most importantly - they take an active part in the processes of processing and transmitting data between other network elements. In fact, such devices take on the task of transmitting, sorting and grouping information.

The task of passive telecommunication devices is clear from their name alone: they do not actively participate in data processing and transmission, but create conditions for the network to function. This group includes sockets, connectors, patch cords, couplings, crosses, and the like.

Types and their main functions of equipment are:

- Routers: These devices are used to determine the path that data should take on a network. They can do this based on various factors such as protocols, addresses, or connection quality.

- Switches: These are devices that provide connections between different network segments. They allow data to be transmitted between different devices, traffic management, and security.

- Modems: These devices are used to convert digital data to analog format and back. They allow devices to connect to a network and transmit data over data lines or telephone lines.

- Servers: These are powerful computers that perform various functions on the network, such as storing data, processing requests, and providing services to users.

- Telephones: These are devices that are used for telephone communication. They allow voice signals to be transmitted over the network and provide communication between subscribers.

Telecommunication equipment plays a key role in the transmission and exchange of information between users. It provides the functionality necessary for the effective operation of communication networks.

Telecommunication equipment is most actively used by data transmission networks of the following types:

- structured cabling system (SCS) combines video surveillance areas, as well as telephone and local area networks. It includes coaxial and optical cables and connectors, patch cords, twisted pairs, fiber optic equipment, distributors

- fiber-optic communication lines (FOCL) - acts as a system for transmitting information. Information flows are transmitted by dielectric light fiber.

The main requirement for telecommunications equipment is the interaction of devices with each other.

All of the listed equipment is mainly powered by the electrical network. It can be located in buildings, be separate structures, or be overhead or underground.

#### **4.1. ATMOSPHERIC AIR MONITORING. MONITORING TECHNIQUE. ATMOSPHERIC AIR MEASUREMENT POINTS**

Air pollution is one of the most serious environmental factors affecting the health of every person in low-, middle- and high-income countries.

In 2019, ambient (outdoor) air pollution in both urban and rural areas was estimated to have caused 4.2 million premature deaths globally; these deaths are due to exposure to fine particulate matter, which is associated with cardiovascular, respiratory and cancer diseases.

According to WHO estimates, in recent years, about 37% of premature deaths associated with air pollution have occurred as a result of ischemic heart disease and stroke, 18% and 23% as a result of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and acute lower respiratory tract infections, respectively, and 11% as a result of respiratory cancer.

People living in low- and middle-income countries bear a disproportionate burden of disease from outdoor air pollution, accounting for 89% of the 4.2 million premature deaths. The WHO South-East Asia and Western Pacific regions have the highest disease burden. Recent estimates of the burden of disease point to a major role of air pollution in cardiovascular disease, including death.

A key measure to protect public health is the fight against air pollution, which is the second most important risk factor for the development of non-communicable diseases.

Most sources of air pollution cannot be controlled by individuals, requiring concerted action by local, national and regional policymakers in sectors such as energy, transport, waste management, urban planning and agriculture.

There are many examples of successful policies to reduce air pollution:

- in industry: the introduction of clean technologies that help reduce emissions into the atmosphere at industrial enterprises; improvement of systems for the removal of municipal and agricultural waste, including the capture of methane generated at waste disposal facilities as an alternative to its incineration (for use as biogas);

- in energy: ensuring access to affordable energy sources at home for cooking, heating and lighting;

- in transport: transition to environmentally friendly methods of energy production; priority development of high-speed urban transport, pedestrian and bicycle traffic in cities, as well as intercity rail freight and passenger transport; transition to cleaner diesel engines for heavy-duty vehicles, low-emission vehicles, as well as cleaner fuels, including fuel with a reduced sulphur content;

- in urban planning: increasing the energy efficiency of buildings, greening and reducing the area of cities, increasing their energy efficiency;

- in the power sector: increased use of low-emission fuels and non-combustion-based renewable energy sources (such as solar, wind or hydropower); combined heat and power; and distributed energy generation (such as small-scale electricity grids and rooftop solar panels);
- in the area of municipal and agricultural waste management: waste reduction strategies, waste separation, waste recovery and reuse or recycling, and improved bio-waste management techniques such as anaerobic digestion of waste to produce biogas, are feasible low-cost alternatives to open burning of solid waste, except where incineration is unavoidable and combustion technologies with strict emission controls must be used; and
- in health: moving health services onto a low-carbon path can contribute to more sustainable and cost-effective service delivery and reduce environmental risks to the health of patients, health workers and communities. By supporting climate-smart policies, the health sector can demonstrate societal leadership and improve health service delivery.

Particulate matter (PM). PM concentration is a commonly used proxy for air pollution levels. There is strong evidence that exposure to this pollutant has adverse effects on human health. The main components of PM are sulfates, nitrates, ammonia, sodium chloride, soot, mineral dust, and water.

Carbon monoxide (CO) Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless, tasteless, toxic gas produced by the incomplete combustion of carbon-containing fuels such as wood, gasoline, charcoal, natural gas, and kerosene.

Ozone (O<sub>3</sub>) Ground-level ozone – not to be confused with ozone in the upper atmosphere – is one of the main components of photochemical smog and is formed by reactions with gases in sunlight.

Nitrogen dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>) NO<sub>2</sub> is a gas that is commonly emitted during fuel combustion in transport and industry.

Sulfur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>). SO<sub>2</sub> is a colorless gas with a pungent odor. It is formed during the combustion of fossil fuels (coal and oil) or the smelting of mineral ores containing sulfur.

Air pollution is the contamination of the indoor and outdoor environment with any chemical, physical substance or biological agent that alters the natural characteristics of the atmosphere.

Air quality is closely linked to the Earth's climate and ecosystems worldwide. Many of the drivers of air pollution (i.e. burning fossil fuels) also result in greenhouse gas emissions. Policies to reduce air pollution therefore offer a win-win strategy for both climate and health, reducing the burden of air pollution-related diseases and contributing to short- and long-term climate change mitigation.

According to the World Broadband Association, the carbon footprint of the telecommunications industry currently accounts for about 2% of global emissions. Under pressure from governments and climate change programs, telecommunications companies are facing pressure to reduce their energy consumption. A study by the French think tank The Shift Project shows that by 2025, the digital industry could account for 5% to 6% of global greenhouse gas emissions. This is due to various factors, such as the growth of internet traffic, shorter average lifespans, and increased energy intensity of equipment. The introduction of 5G technology will require more cell towers to support higher data speeds and capacity, which will lead to increased e-waste, increased energy consumption, negative impacts on animal life, and pollution from increased heat.

In order to assess the impact of the Company's activities on environmental components (flora, fauna, land, water resources, atmospheric air, physical impact, electromagnetic radiation), an external comprehensive assessment and monitoring has been carried out since

2023. In 2023, the objects of the study were antenna mast structures and fiber optic cables far from populated areas. According to the research results, the Company's telecommunications equipment does not have a negative impact on the environment. There are no anomalies in the development of plants and animals in the areas where the equipment is located. A comparative analysis of the concentration of pollutants at the Company's facilities did not reveal any differences from background indicators.

In 2024, research was conducted in the metropolis of the Republic of Kazakhstan – the city of Astana.

Instrumental monitoring was carried out on the basis of the agreement between KAZTEKO LLP and AktyubNIGRI LLP No. 18 dated 01.07.2024 (accreditation certificate No. KZ . T.05.1004 dated 07.12.2020. Valid until 07.12.2025) (documents are presented in Appendix 4).

As part of this monitoring and assessment of the impact of the Company's activities on the environment, atmospheric air measurements were taken at facilities located within the city limits. The measurements were taken in close proximity to the telecommunications facility in order to obtain data on air quality indicators and to eliminate the impact from other facilities.

The main points for measuring atmospheric air are the locations of telecommunications equipment.

Atmospheric air measurements were carried out in accordance with ST RK 2.302-2021 "Methodology for performing measurements. Determination of the mass concentration of harmful substances in atmospheric air, in the air of the working area, in industrial emissions using a gas analyzer."

Determination of the mass concentration of harmful substances in the atmospheric air and in the air of the working area was carried out using the GANK-4 gas analyzer, which has a valid verification certificate. (Appendix 5, 6).

The atmospheric air measurement points and measurement results are given in Table 4.1.

Table 4.1.

| N<br>o.                         | Sampling<br>address  | Dot<br>measurements                       | Meteorological factors,<br>parameters, units of<br>measurement . |             |                     | Pollutants            |            |            |            |          |
|---------------------------------|--|---|--|-------------|---------------------|-----------------------|------------|------------|------------|----------|
|                                 |  |   |  |             |                     | (shares of MPC (MPD)) |            |            |            |          |
|                                 |  |   | Temperature,<br>°C   | Humidity, % | Pressure ,<br>mm Hg | NO <sub>2</sub>       | NO         | WITH       | SO2 ,      | CO       |
|                                 |  |   |  |             |                     | 0.2                   | 0.4        | 0.15       | 0.5        | 5        |
| Actual data, mg/ m <sup>3</sup> |  |   |  |             |                     |                       |            |            |            |          |
| 1                               | 2  | 3   | 4  | 5           | 6                   | 7                     | 7          | 8          | 9          | 10       |
| 1                               | Astana city,<br>"Sary-Arka"<br>district,<br>Abay Ave.,<br>26 | MTTS technical<br>building (ATS-33)       | 22   | 46          | 754                 | 0.03<br>22            | 0.023<br>4 | <0.02<br>5 | <0.02<br>5 | 2.2<br>3 |
| 2                               |  | roof of the<br>building ATS-33            | 23   | 46          | 754                 | 0.03<br>01            | 0.022<br>6 | <0.02<br>5 | <0.02<br>5 | 2.2<br>1 |
| 3                               |  | Agency for<br>servicing legal<br>entities | 22   | 46          | 754                 | 0.03<br>23            | 0,020<br>2 | <0.02<br>5 | <0.02<br>5 | 2.1<br>3 |

|        |   |                               |    |    |     |            |            |            |            |          |
|--------|---|-------------------------------|----|----|-----|------------|------------|------------|------------|----------|
| 4      |   | diesel building               | 22 | 46 | 754 | 0.03<br>05 | 0,020<br>4 | <0.02<br>5 | <0.02<br>5 | 2.0<br>5 |
| 5      |   | substation<br>building        | 22 | 46 | 754 | 0.02<br>95 | 0,021<br>2 | <0.02<br>5 | <0.02<br>5 | 2.1<br>4 |
| 6      |   | garage with<br>double doors . | 23 | 46 | 754 | 0.02<br>83 | 0,021<br>7 | <0.02<br>5 | <0.02<br>5 | 2.2<br>7 |
| 7      |   | carpentry shop<br>building    | 23 | 46 | 754 | 0.02<br>94 | 0,020<br>6 | <0.02<br>5 | <0.02<br>5 | 2.1<br>2 |
| 8      | <b>Astana city,<br/>"Sary-Arka"<br/>district,<br/>Abay Ave.,<br/>26</b> | Residential area,<br>South    | 23 | 46 | 754 | 0.03<br>27 | 0.024<br>7 | <0.02<br>5 | <0.02<br>5 | 2.5<br>9 |
| 9      |   | Residential area,<br>North    | 23 | 46 | 754 | 0.03<br>25 | 0.023<br>6 | <0.02<br>5 | <0.02<br>5 | 2.2<br>8 |
| 1<br>0 |   | Residential area,<br>East     | 23 | 46 | 754 | 0.03<br>41 | 0,024<br>4 | <0.02<br>5 | <0.02<br>5 | 2.1<br>9 |
| 1<br>1 |   | Residential area,<br>West     | 23 | 46 | 754 | 0.03<br>28 | 0.022<br>9 | <0.02<br>5 | <0.02<br>5 | 2.3<br>1 |
| 1<br>2 | Astana city ,<br>"Almaty"<br>district,<br>Zhirentaeva<br>st. , no. 11   | Residential area,<br>South    | 24 | 52 | 754 | 0.02<br>87 | 0.025<br>5 | <0.02<br>5 | <0.02<br>5 | 2.1<br>1 |
| 1<br>3 |   | Residential area,<br>North    | 24 | 52 | 754 | 0.02<br>96 | 0.026<br>1 | <0.02<br>5 | <0.02<br>5 | 2.3<br>8 |
| 1<br>4 |   | Residential area,<br>East     | 24 | 52 | 754 | 0.03<br>22 | 0.028<br>3 | <0.02<br>5 | <0.02<br>5 | 2.3<br>3 |
| 1<br>5 |   | Residential area,<br>West     | 24 | 52 | 754 | 0.02<br>91 | 0.025<br>9 | <0.02<br>5 | <0.02<br>5 | 2.0<br>5 |
| 1<br>6 | Astana city ,<br>"Almaty"<br>district,<br>Zhirentaeva<br>st. , no. 11   | ATS-36 building               | 24 | 52 | 754 | 0.02<br>33 | 0,022<br>7 | <0.02<br>5 | <0.02<br>5 | 1.9<br>6 |
| 1<br>7 |   | ATS-36 yard                   | 24 | 52 | 754 | 0.02<br>28 | 0,024<br>1 | <0.02<br>5 | <0.02<br>5 | 2.1<br>5 |
| 1<br>8 |   | diesel room                   | 24 | 52 | 754 | 0.02<br>51 | 0.026<br>2 | <0.02<br>5 | <0.02<br>5 | 2.4<br>1 |
| 1<br>9 | Astana city,<br>Abay Ave., 31   | Residential area,<br>South    | 24 | 52 | 754 | 0,02<br>13 | 0.022<br>2 | <0.02<br>5 | <0.02<br>5 | 1.9<br>4 |
| 2<br>0 |   | Residential area,<br>North    | 24 | 52 | 754 | 0.02<br>53 | 0.027<br>1 | <0.02<br>5 | <0.02<br>5 | 1.7<br>6 |
| 2<br>1 |   | Residential area,<br>East     | 24 | 52 | 754 | 0.02<br>77 | 0.025<br>9 | <0.02<br>5 | <0.02<br>5 | 1.8<br>3 |
| 2<br>2 |   | Residential area,<br>West     | 24 | 52 | 754 | 0.02<br>45 | 0.028<br>2 | <0.02<br>5 | <0.02<br>5 | 1.8<br>8 |

|        |   |  |    |    |     |            |            |            |            |          |
|--------|---|--|----|----|-----|------------|------------|------------|------------|----------|
| 2<br>3 | Astana city,<br>Abay Ave., 31             | Building ATS-32                            | 24 | 52 | 754 | 0.02<br>24 | 0.025<br>1 | <0.02<br>5 | <0.02<br>5 | 2.0<br>3 |
| 2<br>4 |   | diesel room                                | 24 | 52 | 754 | 0.02<br>49 | 0.026<br>8 | <0.02<br>5 | <0.02<br>5 | 2.0<br>6 |
| 2<br>5 | Astana, Alash<br>highway 12A              | Residential area,<br>South                 | 25 | 49 | 754 | 0,03<br>13 | 0,041<br>6 | <0.02<br>5 | <0.02<br>5 | 2.2<br>4 |
| 2<br>6 |   | Residential area,<br>North                 | 25 | 49 | 754 | 0.03<br>18 | 0.038<br>7 | <0.02<br>5 | <0.02<br>5 | 2.2<br>8 |
| 2<br>7 |   | Residential area,<br>East                  | 25 | 49 | 754 | 0.03<br>36 | 0.039<br>2 | <0.02<br>5 | <0.02<br>5 | 2.1<br>5 |
| 2<br>8 |   | Residential area,<br>West                  | 25 | 49 | 754 | 0.03<br>22 | 0.034<br>9 | <0.02<br>5 | <0.02<br>5 | 2.2<br>3 |
| 2<br>9 | Astana, Alash<br>highway 12A              | Administrative<br>building (lit. A)<br>DTK | 25 | 49 | 754 | 0.02<br>74 | 0.033<br>4 | <0.02<br>5 | <0.02<br>5 | 1.9<br>4 |
| 3<br>0 |   | yard ATS-310                               | 25 | 49 | 754 | 0,03<br>11 | 0.031<br>8 | <0.02<br>5 | <0.02<br>5 | 2.2<br>5 |
| 3<br>1 | Astana, Alash<br>highway 14A              | Residential area,<br>South                 | 25 | 49 | 754 | 0.03<br>34 | 0.039<br>2 | <0.02<br>5 | <0.02<br>5 | 2.1<br>1 |
| 3<br>2 |   | Residential area,<br>North                 | 25 | 49 | 754 | 0.03<br>51 | 0.037<br>7 | <0.02<br>5 | <0.02<br>5 | 1.9<br>4 |
| 3<br>3 |   | Residential area,<br>East                  | 25 | 49 | 754 | 0.03<br>36 | 0.036<br>7 | <0.02<br>5 | <0.02<br>5 | 1.8<br>5 |
| 3<br>4 |   | Residential area,<br>West                  | 25 | 49 | 754 | 0.03<br>29 | 0.038<br>1 | <0.02<br>5 | <0.02<br>5 | 2.1<br>2 |
| 3<br>5 | Astana city,<br>Kutpanova st.<br>8        | Residential area,<br>South                 | 27 | 44 | 754 | 0.02<br>88 | 0.031      | <0.02<br>5 | <0.02<br>5 | 1.7<br>7 |
| 3<br>6 |   | Residential area,<br>North                 | 27 | 44 | 754 | 0.02<br>65 | 0.032<br>3 | <0.02<br>5 | <0.02<br>5 | 2.0<br>5 |
| 3<br>7 |   | Residential area,<br>East                  | 27 | 44 | 754 | 0.02<br>71 | 0.027<br>5 | <0.02<br>5 | <0.02<br>5 | 2.1<br>2 |
| 3<br>8 |   | Residential area,<br>West                  | 27 | 44 | 754 | 0.02<br>99 | 0.026<br>8 | <0.02<br>5 | <0.02<br>5 | 1.8<br>5 |
| 3<br>9 | Astana city,<br>Babatai st.<br>smiles 3/1 | Residential area,<br>South                 | 25 | 34 | 756 | 0.02<br>24 | 0.027<br>9 | <0.02<br>5 | <0.02<br>5 | 1.8<br>5 |
| 4<br>0 |   | Residential area,<br>North                 | 25 | 34 | 756 | 0.02<br>19 | 0.030<br>3 | <0.02<br>5 | <0.02<br>5 | 1.8<br>3 |
| 4<br>1 |   | Residential area,<br>East                  | 25 | 34 | 756 | 0.02<br>38 | 0,024<br>1 | <0.02<br>5 | <0.02<br>5 | 1.9<br>2 |

|        |                               |  |    |    |     |            |            |            |            |          |
|--------|-------------------------------|--|----|----|-----|------------|------------|------------|------------|----------|
| 4<br>2 |                               | Residential area,<br>West                        | 25 | 34 | 756 | 0.02<br>43 | 0,022<br>7 | <0.02<br>5 | <0.02<br>5 | 2.0<br>4 |
| 4<br>3 | Astana city,<br>Sauran st. 12 | Residential area,<br>South                       | 25 | 34 | 756 | 0.02<br>45 | 0.025<br>5 | <0.02<br>5 | <0.02<br>5 | 2.1<br>5 |
| 4<br>4 |                               | Residential area,<br>North                       | 25 | 34 | 756 | 0,02<br>37 | 0.028<br>1 | <0.02<br>5 | <0.02<br>5 | 1.9<br>5 |
| 4<br>5 |                               | Residential area,<br>East                        | 25 | 34 | 756 | 0.02<br>48 | 0.023<br>8 | <0.02<br>5 | <0.02<br>5 | 1.9<br>3 |
| 4<br>6 |                               | Residential area,<br>West                        | 25 | 34 | 756 | 0.03<br>15 | 0.025<br>2 | <0.02<br>5 | <0.02<br>5 | 1.8<br>7 |
| 4<br>7 | Astana city,<br>Sauran st. 12 | On the roof of the<br>administrative<br>building | 25 | 34 | 756 | 0.02<br>2  | 0.024<br>5 | <0.02<br>5 | <0.02<br>5 | 2.0<br>6 |

To determine the maximum one-time ground concentration, measurements were taken in three series, taking into account the wind direction, at a height of 1.5-2.0 m from the ground surface. Since pollutants entering the atmospheric air are subject to dispersion under the influence of meteorological factors, these parameters were measured during the monitoring period. The wind regime and temperature have the greatest influence on the dispersion of impurities. The spread of atmospheric pollutants was measured and analyzed at different distances from the source of pollution, taking into account meteorological conditions.



Photo 4.1.  
"Sary-Arka" district, Abay Ave., 26



Photo 4.2.  
"Almaty" district, st. Zhirentaeva , 11

Table 4.1.

Analysis of atmospheric air monitoring values at the facilities of JSC Kazakhtelecom  
in comparison with the background 3-year values of the RSE " Kazhydromet " [3]

| No. | Sample collection location   | Indicators       | Actual data for 2024 | MPC  | Background concentration values |      |       | Notes |
|-----|--|------------------|----------------------|------|---------------------------------|------|-------|-------|
|     |  |                  |                      |      | 2024                            | 2023 | 2022  |       |
| 1.  | Astana, "Sary-Arka" area, Abay ave ., 26 (Residential area, South) | Nitrogen dioxide | 0.0 32 7             | 0.2  | 0.05                            | 0.05 | 0 ,04 |       |
|     |  | Nitrogen oxide   | 0.02 4 7             | 0.4  | 0.02                            | 0.04 | 0 ,04 |       |
|     |  | Carbon (soot)    | <0.025               | 0.15 | -                               | -    | -     |       |
|     |  | Sulfur dioxide   | <0.025               | 0.5  | 0.09                            | 0.01 | 0.02  |       |
|     |  | Carbon monoxide  | 2.5 9                | 5    | 0.35                            | 0.39 | 0.37  |       |
| 2.  | Astana, "Sary-Arka" area, Abay ave ., 26 (Residential area, North) | Nitrogen dioxide | 0.0325               | 0.2  | 0.05                            | 0.05 | 0 ,04 |       |
|     |  | Nitrogen oxide   | 0.0236               | 0.4  | 0.02                            | 0.04 | 0 ,04 |       |
|     |  | Carbon (soot)    | <0.025               | 0.15 | -                               | -    | -     |       |
|     |  | Sulfur dioxide   | <0.025               | 0.5  | 0.09                            | 0.01 | 0.02  |       |
|     |  | Carbon monoxide  | 2.28                 | 5    | 0.35                            | 0.39 | 0.37  |       |
| 3.  | Astana, "Sary-Arka" area, Abay ave ., 26 (Residential area, East)  | Nitrogen dioxide | 0.0341               | 0.2  | 0.05                            | 0.05 | 0 ,04 |       |
|     |  | Nitrogen oxide   | 0,0244               | 0.4  | 0.02                            | 0.04 | 0 ,04 |       |
|     |  | Carbon (soot)    | <0.025               | 0.15 | -                               | -    | -     |       |
|     |  | Sulfur dioxide   | <0.025               | 0.5  | 0.09                            | 0.01 | 0.02  |       |
|     |  | Carbon monoxide  | 2.19                 | 5    | 0.35                            | 0.39 | 0.37  |       |



| No. | Sample collection location   | Indicators       | Actual data for 2024 | MPC  | Background concentration values |      |       | Notes |
|-----|--|------------------|----------------------|------|---------------------------------|------|-------|-------|
|     |  |                  |                      |      | 2024                            | 2023 | 2022  |       |
| 4.  | Astana, "Sary-Arka" area, Abay ave ., 26 (Residential area, West)                  | Nitrogen dioxide | 0.0328               | 0.2  | 0.05                            | 0.05 | 0 ,04 |       |
|     |  | Nitrogen oxide   | 0.0229               | 0.4  | 0.02                            | 0.04 | 0 ,04 |       |
|     |  | Carbon (soot)    | <0.025               | 0.15 | -                               | -    | -     |       |
|     |  | Sulfur dioxide   | <0.025               | 0.5  | 0.09                            | 0.01 | 0.02  |       |
|     |  | Carbon monoxide  | 2.31                 | 5    | 0.35                            | 0.39 | 0.37  |       |
| 5.  | Astana, Sary-Arka district , Abay ave ., 26 (MTTS technical building (ATS-33))     | Nitrogen dioxide | 0.0322               | 0.2  | 0.05                            | 0.05 | 0 ,04 |       |
|     |  | Nitrogen oxide   | 0.0234               | 0.4  | 0.02                            | 0.04 | 0 ,04 |       |
|     |  | Carbon (soot)    | <0.025               | 0.15 | -                               | -    | -     |       |
|     |  | Sulfur dioxide   | <0.025               | 0.5  | 0.09                            | 0.01 | 0.02  |       |
|     |  | Carbon monoxide  | 2.23                 | 5    | 0.35                            | 0.39 | 0.37  |       |
| 6.  | Astana, Sary-Arka district, Abay ave., 26 (roof of the ATS-33 building)            | Nitrogen dioxide | 0.0301               | 0.2  | 0.05                            | 0.05 | 0 ,04 |       |
|     |  | Nitrogen oxide   | 0.0226               | 0.4  | 0.02                            | 0.04 | 0 ,04 |       |
|     |  | Carbon (soot)    | <0.025               | 0.15 | -                               | -    | -     |       |
|     |  | Sulfur dioxide   | <0.025               | 0.5  | 0.09                            | 0.01 | 0.02  |       |
|     |  | Carbon monoxide  | 2.21                 | 5    | 0.35                            | 0.39 | 0.37  |       |
| 7.  | Astana, Sary-Arka district , Abay ave . , 26 (Agency for servicing legal entities) | Nitrogen dioxide | 0.0323               | 0.2  | 0.05                            | 0.05 | 0 ,04 |       |
|     |  | Nitrogen oxide   | 0,0202               | 0.4  | 0.02                            | 0.04 | 0 ,04 |       |

| No. | Sample collection location  | Indicators       | Actual data for 2024 | MPC  | Background concentration values |      |       | Notes |
|-----|---|------------------|----------------------|------|---------------------------------|------|-------|-------|
|     |   |                  |                      |      | 2024                            | 2023 | 2022  |       |
|     |   | Carbon (soot)    | <0.025               | 0.15 | -                               | -    | -     |       |
|     |   | Sulfur dioxide   | <0.025               | 0.5  | 0.09                            | 0.01 | 0.02  |       |
|     |   | Carbon monoxide  | 2.13                 | 5    | 0.35                            | 0.39 | 0.37  |       |
| 8.  | Astana, Sary-Arka district , Abay ave ., 26 (diesel building)           | Nitrogen dioxide | 0.0305               | 0.2  | 0.05                            | 0.05 | 0 ,04 |       |
|     |   | Nitrogen oxide   | 0,0204               | 0.4  | 0.02                            | 0.04 | 0 ,04 |       |
|     |   | Carbon (soot)    | <0.025               | 0.15 | -                               | -    | -     |       |
|     |   | Sulfur dioxide   | <0.025               | 0.5  | 0.09                            | 0.01 | 0.02  |       |
|     |   | Carbon monoxide  | 2.05                 | 5    | 0.35                            | 0.39 | 0.37  |       |
| 9.  | Astana, Sary-Arka district , Abay ave ., 26 (substation building)       | Nitrogen dioxide | 0.0295               | 0.2  | 0.05                            | 0.05 | 0 ,04 |       |
|     |   | Nitrogen oxide   | 0,0212               | 0.4  | 0.02                            | 0.04 | 0 ,04 |       |
|     |   | Carbon (soot)    | <0.025               | 0.15 | -                               | -    | -     |       |
|     |   | Sulfur dioxide   | <0.025               | 0.5  | 0.09                            | 0.01 | 0.02  |       |
|     |   | Carbon monoxide  | 2.14                 | 5    | 0.35                            | 0.39 | 0.37  |       |
| 10. | Astana, Sary-Arka district , Abay ave ., 26 (garage with double doors ) | Nitrogen dioxide | 0.0283               | 0.2  | 0.05                            | 0.05 | 0 ,04 |       |
|     |   | Nitrogen oxide   | 0,0217               | 0.4  | 0.02                            | 0.04 | 0 ,04 |       |
|     |   | Carbon (soot)    | <0.025               | 0.15 | -                               | -    | -     |       |
|     |   | Sulfur dioxide   | <0.025               | 0.5  | 0.09                            | 0.01 | 0.02  |       |

| No. | Sample collection location   | Indicators       | Actual data for 2024 | MPC  | Background concentration values |      |       | Notes |
|-----|--|------------------|----------------------|------|---------------------------------|------|-------|-------|
|     |  |                  |                      |      | 2024                            | 2023 | 2022  |       |
|     |  | Carbon monoxide  | 2.27                 | 5    | 0.35                            | 0.39 | 0.37  |       |
| 11. | Astana, Sary-Arka district , Abay ave ., 26 (carpentry shop building)    | Nitrogen dioxide | 0.0294               | 0.2  | 0.05                            | 0.05 | 0 ,04 |       |
|     |  | Nitrogen oxide   | 0,0206               | 0.4  | 0.02                            | 0.04 | 0 ,04 |       |
|     |  | Carbon (soot)    | <0.025               | 0.15 | -                               | -    | -     |       |
|     |  | Sulfur dioxide   | <0.025               | 0.5  | 0.09                            | 0.01 | 0.02  |       |
|     |  | Carbon monoxide  | 2.12                 | 5    | 0.35                            | 0.39 | 0.37  |       |
| 12. | Astana , Almaty district, Zhirentaeva st. , 11 (Residential zone, South) | Nitrogen dioxide | 0.0287               | 0.2  | 0.05                            | 0.05 | 0 ,04 |       |
|     |  | Nitrogen oxide   | 0.0255               | 0.4  | 0.02                            | 0.04 | 0 ,04 |       |
|     |  | Carbon (soot)    | <0.025               | 0.15 | -                               | -    | -     |       |
|     |  | Sulfur dioxide   | <0.025               | 0.5  | 0.09                            | 0.01 | 0.02  |       |
|     |  | Carbon monoxide  | 2.11                 | 5    | 0.35                            | 0.39 | 0.37  |       |
| 13. | Astana , Almaty district, Zhirentaeva st. , 11 (Residential zone, North) | Nitrogen dioxide | 0.0296               | 0.2  | 0.05                            | 0.05 | 0 ,04 |       |
|     |  | Nitrogen oxide   | 0.0261               | 0.4  | 0.02                            | 0.04 | 0 ,04 |       |
|     |  | Carbon (soot)    | <0.025               | 0.15 | -                               | -    | -     |       |
|     |  | Sulfur dioxide   | <0.025               | 0.5  | 0.09                            | 0.01 | 0.02  |       |
|     |  | Carbon monoxide  | 2.38                 | 5    | 0.35                            | 0.39 | 0.37  |       |

| No. | Sample collection location  | Indicators       | Actual data for 2024 | MPC  | Background concentration values |      |       | Notes |
|-----|---|------------------|----------------------|------|---------------------------------|------|-------|-------|
|     |   |                  |                      |      | 2024                            | 2023 | 2022  |       |
| 14. | Astana , Almaty district, Zhirentaeva st. , 11 (Residential zone, East) | Nitrogen dioxide | 0.0322               | 0.2  | 0.05                            | 0.05 | 0 ,04 |       |
|     |   | Nitrogen oxide   | 0.0283               | 0.4  | 0.02                            | 0.04 | 0 ,04 |       |
|     |   | Carbon (soot)    | <0.025               | 0.15 | -                               | -    | -     |       |
|     |   | Sulfur dioxide   | <0.025               | 0.5  | 0.09                            | 0.01 | 0.02  |       |
|     |   | Carbon monoxide  | 2.33                 | 5    | 0.35                            | 0.39 | 0.37  |       |
| 15. | Astana, Almaty district, Zhirentaeva st. , 11 (Residential zone, West)  | Nitrogen dioxide | 0.0291               | 0.2  | 0.05                            | 0.05 | 0 ,04 |       |
|     |   | Nitrogen oxide   | 0.0259               | 0.4  | 0.02                            | 0.04 | 0 ,04 |       |
|     |   | Carbon (soot)    | <0.025               | 0.15 | -                               | -    | -     |       |
|     |   | Sulfur dioxide   | <0.025               | 0.5  | 0.09                            | 0.01 | 0.02  |       |
|     |   | Carbon monoxide  | 2.05                 | 5    | 0.35                            | 0.39 | 0.37  |       |
| 16. | Astana, Almaty district, st. Zhirentaeva , 11 (ATS-36 building)         | Nitrogen dioxide | 0.0233               | 0.2  | 0.05                            | 0.05 | 0 ,04 |       |
|     |   | Nitrogen oxide   | 0,0227               | 0.4  | 0.02                            | 0.04 | 0 ,04 |       |
|     |   | Carbon (soot)    | <0.025               | 0.15 | -                               | -    | -     |       |
|     |   | Sulfur dioxide   | <0.025               | 0.5  | 0.09                            | 0.01 | 0.02  |       |
|     |   | Carbon monoxide  | 1.96                 | 5    | 0.35                            | 0.39 | 0.37  |       |
| 17. | Astana, Almaty district, st. Zhirentaeva , 11 (yard ATS-36)             | Nitrogen dioxide | 0.0228               | 0.2  | 0.05                            | 0.05 | 0 ,04 |       |
|     |   | Nitrogen oxide   | 0,0241               | 0.4  | 0.02                            | 0.04 | 0 ,04 |       |

| No. | Sample collection location                                  | Indicators       | Actual data for 2024 | MPC  | Background concentration values |      |       | Notes |
|-----|---|------------------|----------------------|------|---------------------------------|------|-------|-------|
|     |   |                  |                      |      | 2024                            | 2023 | 2022  |       |
|     |   | Carbon (soot)    | <0.025               | 0.15 | -                               | -    | -     |       |
|     |   | Sulfur dioxide   | <0.025               | 0.5  | 0.09                            | 0.01 | 0.02  |       |
|     |   | Carbon monoxide  | 2.15                 | 5    | 0.35                            | 0.39 | 0.37  |       |
| 18. | Astana, Almaty district, Zhirentaeva st. , 11 (diesel room) | Nitrogen dioxide | 0.0251               | 0.2  | 0.05                            | 0.05 | 0 ,04 |       |
|     |   | Nitrogen oxide   | 0.0262               | 0.4  | 0.02                            | 0.04 | 0 ,04 |       |
|     |   | Carbon (soot)    | <0.025               | 0.15 | -                               | -    | -     |       |
|     |   | Sulfur dioxide   | <0.025               | 0.5  | 0.09                            | 0.01 | 0.02  |       |
|     |   | Carbon monoxide  | 2.41                 | 5    | 0.35                            | 0.39 | 0.37  |       |
| 19. | Astana, Abay Ave., 31 (Residential area, South)             | Nitrogen dioxide | 0,0213               | 0.2  | 0.05                            | 0.05 | 0 ,04 |       |
|     |   | Nitrogen oxide   | 0.0222               | 0.4  | 0.02                            | 0.04 | 0 ,04 |       |
|     |   | Carbon (soot)    | <0.025               | 0.15 | -                               | -    | -     |       |
|     |   | Sulfur dioxide   | <0.025               | 0.5  | 0.09                            | 0.01 | 0.02  |       |
|     |   | Carbon monoxide  | 1.94                 | 5    | 0.35                            | 0.39 | 0.37  |       |
| 20. | Astana, Abay Ave., 31 (Residential area, North)             | Nitrogen dioxide | 0.0253               | 0.2  | 0.05                            | 0.05 | 0 ,04 |       |
|     |   | Nitrogen oxide   | 0.0271               | 0.4  | 0.02                            | 0.04 | 0 ,04 |       |
|     |   | Carbon (soot)    | <0.025               | 0.15 | -                               | -    | -     |       |
|     |   | Sulfur dioxide   | <0.025               | 0.5  | 0.09                            | 0.01 | 0.02  |       |

| No. | Sample collection location                     | Indicators       | Actual data for 2024 | MPC  | Background concentration values |      |       | Notes |
|-----|--|------------------|----------------------|------|---------------------------------|------|-------|-------|
|     |  |                  |                      |      | 2024                            | 2023 | 2022  |       |
|     |  | Carbon monoxide  | 1.76                 | 5    | 0.35                            | 0.39 | 0.37  |       |
| 21. | Astana, Abay Ave., 31 (Residential area, East) | Nitrogen dioxide | 0.0277               | 0.2  | 0.05                            | 0.05 | 0 ,04 |       |
|     |  | Nitrogen oxide   | 0.0259               | 0.4  | 0.02                            | 0.04 | 0 ,04 |       |
|     |  | Carbon (soot)    | <0.025               | 0.15 | -                               | -    | -     |       |
|     |  | Sulfur dioxide   | <0.025               | 0.5  | 0.09                            | 0.01 | 0.02  |       |
|     |  | Carbon monoxide  | 1.83                 | 5    | 0.35                            | 0.39 | 0.37  |       |
| 22. | Astana, Abay Ave., 31 (Residential area, West) | Nitrogen dioxide | 0.0245               | 0.2  | 0.05                            | 0.05 | 0 ,04 |       |
|     |  | Nitrogen oxide   | 0.0282               | 0.4  | 0.02                            | 0.04 | 0 ,04 |       |
|     |  | Carbon (soot)    | <0.025               | 0.15 | -                               | -    | -     |       |
|     |  | Sulfur dioxide   | <0.025               | 0.5  | 0.09                            | 0.01 | 0.02  |       |
|     |  | Carbon monoxide  | 1.88                 | 5    | 0.35                            | 0.39 | 0.37  |       |
| 23. | Astana, Abay Ave., 31 (ATS-32 building)        | Nitrogen dioxide | 0.0224               | 0.2  | 0.05                            | 0.05 | 0 ,04 |       |
|     |  | Nitrogen oxide   | 0.0251               | 0.4  | 0.02                            | 0.04 | 0 ,04 |       |
|     |  | Carbon (soot)    | <0.025               | 0.15 | -                               | -    | -     |       |
|     |  | Sulfur dioxide   | <0.025               | 0.5  | 0.09                            | 0.01 | 0.02  |       |
|     |  | Carbon monoxide  | 2.03                 | 5    | 0.35                            | 0.39 | 0.37  |       |

| No. | Sample collection location                          | Indicators       | Actual data for 2024 | MPC  | Background concentration values |      |       | Notes |
|-----|---|------------------|----------------------|------|---------------------------------|------|-------|-------|
|     |   |                  |                      |      | 2024                            | 2023 | 2022  |       |
| 24. | Astana, Abay Ave., 31 (diesel room)                 | Nitrogen dioxide | 0.0249               | 0.2  | 0.05                            | 0.05 | 0 ,04 |       |
|     |   | Nitrogen oxide   | 0.0268               | 0.4  | 0.02                            | 0.04 | 0 ,04 |       |
|     |   | Carbon (soot)    | <0.025               | 0.15 | -                               | -    | -     |       |
|     |   | Sulfur dioxide   | <0.025               | 0.5  | 0.09                            | 0.01 | 0.02  |       |
|     |   | Carbon monoxide  | 2.06                 | 5    | 0.35                            | 0.39 | 0.37  |       |
| 25. | Astana, Alash highway 12A (Residential zone, South) | Nitrogen dioxide | 0,0313               | 0.2  | 0.05                            | 0.05 | 0 ,04 |       |
|     |   | Nitrogen oxide   | 0,0416               | 0.4  | 0.02                            | 0.04 | 0 ,04 |       |
|     |   | Carbon (soot)    | <0.025               | 0.15 | -                               | -    | -     |       |
|     |   | Sulfur dioxide   | <0.025               | 0.5  | 0.09                            | 0.01 | 0.02  |       |
|     |   | Carbon monoxide  | 2.24                 | 5    | 0.35                            | 0.39 | 0.37  |       |
| 26. | Astana, Alash highway 12A (Residential zone, North) | Nitrogen dioxide | 0.0318               | 0.2  | 0.05                            | 0.05 | 0 ,04 |       |
|     |   | Nitrogen oxide   | 0.0387               | 0.4  | 0.02                            | 0.04 | 0 ,04 |       |
|     |   | Carbon (soot)    | <0.025               | 0.15 | -                               | -    | -     |       |
|     |   | Sulfur dioxide   | <0.025               | 0.5  | 0.09                            | 0.01 | 0.02  |       |
|     |   | Carbon monoxide  | 2.28                 | 5    | 0.35                            | 0.39 | 0.37  |       |
| 27. | Astana, Alash highway 12A (Residential area, East)  | Nitrogen dioxide | 0.0336               | 0.2  | 0.05                            | 0.05 | 0 ,04 |       |
|     |   | Nitrogen oxide   | 0.0392               | 0.4  | 0.02                            | 0.04 | 0 ,04 |       |

| No. | Sample collection location                                       | Indicators       | Actual data for 2024 | MPC  | Background concentration values |      |       | Notes |
|-----|--|------------------|----------------------|------|---------------------------------|------|-------|-------|
|     |  |                  |                      |      | 2024                            | 2023 | 2022  |       |
|     |  | Carbon (soot)    | <0.025               | 0.15 | -                               | -    | -     |       |
|     |  | Sulfur dioxide   | <0.025               | 0.5  | 0.09                            | 0.01 | 0.02  |       |
|     |  | Carbon monoxide  | 2.15                 | 5    | 0.35                            | 0.39 | 0.37  |       |
| 28. | Astana, Alash highway 12A (Residential area, West)               | Nitrogen dioxide | 0.0322               | 0.2  | 0.05                            | 0.05 | 0 ,04 |       |
|     |  | Nitrogen oxide   | 0.0349               | 0.4  | 0.02                            | 0.04 | 0 ,04 |       |
|     |  | Carbon (soot)    | <0.025               | 0.15 | -                               | -    | -     |       |
|     |  | Sulfur dioxide   | <0.025               | 0.5  | 0.09                            | 0.01 | 0.02  |       |
|     |  | Carbon monoxide  | 2.23                 | 5    | 0.35                            | 0.39 | 0.37  |       |
| 29. | Astana, Alash highway 12A (administrative building (lit. A) DTK) | Nitrogen dioxide | 0.0274               | 0.2  | 0.05                            | 0.05 | 0 ,04 |       |
|     |  | Nitrogen oxide   | 0.0334               | 0.4  | 0.02                            | 0.04 | 0 ,04 |       |
|     |  | Carbon (soot)    | <0.025               | 0.15 | -                               | -    | -     |       |
|     |  | Sulfur dioxide   | <0.025               | 0.5  | 0.09                            | 0.01 | 0.02  |       |
|     |  | Carbon monoxide  | 1.94                 | 5    | 0.35                            | 0.39 | 0.37  |       |
| 30. | Astana, Alash highway 12A (yard ATS-310)                         | Nitrogen dioxide | 0,0311               | 0.2  | 0.05                            | 0.05 | 0 ,04 |       |
|     |  | Nitrogen oxide   | 0.0318               | 0.4  | 0.02                            | 0.04 | 0 ,04 |       |
|     |  | Carbon (soot)    | <0.025               | 0.15 | -                               | -    | -     |       |
|     |  | Sulfur dioxide   | <0.025               | 0.5  | 0.09                            | 0.01 | 0.02  |       |



| No. | Sample collection location                          | Indicators       | Actual data for 2024 | MPC  | Background concentration values |      |       | Notes |
|-----|---|------------------|----------------------|------|---------------------------------|------|-------|-------|
|     |   |                  |                      |      | 2024                            | 2023 | 2022  |       |
|     |   | Carbon monoxide  | 2.25                 | 5    | 0.35                            | 0.39 | 0.37  |       |
| 31. | Astana, Alash highway 14A (Residential zone, South) | Nitrogen dioxide | 0.0334               | 0.2  | 0.05                            | 0.05 | 0 ,04 |       |
|     |   | Nitrogen oxide   | 0.0392               | 0.4  | 0.02                            | 0.04 | 0 ,04 |       |
|     |   | Carbon (soot)    | <0.025               | 0.15 | -                               | -    | -     |       |
|     |   | Sulfur dioxide   | <0.025               | 0.5  | 0.09                            | 0.01 | 0.02  |       |
|     |   | Carbon monoxide  | 2.11                 | 5    | 0.35                            | 0.39 | 0.37  |       |
| 32. | Astana, Alash highway 14A (Residential zone, North) | Nitrogen dioxide | 0.0351               | 0.2  | 0.05                            | 0.05 | 0 ,04 |       |
|     |   | Nitrogen oxide   | 0.0377               | 0.4  | 0.02                            | 0.04 | 0 ,04 |       |
|     |   | Carbon (soot)    | <0.025               | 0.15 | -                               | -    | -     |       |
|     |   | Sulfur dioxide   | <0.025               | 0.5  | 0.09                            | 0.01 | 0.02  |       |
|     |   | Carbon monoxide  | 1.94                 | 5    | 0.35                            | 0.39 | 0.37  |       |
| 33. | Astana, Alash highway 14A (Residential area, East)  | Nitrogen dioxide | 0.0336               | 0.2  | 0.05                            | 0.05 | 0 ,04 |       |
|     |   | Nitrogen oxide   | 0.0367               | 0.4  | 0.02                            | 0.04 | 0 ,04 |       |
|     |   | Carbon (soot)    | <0.025               | 0.15 | -                               | -    | -     |       |
|     |   | Sulfur dioxide   | <0.025               | 0.5  | 0.09                            | 0.01 | 0.02  |       |
|     |   | Carbon monoxide  | 1.85                 | 5    | 0.35                            | 0.39 | 0.37  |       |

| No. | Sample collection location                         | Indicators       | Actual data for 2024 | MPC  | Background concentration values |      |       | Notes |
|-----|--|------------------|----------------------|------|---------------------------------|------|-------|-------|
|     |  |                  |                      |      | 2024                            | 2023 | 2022  |       |
| 34. | Astana, Alash highway 14A (Residential area, West) | Nitrogen dioxide | 0.0329               | 0.2  | 0.05                            | 0.05 | 0 ,04 |       |
|     |  | Nitrogen oxide   | 0.0381               | 0.4  | 0.02                            | 0.04 | 0 ,04 |       |
|     |  | Carbon (soot)    | <0.025               | 0.15 | -                               | -    | -     |       |
|     |  | Sulfur dioxide   | <0.025               | 0.5  | 0.09                            | 0.01 | 0.02  |       |
|     |  | Carbon monoxide  | 2.12                 | 5    | 0.35                            | 0.39 | 0.37  |       |
| 35. | Astana, st. Kutpanova 8 (Residential area, South)  | Nitrogen dioxide | 0.0288               | 0.2  | 0.05                            | 0.05 | 0 ,04 |       |
|     |  | Nitrogen oxide   | 0.031                | 0.4  | 0.02                            | 0.04 | 0 ,04 |       |
|     |  | Carbon (soot)    | <0.025               | 0.15 | -                               | -    | -     |       |
|     |  | Sulfur dioxide   | <0.025               | 0.5  | 0.09                            | 0.01 | 0.02  |       |
|     |  | Carbon monoxide  | 1.77                 | 5    | 0.35                            | 0.39 | 0.37  |       |
| 36. | Astana, st. Kutpanova 8 (Residential zone, North)  | Nitrogen dioxide | 0.0265               | 0.2  | 0.05                            | 0.05 | 0 ,04 |       |
|     |  | Nitrogen oxide   | 0.0323               | 0.4  | 0.02                            | 0.04 | 0 ,04 |       |
|     |  | Carbon (soot)    | <0.025               | 0.15 | -                               | -    | -     |       |
|     |  | Sulfur dioxide   | <0.025               | 0.5  | 0.09                            | 0.01 | 0.02  |       |
|     |  | Carbon monoxide  | 2.05                 | 5    | 0.35                            | 0.39 | 0.37  |       |
| 37. | Astana, st. Kutpanova 8 (Residential zone, East)   | Nitrogen dioxide | 0.0271               | 0.2  | 0.05                            | 0.05 | 0 ,04 |       |
|     |  | Nitrogen oxide   | 0.0275               | 0.4  | 0.02                            | 0.04 | 0 ,04 |       |

| No. | Sample collection location                              | Indicators       | Actual data for 2024 | MPC  | Background concentration values |      |       | Notes |
|-----|---|------------------|----------------------|------|---------------------------------|------|-------|-------|
|     |   |                  |                      |      | 2024                            | 2023 | 2022  |       |
|     |   | Carbon (soot)    | <0.025               | 0.15 | -                               | -    | -     |       |
|     |   | Sulfur dioxide   | <0.025               | 0.5  | 0.09                            | 0.01 | 0.02  |       |
|     |   | Carbon monoxide  | 2.12                 | 5    | 0.35                            | 0.39 | 0.37  |       |
|     |   |                  |                      |      |                                 |      |       |       |
| 38. | Astana, st. Kutpanova 8<br>(Residential zone, West)     | Nitrogen dioxide | 0.0299               | 0.2  | 0.05                            | 0.05 | 0 ,04 |       |
|     |   | Nitrogen oxide   | 0.0268               | 0.4  | 0.02                            | 0.04 | 0 ,04 |       |
|     |   | Carbon (soot)    | <0.025               | 0.15 | -                               | -    | -     |       |
|     |   | Sulfur dioxide   | <0.025               | 0.5  | 0.09                            | 0.01 | 0.02  |       |
|     |   | Carbon monoxide  | 1.85                 | 5    | 0.35                            | 0.39 | 0.37  |       |
| 39. | Astana, st. Babataiuly 3/1<br>(Residential area, South) | Nitrogen dioxide | 0.0224               | 0.2  | 0.05                            | 0.05 | 0 ,04 |       |
|     |   | Nitrogen oxide   | 0.0279               | 0.4  | 0.02                            | 0.04 | 0 ,04 |       |
|     |   | Carbon (soot)    | <0.025               | 0.15 | -                               | -    | -     |       |
|     |   | Sulfur dioxide   | <0.025               | 0.5  | 0.09                            | 0.01 | 0.02  |       |
|     |   | Carbon monoxide  | 1.85                 | 5    | 0.35                            | 0.39 | 0.37  |       |
| 40. | Astana, st. Babataiuly 3/1<br>(Residential area, North) | Nitrogen dioxide | 0.0219               | 0.2  | 0.05                            | 0.05 | 0 ,04 |       |
|     |   | Nitrogen oxide   | 0.0303               | 0.4  | 0.02                            | 0.04 | 0 ,04 |       |
|     |   | Carbon (soot)    | <0.025               | 0.15 | -                               | -    | -     |       |
|     |   | Sulfur dioxide   | <0.025               | 0.5  | 0.09                            | 0.01 | 0.02  |       |

| No. | Sample collection location                               | Indicators       | Actual data for 2024 | MPC  | Background concentration values |      |       | Notes |
|-----|--|------------------|----------------------|------|---------------------------------|------|-------|-------|
|     |  |                  |                      |      | 2024                            | 2023 | 2022  |       |
|     |  | Carbon monoxide  | 1.83                 | 5    | 0.35                            | 0.39 | 0.37  |       |
| 41. | Astana, st. Babataiuly 3/1 (Residential area, East)      | Nitrogen dioxide | 0.0238               | 0.2  | 0.05                            | 0.05 | 0 ,04 |       |
|     |  | Nitrogen oxide   | 0,0241               | 0.4  | 0.02                            | 0.04 | 0 ,04 |       |
|     |  | Carbon (soot)    | <0.025               | 0.15 | -                               | -    | -     |       |
|     |  | Sulfur dioxide   | <0.025               | 0.5  | 0.09                            | 0.01 | 0.02  |       |
|     |  | Carbon monoxide  | 1.92                 | 5    | 0.35                            | 0.39 | 0.37  |       |
| 42. | Astana, st. Babatai streets 3/1 (Residential zone, West) | Nitrogen dioxide | 0.0243               | 0.2  | 0.05                            | 0.05 | 0 ,04 |       |
|     |  | Nitrogen oxide   | 0,0227               | 0.4  | 0.02                            | 0.04 | 0 ,04 |       |
|     |  | Carbon (soot)    | <0.025               | 0.15 | -                               | -    | -     |       |
|     |  | Sulfur dioxide   | <0.025               | 0.5  | 0.09                            | 0.01 | 0.02  |       |
|     |  | Carbon monoxide  | 2.04                 | 5    | 0.35                            | 0.39 | 0.37  |       |
| 43. | Astana, st. Sauran 12 (Residential zone, South)          | Nitrogen dioxide | 0.0245               | 0.2  | 0.05                            | 0.05 | 0 ,04 |       |
|     |  | Nitrogen oxide   | 0.0255               | 0.4  | 0.02                            | 0.04 | 0 ,04 |       |
|     |  | Carbon (soot)    | <0.025               | 0.15 | -                               | -    | -     |       |
|     |  | Sulfur dioxide   | <0.025               | 0.5  | 0.09                            | 0.01 | 0.02  |       |
|     |  | Carbon monoxide  | 2.15                 | 5    | 0.35                            | 0.39 | 0.37  |       |

| No. | Sample collection location                      | Indicators       | Actual data for 2024 | MPC  | Background concentration values |      |       | Notes |
|-----|---|------------------|----------------------|------|---------------------------------|------|-------|-------|
|     |   |                  |                      |      | 2024                            | 2023 | 2022  |       |
| 44. | Astana, st. Sauran 12 (Residential zone, North) | Nitrogen dioxide | 0,0237               | 0.2  | 0.05                            | 0.05 | 0 ,04 |       |
|     |   | Nitrogen oxide   | 0.0281               | 0.4  | 0.02                            | 0.04 | 0 ,04 |       |
|     |   | Carbon (soot)    | <0.025               | 0.15 | -                               | -    | -     |       |
|     |   | Sulfur dioxide   | <0.025               | 0.5  | 0.09                            | 0.01 | 0.02  |       |
|     |   | Carbon monoxide  | 1.95                 | 5    | 0.35                            | 0.39 | 0.37  |       |
| 45. | Astana, st. Sauran 12 (Residential zone, East)  | Nitrogen dioxide | 0.0248               | 0.2  | 0.05                            | 0.05 | 0 ,04 |       |
|     |   | Nitrogen oxide   | 0.0238               | 0.4  | 0.02                            | 0.04 | 0 ,04 |       |
|     |   | Carbon (soot)    | <0.025               | 0.15 | -                               | -    | -     |       |
|     |   | Sulfur dioxide   | <0.025               | 0.5  | 0.09                            | 0.01 | 0.02  |       |
|     |   | Carbon monoxide  | 1.93                 | 5    | 0.35                            | 0.39 | 0.37  |       |
| 46. | Astana, st. Sauran 12 (Residential zone, West)  | Nitrogen dioxide | 0.0315               | 0.2  | 0.05                            | 0.05 | 0 ,04 |       |
|     |   | Nitrogen oxide   | 0.0252               | 0.4  | 0.02                            | 0.04 | 0 ,04 |       |
|     |   | Carbon (soot)    | <0.025               | 0.15 | -                               | -    | -     |       |
|     |   | Sulfur dioxide   | <0.025               | 0.5  | 0.09                            | 0.01 | 0.02  |       |
|     |   | Carbon monoxide  | 1.87                 | 5    | 0.35                            | 0.39 | 0.37  |       |
| 47. | Astana, st. Sauran 12                           | Nitrogen dioxide | 0.022                | 0.2  | 0.05                            | 0.05 | 0 ,04 |       |
|     |   | Nitrogen oxide   | 0.0245               | 0.4  | 0.02                            | 0.04 | 0 ,04 |       |

| No. | Sample collection location | Indicators      | Actual data for 2024 | MPC  | Background concentration values |      |      | Notes |
|-----|----------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|------|---------------------------------|------|------|-------|
|     |                            |                 |                      |      | 2024                            | 2023 | 2022 |       |
|     |                            | Carbon (soot)   | <0.025               | 0.15 | -                               | -    | -    |       |
|     |                            | Sulfur dioxide  | <0.025               | 0.5  | 0.09                            | 0.01 | 0.02 |       |
|     |                            | Carbon monoxide | 2.06                 | 5    | 0.35                            | 0.39 | 0.37 |       |

***Conclusion: based on the results of atmospheric air measurements, no exceedances of maximum permissible concentrations for 5 ingredients (pollutants) were detected.***

## 5. CHARACTERISTICS OF BIODIVERSITY OF ASTANA CITY AND AKMOLA REGION

Biodiversity is the sum of all living things and the ecosystems they inhabit. It is, first and foremost, the interaction between living organisms and the natural environment – a dynamic that is essential for the survival of the planet.

### **Fauna of Astana city and Akmola region.**

According to the landscapes (forest, steppe, meadows along river valleys), the area is distinguished by a significant diversity of fauna. 55 species of mammals, 180 species of birds, 8 species of reptiles, 3 species of amphibians and about 30 species of fish have been noted here; the fauna of insectivorous and especially bat mammals has been poorly studied to this day.

The boundaries of the range of a number of animals pass through the region: north-western - wild sheep - argali, flat-headed vole ( Ereymentau Mountains ); western - red-cheeked ground squirrel; northern - motley rock thrush, black redstart, Indian warbler, rock bunting (Ereymentau), steppe pika, gray hamster (ibid.), jumping jerboa, copperhead, multi-colored lizard; eastern - little ground squirrel; southern - red-backed vole, European hedgehog, great spotted and black woodpeckers, willow grouse, white-capped bunting, viviparous lizard, common adder. The forest-steppe zone with its tall steppe and meadow grass is characterized by a mixture of forest and steppe animals. The mammals typical of the forests are the now few elk and Siberian roe deer, lynx and ermine, in some years - numerous white hare, acclimatized (in pine forests) Teleut squirrel, from mouse-like animals - red-backed vole and wood mouse, and from insectivores - common and tiny shrew - shrews, as well as the few European hedgehog.



Photo 5.1.  
European hedgehog



Photo 5.2.  
Common shrew

Birds include wood grouse, black grouse, grey and white partridges, geese and ducks. There are more than 100 species of birds in total. Birds that inhabit the forest include black grouse, white partridge, woodpeckers (great spotted and black), tits (great long-tailed, tit, black-headed tit), buntings ( white-capped , garden), turtle doves (common and large), nightjar, cuckoo, mistle thrush, oriole, shrikes (grey, black-fronted , kulan); in years of pine harvest, flocks of spruce crossbills arrive. In the forest-steppe there are also owls (long-eared, scops owl, marsh owl), diurnal birds of prey (imperial eagle, greater spotted eagle, common buzzard, black kite, common kestrel, hobby falcon), as well as

magpie, gray crow, jackdaw, rook. Of the small passerines, the tree pipit and black-headed chat are often found in places.

Common insects in the forests include the birch sawfly, birch geometer, birch horntail, cockchafer, and countless dipterans - mosquitoes, midges, and biting midges; ants are numerous, especially on forest edges.

In the steppe areas of this zone, typical steppe animals are widespread, but not particularly numerous. They reach their greatest distribution and numbers in the southern part of the steppe zone. Here, as in the forest-steppe, the common hamster, predatory animals - wolf, fox, avoiding the forest, corsac fox and steppe polecat, hare, steppe pika - are ubiquitous. In winter, the white hare is often found in the steppe, especially near lakes and rivers. The marmot is widespread in the flat and hilly steppes, absent only in places with close occurrence of groundwater and rock massifs. In low-grass areas of the steppe, mainly on pastures and near settlements, ground squirrels are found throughout the region: in the northern half of the region - the red-cheeked, and in the southern - the small. In some places they cause damage to crops, but in general their numbers are low and the damage is insignificant. Of the jerboas, only the large one is widespread, while the jumping jerboa is encountered only rarely and only in the southeast of the region.



Photo 5.3.  
Black-bellied



Photo 5.4.  
Sandgrouse



Photo 5.5.  
Black Lark Bustard

Throughout the region, the steppe mouse and various mouse-like rodents are found in the steppe, serving as the main food for valuable fur animals. Of the mouse-like rodents, the numerous lemming (in the cereal steppes), narrow-skulled vole (in the steppes with mixed grasses, thickets of steppe shrubs, in not too wet meadows) are found throughout the region in the corresponding biotopes for years. Only in damp meadows, more often near water bodies, are the water rat and the root vole found, while the mole vole, leading an underground lifestyle, prefers pastures and desert steppes with an abundance of ephemeroids, especially tulips and onions. Of the seed-eating rodents, the wood mouse is found everywhere in the thickets of small forests, bushes and tall grass, the field mouse is sporadic, only in the northern half of the region, and the small mouse and house mouse are rarely found here and there. Of the insectivores, shrews can be found in damp areas of the steppes with bushes and tall grass, in particular, the arctic and middle shrews. The long-eared hedgehog is not numerous. Bats are rare in the flat steppe.



The species composition of steppe birds is quite uniform. The most common are larks: field, horned, white-winged and especially black lark, which is endemic to the CIS steppes, the largest and does not leave the vast expanses of Central Kazakhstan for the winter. In winter, having gathered in large flocks (males and females separately), the birds migrate in search of seeds (the main food) in places with little snow, often along roads. They spend the night in snow pits protected from the wind, where the snow is looser. Wheatears are characteristic of the steppes, but much less numerous: Isabelline and Common Wheatear, Field Pipit, and for moist meadows - Yellow Wagtail. Of the large birds, demoiselle cranes are characteristic of the flat steppe, which have become more numerous over the past 10-15 years and even settle in anthropogenic biotopes - in crops of wheat and wheat.

Due to excessive plowing and exploitation of the steppes, the number of bustards and little bustards has sharply decreased, and they are now rare even in protected areas, including the Kurgaldzhinsky Reserve. In the riverine and lakeside areas of the steppe, common ducks nest in the burrows of marmots - shelducks and the few, preferring crevices of rocks and piles of large stones, ruddy shelducks. Not far from water bodies in the region, the sadzha occasionally nests. Of the birds of prey, the most typical are the steppe eagle, steppe kestrel and harriers.

The fauna of reservoirs and the coasts of numerous rivers and lakes with thickets of willow, reed, cattail and other moisture-loving plants is diverse. Wild boar lives along the shores of large lakes, acclimatized muskrat is common, and in some places numerous; in some years, water rats are very numerous, and of the insectivores, the water shrew - the common water shrew - is found in many places. Badgers are widespread in coastal thickets. The fauna of birds near reservoirs is especially diverse. Of the waterfowl, numerous ducks nest (mallard, teal, gray pintail, shoveler, red-headed pochard, tufted duck), greylag goose, swans (mute swan is common, whooper swan is rare) and flamingos, whose numbers have greatly decreased over the past 30 years. The water bodies are inhabited by coots and moorhens, grebes (grebes, red-cheeked, little, black-necked), gulls (silver, common, black-headed, little), terns (common, black, light-winged, white-cheeked, Caspian tern). The frequent yellow, grey and rare great egrets, as well as the great bittern, also stay near the water bodies.

Of the bats, the whiskered, water and pond bats and the northern bat are found. Birds of prey, which feed mainly on fish, are occasionally found, but apparently no longer nest - the white-tailed eagle and osprey, marsh harrier. Of the passerines, the bluethroat nests in the thickets of bushes, more often by the water, the whiskered tit and reed warblers in the reeds, in burrows on steep banks in places the sand martin is often found nesting, and the common kingfisher and golden bee-eater are relatively rare; the yellow wagtail is common in damp meadows.

Most waders (avocet, black-winged stilt, black-tailed godwit, lapwing, common redshank, marsh sandpiper, little ringed plover) also stay near water bodies, although some of them (soccer falcon, stone-headed lapwing, pratincole, Eurasian curlew, Asian plover) are little associated with water bodies and can nest far from them. Dragonflies are numerous among insects, serving as food for seagulls, terns, small birds of prey, especially the hobby.

The reptile fauna, and especially the amphibian fauna, is poor. The following reptiles are common throughout the region: the common grass snake, the patterned snake, the steppe viper, the sand lizard, and the amphibians: the green toad and the sharp-nosed frog. Only in the south of the region are the poisonous copperhead snake and the multi-colored lizard occasionally encountered.

The ichthyofauna is much more diverse. The most widespread and abundant fish is the crucian carp, which lives in the vast majority of lakes and rivers. Ide, roach, tench, pike, Siberian dace, river perch, ruff, burbot, silver carp, and gudgeon are common throughout the region. Only in the Ishim basin are there a few Siberian grayling, lenok, Siberian and Arctic sea lampreys, variegated sculpin and some other species. Of the invertebrates, insects are numerous, especially grasshoppers, such as the cross, white-striped, Siberian and dark-red grasshoppers, grasshoppers, striped and dark click beetles, ground midges, meadow moths, etc.

At a distance of 120 km from Astana towards the Ereimentau massif, a particularly unique fauna is observed. It is the most diverse, since in addition to forest and steppe animals, a number of northern and mountain relics live here. Among the latter, it is necessary to note first of all the mountain sheep - argali, which was recently encountered north of the city of Ereimentau in the granite Koitas hillock. Here in the mountains, the inhabitant of the rocks is widespread - the flat-headed vole. In the rocks nest the motley rock thrush, rock bunting, Indian warbler, black redstart, and from the invertebrates - a large ant - rock camponotus. The golden eagle nests here, and in the Koitas hillock - the imperial eagle and the buzzard.

The region is home to a number of acclimatized species. These include the muskrat brought from North America, the Teleut squirrel from the pine forests of the Irtysh region, and the introduced fish include carp, silver carp, grass carp (from the Amur River), and vendace. Relict species include northern and southern Pleistocene species. The former include, for example, the European hedgehog, northern red-backed vole, root vole, willow ptarmigan, great spotted and black woodpeckers, burbot, crayfish, and many others; the latter include argali, great spotted rock thrush, Indian warbler, black redstart, rock bunting, Mongolian subspecies of black grouse, flamingo, copperhead snake, and a number of invertebrates.

The following animals listed in the Red Book are found in the region: argali, saker falcon, golden eagle, great bustard, demoiselle crane, red-breasted goose, spoonbills, sociable lapwing, imperial eagle, steppe eagle, northern pallid eagle, curly pelican, white-headed duck, osprey, little bustard, flamingo, black-headed gull; the Red Book also includes the steppe scaly-tailed ... club-horned, gray rophytoides, steppe scolia, giant hawk, small peacock eye, spur moth, swallowtail, podalirius, apollo. To protect rare, endangered or valuable animal species, the Kurgaldzhinsky State Nature Reserve and a number of sanctuaries have been created in the region.

#### **Flora of Astana and Akmola region.**

Astana is located in the central part of the country, in the north of ancient Saryarka - the promised land of the Kazakhs, on the right high bank of the Yesil River. The city is a major junction of railways, highways and airways. The meridional trans-Kazakhstan railway line Petropavlovsk - Astana - Karaganda - Shu, the latitudinal railway line

Karataldy - Pavlodar - Kulgady , as well as highways - Petropavlovsk - Astana - Karaganda - Almaty, Yesil - Astana - Yereymentau - Pavlodar, Korgalzhyn - Astana and others pass through it. Astana is a major air harbor of the country, capable of accepting any type of aircraft. Air lines connect Astana with many cities of the republic, as well as near and far abroad

Astana is located on the rolling Priesil plain with rare riverine hills, at an altitude of 350 m above sea level. The relief of the city territory is low floodplain terraces of the Yesil River, where the relative heights do not exceed 5-7 m. The southwest of the city, the left bank of the Yesil River, is a floodplain terrace with relative heights of 2-6 m. The northeastern part of the city territory is rolling hilly residual denudation elevated plains that have experienced secondary erosional dissection with absolute heights not exceeding 500 m above sea level. The relative heights of individual hills do not exceed 10-50 m.

Akmola region is mainly steppe, a small part of the territory is occupied by forests and forest-steppes. Accordingly, steppe grasses predominate among plants here. There are about 830 species of angiosperms alone in the region , including 113 species of asters, 65 species of cereals , 60 species of legumes, and 51 species of goosefoot. In the north of the region, there are birch or birch- pine forests, in the Akkol and Makinsk area , and in the Balkashinsky district there are pine forests . In the vicinity of Yereymentau, you can see groves of black alder. Some plants are listed in the Red Book , including Tulip Schrenk , Maryin root and others.

First, let's talk about families. The most common is Asteraceae. It must be said that there are more of these plants on the entire Earth than others. They are distinguished by the fact that many small flowers sit on a common peduncle. And we have many of these in the Akmola region: dandelion, cornflower, thistle, chicory, tansy, chamomile, wormwood , yarrow. If you add garden flowers to this, then it's not only asters, but also dahlias, calendula, sunflowers and others.



Figure 5.1.

In second place among our herbs are cereals . Well, obviously, these are those that form spikelets, panicles, even cobs; yes, corn is also a cereal.

There are many of them in the steppes of the Akmola region: creeping wheatgrass, feather grass, foxtail, fescue, bluegrass . Among the steppe grasses there is the terrestrial reed grass , one of the most widespread plants of Eurasia. Its long root makes it very tenacious. They say that even if only one living bud remains, the reed grass will survive. However, it does not only cause harm: young grass is used to feed cattle, dry stems are used to cover roofs. We remember the word "weed" from the Gospel. There is an expression " *to separate the wheat from the weeds* " , that is, to discard the unnecessary, and leave the useful. Perennial weed is very common in the steppes of Akmola region. It grows in the wild, but very often litters wheat fields.

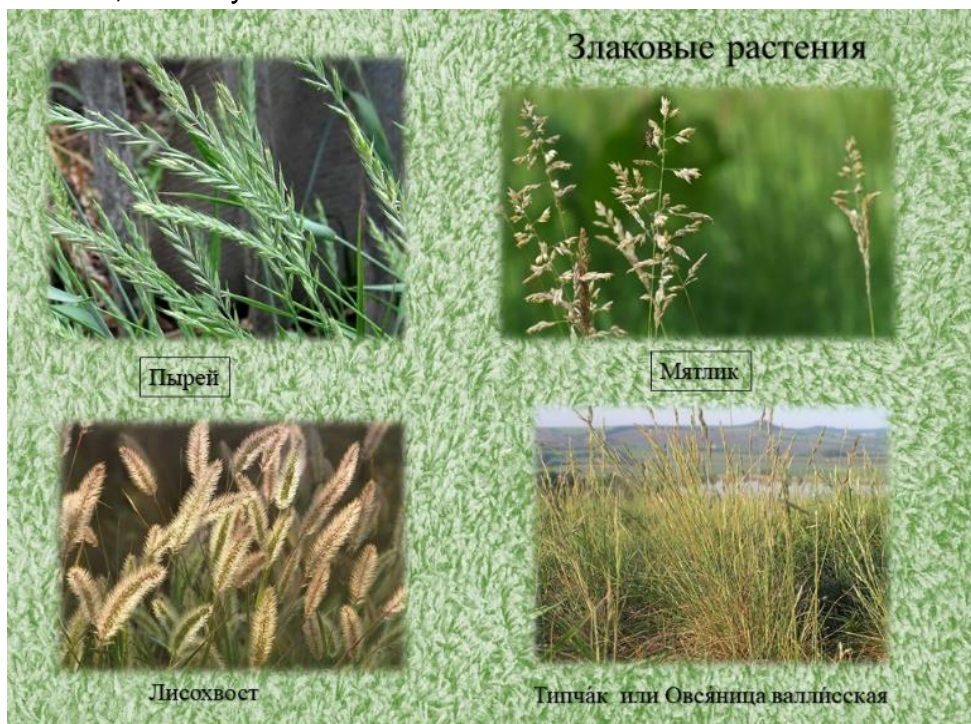


Figure 5.2.

Legumes ( alfalfa, clover, sainfoin, licorice, mouse peas). Among forage crops, alfalfa has been the leader since ancient times. from the legume family. This grass not only grows in arid areas, but also improves the soil, saturating it with nitrogen. Alfalfa is used all year round: fresh in spring and summer, and in winter as hay, grass meal. Clover is also recognized in agriculture as a valuable feed. However, they say that it cannot be given in its pure form, only together with cereals. If you sow it in a dormant field, it will enrich the soil with nitrogen and organic matter, and there will be fewer weeds. As a result, wheat, flax, and potatoes will give higher yields. Clover is also a good honey plant.





Figure 5.3.

Family Rosaceae or Rosaceae.

Burnet is a member of the rose or rosaceae family . Apple trees, cherries, pears, rowan, Raspberry , strawberry, rose **belong to the rose and rosaceae families.**

About the burnet have been known since the time of Alexander the Great. It was used to stop the bleeding of the wounded. It was highly valued in Ancient China and was considered to be equal in value to pearls. In the East, it was thought that this herb helps prevent the plague. And our doctors claim that this plant suppresses the activity of pneumococcus and Staphylococcus aureus



Figure 5.4.

Trees, berries and shrubs of Akmola region .

honeysuckle, cotoneaster, yellow acacia grow on the edges of forests , and there are whole thickets of sea buckthorn. Hawthorn reaches up to 6 meters in height and lives for more than 3 centuries. Hawthorn fruits have medicinal properties: they treat heart and vascular diseases, have a calming effect, and are useful for diabetes , improve appetite.

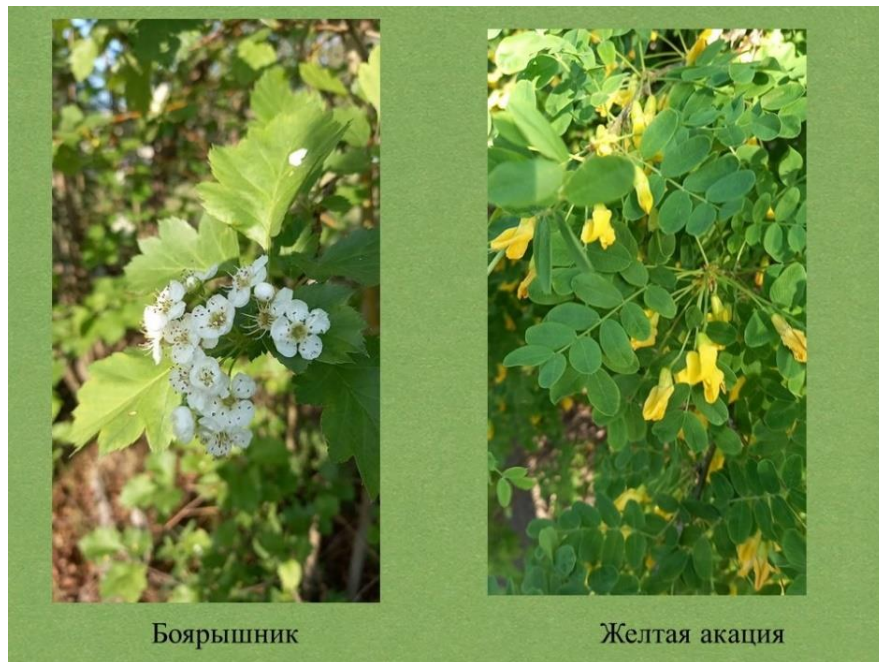


Figure 5.5.

Plants of the Korgalzhinsky Nature Reserve .

Different regions of the region have their own dominant plants. In the Korgalzhinsky State Reserve, the vegetation is very diverse. The surface of the largest lake in the region, Kurgalzhin, is almost entirely covered with reeds and cattails.





Figure 5.6.

Plants from the Red Book.

Burabay National Park protects many plants of the region under study that are listed in the Red Book. This is the lady's slipper orchid, or Venus's slipper, a flower with the scent of vanilla. Adonis vernalis, or spring adonis, is a flower from the buttercup family. Preparations made from it are taken for heart disease. The round-leaved sundew is a predator. As soon as a midge or bug gets on its delicate eyelashes, they begin to close, the insect dies, and when the eyelashes open again, only the insect's shell remains. The white water lily is also an endangered plant.



Figure 5.7.

## **5.1. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF TECHNOLOGICAL EQUIPMENT AS A SOURCE OF INFLUENCE ON FLORA**

In 2024, objects with telecommunications equipment located in the city of Astana were selected for the assessment of the impact on flora.

The city of Astana is a dynamically developing city with a population of more than 1 million people.

According to the Akim of Astana, in 2023, the total area of the capital's green belt reached almost 16 thousand hectares, on which more than 9.8 million trees grow - birch, elm, poplar, maple, pine, oleaster, about 1.8 million shrubs - currant, dogwood, honeysuckle, bird cherry. Mostly deciduous trees were planted - 98.2%.

Last year, near the capital, within the administrative boundaries of the Bozaigyr rural district of the Shortandy district, at the intersection of the main transit corridors of Kazakhstan Ormany LLP, a forest nursery was created, the total area of which reaches 485 hectares. The main task of the enterprise is to grow seedlings for the green zone of Astana, Akmola region and other cities of the republic. From greenhouses, young plants are planted in special fields for further growing in open ground. Acclimatization (hardening) of planting material occurs under the supervision of agronomists. In the coming years, the forest nursery will provide at least 100 million seedlings and saplings for reforestation and landscaping of cities of Kazakhstan. The diversity of crops takes into account the climatic conditions of different regions of the country. Here, pedunculate oak, prickly spruce "Glauka", birch, elm, several varieties of willow, Norway maple, small-leaved linden, rowan, pyramidal poplar, common ash and many other species of trees and shrubs are grown.

The Astana Botanical Garden is annually replenished with beautiful small-leaved linden trees grown in a forest nursery. Of the trees growing in Kazakhstan, aspen and linden have the greatest ability to absorb carbon dioxide. Over the course of a year, one hectare of these trees rids the atmosphere of 3.6 tons of carbon dioxide. Thanks to the green belt around Astana, the number of frosty days with air temperatures below 0°C in the off-season has decreased, the duration of cold waves is shortening, nights are becoming warmer, and the average wind speed is gradually decreasing.

When studying the vegetation cover of any territory, flora analysis carried out in various directions plays a significant role. This allows comparing the analyzed flora with floras of other territories from the standpoint of taxonomic composition, geography, biomorphology, ecology and phytocenology. The composition of the flora reflects the state of the vegetation cover and changes over time. A comprehensive analysis of the flora can be used to characterize the vegetation cover of various territories. An important characteristic of the natural environment is weather and climate. Weather is a set of values of meteorological elements and atmospheric phenomena observed at a certain point in time at a particular point in the ground atmosphere. Climate is the average weather regime over a long period of time (about several decades) of individual areas, formed depending on their geographical location and physical and geographical features.



Objects with telecommunications equipment are located in administrative buildings, special premises in the anthropogenic environment. The adjacent territory is expressed by city sidewalks, parks with green plantings, flowers, cultivated lawns. With significant interference in the natural environment of the plant world, assessing the impact of telecommunications equipment is impossible.

Taking into account that the indicators of emissions of pollutants into the atmospheric air do not exceed the maximum permissible concentrations, it follows that telecommunications equipment does not have a negative impact on the flora of the city of Astana in places where it is present.

## **5.2. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF TECHNOLOGICAL EQUIPMENT FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF IMPACT ON FAUNA**

Monitoring of wildlife in the area of influence of the Company's activities is carried out for the purpose of timely identification, prevention and elimination of the consequences of negative processes and phenomena for the preservation of biological diversity.

As mentioned above, Astana is home to over 150 bird species, including many endangered species, such as the whooper swan, white-headed duck, black-headed crested, sometimes the glossy ibis, as well as the Dalmatian pelican and flamingo fly in. All of these species, mainly waterfowl and near-water birds, are regularly found on the Taldykol lake system during migration, choosing this place for stops and rest. Birds can also be found on other lakes within the city limits, as well as on sections of the Ishim River, although there are fewer of them there.

There is insufficient data to draw specific conclusions about how the bird population has changed in recent years. Since this year, a more detailed study of routes and frequent bird counts have begun on the Taldykol lake system, especially for waterfowl and near-water species. Unfortunately, monitoring the state of the bird population began only after the lakes began to degrade as a result of the development of these lands. Unfortunately, it is impossible to accurately understand what the bird population was before the degradation began. One can only assume that the reduction in the lakes' water area and the deterioration of their quality, as well as the increase in disturbance factors for birds, leads to a reduction in their species diversity and numbers.

Astana parks serve as an important refuge for many birds that prefer forests. There are birds in the city that not only stop in the forests, but also build nests. The bird population is affected by fruit trees and shrubs. There are fewer and fewer of them in Astana, which means less food and protection for birds. Many parks in Astana are located on the site of former summer cottages built during the time of Tselinograd. Apple trees, cherries, hawthorn, bird cherry are essential for birds, but there are few of them in modern parks, and this leads to the impoverishment of the fauna. There is also a problem with grass - it is important for insectivorous birds. If it is mowed often or, especially, if natural lawns are replaced with artificial turf, the birds are deprived of food. Also, tall grass is a habitat for rodents. And without them, the population of birds of prey is also reduced - and this includes the sparrow hawk and the long-eared owl. Many city parks that used to have

dense green spaces have undergone reconstruction. Maintaining the status of the capital brings significant changes to the species, quality and quantity of plantings in city parks and adjacent free lands, thereby becoming more convenient and aesthetically pleasing for people, but less suitable for birds. The most favorable in this regard is the presidential park around the Pyramid, where the landscapes have remained the least changed and continue to be suitable for bird habitation. And Central Park, due to its great popularity with people, has become a source of stress for birds. Despite the challenges, in city parks you can still meet birds such as the great spotted woodpecker, coal tit, great tit, blue tit and fieldfare, which not only feel comfortable here, but also stay for the winter.

Astana attracts birds from more northern regions - for them, the capital of Kazakhstan becomes a wintering place. These are siskins, redpolls, hawfinches, bullfinches and waxwings, which fly back to the forests in the summer. For birds in the city, it is important to increase the number of trees and other plants.

Maintaining the natural appearance of urban water bodies plays a special role in maintaining bird diversity. Reeds and cattails are important, creating conditions for nesting. These plants form small islands and protected areas of water bodies, called stretches, where birds can hide from predators and people.

But if the reservoirs are surrounded by concrete embankments, this is bad for most birds. Of the waterfowl species, only the mallard duck can adapt to urban conditions in secluded nesting places along the embankment. Seagulls living on the Ishim River also have difficulty finding places to nest.

As follows from the analysis, in order to preserve and increase the diversity of fauna, it is necessary to create appropriate conditions, or try to preserve some areas in the urban environment in their original form.

During the fauna monitoring studies in June-August 2024, for an objective assessment of the Company's impact, birds were selected as indicators as a representative of the fauna that is more common in the urban environment than representatives of ungulates and terrestrial vertebrates. Observations were carried out in places of possible bird nesting: on auxiliary equipment (diesel generator sets), antenna mast structures, roofs of administrative buildings near wireless communication antennas.

### **5.3. PHYSICAL IMPACT OF TELECOMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT ON FLORA, FAUNA, POPULATION**

Noise and vibrations of varying intensity and spectrum are created during the operation of various mechanisms, units, passing vehicles and other devices.

The operation of any power equipment is accompanied by the release of thermal, noise, and vibration pollution of the environment.

Noise is a combination of sounds of different frequencies and amplitudes. Noise interferes with the perception of useful sounds (human speech, signals, etc.), disturbs the silence and has a harmful effect on the environment and the human body. Noise creates a significant load on the human nervous system, exerting a psychological effect on it. Noise can increase the content of stress hormones such as cortisol, adrenaline and noradrenaline in the blood - even during sleep. The longer these hormones are present

in the circulatory system, the higher the likelihood that they will lead to life-threatening physiological problems.

The population living in these areas in conditions of significant excess established noise standards, notes a deterioration in health, headaches, sleep disturbances, cardiovascular and gastrointestinal tract functions.

To combat noise and vibration and ensure regulated noise levels in the working area of enterprises and in the environment, it is necessary to carry out a whole range of engineering and technical measures. Of great importance is the planning of methods for combating noise and vibration, which is preceded by an analysis of production conditions to identify the most harmful production areas. A promising direction for reducing noise is the creation of low-noise machines, equipment and transport. Even at the stage of designing technological processes and industrial buildings, the creation of measures to reduce noise to levels regulated by sanitary standards is an important indicator of quality. This path is quite complex and does not always bring the expected result. Therefore, an important place in the fight against noise and vibration is occupied by methods that reduce these unfavorable factors of the production environment along the path of their propagation. Sound insulation and sound absorption are very widely used for noise protection in workshops and other premises. Soundproofing uses physical spatial barriers that prevent the spread of noise, while sound absorption uses coatings applied to reflective surfaces (ceilings or walls) or individual absorbers placed in the space of the room.

Sound insulation is used to reduce noise emanating from noisy rooms through indirect sound propagation paths (windows, doorways, gates), as well as from power equipment housings located outdoors.

The enclosing structures of production facilities must have the required sound insulation. The estimated noise characteristics from technological, electrical, sanitary equipment, as well as external noise (in cities, towns) are determined in each specific case during the development of a working project, within the framework of which the possible impact of the planned activity on the environment and the population is considered.

Further research involves conducting physical monitoring (noise measurements) of an already operating facility (equipment in operation).

Physical monitoring is a system of observations of the impact of physical processes and phenomena on the environment and on the biodiversity of ecosystems.

The purpose of monitoring physical impacts is to assess the level of physical factors affecting telecommunications equipment and the Company's facilities and determine whether they comply with established standards and recommendations.

In the course of the Company's activities, it is the impact of physical factors that is the most likely source of impact on bioecosystems, since it is telecommunications equipment that is a potential source of electromagnetic, vibro-acoustic and radiological impacts.

During the monitoring period in the summer of 2024, noise level measurements were carried out with the BШВ-003-M3 device (passport and verification certificate are presented in Appendix 5, 6).

The process of monitoring the effects of physical parameters includes the following steps:

A) Preparation for measurements: Check mechanical serviceability, remove the cover from the rear compartment of the meter, remove the power source and insert the batteries.

B) Installation of the equipment: Install the meter in the working position (horizontal or vertical) and set the arrow to 0 on the 0-1 scale with a mechanical zero corrector

C) Measurement of noise levels: Measurements are carried out periodically for 5-10 minutes to establish average values.

D) Processing of measurement results: After the measurement is completed, the data obtained is entered into the log.



Photo 5.3.1.  
"Almaty" district, Zhirentaeva st. 11,



Photo 5.3.1  
Alash highway 12A

Table 5.3.1 shows the results of noise measurements at telecommunications equipment sites where there is noise pollution.

Table 5.3.1

| No. | Address  | Measuring point                      | Actual noise measurement results , dB | Norm according to ND |
|-----|--|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1   | 2  | 3                                    | 4                                     | 5                    |
| 1   | Astana , "Sary-Arka" area, Abay ave ., 26      | MTTS technical building (ATS-33)     | 52                                    | 75                   |
| 2   |  | roof of the building ATS-33          | 55                                    | 75                   |
| 3   |  | Agency for servicing legal entities  | 54                                    | 75                   |
| 4   |  | diesel building                      | 68                                    | 75                   |
| 5   |  | substation building                  | 45                                    | 75                   |
| 6   |  | garage with double doors .           | 48                                    | 75                   |
| 7   |  | carpentry shop building              | 51                                    | 75                   |
| 8   | Astana , Almaty district, Zhirentaeva st. , 11 | ATS-36 building                      | 55                                    | 75                   |
| 9   |  | ATS-36 yard                          | 51                                    | 75                   |
| 10  |  | diesel room                          | 59                                    | 75                   |
| 11  | Astana, Abay Ave., 31                          | Building ATS-32                      | 59                                    | 75                   |
| 12  |  | diesel room                          | 62                                    | 75                   |
| 13  | Astana, Alash highway 12A                      | Administrative building (lit. A) DTK | 55                                    | 75                   |
| 14  |  | yard ATS-310                         | 60                                    | 75                   |
| 15  | Astana, st. Kutpanova 8                        | ATS-38 (AMS)                         | 53                                    | 75                   |
| 16  | Astana, st. Babatai smiles 3/1                 | ATS-300 (AMS)                        | 57                                    | 75                   |

|    |                       |  |    |    |
|----|-----------------------|--|----|----|
| 17 | Astana, st. Sauran 12 | On the roof of the administrative building | 58 | 75 |
|----|-----------------------|--|----|----|

According to table 5.3.1 and the results of noise measurements near telecommunications equipment, no exceedances of the maximum permissible level were found.

In order to prevent the negative impact of noise on the environment and the population, it is necessary to carry out a number of measures for the technical maintenance of equipment, repair equipment, modernize and replace equipment with high energy efficiency and noise suppression.

#### **5.4. ELECTROMAGNETIC FIELD (RADIATION) FROM TELECOMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT AND ITS IMPACT ON FLORA, FAUNA AND POPULATION.**

Electromagnetic fields play a significant role in all processes occurring on Earth. Being the primary periodic ecological factor, the natural magnetic field (MF) of the Earth has constantly affected and affects the formation, state and dynamics of ecosystems for billions of years. In the course of evolutionary development, the structural and functional organization of ecosystems has adapted to the natural background of the MF. At the current stage of development of scientific and technological progress, man significantly transforms the natural magnetic field, often sharply increasing its intensity and giving it new parameters.

The impact of man-made electromagnetic fields on natural biocomplexes is comparable to natural ones, and in some cases exceeds them. Power plants create electromagnetic fields of industrial frequencies (50 Hz) significantly higher than the average level of natural fields.

The approach to the interaction of electromagnetic radiation with biosystems of various hierarchies dictates the consideration of this impact as a complex man-made ecological factor that has multiple multidirectional ( environmentally transforming , biocidal and stimulating) effects on ecosystem components.

Consequently, the need to study the impact of this factor on biological systems at all levels of their organization is highly relevant. To date, researchers have obtained a wealth of data on the impact, primarily of magnetic fields, on the condition of humans and animals. At the same time, the impact of the electromagnetic factor on the functioning of biosystems at various levels of organization remains poorly addressed by research. The same situation persists with respect to the mechanisms of the impact of electromagnetic field components of different frequencies and intensities on living organisms.

One of the consequences of civilization is the filling of the environment with electromagnetic fields of different frequencies and amplitudes. Electromagnetic pollution is associated with adverse changes in the biosphere and its saturation with energy. In the form of energy, the environment is polluted with heat and electromagnetic fields (EMF). From an ecological point of view, EMF is one of the types of energy pollution of the environment, which is a global factor in changing the biosphere.

Electromagnetic energy is also emitted by many technical means whose main functions are not connected with the intentional process of radiation, for example, power

plants, electrified transport, power lines, etc. Various types of electromagnetic and corpuscular radiation are the most important tool for understanding living matter.

Artificial electromagnetic and magnetic fields, close in amplitude and frequency range to natural fields, also have an effect on biological objects.

Electromagnetic fields (EMF) of industrial frequency (IF) are part of the ultra-low frequency range. They are widely used in industrial conditions and everyday life. With the development of electric power engineering, radio and television technology, a large number of various EMF sources have appeared. EMF near generators should be considered as induction fields, and not as a flux of radio wave radiation. Induction fields quickly weaken with distance from the source, and beyond the vicinity of a radius of several wavelengths, the EMF intensity is already an insignificant fraction of their initial values. EMF of industrial frequency occurs near power lines, transformers, etc. In the immediate vicinity of these sources, the EMF intensity can be quite significant.

The biological influence of electric and magnetic fields on biosystems of various hierarchies has been studied quite extensively. However, the effects of this type of influence on living organisms are still unclear and difficult to determine. The effect of EMF exposure is very diverse and can be both negative and positive. EMFs of different frequencies and intensities can cause both an inhibitory effect and stimulation of life processes (hormesis).

hormesis effect has found its greatest application in plant growing, in particular in pre-sowing irradiation of seeds, which does not exclude its use in other industries.

It has been established that whole organisms have the highest sensitivity to EMF, isolated organs and cells have a lower sensitivity, and solutions of molecules have an even lower sensitivity (Presman, 1968).

The biological effect of EMR depends on the wavelength (or frequency of radiation), the generation mode (continuous, pulsed), and the conditions of impact on the body (constant, intermittent; general, local; intensity; duration). The biological activity of EMR decreases with increasing wavelength (or decreasing frequency) of radiation, therefore the most active are the centi-, deci- and meter ranges of radio waves. Electromagnetic radiation characterized by pulsed generation has greater biological activity than radiation with continuous generation.

The impact of electromagnetic fields on biological objects is determined by the magnitude of the induction of internal fields and electric currents and their distribution in the body of humans and animals. This depends on the size, shape, anatomical structure of the body, electrical and magnetic properties of tissues, the orientation of the object relative to the polarization of the body, as well as on the characteristics of the EMF (frequency, intensity, modulation, etc.). The absorption and distribution of absorbed energy inside the body also depends significantly on the shape and size of the irradiated object, on the ratio of these sizes to the wavelength of the radiation.

Electromagnetic waves are only partially absorbed by the tissues of a biological object. Part of the electromagnetic energy goes into space, and the rest is dissipated (absorbed) by the environment (Spodobaev, 2000). Therefore, the biological effect depends on the physical parameters of the EMF. The degree of energy absorption by tissues depends on their ability to reflect it.



All biological reactions to non-ionizing EMR are based on two types of interaction - thermal and non-thermal, the latter is called informative. In 1953, the American scientist G. Schwan proposed to consider the maximum permissible energy flux density for humans equal to 100 mW/cm. This value is called the thermal threshold ( Spodobaev , 2000). Values equal to or lesser increase the temperature of the irradiated object or area by no more than 1°C and cause effects comparable to those occurring in the body during natural physiological processes (Mikhailov, 2011). When the energy flux density values exceed the thermal threshold, the thermoregulation system cannot cope with the removal of the generated heat and the human body overheats. Thus, a thermal effect occurs.

Its level depends on the intensity of irradiation. The biological effect of thermal exposure is caused by EMF energy, which is absorbed and utilized by the biological object. When EMF affects a biological object, the electromagnetic energy of the external field is converted into thermal energy, which is accompanied by an increase in body temperature or local selective heating of tissues, organs, cells, especially those with poor thermoregulation (crystalline lens, vitreous body, testicles, etc.).

When exposed to EMF, the temperature does not increase in the environment or on the surface of the body, but directly in the animal's body. The heating of animal body tissues and the general increase in body temperature under the influence of EMF depend on the amount of electromagnetic energy converted into heat ( Presman , 1968). Thermal effects are comparable to the energy exchange of the animal's body.

In the case of non-thermal (informational) action, the biological reaction is not caused by the EMI energy; it is only an initiating signal for the body's own energy resources.

In the body of an animal or a human, when in an external electric, magnetic or electromagnetic field, currents are induced that overlap with the body's own biocurrents, as a result of which natural processes may change or new phenomena may arise.

Constant external electric fields cannot cause currents in the body. The only consequence of the impact of such fields can be the occurrence of electric charges on the surface of the body. Constant magnetic fields penetrate into the body without change, since there are no ferro- or diamagnetic formations in the body.

High-frequency electromagnetic fields are also capable of inducing currents in the body. The appearance of these currents is certainly a new factor influencing processes in the body, since high-frequency currents are absent in the body under natural conditions.

As studies have shown, an alternating electric field affects many organisms in the same way as a constant one. However, it has been shown that with the same field strength, the reaction of fruit flies to an alternating field is 1.5-2 times higher than to a constant one. The increase in reaction may be due to the occurrence of vibration of the limbs, especially the antennae in an alternating field. The frequency of field changes that causes the maximum reaction of the insect coincides with the resonant frequency of oscillations of the antennae of insects of a given species.



Photo 5.4.1.  
Drosophila (lat. Drosophila )

Depending on the frequency, the impact of EMF on organisms varies greatly. Let's consider them in more detail.

The most common industrial frequencies are ultra-low (50 Hz).

Electromagnetic fields created by electromagnets have an exciting effect on some leaf beetles. These fields also affect the fertility of insects. On aphids, especially at the beginning of summer, constant exposure to the field led to an increase in fertility by 30% (source: Chernyshev, 1996).

There are few works devoted to the effects of EMF against the background of changing environmental factors. All this leads to the lack of a unified opinion on the mechanisms of the influence of EMF on living systems.

The greatest success in this area has been achieved by the school of Professor E.K. Eskov. In the process of conducting fundamental research using a comprehensive assessment of the results of EMF influence, a methodological approach to studying this factor was developed. It is based on complex studies of behavioral and physiological reactions of living systems of varying complexity to this factor. This allowed Professor E.K. Eskov and his students (Eskov, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1979, 1981, 1986, 1990, 1990a, 1990b, 1992, 1995, 2003; Zolotov, 2004) to develop a theory of the mechanisms of EMF perception by insects, determine the ranges and thresholds of their sensitivity to EMF, discover the organ that perceives the influence of this factor and study the ontogenetic aspects of this influence in insects.

As a result of these studies, a destabilizing effect of EP on the microclimate of the home of red forest ants was discovered. It was established that EP causes defensive reactions in them and leads to the formation of mutual aggression and the death of insects (Chernyshev, 1996).

Electromagnetic fields cause group reactions in insects. Increased aggressiveness of individual individuals is caused by induced currents and static charges of the body surface created by EP. During mutual contacts of individuals, these factors create electrical discharges that are perceived as acts of mutual aggression. This leads to the

formation of inadequate behavior, expressed in mutual aggression and mass death of individuals ( Grefner , 1998).

Bee colonies living in hives located near electrical equipment become weaker and have low productivity (Yeskov, 1990).

EF stimulates an increase in the intensity of metabolic processes in insects, affects the reduction of their lifespan at the pupal and imago stages. The effectiveness of EF at frequencies in the range of maximum perception depends on its intensity. In all studied animal species (from protozoa to insects), EF has a repellent effect and can be considered a negative irritant. Most likely, this is associated with the effect of EF power transmission lines on changes in the density of earthworms under the line (Zolotov, 2004).

In the work of N. M. Grefner the development of the larvae of the grass frog ( *Rana temporaria* L.) in an electromagnetic field. An industrial frequency generator was used as an electromagnetic wave generator. Experimental data show that electromagnetic radiation has an ambiguous effect on the growth and development of *Rana temporaria* : it slightly accelerates the growth of tadpoles, but slows down the rate of development and increases embryonic mortality, causes changes in the blood ( Grefner , 1998).

The impact of industrial frequency EM on the human body is widely covered in the literature. An increase in the incidence of cancer has been found in people who have been exposed to IF EMF for a long time. At the same time, the data is contradictory and it is believed that industrial radiation, which most people in cities encounter on a daily basis, does not pose a serious danger as a source of leukemia.

The literature contains information on changes in the cardiovascular and neuroendocrine systems, immunity, metabolic processes, as well as on the inducing effect of IF EMF on carcinogenesis processes. When studying the health status of individuals exposed to industrial effects of EMF during servicing substations and overhead power lines with a voltage of 220-500 kV , complaints of a neurological nature were noted (headache, increased irritability, fatigue, lethargy, drowsiness). At the same time, there were complaints about disruption of the cardiovascular system and gastrointestinal tract. The noted complaints were accompanied by some functional dysfunctions of the nervous and cardiovascular systems in the form of autonomic dysfunction ( tachycardia or bradycardia), arterial hypertension or hypotension, pulse lability, hyperhidrosis. Neurological disorders were manifested by increased tendon reflexes, tremors of the eyelids and fingers, decreased corneal reflexes and asymmetry of skin temperature, decreased memory and attention (Kholodov, 1982; Grigoriev, 2000).

The most exposed to the impact of IF EMF are people working with the source of these radiations, a slowdown in the pulse rate was noted in fitters and volunteers exposed to EFs with a strength of up to 21 kV /m, which may indicate an increased risk of developing vegetative-dependent cardiovascular diseases. However, a number of foreign authors, having conducted a thorough examination of people in EFs, did not reveal any differences in the state of the cardiovascular system compared to the control.

There are a large number of studies on the impact of EMF on the generative function, often contradictory, from strong influence to complete absence. Several large

reviews ( Holzel , Lamprecht , 1994; Knave , 1994) have collected a large amount of contradictory data on these issues.

Reliable changes in the nervous system indices (passive sympathy, tension, stereotypy) were revealed in baboons exposed to EFs with a strength of 60 kV /m for 12 hours a day for a week. After the end of the exposure, all indices returned to normal.

The human and animal organisms are very sensitive to the effects of RF EMI. The nervous system, gonads, eyes, and hematopoietic system are most sensitive to the effects (Kholodov, 1982).

The effect of radiofrequency EMF on the central nervous system is observed at an energy flux density (EFD) of more than 1 mW/cm. Changes in the blood are usually observed at an EFD above 10 mW/cm. At lower levels of exposure, phase changes in the number of leukocytes, erythrocytes and hemoglobin are observed (most often leukocytosis, an increase in erythrocytes and hemoglobin). With prolonged exposure to EMF, physiological adaptation or weakening of immunological reactions occurs (Life Safety, 2006). Normal functioning of human cells is associated with metabolism through membranes. The exchange is carried out by opening channels in the membrane through which sodium, calcium, chlorine and other element ions pass. The opening of the channels occurs due to electrostatic forces acting on the protein molecules of the membrane, with changes in the voltage between the membrane walls due to differences in ion concentrations inside and outside the cell (Kholodov, 1982; Grigoriev, 2000). In a calm state, the voltage is approximately 80 mV. In order for the membrane channels to be transparent to sodium ions, it is sufficient to reduce the voltage by 20 mV. Taking into account the electrical conductivity and structure of nerve tissue, this state corresponds to an average electric field strength in the human body of 40 V/m and a current density of 4 A/m. If the specified field or current density is artificially created inside the human body, the natural processes of organ functioning will be disrupted, for example, paralysis of nerve tissue will occur or the rhythm of heart muscle contractions will be disrupted. Thus, the specified values of field strength or current density are certainly dangerous (Life Safety, 2006).

Much attention in recent years has been paid to the study of the possible development of a carcinogenic (leukogenic) effect when exposed to low-intensity industrial and non-industrial EMF. According to currently available information, the main danger is the effect of induced electric current on the excitable structures of the body (nervous, muscular) (Kholodov, 1982; Grigoriev, 2000).

The parameter determining the degree of impact is the density of the eddy current induced in the body. In this case, electric fields of the frequency range under consideration are characterized by weak penetration into the human body, while magnetic fields make the body virtually transparent (Bolshakov AM, 2002). It was noted that a magnetic field with an induction of 20 mT increases the motor activity of sticklebacks (Kholodov, 1982). Experiments were also conducted on passerine birds. In 68% of cases, an increase in motor activity by 100-430% was noted compared to the control. Later, T. Ryskanov exposed 20 rats to magnetic induction from 2.20 to 200 mT in experiments on 20 rats ; an increase in motor activity was observed in 70% of cases. The magnitude of the effect increased with increasing induction (Kholodov, 1982).

A potentially dangerous and harmful factor affecting the biosphere is the impact of electromagnetic fields (EMF), the sources of which are radio transmitting devices.

Wireless communication is a widely used technology that uses radio frequencies (RF) and electromagnetic fields (EMF) to transmit information between users. Wildlife can be exposed to these waves, which partially penetrate biological tissue. These internal fields can have biological effects. The effects of RF EMF and the interactions between them and organisms will depend on the frequency of the waves. Fifth-generation (5G) wireless telecommunications networks operate in part on new frequencies that are not as common in the environment.

As described above, no excess emissions of pollutants from auxiliary and technological equipment near the facility were detected. Accordingly, the studies were aimed at studying the impact on birds.

The most common form of use by birds of stationary means, as well as buildings and various structures, is nesting in them. Typically, for example, nesting of rock pigeons *Columba livia*, *Corvus jackdaw monedula*, starlings *Sturnus vulgaris* in holes, niches, crevices of buildings and structures. In most cases, the species stereotype of nesting behavior of birds in natural conditions is preserved: the height of the nest from the ground, the diameter of the hole or the size of the niches. Starlings, nesting in tree hollows in natural conditions, when nesting in buildings, choose holes of a suitable diameter not only at the optimal nesting height, but also closer to the edge of the structure.



Photo 5.4.2.  
st. Kutpanova, 8



Photo 5.4.3  
Abay Ave., 31

Relatively numerous and common are cases of nesting on antennas (in beams and emitters) and waveguide terminals of powerful radars of starlings and sparrows. For these purposes, starlings choose holes and voids of a suitable size, usually not lower than 2.5 m from the ground and close to the edge of the structure. For example, in antenna beams

they occupy only edge holes. Birds have from 6 hours to one day for the first stage of nest construction in a fixed installation. Despite such powerful radiation at a wavelength of 10 cm, the birds successfully raised chicks. When feeding the chicks, the parents flew into the nest without any difficulties. It should also be noted that even the noise and radiation of nearby equipment did not frighten the birds starting to build a nest. There is evidence that the same place was occupied in subsequent years, but it is unknown whether it was the same pair of birds, since ringing was not carried out.

During the monitoring period in the summer of 2024, measurements of the electromagnetic field level were carried out near telecommunications equipment and in places where wireless antennas were located in order to identify excesses of standards for the electrical component, kV/m, V/m and for the magnetic component, if any.

Table 5.4.1

**Results of measurements of the level of electromagnetic fields in the locations of telecommunications equipment of JSC "**  
**Kazakhtelecom "**

| Date of measurement | Test protocol | Item No. | Sampling location                        | Sampling point                                  | Distance from source in meters | Height from the floor in meters | By magnetic component , $\mu\text{T}$ |                      | By electrical component, V/m |                      |
|---------------------|---------------|----------|--|---|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|
|                     |               |          |  |   |                                |                                 | Measurement results                   | Norm according to ND | Measurement results          | Norm according to ND |
| 29.07.2024          | 19.08.2024    | 1.       | Astana, "Sary-Arka" area, Abay ave ., 26 | Acid batteries                                  | 0.7                            | 1.0                             | 3.43                                  | 25.0                 | --                           | --                   |
|                     |               |          |  |   |                                |                                 | 2.62                                  | 25.0                 | --                           | --                   |
|                     |               |          |  |   |                                |                                 | 5.35                                  | 25.0                 | --                           | --                   |
|                     |               | 2.       |  | Precision air conditioners                      | 0.7                            | 1.0                             | 2.20                                  | 25.0                 | --                           | --                   |
|                     |               |          |  |   |                                |                                 | 4.16                                  | 25.0                 | --                           | --                   |
|                     |               |          |  |   |                                |                                 | 3.35                                  | 25.0                 | --                           | --                   |
|                     |               | 3.       |  | asta-lora-2 ( IoT ) on the roof of the building | 0.7                            | 1.0                             | 2.40                                  | 25.0                 | --                           | --                   |
|                     |               |          |  |   |                                |                                 | 3.21                                  | 25.0                 | --                           | --                   |
|                     |               |          |  |   |                                |                                 | 4.28                                  | 25.0                 | --                           | --                   |
|                     |               | 4.       |  | substation building - transformers              | 0.7                            | 1.0                             | 8.26                                  | 25.0                 | --                           | --                   |
|                     |               |          |  |   |                                |                                 | 7.15                                  | 25.0                 | --                           | --                   |
|                     |               |          |  |   |                                |                                 | 7.43                                  | 25.0                 | --                           | --                   |
| 29.07.2024          | 19.08.2024    | 5.       | Astana , Almaty district, Zhirentaeva    | Acid batteries                                  | 0.7                            | 1.0                             | 6.25                                  | 25.0                 | --                           | --                   |
|                     |               |          |  |   |                                |                                 | 4.75                                  | 25.0                 | --                           | --                   |

|                |                |     |                              |   |     |     |      |      |      |    |    |
|----------------|----------------|-----|------------------------------|---|-----|-----|------|------|------|----|----|
|                |                |     | st. , 11                     |   |     |     | 5.89 | 25.0 | --   | -- |    |
|                |                | 6.  |                              | Precision<br>conditioners                             | air | 0.7 | 1.0  | 6.21 | 25.0 | -- | -- |
|                |                |     |                              |   |     |     |      | 5.89 | 25.0 | -- | -- |
|                |                |     |                              |   |     |     |      | 4.75 | 25.0 | -- | -- |
|                |                | 7.  |                              | asta-lora-3 ( IoT )                                   | 0.7 | 1.0 | 3.67 | 25.0 | --   | -- |    |
|                |                |     |                              |   |     |     | 6.41 | 25.0 | --   | -- |    |
|                |                |     |                              |   |     |     | 5.39 | 25.0 | --   | -- |    |
| 29.07.20<br>24 | 19.08.20<br>24 | 8.  | Astana, Abay Ave.,<br>31     | Acid batteries  | 0.7 | 1.0 | 5.28 | 25.0 | --   | -- |    |
|                |                |     |                              |   |     |     | 4.45 | 25.0 | --   | -- |    |
|                |                |     |                              |   |     |     | 5.65 | 25.0 | --   | -- |    |
|                |                | 9.  |                              | Precision air<br>conditioners                         | 0.7 | 1.0 | 3.38 | 25.0 | --   | -- |    |
|                |                |     |                              |   |     |     | 4.22 | 25.0 | --   | -- |    |
|                |                |     |                              |   |     |     | 3.51 | 25.0 | --   | -- |    |
| 29.07.20<br>24 | 19.08.20<br>24 | 10. | Astana, Alash<br>highway 12A | Radio bridge<br>Ubiquiti<br>PowerBeam PBE-<br>5AC-500 | 0.7 | 1.0 | 4.96 | 25.0 | --   | -- |    |
|                |                |     |                              |   |     |     | 5.28 | 25.0 | --   | -- |    |
|                |                |     |                              |   |     |     | 4.25 | 25.0 | --   | -- |    |
|                |                | 11. |                              | Radio bridge<br>Ubiquiti NanoBeam<br>5AC-Gen2         | 0.7 | 1.0 | 6.89 | 25.0 | --   | -- |    |
|                |                |     |                              |   |     |     | 7.29 | 25.0 | --   | -- |    |
|                |                |     |                              |   |     |     | 6.34 | 25.0 | --   | -- |    |
|                |                | 12. |                              | asta-lora-4 ( IoT )                                   | 0.7 | 1.0 | 4.21 | 25.0 | --   | -- |    |
|                |                |     |                              |   |     |     | 5.37 | 25.0 | --   | -- |    |
|                |                |     |                              |   |     |     | 4.23 | 25.0 | --   | -- |    |
| 29.07.20<br>24 | 19.08.20<br>24 | 13. | Astana, Alash<br>highway 14A | Radio bridges on<br>AMS                               | 0.7 | 1.0 | 6.23 | 25.0 | --   | -- |    |
|                |                |     |                              |   |     |     | 4.87 | 25.0 | --   | -- |    |
|                |                |     |                              |   |     |     | 5.91 | 25.0 | --   | -- |    |



|                |                |     |                                   |  |     |     |      |      |    |    |
|----------------|----------------|-----|-----------------------------------|--|-----|-----|------|------|----|----|
|                |                | 14. |                                   | IOT on AMS   | 0.7 | 1.0 | 4.63 | 25.0 | -- | -- |
|                |                |     |                                   |  |     |     | 4.52 | 25.0 | -- | -- |
|                |                |     |                                   |  |     |     | 5.86 | 25.0 | -- | -- |
| 29.07.20<br>24 | 19.08.20<br>24 | 15. | Astana, st.<br>Kutpanova, 8       | Radio bridges on<br>AMS  | 0.7 | 1.0 | 6.28 | 25.0 | -- | -- |
|                |                |     |                                   |  |     |     | 5.75 | 25.0 | -- | -- |
|                |                |     |                                   |  |     |     | 6.24 | 25.0 | -- | -- |
| 29.07.20<br>24 | 19.08.20<br>24 | 16. | Astana, st. Babatai<br>smiles 3/1 | IOT on AMS   | 0.7 | 1.0 | 4.23 | 25.0 | -- | -- |
|                |                |     |                                   |  |     |     | 5.16 | 25.0 | -- | -- |
|                |                |     |                                   |  |     |     | 4.72 | 25.0 | -- | -- |
| 29.07.20<br>24 | 19.08.20<br>24 | 17. | Astana, st. Sauran<br>12          | On the roof of the<br>administrative<br>building - 5 G<br>Antennas | 0.7 | 1.0 | 3.28 | 25.0 | -- | -- |
|                |                |     |                                   |  |     |     | 4.15 | 25.0 | -- | -- |
|                |                |     |                                   |  |     |     | 4.22 | 25.0 | -- | -- |

**Conclusion:**

According to the measurement results presented in Table 5.4.1, it is clear that the actual level of electromagnetic radiation is significantly lower than the approved standards.

The Company's telecommunications equipment does not have any negative electromagnetic impact on flora, fauna or the population.

**5.5. ELECTROMAGNETIC FIELD (RADIATION) FROM TELECOMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT AND ITS INFLUENCE ON THE FAUNA OF WATER BODIES**

The impact of the Company's auxiliary and telecommunications equipment on the fauna of water bodies was not assessed within the framework of this study, since the objects of the study were equipment located in administrative buildings and structures far from water bodies.

According to the assessment of the impact of fiber -optic cable and antenna mast structures, carried out in 2023, no anomalies in the qualitative and quantitative composition of the fauna of water bodies were identified.

**5.6. ASSESSMENT OF THE IMPACT OF 5G WIRELESS COMMUNICATION ANTENNAS ON BIODIVERSITY AND POPULATION**

Telecommunication networks use radio frequency electromagnetic fields to provide wireless communication. These networks have evolved over time and have been introduced in successive generations. The fifth generation of telecommunications networks operate on frequencies that were not typically used in previous generations, which will change the extent to which these waves affect wildlife.

The fifth generation of mobile technology is called 5G. The fifth generation of wireless communication is much faster. If you put it in numbers, it is 1000 times faster than the current 4G. They have a bandwidth of 100 GB per second. Current gadgets do not occupy the frequency used by 5G. There is significant interference because 3G and 4G use the same frequency. Also, unlike 4G towers, 5G antennas are directional, which leads to less interference.

All wireless devices use radio waves in the electromagnetic spectrum to send data. For example, Wi-Fi routers use a frequency range of 900 MHz to 60 GHz. The higher the frequency, the better. The frequency spectrum below 6 GHz, which covers the range from 700 MHz to 2.7 GHz, is used by 4G and LTE. Users can expect faster speeds and greater capacity from 5G than from 4G or LTE.

The millimeter wave (mmWave) spectrum , which covers the high-frequency range from 24.25 GHz and above, is used in 5G infrastructure. Millimeter wave frequencies have never been used for communications before, and 5G standards like IMT-2020 define how they should be used. Cell towers and the tiny cells that transmit data and emit these frequencies are examples of 5G base stations. Mobile broadband infrastructure will support decarbonization efforts in the energy, industrial, and transportation sectors by enabling:

- Remote intelligence supported by cellular communications
- New ecosystems and platforms are driven by rapid change.
- New business models from the bottom up

The fifth generation of telecommunications technology, 5G, is critical to achieving the goal of providing seamless fifth-generation wireless connectivity to all urban areas, railways,

and key highways. This can only be achieved by building a dense network of antennas and transmitters. In other words, the number of high-frequency base stations and other devices will increase rapidly.

5G can reduce energy consumption. The 5G network combined with the Internet of Things (IoT) will allow devices to turn on and off automatically when in use. Meanwhile, sensors in home appliances, transport networks, buildings, factories, street lights, and homes can monitor and assess their energy needs and consumption in real time, allowing them to optimize energy use on the go.

5G networks have a variety of environmental impacts, the most important of which may be the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. With the rollout of 5G networks around the world, video conferencing and other communications will become more fluid and real-time. And as we have seen, COVID-19 has forced major companies to implement their work-from-home (WFH) models. This has helped reduce overall carbon emissions as office spaces use less energy and fewer vehicles are used for transportation. Similarly, 5G may help in using less energy sources and less pollution from cars as we can hold real-time meetings via Zoom and other platforms while sitting on our couches at home.

In addition, 5G can also benefit the environment in the automotive sector. In a 5G network, sensors and cameras can use real-time data to keep traffic moving and change stop signals to avoid delays. Reducing traffic congestion and idling will lead to lower fuel consumption and vehicle emissions.

The influence of 5G on living organisms is a direction that requires long-term and in-depth research.

Since wireless telecommunication systems have become widespread, many animals and plants are exposed to radio frequency radiation. There are many scenarios for exposure to radio frequency radiation. The type of scenario is classified depending on the parameters of the source and the exposed organism. In general, the source can be either inside the organism (e.g., an implant), in direct contact with the organism (e.g., high-frequency electrodes), or the source can be external to the organism (e.g., a base station antenna). Depending on the type and configuration of the source and the frequency of the RF-EMF, the exposure can be either whole-body, i.e., in an exposure scenario in which the entire organism is (uniformly) exposed to the RF-EMF, or localized exposure, i.e., in which only a part of the organism is exposed to a significant amount of RF-EMF. For an external source of RF-EMF, the exposure scenario is divided into several categories depending on the distance between the sources and the organism. In the far field, the distance between the RF-EMF source and the exposed organism is  $\geq 2D^2/\lambda$ , where  $D$  is the maximum size of the source or organism and  $\lambda$  is the wavelength. When the source is closer to the organism, this is often referred to as near field exposure. Often, far field sources cause whole-body exposure, while near field sources cause localized exposure. However, this is not true for all scenarios and is expected to change in future wireless networks.

These radiofrequency EMFs can penetrate and be absorbed by biological environments (ICNIRP 2020).

This absorption can be quantified using the specific absorption rate (SAR in W/kg), which is the amount of energy absorbed by a given mass. This value is only meaningful when averaged over a given volume or mass. Whole-body average SAR is a commonly used value for assessing RF exposure when the entire body is exposed to RF radiation. This quantity is not always useful for local exposure. Therefore, a smaller average volume or mass is required

to characterize local exposure. This volume or mass is often defined such that the SAR threshold value averaged over that volume or mass corresponds to the biological effect.

The field of science that studies SAR under various exposure conditions is called RF dosimetry. There are other quantities that can be used to quantify RF EMF exposure if RF EMF absorption is not of interest, and the magnitude of internal electric and magnetic fields and currents in biological tissue can also be determined.

It is often impossible to measure and/or quantify the electromagnetic fields inside the body. Therefore, exposure to radiofrequency radiation is often quantified by examining the radiofrequency fields that arise from exposure. These are the electromagnetic fields that would be present at the location of the body if the body were not there. These incident fields induce internal electromagnetic fields (and the absorption of these fields). This exposure can be quantified using the electric field strength ( $E$  in V/m), which is the amplitude of the electric field ( $E$ ).

Alternatively, RF exposure can also be quantified using electromagnetic power density ( $W/m^2$ ).

In free space, i.e. without any interference or blocking from objects in the environment, both  $E$  and  $S$  decrease with distance from the radiating antenna (propagation loss). This is another important difference between near-field and far-field exposure. The SAR produced by the antenna and the power density  $S$  around the antenna depend linearly on the power supplied to the antenna.

The amplitude of the electric field strength varies quadratically with the input power. In the case of an internal source, a radio frequency source in direct contact with the body, or a near field source when exposed to an external RF EMF source, there is no fixed relationship between the RF EMF values, the power density and SAR or the internal field values. These exposure values must be assessed on a case-by-case basis. However, lower and upper exposure limits can often be specified. In the case of an external source in the far field of view of the body, there is a fixed relationship between the power density and the electric field strength ( $S=E^2/377$ ).

The literature on the effects of radiofrequency EMF on the general population distinguishes between users and non-users of telecommunications networks. Both categories are susceptible to environmental effects.

Radio frequency electromagnetic fields (RFEMs) emitted by telecommunications networks and other users into the environment.

These sources are often located in an area far from the subject of the photograph. However, users are also exposed to RF emissions emitted by their own devices in an area close to the subject of the photograph.

The aim of fifth-generation (5G) mobile networks is to enable significantly higher mobile broadband speeds and increased data usage. One of the technological changes that should help achieve these goals is the use of additional (higher) frequency bands in the RF-EMF spectrum. The 5G frontier bands defined at EU level are 700 MHz (694-790 MHz), 3.6 GHz (3.4-3.8 GHz) and 26 GHz (24.25-27.5 GHz) frequency bands (Pujol et al., 2020).

In today's networks, data is transmitted using a fixed wide beam that covers a sector of a cell. One of the goals of 5G networks is to simultaneously serve multiple users on the same carrier frequency using the same base station antenna. This requires improving the signal-to-noise ratio (SNR) and signal-to-interference ratio (SIR) at each user. To increase the SNR using a fixed beam, the total input power to the beam must be increased. This is undesirable and is not a solution to SIR. Therefore, 5G uses new ways to perform DL network

transmissions. One of the main approaches that will be used to achieve this goal is the use of adaptive transmissions from base station antenna arrays to transmit DL data to users ( Marzetta 2010). In its simplest form, this approach adjusts the phase and amplitude for each antenna array element to achieve the maximum received signal power at the user's device (SNR optimization). As the user moves through the network, these phases and amplitudes are adapted to maintain a high SNR. In more complex cases, the phases and amplitudes at the base station elements are chosen to increase the fields at the intended user while simultaneously decreasing those at other users (optimizing SIR and SNR) ( Marzetta 2010). When the user is in the line of sight (LOS) of the base station, such array precoding schemes result in a narrow beam in the direction of the user ( Thors et al ., 2017).

When a user is in a limited visibility (LOS) zone, this results in an increase in the field strength around the user device ( Shikhantsov et al ., 2020).

The vast majority of non-human wildlife, vertebrates, invertebrates, and plants do not use wireless technology or networks. Thus, in terms of RF exposure, they all fall into the non-user category . In this category, the predominant sources of RF-EMF exposure are long-range sources.

When comparing the effects of RF-EMF on plants and animals, the obvious difference is that plants are stationary, and therefore their orientation relative to the RF-EMF base station antennas that make up the network is constant. Plants use high-frequency EMF to carry out photosynthesis, and many have a relatively high surface area to volume ratio to maximize the use of sunlight. This obviously also makes them efficient receptors for other long-range EMF sources, such as most RF-EMF sources ( Alain Vian et al ., 2007). Temporary variations in RF-EMF exposure (installation shutdown) may occur due to temporary changes in the RF power grid and mobile RF users that may occur near the installation when RF radiation is emitted.

Animal mobility will result in large temporal variations in their exposure to RF radiation, since RF radiation exposure to non-users is spatially variable. addition.

While most non-human vertebrates will experience negligible near-field exposure, there are a growing number of wireless technologies that create near-field RF exposure for non-human vertebrates. Radio tracking or radio telemetry is a widely used method for monitoring vertebrates in the wild ( White and Garrott 2012; Godfrey 2003; Millspaugh and Marzluff 2001). Dedicated RF-enabled wireless networks have been deployed to track animals in the wild ( Panicker , Azman , & Kashyap , 2019 ). There is also a growing number of wireless technologies in agriculture ( S. Benaissa et al., 2017 ; Dlodlo & Kaleji , 2015 ; Said Benaissa et al., 2016 )

There are some wireless applications that generate short-range radio frequency radiation on invertebrates.

Entomological radar is a technology that uses the scattering of electromagnetic fields by insects to detect them. In this radar method, a radar emits a pulse of radio frequency radiation in the direction of the insect.

The radiation is then partially reflected from the insect and these reflected fields are received by a radar station. Entomological radar is used to study insect behavior and dispersal ( Chapman , Drake, & Reynolds , 2011 ; Glover et al., 1966 ; Riley , 1985 ). Wireless sensor networks exist for monitoring pollinating insects ( Edwards-Murphy et al ., 2016; Henry et al ., 2019; Creedy , de Carvalho , & Gomes, 2016). Some telemetry studies of insects are also being conducted ( Daniel Kiessling , Pattemore , and Hagen (2014) This is an area in which an

insect is tracked wirelessly by attaching a radio frequency tag to the animal that sends information to a remote reader.

Wireless communication is a widely used technology that uses radio frequencies (RF) and electromagnetic fields (EMF) to transmit information between users. Wildlife may be exposed to these waves, which partially penetrate biological tissue. These internal fields may have biological effects. The effects of RF EMFs and the interactions between them and organisms will depend on the frequency of the waves. Fifth-generation (5G) wireless telecommunications networks operate in part at new frequencies that are not as common in the environment. These expected changes require a review of the existing literature on the effects of RF radiation on wildlife.

A search of the current literature database in this area showed that it is divided based on two classifiers. The first is the target group under study: vertebrates, invertebrates, and non-human plants; the second is the RFEMF frequency under study, which is divided into a lower (0.45-6 GHz) and a higher frequency range (6-300 GHz). The first frequency range includes those frequencies at which existing telecommunications networks operate, while the second is the range in which 5G will partially operate.

As a result, six categories were identified, which are considered separately.

Dielectric heating due to RF EMF exposure of biological tissue is shown in all categories. This heating causes an increase in the internal temperature of organisms or cells, which in turn leads to biological effects such as the thermoregulatory response. This means that there is always a level of RF power density that causes biological effects called thermal effects.

Uncoupling effects caused by elevated temperatures and the presence of radiofrequency EMFs in biological tissues are major challenges in this area of research.

Many studies are aimed at demonstrating (the absence of) non-thermal effects. These are effects that are caused by exposure to RF EMF but are not related to any changes in temperature. Many other effects of RF EMF exposure are widely studied. However, in all six categories, no effect other than dielectric heating has been studied.

#### *Lower frequency range (0.45-6 GHz)*

##### *Vertebrates*

In the lower frequency range of research in vitro studies on non-human vertebrate cells have shown mixed results regarding cellular genotoxicity and cellular transformation following exposure to radiofrequency radiation. Previous reviews on these topics have suggested either that the evidence for such effects is weak or that the literature is inconclusive. Regarding the non-genotoxic effects of radiofrequency EMF exposure, reports have suggested that neuronal activity may be altered in vitro by exposure to radiofrequency EMF. Other cellular effects are either unproven, disputed, or there are not enough studies to draw any conclusions about such effects.

Studies of genotoxicity of radiofrequency EMF in vivo have shown conflicting results. There is some debate in the literature about whether exposure to radiofrequency EMF can cause (temporary) changes in the permeability of the blood-brain barrier.

It appears that the most recent studies have failed to demonstrate such effects. There are conflicting results regarding the effects of radiofrequency radiation on the nervous system in vivo . There seems to be general agreement that animals can hear (pulsed) radiofrequency emissions above a certain threshold, so-called microwave hearing.

However, there is little evidence that telecommunication signals can cause this effect.

Ecological studies of RF EMF exposure and vertebrate behavior have focused primarily on animals: nesting, reproduction, orientation, and abundance near RF sources. There are a

limited number of studies that conclude that RF exposure may affect behavior and reproductive function in birds and bats.

#### *Invertebrates*

The effects of HF-EMF on invertebrates in the low-frequency range have been studied by several authors.

In addition to heating the dielectric, particular attention is paid to the effects on development, genetics or behavior.

Research in vitro studies have shown increased neuronal activity in invertebrate neurons. In vivo studies on invertebrates face a number of experimental problems and yield inconclusive results for a number of parameters examined. Additional studies of higher quality, sham-treated control groups are needed. Of the limited number of studies that have examined non-insect invertebrates, all have found effects ( in in vitro and in vivo ). This calls for more research on this topic. Very limited ecological studies focus on invertebrates, and studies of non-insect invertebrates are also underrepresented. These topics require more research in the future.

#### *Plants and mushrooms*

It has been shown that dielectric heating of plants in the low frequency range can have beneficial effects. Such heating can also cause plant mortality at a certain level. At lower levels of RF EMF, however, the literature on plants and fungi provides conflicting results and there are experimental shortcomings. The number of studies and plants studied, especially fungi, is limited compared to animal studies. More research is needed in this area, which should focus on improving the quality of unexposed controls and sham controls, temperature, and exposure monitoring and dosimetry.

#### *Higher frequency range (6 to 300 GHz)*

##### *Vertebrates*

In the higher frequency range, studies of neurons in vertebrates and invertebrates in vitro studies have shown the effects of radiofrequency radiation on neural activity. In vivo studies in vertebrates have shown that ocular exposure to radiofrequency radiation can cause corneal damage and cataracts. Effects on male fertility have also been demonstrated in rodents. Controversial results have been obtained regarding the effects of radiofrequency radiation on behavior and abundance in vertebrates. One research group has demonstrated that exposure to radiofrequency radiation can have a hypoallergenic effect in mice. These effects need to be replicated by other research groups.

There is some evidence that high-frequency RF-EMF can be used to induce an anti-inflammatory response, up to a certain dose. A limited number of studies in vivo showed that high-frequency RF-EMF can reduce tumor growth.

##### *Invertebrates*

Neurostimulation has been demonstrated in the same frequency range in vitro and teratogenic effects on invertebrates at relatively high frequencies in vivo , power densities. These effects require further study at lower power densities.

The literature on the effects of RF EMF on invertebrates in this frequency range is limited and requires further study.

##### *Plants and mushrooms*

The literature on fungi and plants in the high-frequency range is very limited, and at this point no conclusions can be drawn other than the fact of dielectric heating. Further research in this area is needed.

Due to the demand of the times and the rapid development of telecommunication technology, a detailed study of the impact of the fast-growing 5G technology over a long period of time to obtain a comparative analysis of "before" and "after".

The introduction of 5G entails the creation of a large volume of obsolete electronic equipment, the use of more energy. Full deployment of 5G means the construction of towers almost everywhere, including in mountains, forests, to ensure reliable connection. This process can lead to increased radiation for fragile participants in the ecosystem security.

We have birds that will most likely be affected by these towers, and studies have shown that they have produced deformed eggs due to 5G exposure in their habitats. In countries with high 5G coverage, birds are disrupted from breeding, nesting, and roosting by microwave radiation generated by cell towers. Similarly, wireless frequencies affect the rhythm of birds and the navigation system that helps birds during migration. This directly disrupts the ecosystem. Another study shows that the 5G spectrum and mid-band affect the behavior of insects, especially bees. As many telecom operators seek to expand their 5G network coverage to different countries around the world, millions of small towers will likely be installed in the future. The number of towers built per square kilometer will increase significantly to establish a powerful connection and ensure reliable and fast communication between devices. So we expect an unknown impact on the existing environment. The widespread millimeter wave will likely harm plants, vegetation, birds and insects of various species, leading to disruption of the ecosystem.

Despite many concerns about the safety of millimeter waves, telecommunications equipment does not emit destructive ionizing radiation that could damage DNA or affect the development of cancer cells.

Radiation of electromagnetic waves at high frequencies has a different effect on tissues, namely, it heats them up, using more energy on the surface compared to low-frequency waves, while practically not penetrating inside. Only excessive exposure to such radio waves can heat the human body to temperatures incompatible with life or cause local damage, for example, to the skin or eyes."

Also, according to many scientists, the higher the frequency, the less impact on the human body, since waves at high frequencies are reflected and do not penetrate inside.

Despite the lack of strong evidence of the dangers of new technology, it is certainly necessary to continue research into their impact on humans and animals and to support conclusions with strong scientific evidence.

Every daily activity carries a risk, and the issue of electromagnetic radiation from any generation of mobile communications must be considered through the prism of whether we are ready to accept the identified risks.



Over many years of medical research into the effects of electromagnetic waves on humans, no negative factors have been identified, and the evidence presented had no scientific basis. Thus, based on the results of several studies, a conclusion was made about the existence of such a risk, however, when reproducing the study, the results were not confirmed. At the same time, the reproducibility of the results of the study is considered one of the most important criteria for the scientific nature of the conclusions.



There is general agreement that research into both the impact of new technologies and electromagnetic radiation needs to continue, but at this point there is no compelling reason to delay the introduction of these technologies.




## Appendix A.



**Table H.1 – Taxonomic composition of plant diversity**



| Latin<br>(scientific<br>name) | Name in<br>the state<br>language | Title in<br>Russian                  | Known for this area (with indication)<br>source of information)  | Found<br>(indication of<br>the time frame<br>for conducting<br>the research) | Quantity        | Photo  |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--|-----------------|--|
| 1                             | 2                                | 3                                    | 4  | 5  | 6               | 7  |
| <b>Astana city</b>            |                                  |                                      |  |  |                 |  |
| Achillea<br>nobilis           | Асыл<br>мыңжапыр<br>ақ           | Тысячелист<br>ник<br>благородн<br>ый | Achillea nobilis are creamy-whitish or yellow Achillea nobilis - green foliage forms a low-growing clump in early spring, producing flowering stems up to 30 inches tall in late spring , the stems ending in flat flower clusters (umbels). Foliage and stems are covered with soft hairs.<br><a href="https://www.picturethisai.com/ru/wiki/Achillea_nobilis.html">https://www.picturethisai.com/ru/wiki/Achillea_nobilis.html</a> | 18.07.24<br>Found  | More than<br>20 |   |
| Medicago<br>sativa            | Егістік<br>жоңышқа               | Люцерна<br>посевная                  | Alfalfa grows all over the world as a weed, and is also widely grown as a valuable forage crop. Alfalfa hay contains many vitamins, phosphorus, calcium and up to 20% protein, which is not inferior in quality to the protein of chicken eggs. The plant is an excellent honey plant, its colorless nectar is almost half sugar. In the dark, a slight glow can be seen above the alfalfa fields                                    | 18.07.24<br>Found  | More than<br>20 |  |

|                            |           |                         |   |                   |              |  |
|----------------------------|-----------|-------------------------|---|-------------------|--------------|--|
|                            |           |                         | <p>- this is due to the high phosphorus content in the seeds.</p> <p><a href="https://www.picturethisai.com/ru/wiki/Medicicago_sativa.html">https://www.picturethisai.com/ru/wiki/Medicicago_sativa.html</a></p>  |                   |              |  |
| <i>Taraxacum officinal</i> | Бақпақ    | Одуванчик лекарственный | <p>Dandelion is one of the most beloved plants in folk medicine. There are many ways to use it: medicinal decoctions, powders, salads, jams. It occupies a place of honor in the cultures of many countries. Dandelion drink was made famous by Ray Bradbury in his work "Dandelion Wine". In Rus' they used to say: "A dandelion squeezes a ball - it's going to rain."</p> <p><a href="https://www.picturethisai.com/ru/wiki/Taraxacum_officinale.html">https://www.picturethisai.com/ru/wiki/Taraxacum_officinale.html</a></p> | 18.07.24<br>Found | More than 10 |   |
| Cichórium                  | Шашыратқы | Цикорий                 | <p>It has a long, strong taproot that penetrates deep into the soil. In the first year, a rosette of bright, oblong leaves with a clearly defined main vein appears. The leaves may be rounded at the end or narrowed. A rigid, vertical, deepened stem appears in the second summer.</p> <p>The flowers are ligulate, large, bisexual, usually blue, less often pinkish or white, located on a short individual stalk, extending from the upper part of the leaf. The flowers are in baskets with a double</p>                   | 18.07.24<br>Found | More than 10 |  |

|   |           |         |   |                   |                 |   |
|---|-----------|---------|---|-------------------|-----------------|---|
|   |           |         | <p>wrapper, the outer leaflets of the wrapper are short, bent, the inner ones are erect. The flowers open sequentially upwards, although in cloudy weather they are often closed.</p> <p><u>Brockhaus and Efron Encyclopedic Dictionary</u> : in 86 volumes</p>   |                   |                 |   |
| Centaurea   | Гүлкекіре | Василёк | <p>Cornflower, or blue cornflower ( <i>Centaurea cyanus</i> ), with cobwebby-woolly linear-lanceolate leaves and blue flowers, as a weed, is found mainly in winter cereals, especially on sandy and loamy soils, and, as an annual plant, reproduces by seeds, often sown together with cereals, when the latter are poorly cleaned, and also found with the inflorescences of this plant in straw taken to the field together with manure. Measures for its destruction consist of liming the soil.</p> <p><u>Great Soviet Encyclopedia</u> : [in 30 volumes] / ch. ed. <u>A. M. Prokhorov</u>.</p> | 18.07.24<br>Found | More than<br>20 |  |
| *Note: + - species detected; 0 - species not detected |           |         |   |                   |                 |   |


**Table H.2 – Taxonomic composition of the diversity of terrestrial invertebrates**

| Latin<br>(scientific<br>name) | Name in the<br>state<br>language | Title in<br>Russian           | Known for this area (with indication)<br>source of information)  | Found<br>(indication of the<br>time frame for<br>conducting the<br>research) | Quantity |   |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|--|----------|---|
| 1                             | 2                                | 3                             | 4  | 5  | 6        |   |
| <b>Astana city</b>            |                                  |                               |  |  |          |   |
| Muschampia<br>cribrellum )    | Торлы<br>қалың бас               | Толстоголовка<br>а решётчатая | Lattice-headed fishtail (lat. Muschampia<br>cribrellum ) is a butterfly from the family of<br>fatheads. It develops in one generation per<br>year. The flight time is observed from mid-<br>May to early August. Butterflies fly in circles<br>over areas of flowering vegetation, feed on<br>the nectar of herbaceous plants such as<br>Veronica , Vicia , Thymus , etc. Males<br>exhibit territorial behavior. Caterpillars feed<br>on cinquefoil ( Potentilla ), overwinter.<br><i>Czernay A. Verzeichniss der Lepidopterans<br/>des Charcoal , Poltawschen and<br/>Ekaterinoslawschen gouvernements // Bull .<br/>Soc . Natur . - Moscow , 1854. - Issue . 27.<br/>- No. 7. - P. 212-225</i> | Not found  |          |    |
| Saga pedo ( Pallas )          | Дала кепрісі                     | Дыбка<br>степная              | A steppe European-Kazakhstan species. It<br>is widespread in Northern, Central,<br>Southern and South-Eastern Kazakhstan,<br>and the steppe zone of the European part<br>of Russia. It lives in meadow areas, in the<br>floodplains of rivers and streams. It  | Not found  |          |  |


|                              |                                   |                             |  |           |  |   |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|-----------|--|---|
|                              |                                   |                             | reproduces parthenogenetically , i.e. without the participation of males.<br><i>Nurmuratov T.N., Azhbenov V.K., Kambulin V.E. et al. 2000. Locust pests of agricultural plants in Kazakhstan and recommendations for limiting their numbers. Almaty: Asia Publishing. 56 p.</i>  |           |  |   |
| Mongoloraphid<br>Raphidiidae | Mongoloraphid түйесі              | Верблюдка<br>Mongoloraphid  | A small group of medium-sized insects (15-20 mm) with complete metamorphosis. Camels got their name because of some resemblance in profile to a camel. Camels are moisture-loving, usually associated with woody and shrubby vegetation. Adults live openly on trees, are active in summer. They hunt for dipteran larvae, caterpillars, aphids, and bark beetle larvae.<br><i>Aspöck H. The biology of Raphidioptera : A review of present knowledge ( English ) // Acta Zool. Acad. Sci. Hungaricae : journal. — 2002. — Vol. 48, no. suppl. 2. — P. 35–50. Archived October 27 , 2005 . Archived copy from October 27 , 2005 on Wayback Machine</i> | Not found |  |    |
| Красотел<br>сетчатый         | Торқанатты<br>барылдауық<br>қоңыз | <i>Calosoma reticulatum</i> | The beetle is 20-27 mm long. The head, pronotum and elytra are metallic green, bronze, rarely black with a bronze sheen. The mouth parts, antennae and legs are black. The pronotum and elytra are convex and wide. The pronotum is coarsely   | Not found |  |  |


|   |  |  |   |  |  |  |
|---|--|--|---|--|--|--|
|   |  |  | wrinkled and punctate. The spaces between the elytra form irregular tubercles, often merging transversely. The primary pits are distinct.<br><u>Essay on the reticulated krasotel on the Carabidae website of the World</u> |  |  |  |
| *Note: + - species detected; 0 - species not detected |  |  |   |  |  |  |

**Table H.3 – Taxonomic composition of the diversity of terrestrial vertebrates**


| Latin (scientific name) | Name in the state language | Title in Russian | Known for this area (with source indicated information)   | Found (indication of the time frame for conducting the research) | Quantity | Note   |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|---|--|----------|--|
| 1                       | 2                          | 3                | 4   | 5  | 6        |  |
| <b>Astana city</b>      |                            |                  |   |  |          |  |
| Erinaceus europaeus     | Кіпрі                      | Обыкновенный ёж  | The common hedgehog is a small <u>animal</u> . The body length is from 20 to 30 centimeters. Weight is from 700 to 800 grams. The main distinguishing feature of the common hedgehog is the small spines that cover its back and sides. The color of the needles is striped, they grow at the same rate as hair. Adult hedgehogs have 5-6 thousand needles, young ones - about 3 thousand. Small <u>ears are located on the hedgehog's head</u> . Common hedgehogs that <u>live in Cyprus have</u> larger ears. The muzzle is elongated with a sharp and wet <u>nose</u> . <u>The</u> | Not found  |          |  |



|               |               |                   |  |           |  |   |
|---------------|---------------|-------------------|--|-----------|--|---|
|               |               |                   | <p>eyes are small, shiny, black. The hedgehog has 36 sharp small teeth. The hedgehog's paws are equipped with five fingers with claws, and the hind legs are longer than the front ones.</p> <p><u>Brockhaus and Efron Encyclopedic Dictionary</u> : in 86 volumes (82 volumes and 4 add.). — St. Petersburg, 1890-1907</p>  |           |  |   |
| Vulpes vulpes | Кәдімгі Түлкі | Лиса обыкновенная | <p>fox is a predatory mammal of the canine family, the largest species of the fox genus . The body length reaches almost one meter, the tail is 40-60 cm, and the weight is 6-10 kg. Females are slightly lighter and smaller than males. The fox has large eyes with a vertical pupil, the animal has excellent vision. The animal has forty-two teeth, which can easily cope with almost any food. The ears of this predator are triangular in shape, slightly elongated and quite large.</p> <p><u>Brockhaus and Efron Encyclopedic Dictionary</u> : in 86 volumes (82 volumes and 4 add.). — St. Petersburg, 1890-1907</p> | Not found |  |  |

|                        |                   |                   |  |   |           |   |
|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--|---|-----------|---|
| Chlidonias leucopterus | Аққанат қарқылдақ | Белокрылая крачка | <p>In spring the body is black, the wings are light gray on top, and along the front edge from the base to the bend they are white, and this is the main difference from the black tern; from below in flying birds one more difference is visible - a contrasting two-color coloring of the wing. The tail and uppertail are white. The beak is reddish-black, the legs are bright red. The tail is with a shallow notch. In autumn, adult birds are mostly white, with a gray bloom on the wings, body, a black spot behind the eye and a dark gray, with light speckles , nape. There are no dark spots on the sides of the chest, unlike the black tern. Young have generally the same coloring of the head, but the back is very dark and rather dark wings, the difference from young black terns is a very light, almost white tail, sharply contrasting with the dark back, the absence of dark spots on the sides of the chest. Weight 53-80 g, length 20-23, wing 20.0-22.4, wingspan 63-67 cm.</p> <p><i>Delina , Hakan , Svensson , Lars . Der Kosmos-Vogelatlas , übersetzt von Peter H. Barthel , ISBN 3-7632-4277-5 .</i></p> | . | Not found |  |
|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--|---|-----------|---|



|   |              |              |  |                |              |   |
|---|--------------|--------------|--|----------------|--------------|---|
| Yellow-eyed Pigeon                                    | Қоңыр кептер | Бурый голубь | <p>The brown pigeon is a rare nesting migratory bird. It inhabits poplar groves and tugai thickets, or clay faults and old burial grounds on the plains. During migration, it is found in open spaces, mown fields and forest belts. In the spring, it appears in flocks of up to ten birds. At the Chokpak station, brown pigeons were caught during the spring migration from March 24 to May 19. It nests in separate pairs or loose colonies of up to 15-20 pairs. The nest is built in a tree or in a hole in a clay fault. A clutch of 2 eggs occurs from May to mid-July.</p> <p><i>Gavrilov E. I. "Fauna and distribution of birds of Kazakhstan". Almaty, 1999.</i></p> | 08.08.24 Found | More than 50 |  |
| *Note: + - species detected; 0 - species not detected |              |              |  |                |              |   |

**Table H.4 – Taxonomic composition of the diversity of aquatic invertebrates and fish**

| Latin (scientific name)                               | Name in the state language | Title in Russian | Known for this area (with indication source of information) | Found (indication of the time frame for conducting the research) | Quantity | Note |
|---|----------------------------|------------------|---|--|----------|------|
| 1   | 2                          | 3                | 4   | 5  | 6        |      |
| Astana city   |                            |                  |   |  |          |      |
| No studies have been conducted                        |                            |                  |   |  |          |      |
| *Note: + - species detected; 0 - species not detected |                            |                  |   |  |          |      |

**Appendix B****Table U.1 – Indicator species of trees and shrubs**

| Latin name           | Kazakh name  | Russian name of the species |
|----------------------|--------------|-----------------------------|
| 1                    | 2            | 3                           |
| <b>Akmola region</b> |              |                             |
| Quercus róbur .      | Кәдімгі емен | Дуб черешчатый              |

**Table U.2 – Indicator species of herbaceous plants**

| Latin name           | Kazakh name | Russian name of the species |
|----------------------|-------------|-----------------------------|
| 1                    | 2           | 3                           |
| <b>Akmola region</b> |             |                             |
| Cichórium            | Шашыратқы   | Цикóрий                     |

**Table U.3 – Phenological phases of trees and shrubs, according to observations in 2024 .**

| View                 | Date | Swelling of the buds | Bud break    | Unfolding of leaves | Flowering, beginning | Flowering, mass | Blooming, end | Ripening, beginning | Ripening, complete | Autumn coloring, beginning | Autumn colours are in full swing | Leaf fall, beginning | Leaf fall, massive | November, the end |
|----------------------|------|----------------------|--------------|---------------------|----------------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| 1                    | 2    | 3                    | 4            | 5                   | 5                    | 6               | 7             | 8                   | 9                  | 10                         | 11                               | 12                   | 13                 | 14                |
| Silver birch         | -    | Mid April            | End of April | End of April        | End of April         | End of April    | End of May    | <b>Recorded</b>     | <b>Recorded</b>    | Mid September              | Mid September                    | Mid September        | End of September   | Mid October       |
| <b>Akmola region</b> |      |                      |              |                     |                      |                 |               |                     |                    |                            |                                  |                      |                    |                   |
| Petiolate oak        | -    | Mid May              | Mid May      | Mid May             | End of May           | End of May      | End of May    | End of May          | End of May         | <b>Recorded</b>            | <b>Recorded</b>                  | Mid September        | Mid September      | Mid September     |

**Table U.4. - Phenological phases of herbaceous plants, according to observations in 2024 .**

| View                 | Appearance shoots | Budding | Flowering, beginning | Massive flowering | Blooming, end | Maturation seeds , beginning | Seed maturation, complete |
|----------------------|-------------------|---------|----------------------|-------------------|---------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1                    | 2                 | 3       | 4                    | 5                 | 6             | 7                            | 8                         |
| <b>Akmola region</b> |                   |         |                      |                   |               |                              |                           |
| Chicory              | Middle May        | End May | Start June           | Middle June       | End June      | Start July                   | End July                  |

**Table U.5 – Productivity of trees and shrubs (in points), according to observations in 2024.**

| View                 | Inspector's section 1                           |  | Inspector's section 2                      |  |
|----------------------|---|--|--|--|
|                      | Productivity in points at the phenological site | Yield in points on the plot as a whole | Productivity in points at the phenological | Yield in points on the site as a whole |
|                      |   |  | site                                       | in general                             |
| 1                    | 2   | 3                                      | 4  | 5                                      |
| <b>Akmola region</b> |   |  |  |  |
| Petiolate oak        | 2   | 4                                      | -  | -                                      |