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Expedition to Do Forest and Environmental Assessment
Work In Soviet Central Asia and Kazakstan

On Monday an expedition from the USSR State Committee for Forestry (Goskomles SSSR) will begin its work in Central Asia and Kazakhstan.

The goal is to assess the condition of the forests and the ecological situation in the forest biocoenoses of the Uzbek, Kirgiz, Tadzhik, Turkmenian and Kazakh union republics, make recommendations on the conservation, use and regeneration of forest resources, and draw up proposals for effecting improvements in forest management.

The expedition is divided into two groups: a southern (Central Asian) and a northern (Kazakhstanian). Participating in its work will be scientists from several institutes, managers of sub-units of Goskomles SSSR, general directors and other officials of republican and territorial forestry associations, representatives of the USSR State Committee on the Environment concerned with problems of ecology and the rational use of natural resources within the jurisdiction of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR, other departments and organizations, and also of local soviets and the general public. The scientific director is the Deputy Chairman of Goskomles SSSR, Doctor of Agricultural Sciences V.I. Sukhikh. The expedition will complete its work by the end of October.

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