

"In addition to the tax on revenue," continued Andrei Genrikhovich, "the amount of which is determined in accordance with the USSR law, the ministry has established deductions for enterprises of the Association will be used for financing expenditures on environmental conservation, which already amount to 23 million roubles for the year 1991. In our view, these funds should be left at the disposal of the enterprises and directed towards effecting improvements in forestry, and in particular, combatting forest fires.

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Biosphere Preserves Being Established in the USSR

Reader's question: "In various regions of the country, nature preserves have been established. What are the conditions governing their formation?"

The answer to this question can be found in the collection of documents entitled "On Protecting the Environment" (Politizdat, 1986). It contains, in particular, a statement that the status of a national preserve is determined by a Charter ratified by a decree issued by USSR Gosplan and the USSR State Committee on Science and Technology in April 1981.

A mandatory condition for nature preserves as the superior mode of nature conservation is the prohibiting of any activity disrupting the natural complexes of protected areas, and the conducting therein of scientific research studies directed primarily at round-the-clock monitoring of principal natural features.