

# GOVERNMENT OF THE KYRGYZ REPUBLIC

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## RESOLUTION

BISHKEK, HOUSE OF GOVERNMENT

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Issues of the Ministry of Environment Protection of the Kyrgyz Republic

In implementation of the Decree of the President of the Kyrgyz Republic of March 4, 1996 "On Structure and Composition of the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic", for the purpose of the state government and the control in the area of environment protection and rational use of natural resources, and to ensure the ecological safety, the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic hereby rules:

1. To approve the attached Regulation On the Ministry of Environment Protection of the Kyrgyz Republic, and the Structure of its Management.
2. To establish the maximum number of employees of the central apparat of the Ministry of Environment Protection of the Kyrgyz Republic (without service and security personnel) in the amount of 35 workers, and the fund of salaries amounting to 175.0 thousand soms per year.
3. To establish for the Ministry of Environment Protection of the Kyrgyz Republic two Vice Ministers, of which one shall be the First Vice Minister, a collegium of 7 individuals, including the Minister and Vice Ministers, and the coordination council.
4. The Ministry of Environment Protection of the Kyrgyz Republic shall establish the structure and the staff schedule of the central apparat of the Ministry within the limits of the established fund of salaries, and the number of workers.
5. To invalidate:

Resolution of the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic of August 11, 1995 No. 349 "Issues of the State Committee of the Kyrgyz Republic for Environment Protection";

Resolution of the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic of November 20, 1995 No. 496 "On Introduction of Amendments into Resolution of the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic of August 11, 1995 No. 349".

Prime Minister  
Jumagulov

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APPROVED

by Resolution of the Government  
of the Kyrgyz Republic  
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**REGULATION  
ON MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION  
OF THE KYRGYZ REPUBLIC**

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**1. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

1. Ministry of Environment Protection (hereinafter — Ministry) is the central body of government administration and control over the environment protection and rational use of nature.

The Ministry shall be governed in its activity by the Constitution of the Kyrgyz Republic, laws of the Kyrgyz Republic, resolutions of the Legislative Assembly and Assembly of People's Representatives of the Jogorku Kenesh of the Kyrgyz Republic, acts of the President of the Kyrgyz Republic, resolutions and ordinances of the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic, and by this Regulation.

2. The main task of the Ministry shall be the development and implementation of the national policy in the area of the environment management, and rational use of natural resources based on the principles of stable development, for the purpose of formation of living environment which meets the material and spiritual needs of the present and further generations of the people of Kyrgyzstan, and ensuring environmental safety of the state.

3. The Ministry has the development fund and the insurance fund, including the currency fund which may be established along with organizations within the jurisdiction of the Ministry. Unused balance of the funds shall not be withdrawn, and shall carry over the next year.

4. The Ministry shall be a legal entity, which shall have the seal with the National Emblem of the Kyrgyz Republic, and with its name in Kyrgyz and Russian.

**2. FUNCTIONS**

5. The Ministry, in accordance with its principal goal and objectives shall:

a) conduct the state policy of planning and complex management of environment protection and the rational use of nature, in compliance with the laws of the Kyrgyz Republic, acts of the President of the Kyrgyz Republic, resolutions and ordinances of the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic, and other normative documents;

b) organize the development of legislative acts on environment protection and rational use of natural resources, and submit them to the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic;

c) organize the development and approve in compliance with the established procedure national, coordinates branch and institutional ecological standards, normatives, rules, regulations and instructions on environment protection and the use of natural resources, conduct the work on metrological facilitation of the environmental activity, implement methodological guidance of the control over pollution of natural objects;

d) develop and approve the Regulation on inter-institutional committees on issues subject to jurisdiction of the Ministry and their personnel composition;

e) generalize the practice of implementation of the legislation on environment protection, and the economic mechanism in the area of environment protection, rational and complex use of natural resources, and industrial waste in the economic sectors of the republic, develop and submit to the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic the proposals on improvement of environment legislation, and economic mechanism of the environment use;

f) coordinate with the ministries, administrative institutions, enterprises, establishments and organizations regardless of their institutional jurisdiction, and forms of property, plans-forecasts of events, conduct of scientific and research activities on environment protection, and rational use of natural resources;

g) develop and approve the Regulation on the Red Book of the Kyrgyz Republic, Regulation on Inter-institutional committee for its implementation and the personal composition of the committee;

h) develop and approve the rules of protection of natural objects protected by the state, and measures of protection, rational use and transformation of landscapes, and ensure the compliance with the regime of protection of national sanctuaries;

i) regulate time periods and ways of hunting, and establish annual norms of shooting of objects of fauna, and organize events for protection and reproduction of fish stock, and water *Invertebrata*, and governs the time limits and quotes of catch of objects of fish industry;

j) develop and submit to the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic proposals which foster active effect on investment processes related to use of nature, and conduct of environment events, and on issues of environment protection, and rational use of natural resources, to be included into draft Concept and Main Directions of Economic Functioning of the Kyrgyz Republic, target government programs on environment protection, and rational use of nature;

k) participate in determining the need and formation of the government orders for production of equipment, devices, automation means, and automated systems, standard samples, substances, chemical agents, used for the purposes of environment protection;

l) conduct:

- improvement of economic methods of management, financial and credit relations, recording, organization of market of contractual works, development of lease enterprises with various forms of ownership, and establishment of independent audit service;

- formation of economic, legal and organizational conditions for development of subordinate structures and increase of efficiency of its activity, and the activity of organizations composing the Ministry;

- development of sustenance holdings, public catering, and organization of the food and industrial trade network;

m) develop main directions and organize the implementation of the single scientific and technical policy in the area of environment protection, and the use of natural resources;

n) analyze the effect of antropogenic activity on the environment, regulate the measure of involvement into the business turnover of all types of natural resources and organize, along with interested agencies and scientific institutions, the development of ecological strategy and policy, government programs, territorial complex schemes of environment protection, schemes of complex use and protection of water, land and other natural resources;

o) consider and coordinate main directions of development of forest, hunting and fish industry, develop and implement effective methods of maintenance thereof, which would foster the productivity and improve the quality of forest, hunting and fishing funds, their safeguard and protection, rational use of forest, hunting and fishing resources, and providing methodological assistance on these issues to enterprises and organizations;

p) develop and foster the events aimed at improvement of protection, and conditions of inhabitancy and use of animals, fish and birds;

q) coordinate the conduct of recreation related to the use of natural objects (including international tourism).

6. The Ministry shall carry out the state ecological expertise:

a) of all types of pre-planning and pre-project documentation (including programs, concepts, and foreign economic activity) related to social and economic development of the republic;

b) drafts of normative legal, instruction and methodological, normative ecological and sanitation documents which regulate all types of economic, organizational, training, investments, taxation, licensing, joint international and other activity while using nature;

c) documents on formation and use of new techniques, technology, materials and substances including those imported to the republic from abroad;

d) pre-project and project materials to construction, reconstruction, enhancement, technical re-equipment, re-profiling, and liquidation of business objects, including those implemented jointly with foreign companies, and of the objects owned by foreign legal entities and individuals, regardless of forms of ownership;

e) ecological situation of the regions;

f) pre-project and project documents on all types of geological activity.

The State ecological expertise is the mandatory element while planning and adoption of any economic decision on social and economic development in the territory of the Kyrgyz Republic, and the adjacent states.

The independent expertise serves the grounds for adoption of decisions by legislative, executive and judicial agencies, and funding of the object.

7. The Ministry shall implement the state control over:

a) use and protection of natural resources, the state of ecological balance, and the sources of pollution of atmospheric air, surface and underground waters, lands, flora (including forests), and water and biological objects, areas of inhabitancy of animals;

b) payment for use of natural resources and environment pollution, and use of funds for protection of nature;

c) compliance by ministries, administrative agencies, institutions and organizations, regardless of institutional subordination and types of ownership, by officials and citizens, and by foreign legal entities and individuals:

- with environment protection legislation, standards, normatives, rules of the Kyrgyz Republic, decisions and ordinances of local self-governance bodies, orders, instructions, and regulations of the Ministry in the area of environment protection and rational use of natural resources;

- with established limits of use of nature, normatives of maximum admissible release of dangerous polluting substances into the environment by fixed and mobile sources, and with the time limitations of performance of events aimed at decrease of such releases to conform with the established normatives;

- with environmental standards, norms, rules, and instructions for construction (reconstruction, expanding, technical re-equipment, and liquidation of objects);

- with requirements to protection of environment from pollution, littering, and exhaustion, while using natural resources, mineral processing, conduct of blasting, dredging works, location and operation of collectors, tailings, refuse dumps, disposal areas, heaps, and while implementing geological surveying works, tracking cattle, and other activities related to affecting natural complex;

- with requirements on environment protection while transportation, storage, and applying means of plant protection, growth stimulators, mineral fertilizers, and other chemicals and substances which use in the agriculture is allowed;

- with the established procedure of consumption of natural resources for production needs, fostering reasonable and complex use, preservation and reproduction of natural resources;

- with rules of operation of environment protection constructions, water systems, water reservoirs and other hydro-technical constructions;

d) performance by ministries, administrative agencies, institutions and organizations regardless of institutional subordination and types of ownership thereof, as well as by citizens, of tasks and measures on:

- recultivation of lands with violated topsoil and timely provision thereof for targeted use;

- construction and operation of installations, equipment and machinery for purification of discharged polluting substances into the environment, equipping the sources of pollution with control devices and regulation of discharge;

- fighting harmful effect of water (floods, destruction of river banks, etc.);

- protection of soil from erosion and salinization, swamping, pollution with industrial waste, poisonous chemicals and other chemical substances, other deterioration of lands while construction and recovery of disposable minerals, and conduct of research works;

- prevention and termination of discharge of polluting substances into the environment, including by traffic and other mobile substances and installations;

- reproduction and restoration of valuable trade objects, and other water organisms, prevention of their inhabitation areas, and other unfavorable effect on the biofauna by dredging, and mineral recovery;

e) maintenance of state land and water cadastres, state subsoil cadastre, and flora and fauna cadastre;

f) introduction at enterprises, institutions, and organizations regardless of their institutional subordination and types of ownership, of primary recording of land resource use, discharge of polluting substances and other affecting the natural environment by industrial, household, and other waste (including radio-active), scope of their storing and burial, deadlines of providing and accuracy of the state reports on environment protection;

g) rational use of water resources, protection of surface and underground waters from pollution, littering and exhaustion and regulation of use of water objects in compliance with those purposes for which they had been provided into use;

h) the use of atmospheric air for production needs and scientific and research activity;

i) status and efficiency of work of environment protection devices;

- j) allocation of recovered barren rock, industrial and consumption waste;
- k) introduction of achievements of scientific and technical progress which foster environmental safety of industrial production, and economic disposal of natural resources;
- l) introduction of scientific and technical achievements which foster environmental safety of industrial production, and economy while using natural resources;
- m) fostering rational use of land and forest resources while the meliorative construction, processing minerals, and other business activity related to transformation of natural objects and formation of landscapes;
- n) conduct of land use events aimed at protection of soil, measures on termination of activity of the sittings of land erosion, preservation of protective forests, and anti-erosion hydro technical installations;
- o) holding events by land users, aimed at soil protection, adoption of measures on termination of effect of sits of erosion of lands, preservation of protective forests, and anti-erosion hydro-technical installations;
- p) brining lands which were released at the extent of working out of industrial stock of any natural resources, into the state which fits the use in the agriculture, forestry or fish industry, or into other state which foster preservation of ecological balance of the regions and other protective functions of forests;
- q) foster preservation of forest and agricultural lands, natural brushwoods of medicinal and technical plants, natural landscapes, and water protection, water regulation, field protection, and other protective functions of forests;
- r) maintenance of forestry, use of forest resources, protection of forests from fires, unauthorized felling and other acts which cause damage to the forest, and protection of forests from sicknesses;
- s) maintenance of hunting industry in the republic, hunting sports, trade, procurement of raw fur, and other hunting products, shooting and catching wild animals for scientific, cultural and economic purposes, trade of hunting arms and ammunition, compliance with hunting and fishing rules;
- t) over development and recovery of traditional hunting with predatory hunting birds, and hunting dogs breeding, controls the procedure of catching and maintenance of hunting birds, keeps the books of breeds of hunting dogs, organization of exhibitions, competitions and field tests of hunting birds and dogs;
- u) maintenance of fish industry in water reservoirs of the republic;
- v) record the hunting fauna and wild medicinal plants, and record of forest fund;
- w) use and protection of natural objects in the territory of the Kyrgyz Republic, which have international significance, compliance with norms and rules of legislation on environment protection in this area;

x) compliance with rules of operation of small size fleet, and technical condition of its bases (ports);

y) work of ecological posts.

8. The Ministry shall:

a) establish limits and normatives of natural use, issue or nullify permissions (licenses) to:

- consumption of atmospheric air, water, and other natural resources for the needs of people's economy;

- discharges into environment;

- removal, allocation of waste, toxic materials and substances in the environment;

- transportation (including beyond the borders of the Kyrgyz Republic) of industrial waste, toxic (including radioactive) substances;

- use of fauna and flora (including species included in the Red Book, and gathering wild medicinal and technical plants, and moomijo), export from and import into the republic of objects of flora and fauna, and their derivatives (horns, skins, medicinal and technical cultures, etc.);

- allocation of waters;

- drilling water holes;

- conduct of works on water objects and water protection zones;

b) coordinate the permission to use water;

c) approve the procedure of coordination of conditions and issuance of permission (licensing) to use nature within the limits of its competence;

d) coordinates the limits of land and subsoil use;

e) allocate hunting and fishing territories to users in compliance with the established procedure, and grants the right to maintain holding at these territories to government, public and other enterprises;

f) participate in the work of the state and working commissions for approval and operation of new (reconstructed, expanded, re-equipped, or liquidated) objects, and choice of a site and allocation of lands for public industry and other needs;

g) establish and collect payment for use of nature, discharge of polluting substances, allocation of waste and toxic materials, and substances in the environment;



h) perform, along with ministries, administrative agencies, enterprises, institutions, and organizations the state record of use of natural resources, the discharge of polluting substances, harmful affects on the environment and sources thereof;

i) maintain the state registry of fauna and flora on sections, and conduct the state monitoring over the state of the appropriate objects of the fauna and flora;

j) ensure the record of hunting fund;

k) perform registration and record of subordinate vessels and bases (devices) for their stationing, and develops normatives and requirements to the safety of vessels and environment protection;

l) along with interested ministries and administrative agencies, performs the state record of water resources and the state water cadastre;

m) conduct the record of natural objects under the state protection, approve the list of natural monuments of the republican significance, and of the rare disappearing types of plants and animals;

n) forms, along with interested ministries, administrative agencies, enterprises, organizations, the single state ecological and information data base on the state, use and protection of natural resources, and informs the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic on these issues;

o) publish annual reports on the state of environment, the use of natural resources and the protection of nature in the Kyrgyz Republic;

p) collects and exchanges the ecological information within the framework of the national, regional, and inter-state ecological information systems;

q) develop and submit to the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic proposals on improvement of activity of the secondary and higher educational institutions, schools and pre-school institutions, scientific and research, project and construction organizations which implement their activity in the area of environment and use of resources;

r) promotes and disseminates the knowledge on the nature, rational use of its wealth, hold contests, exhibitions, conferences, seminars, and other events in the area of environment protection, and the rational use of natural resources;

s) organize the activity of specially protected natural territories, conduct nature and sanctuary activities, develop and submit to the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic proposals on development of the network of specially protected territories and natural objects, in compliance with the established procedure;

t) develop and implement measures which foster safety and enrichment of flora and fauna of specially protected natural territories: state sanctuaries, reserved forests and natural parks, recovers their natural complex, and complies with the regime of specially protected territories, and organizes scientific and research activity of theoretical and practical significance for forestry, agriculture and hunting;

u) identify, register, issue passports, and transfer into protection through formalization of protection obligations, natural objects and monuments, places of inhabitancy of animals and plants included into the Red Book of the Kyrgyz Republic, which need measures aimed at their protection, restoration, or limitation of their use; implements the oversight over them, regardless their institutional subordination;

v) implement state policy in cooperation with foreign countries and international organizations in the area of environment protection and use of nature;

w) develop proposals on formation of the single state policy in cooperation with foreign and international organizations in the area of environment protection, and use of nature, and signs agreements with foreign countries, by the authorization of the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic, pertaining to resolution of environmental problems, establish in compliance with the established procedure, and within the boundaries of its competence, inter-institutional committees for international cooperation;

x) develop and submit to the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic proposals pertaining to organization of performance of obligations of the Kyrgyz Republic, which come out from the international conventions, agreements on environment protection, and the use of natural resources;

y) participate in international division of water;

z) foster implementation of bilateral and multilateral inter-state and inter-institutional agreements and contracts pertaining to resolution of environmental problems.

### **III. RIGHTS OF THE MINISTRY OF THE KYRGYZ REPUBLIC**

9. The Ministry and its bodies in regions have the following right:

a) to hear at the sessions of the collegium reports of heads of ministries, administrative agencies, enterprises, institutions, and organizations regardless of their institutional subordination and types of ownership regarding issues of environment protection, rational use of natural resources, and implementation of nature protecting measures, and raise issues in front of the appropriate bodies concerning liability of heads and officials for admitted violations of the legislation of the Kyrgyz Republic, standards, norms and rules of the environment, including the issues of their dismissals from their positions;

b) to submit to the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic the following proposals:

- on hearing reports of heads of local administrations regarding issues of environment protection, and rational use of natural resources;

- on abrogation of normative acts and decisions of heads of local state administrations and local self-governance, ministries, administrative agencies, enterprises, organizations and institutions, which contradict the environment legislation of the Kyrgyz Republic;

- on bringing to liability in compliance with the established procedure the heads of local state administrations and local self-government, heads of ministries and administrative agencies for gross pattern violations of the environment legislation, ecological normatives, rules and standards of use of nature, including enterprises, institutions and organizations which are subordinated to them;

c) to attend and monitor without impediments the environment activity, make acts and records on the results of the monitoring, and issue prescriptions mandatory for enterprises, institutions, organizations regardless of institutional subordination and types of ownership, and to citizens. While performance by officials of the Ministry of their duties, the enterprises, institutions, and organizations, regardless of their institutional subordination, and types of ownership, must provide them with premises, telephone communication, transport, and working clothes, if necessary, pending the examination (inspection) of the object, and provide other necessary assistance;

d) to bring lawsuits against enterprises, institutions, organizations regardless of their institutional subordination, and types of ownership, against citizens and against foreign legal entities and individuals for indemnification of damage inflicted to the state by violation of the legislation on protection and use of natural resources; to allocate collected amounts (including those in currency) to special accounts of the Ministry;

e) to act as plaintiff in court;

f) to impose prohibitions for construction, reconstruction, enhancement, or technical re-equipment of objects, conduct of works aimed at use of natural resources and other works conducted with violation of environment legislation, standards, norms and rules on protection and use of natural resources;

g) to prohibit and suspend the activity, or use of natural resources, or limit discharge, physical or other impact on the environment by enterprises, businesses, institutions, and organizations, certain workshops, sites, devices, and other objects regardless of their institutions subordination and types of ownership, which may be implemented without permission, or with violation of requirements provided by these permissions, issued in compliance with the established procedure, or with gross or pattern violation of standards, norms, and rules of protection and use of natural resources, operation of devices and constructions designed for environment protection;

h) to suspend or prohibit operation and output of vehicles and other mobile devices and objects which pollute the environment with waste in excess of established norms;

i) to organize and govern the work of ecological posts;

j) to prohibit the use of supervised vessels and bases (constructions) for their stationing, if their state threatens the safety of operation or sailing of small size vessels on water, or environment protection;

k) to prohibit import or export, liberation, dissemination or acclimatization of animals and plants which may inflict damage to the existing (or growing) in the territory of the republic objects of flora and fauna, or damage to the health of people;

l) consider materials on administrative offenses in the area of environment protection and use of natural resources, rules of registration, recording, and use of supervised vessels and bases (devices) for their stationing, and other normatives and requirements relevant to safety of sailing, and to impose fines and other administrative sanctions on guilty individuals, and if necessary, to submit materials for consideration by law enforcement agencies, in compliance with the procedure established by the legislation of the Kyrgyz Republic for bringing guilty persons to liability; to allocate collected amounts (including those in foreign currency) to special accounts of the Ministry;

m) to inspect, examine, seize, and withdraw documents, tools (items) of commission of offenses, vehicles, and illegally acquired natural objects;

n) to approve in compliance with established procedure the rates for calculation of amount of sanctions for damage inflicted by illegal acquiring or destruction of wild animals and fish, wild-growing plants, technical raw materials, and other natural formations (including moomijo);

o) to receive without compensation and necessary information and statistics on the state of the environment, the use and use and reproduction of natural resources, and conduct of measures on environment protection from ministries, administrative agencies, enterprises, institutions, joint ventures, and other organizations, and from individuals;

p) to receive urgent information on volley discharges, accidents and emergency situations;

q) to require and receive without compensation necessary information and explanations from all legal entities and enterprises located in the republic, including foreign ones;

r) organize scientific and technical, expertise and other inter-institutional councils, groups and committees to determine the status of development of measures on protection and rational use of natural resources, and councils of state ecological expertise for consideration of results of the state ecological expertise of the most complicated problems of social and economic development of territories, feasibility studies (calculations), and projects of construction of large objects and complexes of the national economy, and for consideration of the results of the state ecological expertise. The authorities of the Ministry shall approve the regulations on councils, groups and committees;

s) call meetings on issues in the competence of the Ministry and its bodies in localities;

t) to establish self-financed scientific and research and other subdivisions, and temporary creative teams at the Ministry and its regional bodies, for resolution of environment protection tasks;

u) to involve scientific and research, project, and construction organizations, higher schools, scientific and technical creative and information centers, other bodies and organizations, and of certain scientists and specialists for development of long-

term programs, territorial complex schemes, and resolution of other issues related to protection and rational use of natural resources;

v) to require from authorities at the ministries, administrative agencies, enterprises, institutions, and organizations, regardless of their institutional subordination and types of ownership, creation at their objects of points (posts) equipped with devices for permanent control over discharge of polluting substances into the environment, implementation of control over the work of such points (posts), and provision by the indicated points (posts) permanent information to the Ministry and its regional bodies;

w) to form and dispose of the national fund of environment protection, in accordance with the effective Regulation on it;

x) to open special accounts of the Ministry and subordinate organizations, which are sued in compliance with the established procedure, by the decision of the Ministry;

y) to collect payment for the use of nature, discharge of polluting substances, and location of the waste in the environment.

#### **IV. ORGANIZATION OF WORK OF MINISTRY**

10. The Ministry shall be headed by the Minister appointed by the President of the Kyrgyz Republic, after consultation with the Prime Minister of the Kyrgyz Republic.

Vice Ministers shall be appointed by the Prime Minister of the Kyrgyz Republic, by presentation by the Minister of Environment Protection of the Kyrgyz Republic.

The Vice Minister who deals with issues of the state control is also the Chief State Inspector of the Kyrgyz Republic for environment protection.

The Head of the Government Ecological expertise is simultaneously the Chief State Ecological Expert of the Kyrgyz Republic.

11. The Minister of Environment Protection of the Kyrgyz Republic shall:

- bear personal liability for performance of objectives and functions, and for the work of enterprises, institutions and organizations of the Ministry;

- distribute the duties between Vice Ministers;

- establish the level of liability of the Vice Ministers, and leaders of structural subdivisions of the Ministry;

- obligate, reorganize and eliminate subordinate enterprises, institutions, and other structural subdivisions, and approve their structure and staff within the limits of the established fund of salaries;

- approve regulations on departments and sections of the Ministry and subordinate enterprises, institutions and organizations;

- admits and dismisses leaders of divisions and sections, and other employees of the Ministry, and leading officials of subordinate enterprises, institutions and organizations;

- impose disciplinary sanctions to leaders of departments and sections, other employees of the Ministry, leading officials of subordinate enterprises, institutions and organizations;

- organize and preside over sessions of the collegium of the Ministry

- perform other powers provided by the Law;

12. In the absence of the Minister, the first Vice Minister shall perform his duties, by the Minister's authorization;

13. The Minister of Environment Protection of the Kyrgyz Republic, based on and in the implementation of the Constitution of the Kyrgyz Republic, the laws of the Kyrgyz Republic, acts of the President of the Kyrgyz Republic, resolutions of the President of the Kyrgyz Republic, shall issue orders and other acts, organize and monitor their implementation.

14. The collegium composed of the Minister (the Chairman), Vice Ministers, and other leading employees of the Ministry, shall be formed in the Ministry. Members of the collegium, other than those who are members of the collegium by virtue of their position, shall be approved by the Prime Minister of the Kyrgyz Republic, by presentation of the Minister.

In case of dismissal of members of the collegium, this issue shall be first coordinated with the Prime Minister of the Kyrgyz Republic.

Collegium of the Ministry:

- considers fundamental issues of activity of the Ministry, hear reports of heads of departments and sectors of the central apparatus of the Ministry and subordinate enterprises, institutions and organizations, discuss issues of matching and appointment of the staff;

- hears reports of heads of ministries, administrative agencies, enterprises, institutions, and organizations regardless of their institutional subordination, and types of ownership regarding issues of environment protection, and the use of natural resources, and makes appropriate decisions;

- approve national and coordinate institutional standards, norms, rules, methodological guidance, instructions, and other normative documents in the area of use and protection of natural resources.

Decisions of the Collegium shall be enforced by Resolutions and Orders of the Ministry.

If votes split even between the members of the Collegium, the decision voted for by the presiding person. Members of the Collegium who do not agree with such decision may communicate their opinion to the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic.

15. Decisions of the Ministry and its regional bodies are mandatory for ministries, administrative agencies of the Republic, enterprises, institutions, and organizations regardless of their institutional subordination, and forms of ownership, by citizens, and foreign legal entities and individuals.

16. The uniform and badges of rank shall be introduced for the Minister, Vice Ministers, and other officials of bodies of the Ministry of Environment Protection of the Kyrgyz Republic who perform the control over environment protection and rational use of natural resources, and storage and use of arms and special means is permitted in compliance with the established procedure.

The Ministry shall organize a network of non-staff public inspectors and experts on protection of nature.

17. A public council for protection of nature composed of scientists, public figures, representatives of agencies of self-government, heads of ministries, administrative agencies, enterprises, and education institutions, the press and citizens may be established in the Ministry, to ensure complete and detailed discussion of major problems of natural use, and environment protection, and development of recommendations on their resolution.

The Minister shall approve the composition of this council and Resolution on it.

18. A Coordination Council for protection of nature, composed of the Minister, First Vice Minister, Vice Minister and members of the collegium shall be formed at the Government.

The Coordination Council shall be also composed of the heads of ministries, administrative agencies of the Kyrgyz Republic, and the leading scientists, experts, and public representatives.

The size and the personal composition of the coordination council for environment protection is subject to approval by the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic, by presentation of the Minister.

The sessions of the coordination council where critical issues of protection of nature, and the rational use of natural resources in the republic shall be discussed, shall be held when necessary, no less than twice a year.

Should any dispute arise between the Chairman of the coordination council and its members, the Chairman shall enforce his decision, and members of the council, in their turn, have the right to communicate their opinion to the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic.