

State Natural Game Reserves

Name: State Game Reserve of Barda

Year of foundation: 1966

Area (hectare): 7,500

Location: Barda and Agdash

Description: The State Game Reserve of Barda established on the base of the Ayridjan protected area, which had existed since 1930 on forestry lands. The main purpose of the area is the preservation and restoration of the number of Phasianus, Francolinus and hare. This protected area is referred to as a fauna type area.

Name: State Game Reserve of Sheki

Year of foundation: 1964

Area (hectare): 10,350

Location: Within the territory of Sheki administrative district, at the basin of the River Ayrichay, between the roads Yevlakh-Sheki and Sheki-Oghuz.

Description: It is referred to as a fauna type of protected area, and serves to protect and restore the number of Pheasants (Phasianus) and other valuable birds.

Name: State Game Reserve of the Glinani (Clay) Island

Year of foundation: 1964

Area (hectare): 400

Location: Within the territory of Garadagh district of Baku city.

Description: The State Game Reserve of the Glinani (Clay) Island was established on an island in the Caspian Sea near the Apsheron Peninsula. It is referred to as a fauna type of protected area and serves to protect migratory and wintering waterfowl birds, sea-gull colonies and Caspian seal rookeries.

Name: State Game Reserve of Bandovan

Year of foundation: 1961

Area (hectare): 4,930

Location: On the border of Salyan and Garadagh districts.

Description: The State Game Reserve of Bandovan is referred to as of the fauna type and has been established for the protection and restoration of the number of Persian gazelle (*Gazella sulgutturosa*), waterfowl birds and Little bustard (*Otis tetrax*). It borders the Shirvan National Park. In its fauna and flora it is similar to the Shirvan park.

Name: State Game Reserve of Gerchay

Year of foundation: 1961

Area (hectare): 15,000

Location: Within the territory of Khanlar and Goramboyl administrative districts.

Description: State Game Reserve of Gerchay was established for the protection of the population of Persian gazelle (*Gazella sulgutturosa*).

Name: State Game Reserve of Lachin

Year of foundation: 1961

Area (hectare): 21,370

Location: Within the territory of Lachin administrative district (border with Armenia).

Description: The State Game Reserve of Lachin was established for the preservation and restoration of the number of bezoar goat (*Capra aegagrus*), Caucasian brown bear, wild boar and hare. At present the territory of the game reserve is under occupation.

Name: State Game Reserve of Gusar

Year of foundation: 1964

Area (hectare): 15,000

Location: Within the territory of Gusar administrative district.

Description: The State Game Reserve of Gusar was established for the preservation and restoration of the number of grey partridge (*Perdix perdix*), pheasants (*Phasianus*), roe, wild boar and hare.

Name: State Game Reserve of Shamkir

Year of foundation: 1964

Area (hectare): 10,000

Location: Within the territory of Shamkir administrative district.

Description: The State Game Reserve of Shamkir was established for the preservation and restoration of the number of pheasants (*Phasianus*), *Francolinus francolinus*, partridge (*Alectoris kakelik*), waterfowl birds.

Name: State Game Reserve of Zuvand

Year of foundation: 1969

Area (hectare): 15,000

Location: Within the territory of Lerik and Yardimli administrative districts.

Description: The State Game Reserve of Zuvand was established for the protection and restoration of the number of pheasant (*Phasianus*), partridge (*Alectoris kakelik*), roe, wild boar, Transcaucasian brown bear, leopard and rare reptile species.

Name: State Game Reserve of Ismailli

Year of foundation: 1969

Area (hectare): 23,438

Location: Within the territory of Ismailli and Gabala administrative districts.

Description: The State Game Reserve of Ismailli was established for the protection and restoration of the number of Caucasian red deer, chamois, goat, roe, wild boar, Transcaucasian brown bear, marten, Caucasian black cock, *Tetraogallus* and others. The flora and fauna are similar to those of the Ismailli reserve.

Name: State Game Reserve of Gubadly

Year of foundation: 1969

Area (hectare): 20,000

Location: Within the territory of Gubadly and Lachin administrative districts.

Description: The State Game Reserve of Gubadly was established for the preservation and restoration of the number of Caucasian brown bear, bezoar goat (*Capra aegagrus*), wild boar, roe and others. At present the territory of the game reserve is under occupation.

Name: State Game Reserve of Small Gyzyl-Agach

Year of foundation: 1978

Area (hectare): 10,700

Location: Within the territory of Lankaran administrative district, in the middle and south parts of the Small Gyzyl-Agach bay.

Description: The State Game Reserve of Small Gyzyl-Agach was established for the protection and restoration of the number of wintering, migrating, and wintering waterfowl-wader and coastal birds, including rare and endangered species. It borders the Gyzyl-Agach reserve and has similar flora and fauna.

Name: State Game Reserve of Gyzylja

Year of foundation: 1984

Area (hectare): 5,135

Location: Within the territory of Gedabey administrative district, in the area of the Gyzylja forestry.

Description: The State Game Reserve of Gyzylja was established for the protection and restoration of natural complexes on the eastern slopes of the Minor Caucasian Ridge, also for the restoration of the number of rare and endemic species of plants and animals.

Name: State Game Reserve of Dashalty

Year of foundation: 1981

Area (hectare): 450

Location: Within the territory of Shusha administrative district, in the outskirts of Shusha city.

Description: The State Game Reserve of Dashalty was established for the preservation of the unique natural complex and landscape of the Minor Caucasus. From 1992 it is under occupation and was severely damaged during the military operations.

Name: State Game Reserve of Arazboyu

Year of foundation: 1993

Area (hectare): 2,200

Location: Within the territory of Zangilan administrative district.

Description: The State Game Reserve of Arazboyu was established for the protection and restoration of the unique natural complexes of the Araks tugay forests. At present it is under occupation and is only on the verge of complete degradation.

Name: State Game Reserve of Gabala

Year of foundation: 1993

Area (hectare): 39,700

Location: Within the territory of Gabala administrative district.

Description: The State Game Reserve of Gabala was established for the preservation of forest landscapes on the southern slopes of the Major Caucasus Ridge and the restoration of the number of rare and endangered species of flora and fauna.

Name: State Game Reserve of Gakh

Year of foundation: 2003

Area (hectare): 36,836

Location: Within the territory of Gakh administrative district, on the border with the Ilisu State Reserve.

Description: The State Game Reserve of Gakh was established for protection of endangered species of animals.

Name: State Game Reserve of Garayazi-Agstafa

Year of foundation: 1964

Area (hectare): 11,970

Location: Within the territory of Agstafa administrative district, in the area of Garayazi forests.

Description: The State Game Reserve of Garayazi-Agstafa was established for protection of forest landscapes, animals and birds. There are marals, wild boars, wolves, foxes and hares.

It should be noted that two state natural reserves (Beshitchay and Gara gol) and four state reserves (Lachyn, Gubadly, Dashaly, Arazboyu) (total area of 44 thousand hectares) are no longer operating as a result of the Armenian aggression.