



**NATIONAL BANK  
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*On issue of the commemorative silver coin “Caspian Seal (Phoca Caspica) of the “Flora and Fauna of Kazakhstan” series of coins*

The National Bank of the Republic of Kazakhstan announces the issue, effective from 13 November 2013, of the commemorative **silver coin of “proof” quality “Caspian Seal” (Phoca Caspica) of the “Flora and Fauna of Kazakhstan” series of coins**, of the nominal value of KZT 500.

**The commemorative silver coin “Caspian Seal” (Phoca Caspica)** has an oval form. On the face (obverse) of coin there is a stylized image of a floating seal and the Sun. In the upper part of the coin there is legend “500 TENGE”, which denotes the coin nominal value; to the left there is the trademark of Kazakhstan Mint. In the lower part, on full oval there is a legend “ҚАЗАҚСТАН ҰЛТТЫҚ БАНКІ» (KAZAKSTAN ULTYK BANKI) in the state language and “Ag 925 24 g”, which denotes the metal a coin is made, its fineness and weight.



In the center of the back side (reverse) of the coin there is an image of a Caspian seal with a calf among the ice floes and a gold plated image of the Sun. In the upper part, on the full oval there is legend “КАСПИЙ ИТБАЛЫҒЫ” (KASPI ITBALYGY) in the state language and “PHOCA CASPICA” (the species name in the Latin language), and in the bottom part there is a figure “2013”, which denotes the year of mintage.

The images and legends on the obverse and reverse of the coins are relief. A protruding edge runs on the full oval. The lateral surface (gurt) is grooved.

The coin is made of sterling silver, weight – 24 grams; oval 38.61 x 28.81 mm; quality of manufacture – “proof”; mintage – 5 thousand

Commemorative coin of face value of KZT 500 is mandatory for acceptance at its face value throughout the Republic of Kazakhstan for all types of payments as well as for credit to the accounts, placement on deposits, for letters of credit and for money transfers; it is changed and exchanged without limitation in all banks of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

#### **Comments of the National Bank of the Republic of Kazakhstan**

A Caspian seal (Latin *Phoca caspica*) is a “true” phocid seal of Pinnipeds family. It is the smallest seal in the world, endemic of the Caspian Sea. In summer, early spring and late autumn the Caspian seals migrate to the northern part of the sea, where the seals form colonies, pup and molt; in autumn the Caspian seals go into the mouths of Volga and Ural Rivers up to Volgograd, and upstream of the Ural River as far as 200 km; in spring the seals move to the south. The Caspian seals live in colonies. It is an endangered species.

The commemorative coin “has been manufactured at the State Enterprise on the Right of Economic Management “Kazakhstan Mint of the National Bank of the Republic of Kazakhstan”.

The coin is designed in accordance with the Concept of Design of Banknotes and Coins of the National Currency – Kazakhstani Tenge approved by the Decree No. 1193 of 25 September 2003 of the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

The commemorative silver coins of “proof” quality are intended for sale at the collection value. They are produced in a souvenir package and are attached with a numbered certificate of quality of the National Bank of the Republic of Kazakhstan in the state, Russian and English languages.

Coin may be purchased in all branches of the National Bank of the Republic of Kazakhstan. In Almaty coins can be purchased at 98 Panfilov Street. Telephone for reference: (727) 273-83-98.

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