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## Kyrgyz Republic Red Data Book (III). Fishes

On March 18, 2021 the State Committee of Information Technology and Communications of the Kyrgyz Republic puts into circulation a series of Kyrgyz Express Post postage stamps: "Kyrgyz Republic Red Data Book (III). Fishes".

Although Kyrgyzstan is a predominantly mountainous country with no access to the sea, its ichthyofauna is quite rich and diverse. There are 107 species and subspecies of fish in the country's lakes and rivers, among which many are endemic or subendemic. In Lake Issyk-Kul alone, there are eleven endemic fish species. The following species, listed in Kyrgyz Republic Red Data Book, are represented on KEP stamps:

- **Issyk-Kul Marinka** (*Schizothorax issykkuli*);
- **Eastern Ostroluchka** (*Capoetobrama kuschakewitschi*);
- **Turkestan Catfish** (*Glyptosternon reticulatum*);
- **Pike Asp** (*Aspiolucius esocinus*).

The First Day Cover depicts the **Chatkal bullhead** (*Cottus jaxartensis*).

A negative impact on the number and diversity of Kyrgyzstan's aquatic fauna is caused by several human factors, such as: reservoir pollution, irrigation, poaching and the introduction of alien species. As a result, many fish species in Kyrgyzstan are very rare and need urgent protection and conservation measures.

Kyrgyz Express Post expresses its appreciation to the hydrobiologist Mariia Cherniavskaia for her advice in preparing this stamp issue. For this series, KEP also issues four postcards, which are used to realize four maximum cards.

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### Stamps description

No. 166. 50 KGS. Issyk-Kul Marinka (*Schizothorax issykkuli*)

No. 167. 75 KGS. Eastern Ostroluchka (*Capoetobrama kuschakewitschi*)

No. 168. 100 KGS. Turkestan Catfish (*Glyptosternon reticulatum*)

No. 169. 150 KGS. Pike Asp (*Aspiolucius esocinus*)

### Technical specifications

**Paper:** coated, gummed, 105 g/m<sup>2</sup>. **Printing method:** full-color offset lithography.

**Stamps perforation:** comb 14:14½. **Stamps size:** 69.00 x 27.50 mm.

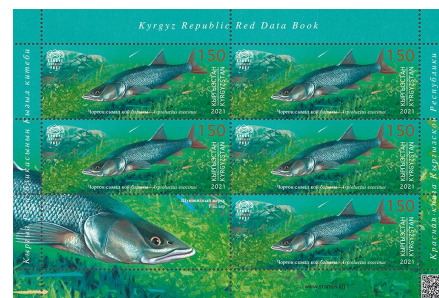


Stamps are issued in minisheets of 5 stamps with 1 label. Stamps are also issued in a collective minisheet of 4 stamps (1 complete set). **Minisheets size:** 159.00 x 108.00 mm

**Collective minisheet size:** 159.00 x 80.50 mm. **Quantity issued:** 6 500 pieces each stamp, including the quantity of the collective minisheet – 1 500 pieces.

**Designer:** Vladimir Melnic.

**Printer House:** “Nova Imprim” (Chişinău, Moldova).



A special cancellation on FDC will be carried out at the Bishkek KEP Office (729001) on the stamps issuing day. The first day cover, postcards and special cancellation are designed by Vladimir Melnic.



Cover size: 190 x 130 mm. Cover printing method: full-color offset. Postcards printing method: digital. Quantity of covers issued: 250 pieces. Quantity of postcards issued: 250 pieces each. Endorsing ink color: black.

