

Regional Pasture Network: Knowledge Management and Experience Sharing in Central Asia, China and Mongolia

Rationale

In the last two decades, the governance of pasturelands in Central and Inner Asia has transitioned from state-led pasture management to a variety of new tenure arrangements ranging from private to common property systems. There is significant potential to improve pasture management using the vast body of experience and knowledge accumulated since the 1990s, but opportunities for experience sharing have so far been insufficient to fully realise this potential.



Picture 1. The International Practitioners Conference on Pasture Management. Bishkek, 2014

Aim of the Regional Pasture Network

Regional Pasture Network (RPN) is a platform to connect individuals and organizations in Central Asian countries, China and Mongolia in order to promote the exchange of experience and expertise in pasture management. Its thematic focus is on pastures, but also includes aspects of forest and wildlife management.



Results to date

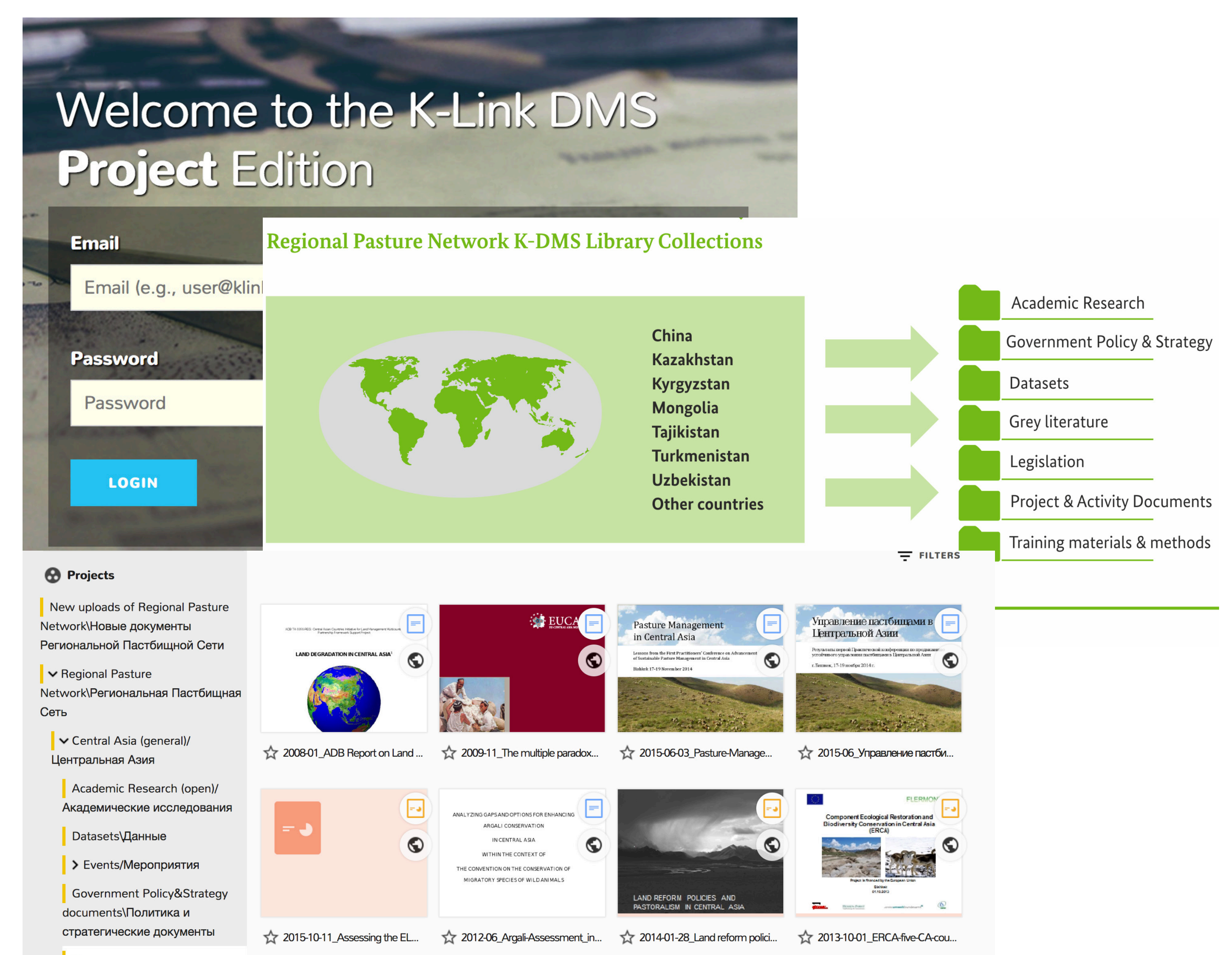
Around 130 members have joined the network from over 70 organizations in the region. The RPN E-Library is part of KLINK Network, which provides access to over 2700 documents in the field of natural resource management and climate resilience contributed by six Central Asian partners.

RPN Approach

The Regional Pasture Network (RPN) is an innovative and integrated approach for knowledge exchange on sustainable pasture management in Central Asia and Inner Asia.

RPN has established:

- Online E-Library with collections of documents;
- Mailing list for information dissemination;
- Monthly newsletter;
- Facebook group as a platform for discussion among members,
- Organization of events for members to meet each other.



Expected outcomes

RPN is established as a sustainable and professional network, through which individual members and organisations can strengthen their capacity and share learning, accumulate knowledge and put this knowledge to practice in order to contribute to improved pasture and use of land resources in Central Asia. Whilst RPN is currently managed by GIZ, it will soon be handed over to a carrier institution in the region.

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References

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