The Framework Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the Caspian Sea aka the Tehran Convention

Created to protect and preserve Caspian Sea's natural resources for future generations

Ratified by Azerbaijan, Iran, Kazakhstan, Russia and Turkmenistan (Parties)

Their intent is sustainable development and to take environmental concerns into account in their development planning

Tehran Convention is the first regional legally binding instrument signed by all five Caspian littoral states.

Serves as an overarching governance framework which lays down the general requirements and the institutional mechanism for environmental protection and sustainable development in the Caspian Sea region.

Under its aegis, Parties have developed additional Protocols on priority areas of common concern

Effective implementation will support protection of marine environment and the livelihoods, health and well-being of present and future generations around the Caspian Sea.