

Role of Civil Society Organizations in Conservation of the Amur River Basin and the North Pacific Rim

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Abstract

The “Rivers without Boundaries” International Coalition Coordinator describes modes of NGO involvement in solving environmental problems in the region, make suggestions on coordination and cooperation between green groups and expert community. Examples of projects on climate adaptation, assessing hydropower impacts, preventing mining damage to rivers, comprehensive planning for future NGO activities show that NGO work is utilizing diverse scientific knowledge and needs constant support from expert community. The author argues that with current unfavorable trends in the region cooperation between expert community and environmental civil groups should be strengthened.

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