



**NATIONAL BANK
OF THE REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN
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*On issue of the commemorative coin
“Praying Mantis”*

The National Bank of the Republic of Kazakhstan announces the issue, effective from 24 August 2012, of the commemorative coin “Praying Mantis” of the “Red Book of Kazakhstan” series of coins of the face value of KZT 500 made of silver of “proof” quality and of face value of KZT 50 made of a nickel-silver alloy.

“**Praying Mantis**” commemorative coins made of silver and nickel-silver alloy have identical images of the obverse and reverse. Image on the silver coin of “proof” quality is disposed on the mirrored surface.

In the left sector of the face (obverse) of the coin there is indication of the face value (“500 TENGE” and inscription “Ag 925 31.1 g” on the silver coin, which denotes the metal a coin is made of, its fineness and weight); (“50 TENGE” – on the coin made of silver-nickel alloy); the trademark of Kazakhstan mint and the number “2012”, which means the year of coinage. On full-circle there is inscription “ҚАЗАҚСТАН ҰЛТТЫҚ БАНКІ” (KAZAKSTAN ULTTYK BANKI”) (NATIONAL BANK OF KAZAKHSTAN”) in the state language and in the right sector there is an image of mantis in brushwood, its specific habitat.



On the back side (reverse) of the coins, in the center thereof, there is an image of two mantises. On full-circle there is inscription “ДӘУІТ” (DEUIT) in the state language and “HIERODULA TENUIDENTATA” in Latin, which is a zoological name of the species.

The images and inscriptions on the obverse and reverse of the coins are relief.

The coins are made of:

- 1) silver of 925/1000 standard; weight – 31.1 gram, diameter - 38,61 mm; lateral surface (gurt) is grooved; quality of manufacture – “proof, mintage – 5 thousand,
- 2) nickel-silver alloy, weight – 11.17 gram; diameter - 31 mm; lateral surface (gurt) is grooved; mintage – 50 thousand,.

Commemorative silver coins of KZT 500 face value and coins of KZT 50 face value made of silver-nickel alloy are mandatory for acceptance at their 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; they are changed and exchanged without limitation in all banks of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

Comments of the National Bank of the Republic of Kazakhstan

“**Praying Mantis**” coin is the thirteenth silver coin of the series devoted to the rare and endangered species of Kazakhstan’s fauna; a coin made of silver-nickel alloy is the seventh coin of said series.

Mantises are mainly large insects with a long body of 5-9 cm; however, there are exceptional samples. The common feature of all mantises is the spiked forelegs, in which prey items are caught and held securely. Praying mantises are “experts” in camouflage.

Commemorative coins are made at the Republican State Enterprise on the Right of Economic Management “Kazakhstan Mint of the National Bank of the Republic of Kazakhstan”.

The coins are 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 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.

One thousand of commemorative nickel-silver coins are packed in special thermal vacuum wraps for sale.

Coins 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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