



**NATIONAL BANK  
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*On issue of commemorative coins “Brandt's hedgehog”  
(Hemiechinus hypomelas)  
from the “Red Book of Kazakhstan” series of coins*

The National Bank of the Republic of Kazakhstan announces the issue, effective from 7 June 2013, of the commemorative coins “Brandt's hedgehog” (Hemiechinus hypomelas) 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.

In the middle part of the face (obverse) of **the silver coin “Brandt's hedgehog”** (Hemiechinus hypomelas) there is a stylized image of a hedgehog and a legend “500 TENGE”, which denotes the nominal value of the coin. In the upper part there is the number “2013”, which means the year of mintage. On full-circle there is a protruding edge, a legend “ҚАЗАҚСТАН ҰЛТТЫҚ БАНКІ” (KAZAKSTAN ULTTYK BANKI”) (NATIONAL BANK OF KAZAKHSTAN”) in the state language; the logo of the National Bank of the Republic of Kazakhstan and a legend “Ag 925”, “31.1 g”, which denotes the metal a coin is made of, its fineness and weight.



On the back side (reverse) of the coin, there is an image of a cuddled hedgehog. On full-circle there is inscription “ҚАРА КІРПІ” (KARA KIRPI) in the state language and “HEMIECHINUS HYPOMELAS” in Latin, which is a zoological name of the species, and a protruding edge. .

In the middle part of the face (obverse) of the coin **“Brandt's hedgehog”** (Hemiechinus hypomelas) made of nickel-silver alloy there is a stylized image of a hedgehog and a legend “50 TENGE”, which denotes the nominal value of the coin. In the upper part there is the number “2013”, which means the year of mintage. On full-circle there is a protruding edge, a legend “ҚАЗАҚСТАН ҰЛТТЫҚ БАНКІ” (KAZAKSTAN ULTTYK BANKI”) (NATIONAL BANK OF KAZAKHSTAN”) in the state language and the logo of the National Bank of the Republic of Kazakhstan.



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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, diameter - 31 mm; weight – 11.17 gram; lateral surface (gurt) is grooved; mintage – 100 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**

A Brandt's hedgehog (*Hemiechinus hypomelas*) is a big-size hedgehog about 500-900g in weight and 226-272 mm in length with thick and long needles. It is a habitant of clay, sand and rocky deserts and oasis. It is predominantly nocturnal solitary species. Can be found in the south-west part of Kazakhstan.

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.

Six thousand of commemorative nickel-silver coins are brilliant uncirculated and 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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