

# Turkmenistan

## Structure of EECA Research Inventories

Country: Turkmenistan

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### General country information:

Country name	Turkmenistan
Population	544,700; density 9.9/km <sup>2</sup> (208th) 25.6/sq mi
Area	Total: 488,100 km <sup>2</sup> (52nd) 188,456 sq mi; Water (%) 4.9
Capital	Ashgabat
System of Government	Single-party state; President: both head of state and head of government.
Head of the Government	President Gurbanguly Berdimuhammedov
Science Minister	Minister of Education – Mukhammetgegly Annaamananov
Parliament	The Khalk Maslakhaty (People's Council) is the ultimate representative body, which meets once a year. The Mejlis (National Assembly) is the main legislature.
Administrative structure	Turkmenistan is divided into five regions (velayats). They are: Akhal, Balkan, Dashkhovuz, Lebap, Mary.
Geography (short description, up to 300 characters)	It is situated in Central Asia north of Kopet Dag Mountains, between the Caspian Sea in the west and Amu Darya in the east. Total area: 488,1 sq km. The territory of Turkmenistan stretches for 1110 kilometres from west to east and 650 kilometres from north to south. Turkmenistan has border in the north with Kazakhstan, in the east and north-east with Uzbekistan in the south with Iran and in the south-east with Afghanistan.

### S&T-related information:

Turkmenistan just started to restore the National Academy of Sciences, which was liquidated during presidency of previous president of Turkmenistan Saparmurat Niyazov. As soon as it will work again it will realize main priorities of government and president of the country and will give new impulse to develop science of Turkmenistan. Present task of Turkmen scientists is to search for training of young researchers at foreign scientific and research centres and to establish close cooperation with prestigious universities of Europe.

Implementation of these tasks is very difficult because during the Niyazov's presidency all textbooks in Russian and other foreign languages were destroyed in complete. Restoration in the field of education and science is started and will take time.

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