

Emerging IUCN Arctic Programme: Comprehensive Regional Approach



Presentation to the Senior Arctic Officials

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IUCN Arctic Strategy

- **WCC Resolution 2.22. “*IUCN’s Work in the Arctic*”**
- **All eight AC states are the State members of IUCN**
- **Strategy Development 2001-2002**
- **Action Plan Development (end 2001-2002)**
- **IUCN Council meeting 27 - 29 May**

Long-term objective

To develop an effective, financially viable, IUCN's Arctic Initiative that influences, encourages and assists Arctic countries, indigenous organisations and the private sector to conserve the integrity and diversity of nature in the Arctic and to ensure that any use of natural resources is equitable and ecologically sustainable

IUCN's Arctic Strategy is designed to

- **Build on the existing capacities to conserve and sustainably use natural resources;**
- **Promote collaborative arrangements in the region;**
- **PIORITY: Field projects in the Russian Arctic:**
 - **best practices to inform national and regional policy processes,**
 - **enhance capacities to use sustainably renewable natural resources,**
 - **contribute to global initiatives**

Regional Approach

- **Natural Heritage of the Barents Region: Management in the Interests of Future Generations;**
- **Biodiversity Conservation and Traditional Use for Sustainable Development of Chukotsky Autonomous Okrug.**

An aerial photograph of a frozen body of water, likely in the Arctic region. The image shows a complex pattern of ice floes in various shades of blue, green, and white, separated by dark water. A small boat is visible in the center of the image, surrounded by ice. The overall scene is a vast, open, and cold landscape.

Natural Heritage of the Barents Region

Goal - to work out and implement the methods for protection and management of natural and cultural heritage in the Russian part of the Barents Region as a unified transboundary natural and cultural-historical complex.

Barents Activities

- **Data base of conservation projects (success/failure analysis);**
- **Implementation of the strategies developed;**
- **Regional Protected Areas network strengthening;**
- **Ecotourism development;**
- **Preservation of natural and cultural heritage of the region;**
- **Traditional nature use practices promotion;**
- **Innovative financial mechanism**



Chukotka Programme

Goal - to prevent threats to biodiversity and traditional livelihood of indigenous peoples under conditions of intensified natural resources exploitation

Chukotka Activities

- **Gap-analysis;**
- **Monitoring of Biodiversity and Key Natural Objects;**
- **Bilateral co-operation (Russia – US: Arctic Biological Year; Russia - Canada);**
- **Action Plan for Protected Areas Network;**
- **International Beringian Nature Park;**
- **Red List: Rare and endangered natural objects**
- **Small businesses development/traditional knowledge;**
- **Ecological education system based on traditional knowledge;**
- **Cross-cultural cooperation;**
- **Information Support for Nature Conservation.**

Up to date

- **Governmental support:**
 - MNR/Development & Trade/Culture/Education/N-W Dpt of NR;
- **Support from Russian Corporate Sector (LukOil, EvrAzES, Chamber of Commerce & Trade)**



NEXT STEPS



- **Creating Partnership;**
- **Co-operation and information sharing**
- **Development of detailed proposals**
- **Donor's and Partners Round Table (30-31 May, Moscow)**
- **Programmes are open-ended**

FINANCING

- **Fund raising**
 - **Russia's corporate sector - priority**
- **New financial mechanisms**
 - **Trust Fund**