

# Emerald Russia in 2012-2013

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# State programme of the Russian Federation “Environment Protection” for 2012-2020

- ▶ Approved by the Decree of the Government of the Russian Federation no.2552-p of 27.12.2012
- ▶ Includes the Subprogram on Russia’s Biodiversity
- ▶ One of targets for PAs: PAs will cover 13,5% of the total area of the country by 2020

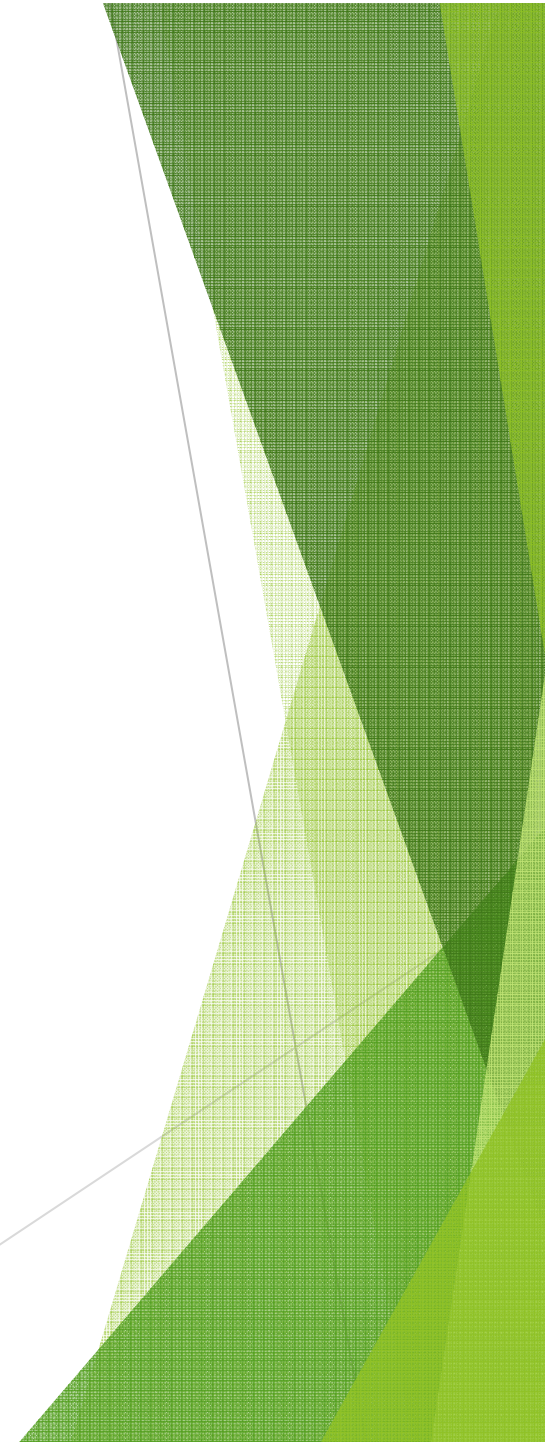


## Protected Areas of the federal level

New Protected areas established:

Dnezhskoye Pomorie National Park in Arkhangel'skaya Oblast' - will be studied as a potential Emerald site;

Berengia National Park, Sayliughem National Park, and Leopard's Land National Park are in Asian part of Russia; so, we will study them when developing principles of establishment of the Emerald Network (as Core Areas of the PEEN) in Asian part of the Russian Federation



## Protected Areas of the regional level

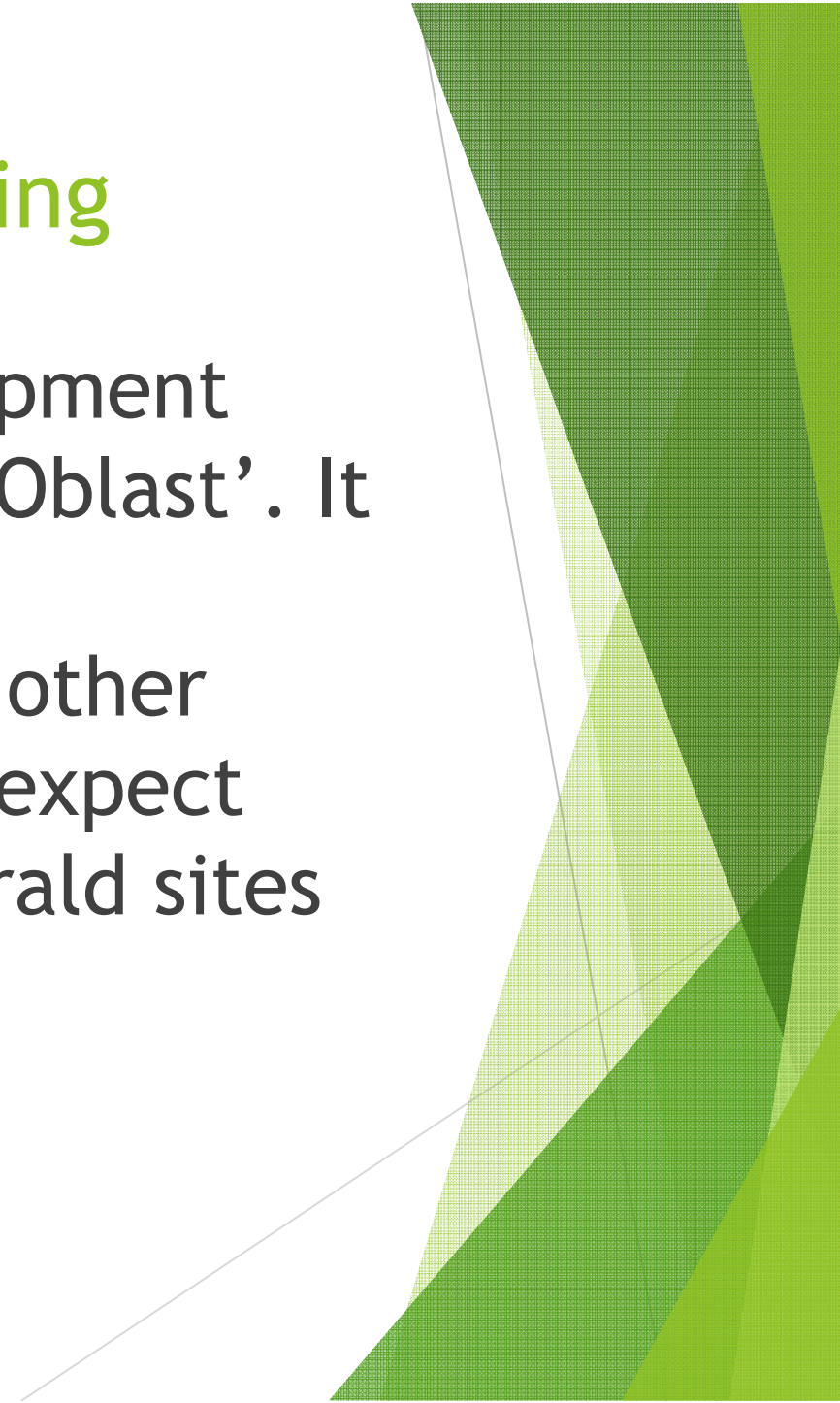
5 Protected Areas - potential ASCI's -  
restored in Novgorodskaya Oblast'.

We expect the resolution of the First Econet  
Conference and our Emerald seminar in  
Valdai City (April 2011) has contributed to  
such a result.



## Regional territorial planning

Wide prospective Territorial Development Scheme adopted in Leningradskaya Oblast'. It includes all the potential ASCI's in Leningradskaya Oblast' and a lot of other High Conservation Value Areas. We expect study them in 2013 as possible Emerald sites too.





# International co-operation

Large conservation projects contribute essentially to the identification of potential ASCI's:

Inventory of remaining steppe areas in Russia under the UNDP / GEF / MNRE Russia project «Improving the Coverage and Management Efficiency of Protected Areas in the Steppe Biome of Russia»;

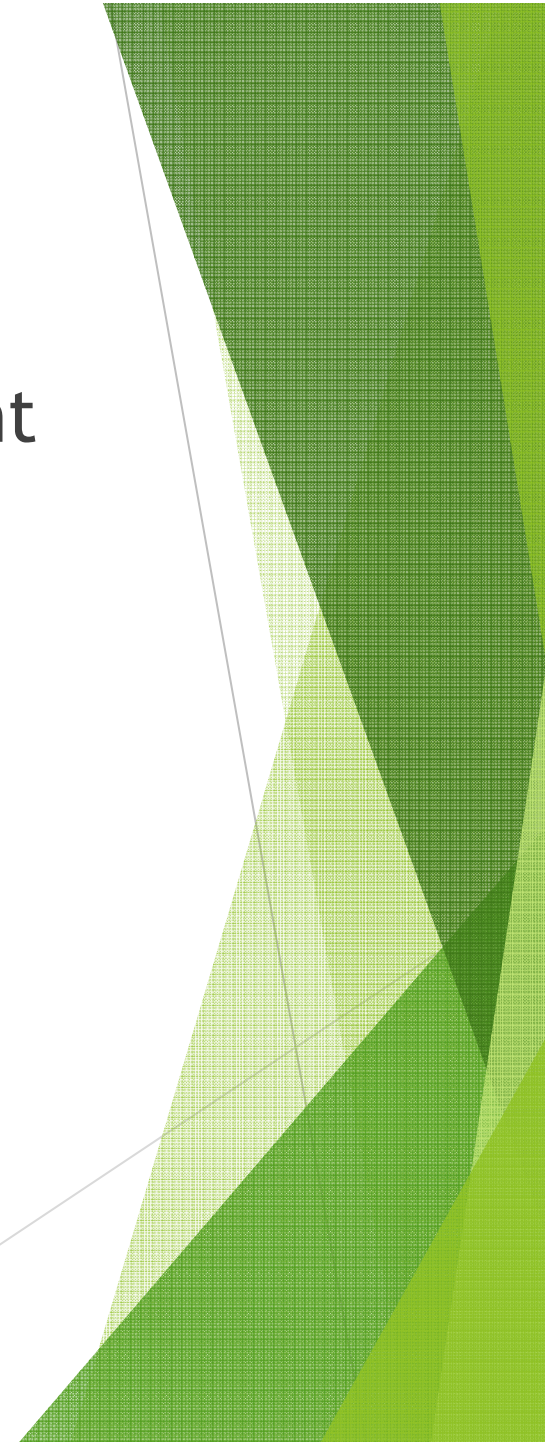
Inventory of marine and coastal Protected Areas under the UNDP / GEF / MNRE Russia project «Marine Protected Areas of Russia»;

Assessment of the conservation value and current state of Protected Areas and High Conservation Value Forests in northern part of European Russia in a frame of the project «Barents Region Protected Areas Network», supported by the Barents Euro-Arctic Council.

## Scientific activities

The Second Econet Conference in Valdai City (December 2012). The Conference Output document focuses on the possible ways of the Emerald Network development in Russia and establishment of the Russian section of the Pan-European Ecological Network up to the Far East. Several memos adopted addressing problems of the concrete potential ASCI.

The written edition of regional experts' proposals concerning potential ASCI's are still in press.



## Some problems

Threats to several potential Emerald sites in Northern Caucasus. It is unavoidably connected with Olympic preparation. A lot of NGO's and activists are involved in discussion.





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The project of a technical road menaces the potential ASCI of Khibiny in Kola peninsula. The Ministry of Natural Resources and Ecology of the Russian Federation in collaboration of regional activists and a lot of experts from many Russian regions work on the problem. The Second Econet Conference (Valdai, 2012) has required modifying the project. For the moment the situation is improving.



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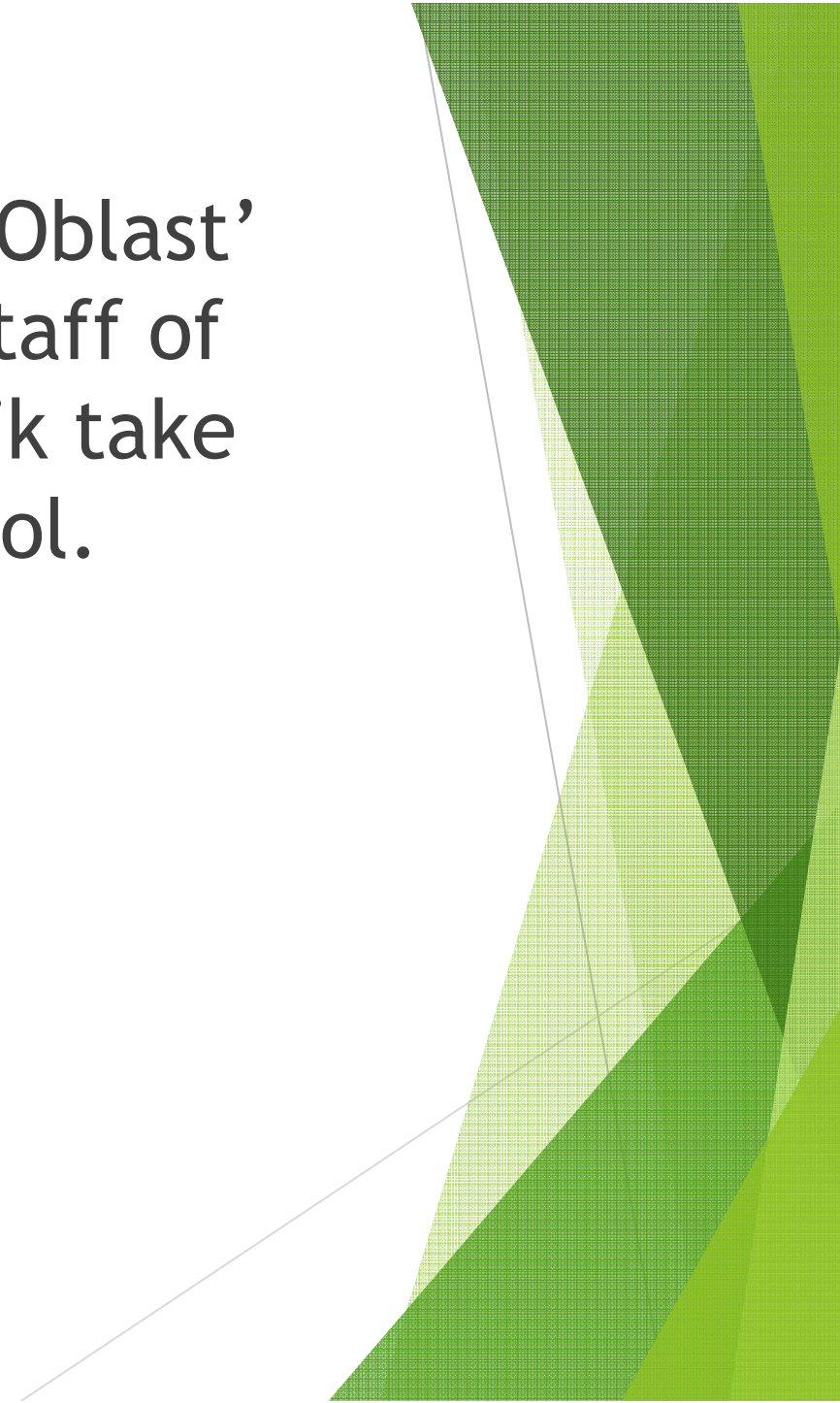
The project of North Stream Extension (NEXT) gas pipeline: one of its possible routes represents potential serious threat to the Kurgalskyi potential ASCI (the Ramsar Site, the Baltic Sea Protected Area, nature reserve of Leningradskaya Oblast’).

The ways to minimize potential threat, in line with Ramsar Convention, Helsinki Convention and national legislation, are under discussion.



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Several potential ASCI's in Kurskaya Oblast' are still not restored as PA but the staff of Tsentralny Chernoziomnyi Zapovednik take the situation under permanent control.



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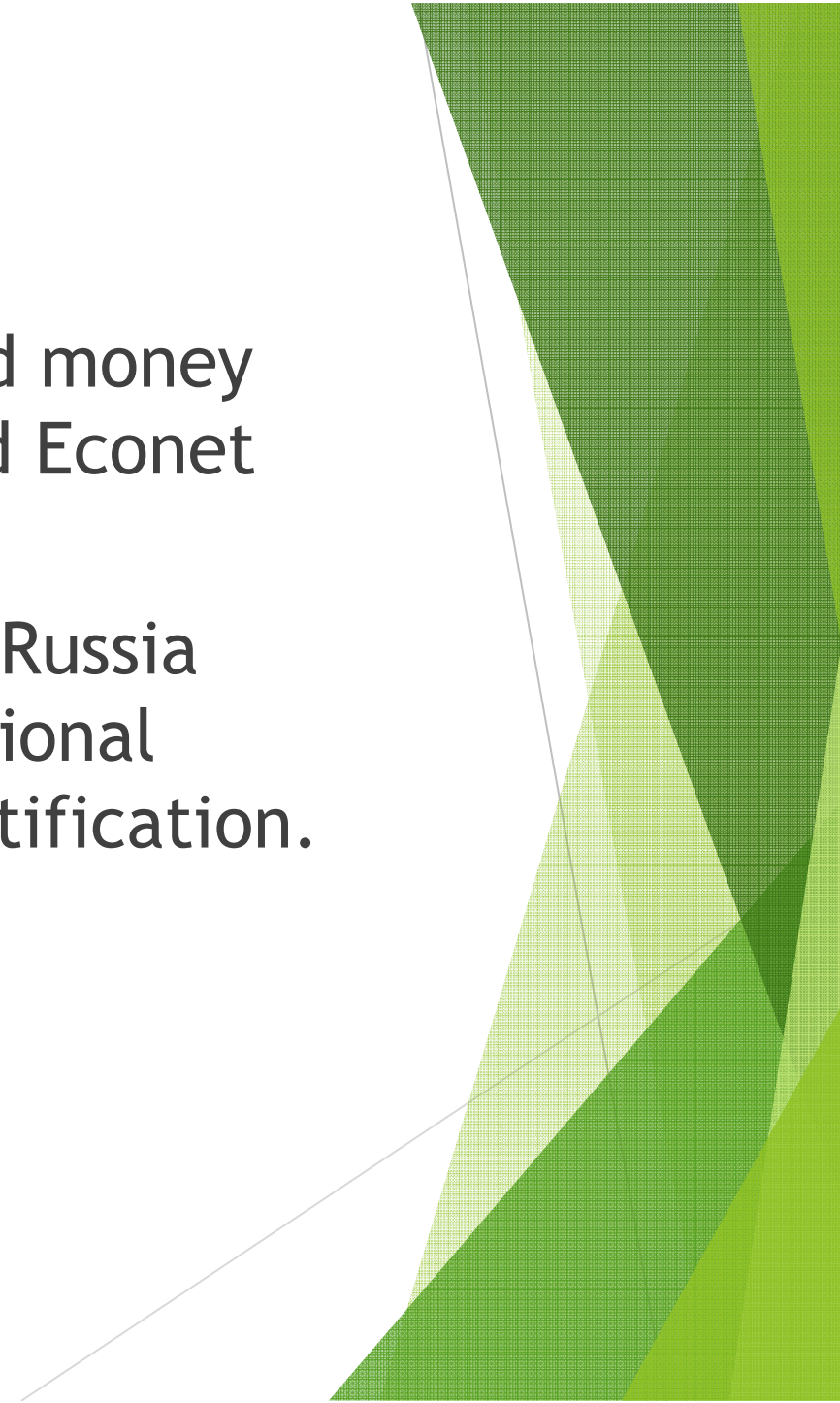
Nevertheless the mentioned problems are serious, the Ministry, regional conservation agencies, scientific institutions, and NGOs work on them in collaboration with other interested parties. So, we hope to reach the solution as optimal as possible in all the cases.



# Fundraising

Russian Academy of Sciences has allocated money to the Institute of Geography for the Third Econet Conference in Valdai City (October 2013).

We have submitted the application in the Russia Society of Geography for working with regional experts in the field on potential ASCI identification.





Thank you for your attention!

