

BIOSPHERE RESERVES OF THE VOLGA RIVER BASIN





Astrakhanskiy Biosphere Reserve





Astrakhanskiy Nature Reserve was founded in 1919 with the aim to preserve and study the habitual flow of natural processes and phenomena, including gene pool of flora and fauna of certain species and communities of plants and animals, as well as both typical and unique ecological systems of the Volga delta.

In 1984 the Reserve has been approved as a UNESCO biosphere reserve. In 1976 the Volga delta, including Astrakhan Reserve. has been included into the list of the Ramsar sites as a Wetland of International Importance named "Volga Delta".

Cation: Russia, Astrakhan region. It's located in the lower reaches of the Volga delta. The Reserve consists of three sites: Damchikskiy (1), Trekhizbinskiy (2), Obzhorovskiy (3)

> Administratively these sites are located on the territory of Kamyzyakskiy, Ikryaninskiy and Volodarskiy districts of the Astrakhan region.

The administrative office of the Reserve is located in Astrakha

Scientific researches in the Astrakhanskiy reserve have been conducted since 1920-th.

They include: phonological, geobotanical, ornithological researches since 1920-th; meteorological station since 1937; geomorphological, hydrobiological, parasitological and theriological researches since 1930-th; regular hydrological observations since 1947; regular ichthyological researches since 1950-th; entomological researches since 1960-th;

-Core areas (three units) -Buffer zones Transition zones- in the process of establishing

regular wide-scale ornithological researches since 1960-th; station of integrated background monitoring since 1987.

The Department of Protection of the Reserve performs safeguarding of the reserve's territory. Besides that, the other functions of the department are supporting of forests, fighting of fires and conducting other environmental conservation task

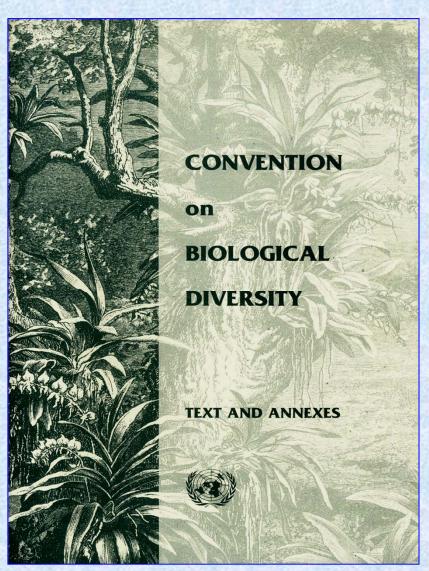


The Department of Ecological Education of the Reserve focuses its activity on increase of ecological literacy and culture of the population. Educational work in ecology is directed on the people at large: rural and urban population; children and adults; ranking officers from authorities, management and business.

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The main objectives of the Convention on Biological Diversity:



- 1. Conservation of biodiversity
- 2. Sustainable use of its components
- 3. The fair and equitable sharing of the benefits arising out of the utilization of genetic resources

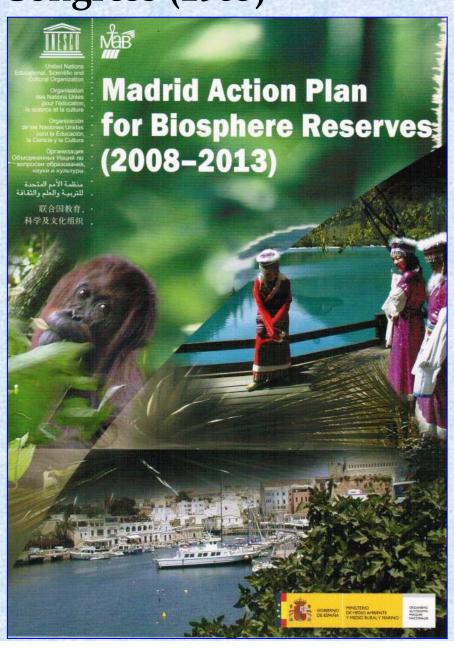
The development of biosphere reserve concept after the Minsk Congress (1983)



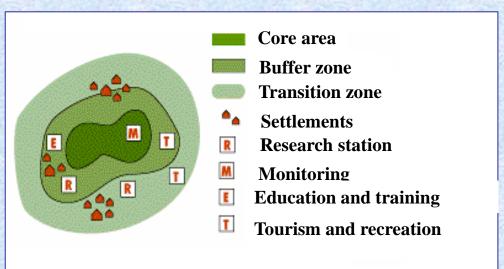
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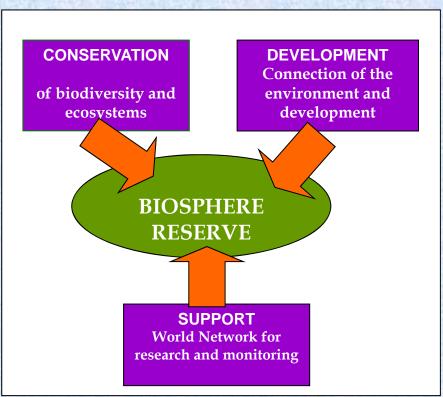
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THE STATUTORY FRAMEWORK OF THE WORLD NETWORK



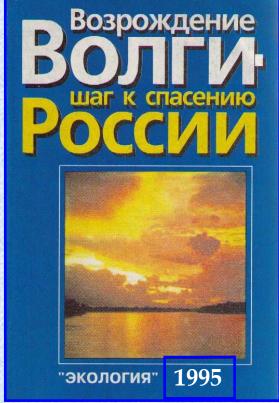


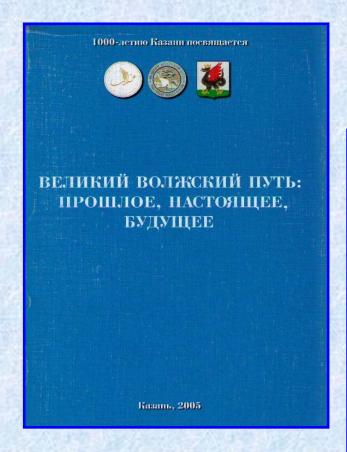
Model scheme of zonation of the Biosphere Reserve and its functions





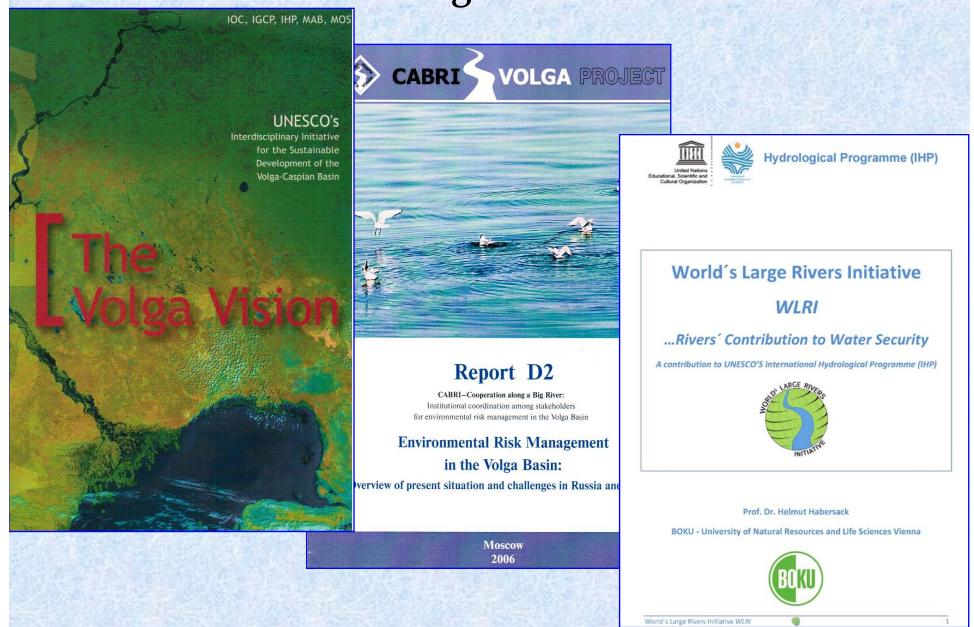
Important initiatives to study and explore approaches to sustainable development of the Volga River Basin



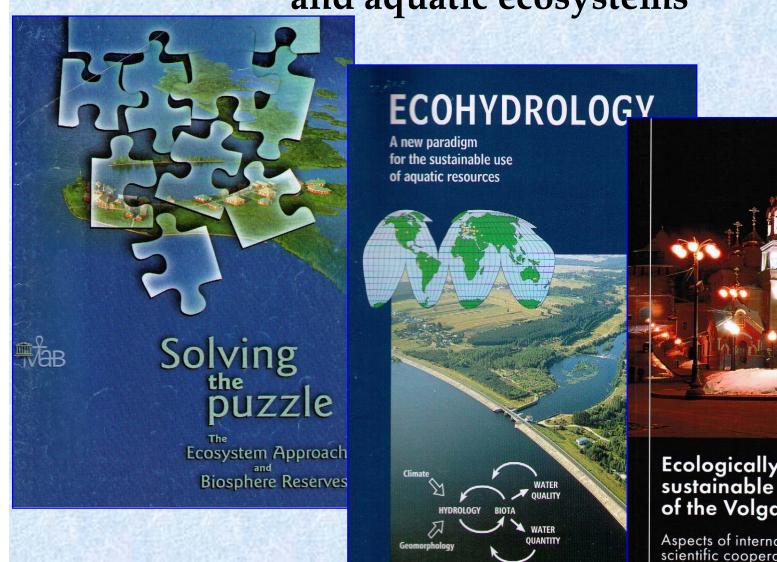


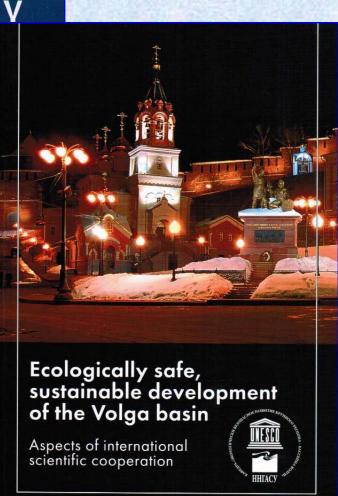


International projects for sustainable development of the Volga River Basin

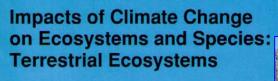


The ecosystem approach for conservation of biodiversity and sustainable development of terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems



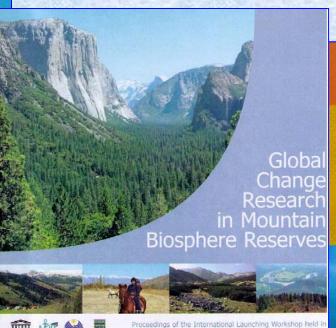


Study of impacts of global climate changes in biosphere reserves





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Securing Protected Areas in the Face of Global Change

Issues and Strategies

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A Report by the Ecosystems, Protected Areas, and People project







