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# Russian-German project activities in Romincka Forest – towards an UNESCO biosphere region in Kaliningrad region (Russian Federation)

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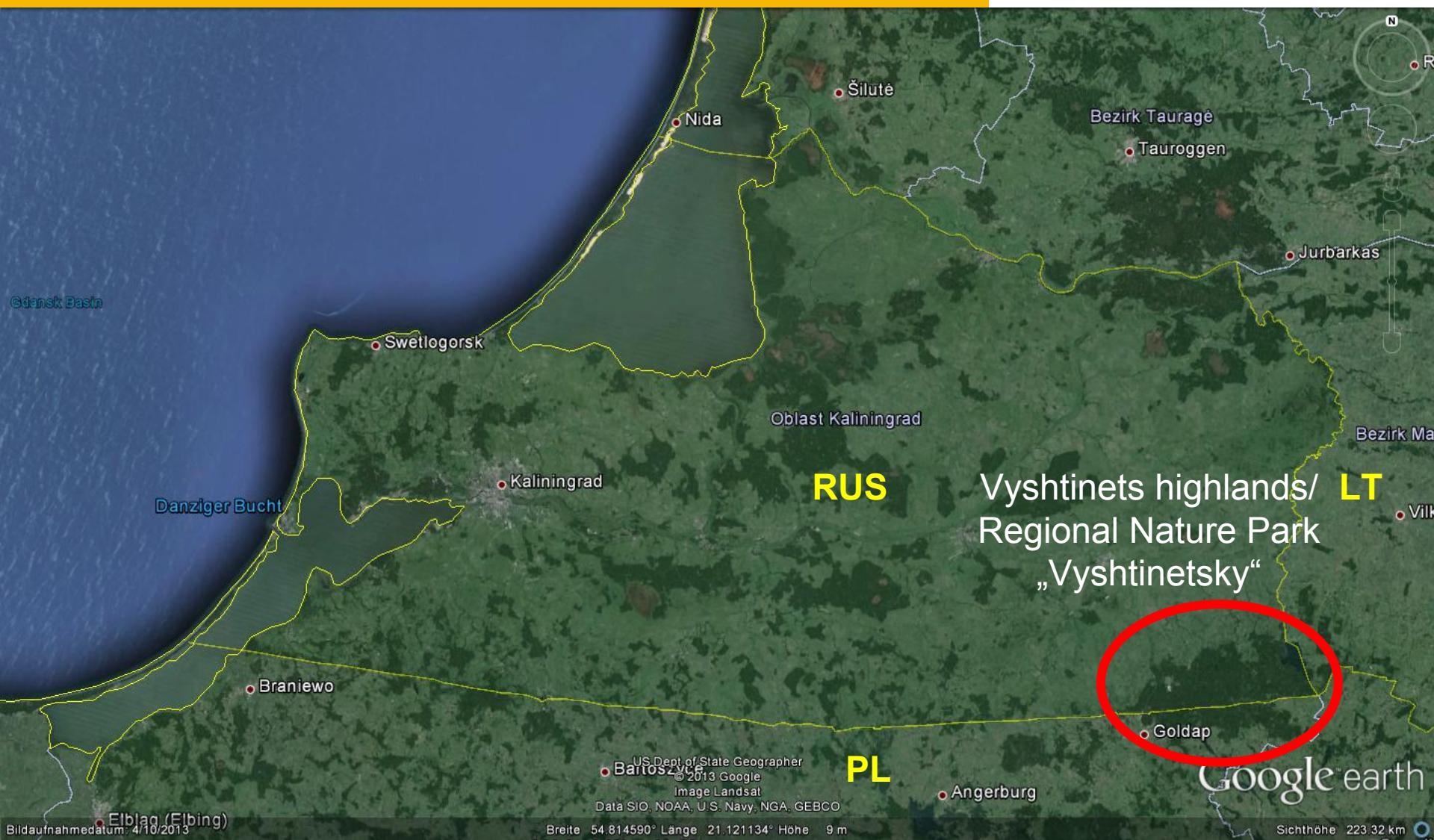
Two current projects:

I.Preparations for the establishment of an UNESCO biosphere region in Vyshtinets highlands (Kalininograd region, Russian Federation) (2018-2021)

II.Support of local inhabitants as stakeholders of the potential biosphere reserve in Vyshtinets highlands (Romincka Forest), Russian Federation (2019-2020)

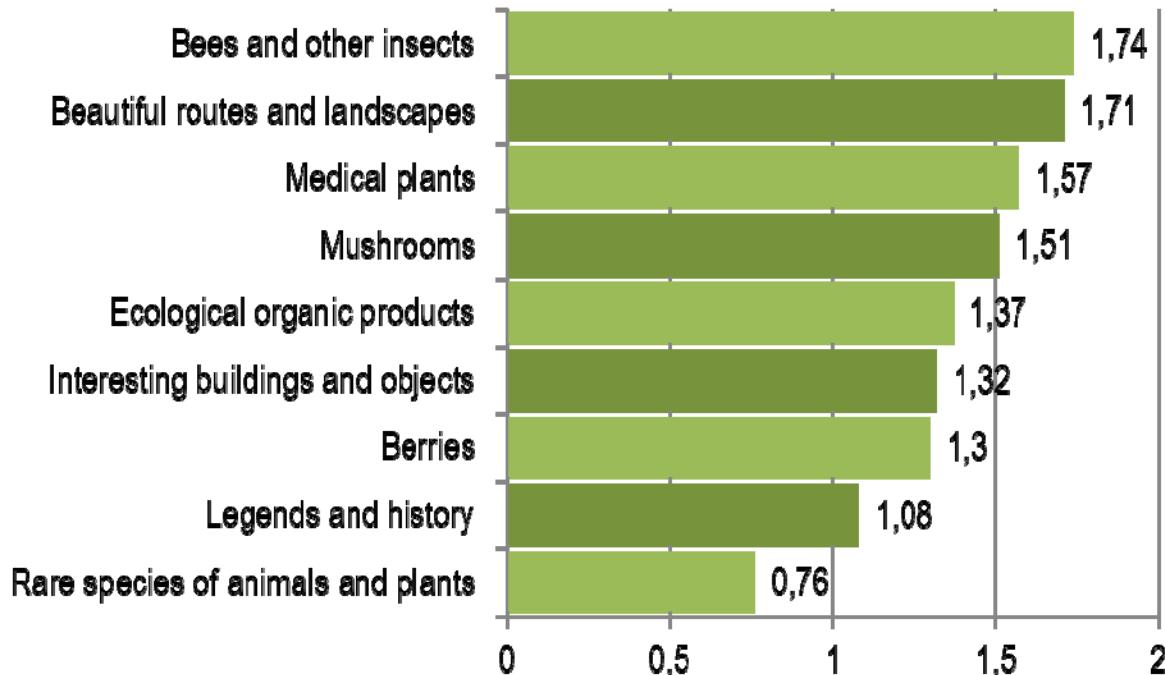


## Project region





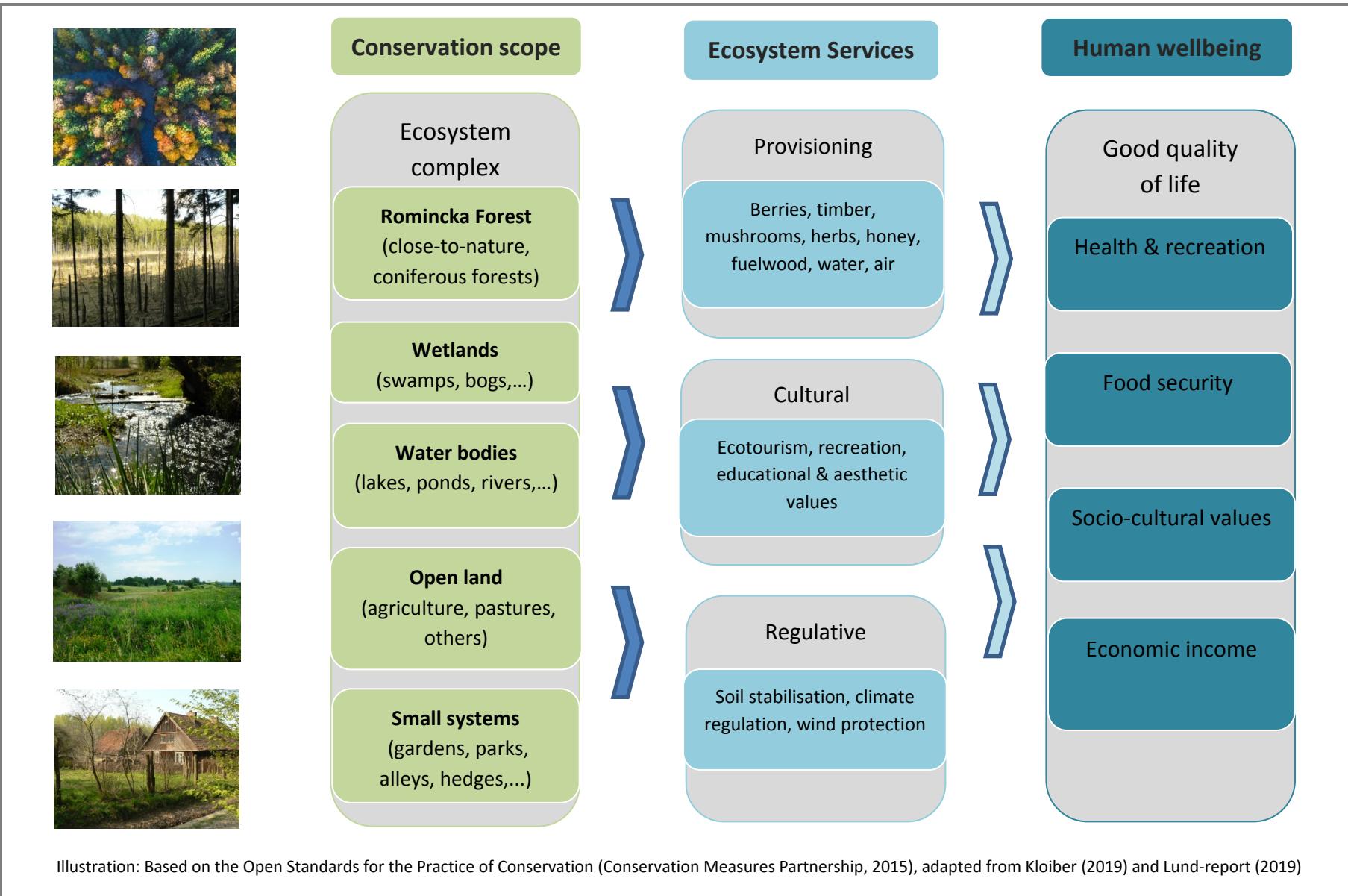
## What is the richness of Vyshtinets highlands about?



(Source: Anna Karpenko, 63 interviews in July-August 2019)

*"For all of us, the forest is our home."  
"Whoever sees our region can't forget."*

# Conservation objects of planned Vishtynets biosphere reserve – including the ecosystem complexes of the entire territory as well as ecosystem services which feed into human wellbeing





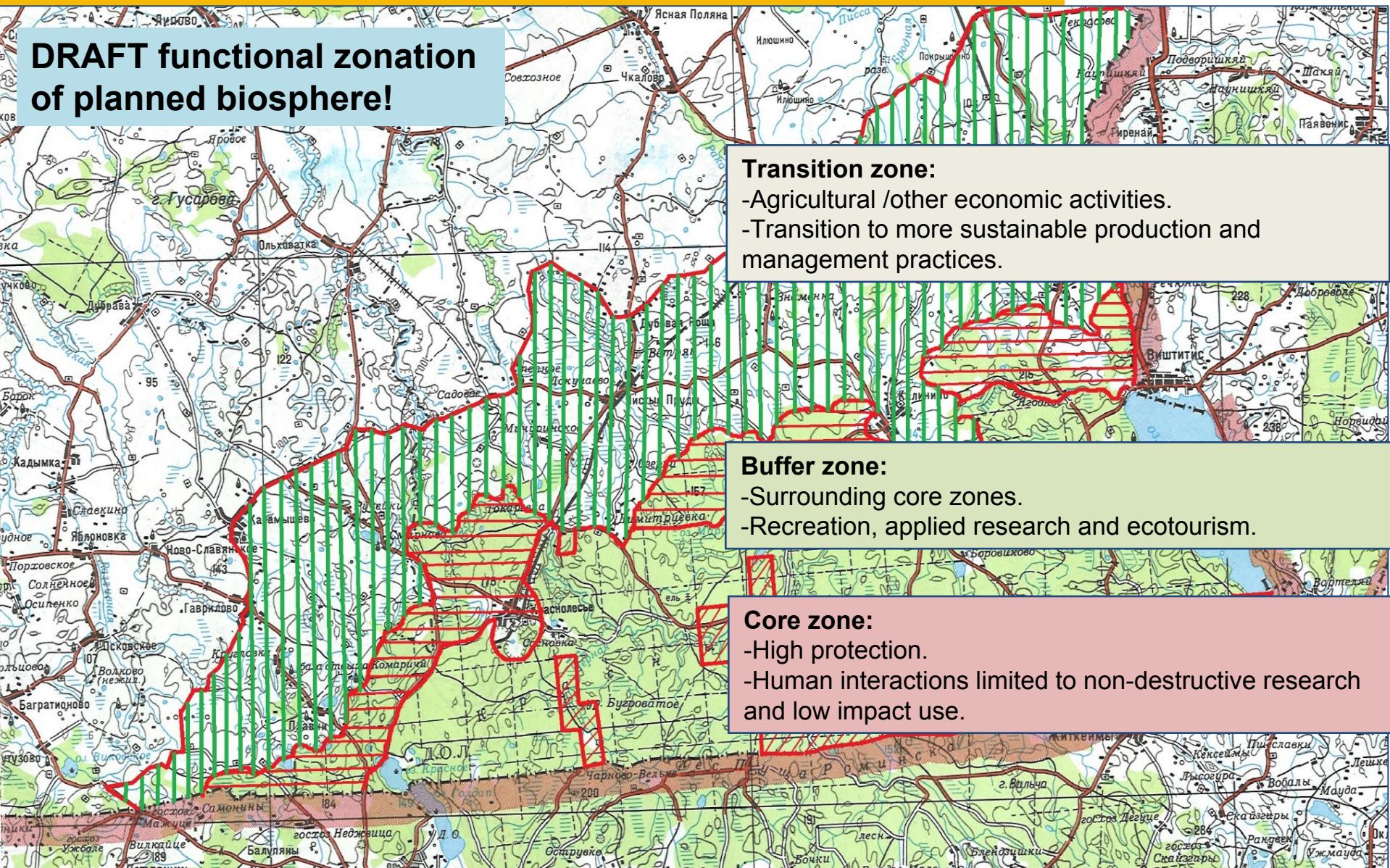
- Intensive agricultural practises
- Expansion of farming land use, landscape changing activities (drainage, crop use versus pastures and wetlands, gravel mining)
- High dependency of locals on natural resources (fire wood)
- Lack of income, alternative jobs
- Inadequate wildlife regulation and management
- Low civil participation in decisions
- Climate change and its impacts

# Establishment of an UNESCO biosphere region as a tool to combine conservation and socio-economic development

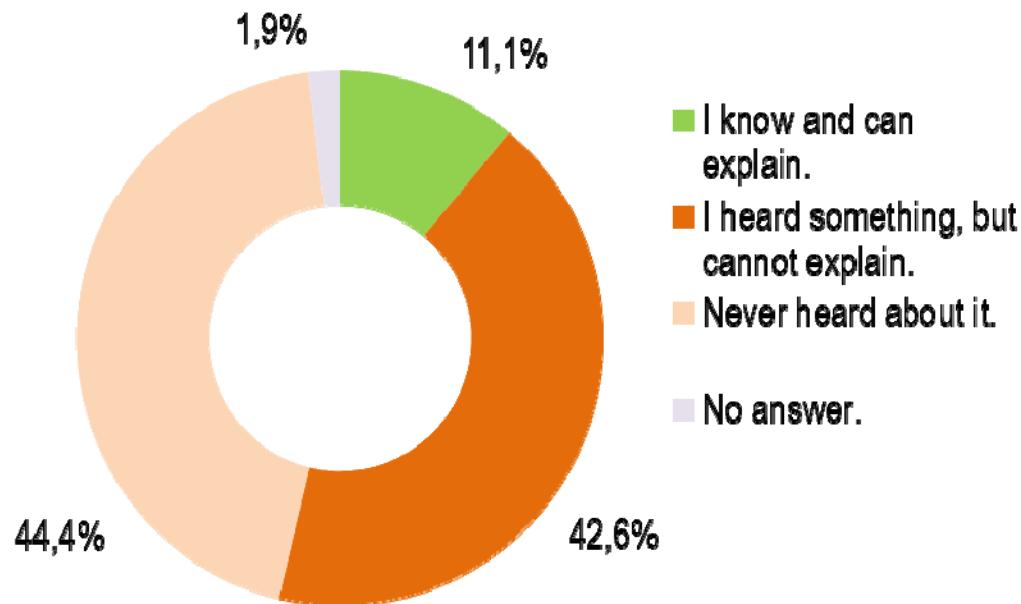


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## DRAFT functional zonation of planned biosphere!



## Did you hear about the concept of a biosphere reserve?



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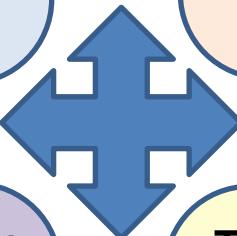


## Citizen information and participation

- Information meetings in different villages in the region
- PR material on planned biosphere reserve (podcasts, video, flyer)

## Strengthening communication between nature park and citizens

- Establishment of an Advisory Council



## Cooperation with land resource users

- Study tour to biosphere reserves in Germany
- Management cooperation agreements

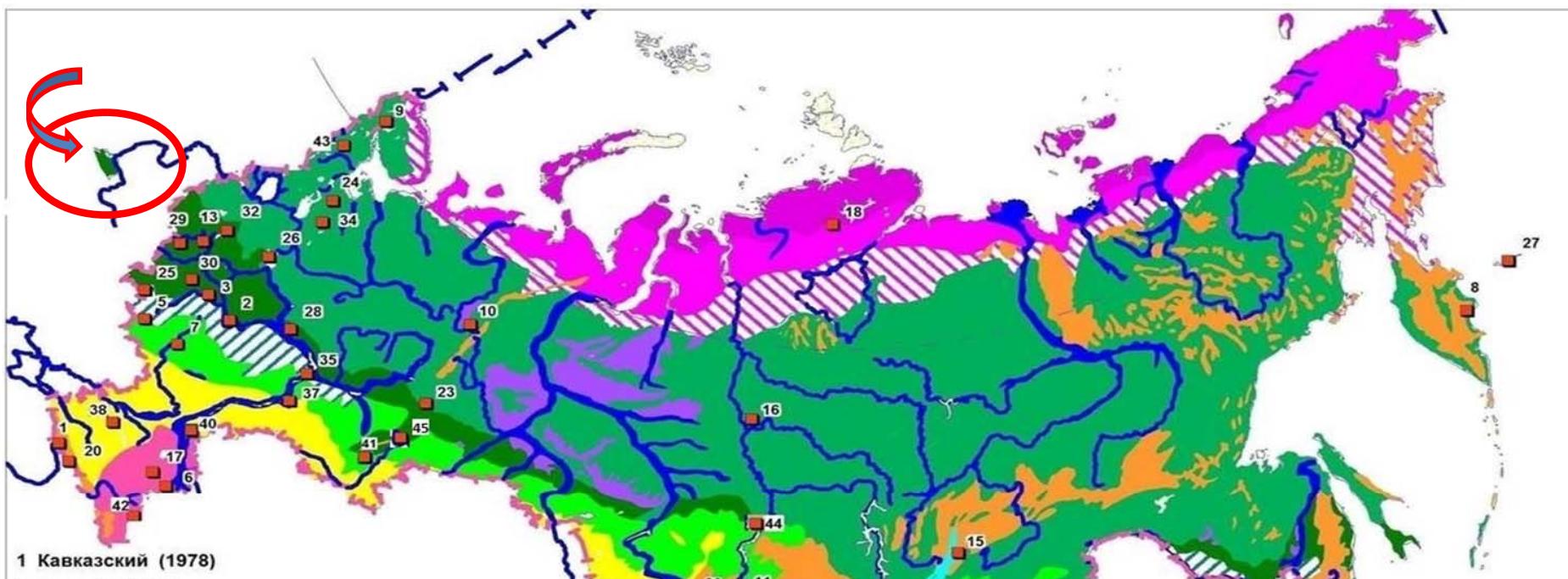
## Thematic working groups

- Topics: Tourism, agriculture, forestry, conservation

# Romincka Forest/Vyshtinets highlands – the 46th UNESCO biosphere region of the Russian Federation?



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1 Кавказский (1978)

2 Оксский (1978)

3 Приокско-Террасный (1978)

4 Сихотэ-Алинский (1978)

5 Центрально-Черноземный (1978)

6 Астраханский (1984)

7 Воронежский (1984)

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16 Центрально-Сибирский (1986)

17 Черные земли (1993)

18 Таймырский (1993)

19 Даурский (1997)

20 Тебердинский (1997)

21 Убсунурская котловина (1997)

22 Катунский (2000) - включен в  
ТБР "Большой Алтай" (2017)

23 Висимский (2001)

24 Водлозерский (2001)

25 Неруссо-Деснянское полесье (2001)

26 Дарвинский (2002)

27 Командорский (2002)

28 Нижегородское Заволжье (2002)

29 Смоленское Поозерье (2002)

30 Угра (2002)

31 Дальневосточный морской (2003)

32 Валдайский (2004)

33 Кедровая падь (2004)

34 Кенозерский (2004)

35 Большой Волжско-Камский (2005)

36 Ханкайский (2005)

37 Средне-Волжский комплексный (2006)

38 Ростовский (2008)

39 Алтайский (2009)

40 Волго-Ахтубинская пойма (2011)

41 Башкирский Урал (2012)

42 Кизлярский залив (2017)

43 Метсала (2017)

44 Хакасский (2017)

45 Горный Урал (2018)



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**Спасибо за внимание!**

**Further information:**

<https://succow-stiftung.de>

<https://www.umweltbundesamt.de/kaliningrad>

<http://biosphere.center>