

STEP 7: IMPLEMENTING STRATEGIES

The Case of the Russian Far East Ecoregion

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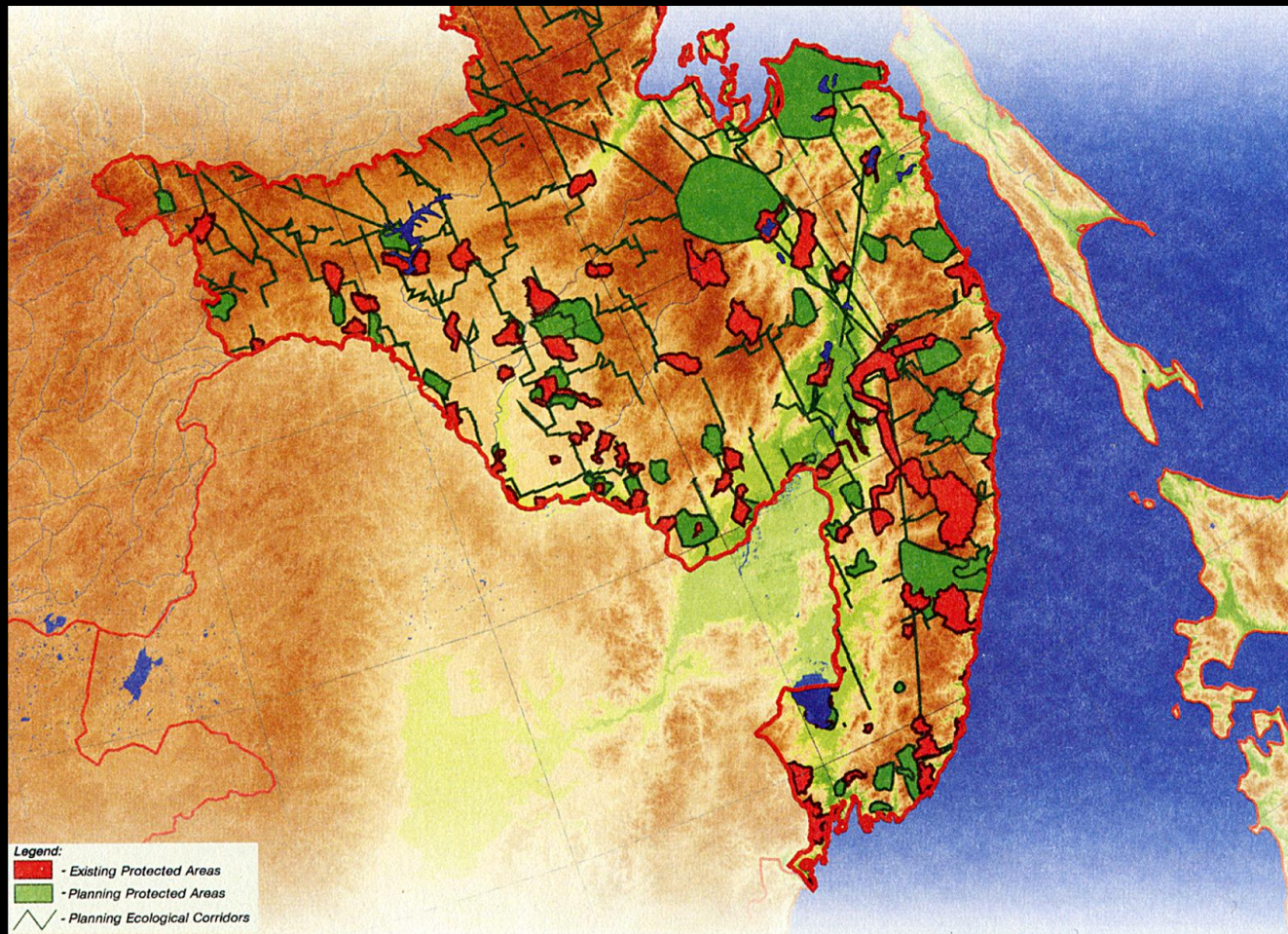
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THE ECOREGION-BASED CONSERVATION PROCESS

- ▶ Reconnaissance report
- ▶ Biodiversity assessment
- ▶ Socio-economic assessment
- ▶ Biodiversity vision: long-term conservation objectives
- ▶ Conservation action plan (2003): strategies, immediate actions, short & medium-term targets, responsible actors
- ▶ Ecological network with cores, buffers and corridors (design is short-term priority action, full implementation by 2020)

THE FAR EAST ECOREGION ECOLOGICAL NETWORK



IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS

- ▶ Biodiversity vision and Conservation Action Plan drawn up with main stakeholders:
 - government
 - NGOs
 - international organizations
 - research institutes
 - business
 - media
- ▶ Supervision of Action Plan and implementing actions by the Ecoregional Council for Sustainable Nature Use:
 - federal & provincial governments
 - scientists
 - NGOs

IMPLEMENTATION CHALLENGES

- ▶ Unanimous agreement of all stakeholders on all recommendations of Action Plan was not possible
- ▶ Need to persuade local communities and key stakeholders that the vision of sustainable development offers a viable future
- ▶ Institutional collaboration
- ▶ Continued external funding
- ▶ Willingness to shift to new markets (e.g. FSC timber)