National Atlas of the Arctic is an official State publication created at the initiative of the Russian geographical society, in accordance with the request of the Russian Federation President Vladimir Putin, on request of the federal public service registration, inventory and cartography (Rosregister) of JSC Roscartography.

The object mapping in the National Atlas of the Arctic area supported the Arctic area of the Russian Federation in all aspects of its formation and development. Taking into account the diversity of existing approaches to defining the southern boundary of the Russian Arctic, in National Atlas of the Arctic accepted mapping territory north of the southernmost natural Arctic boundaries taking into account border the Arctic area of the Russian Federation, certain legislative acts of the Russian Federation.

Diverse information concentrated in Atlas in a systematic, organized, comparable and visualizes, to act as a public knowledge base and is the tool for research and source reliable and objective information on the nature, population and economy of the Arctic area of the Russian Federation for the management of the development of its territories.

The National Atlas of the Arctic is a fundamental complex cartographic work of information, reference, scientific and applied nature, containing a set of mutually agreed information on the geographic, climatic, ecological, economic, historical ethnographic, cultural and social features of the Russian Arctic.

The Atlas contains cartographic documents, diagrams, graphs, space images, materials related to the historical, cultural and natural heritage (textual scientific and artistic parts), and a significant fund of visual material. In the aggregate of illustrative and visual means of presenting information, the Arctic area of the Russian Federation and the Arctic as a whole have never been so represented in either domestic or foreign publications of this level.

The materials presented in the Atlas will find application in solving the issues of expanding the development of the country's resource base, protecting nature and cultural heritage, organizing and conducting environmental monitoring, and ensuring ecological balance in the Arctic area of the Russian Federation. The main part of the Atlas content is represent by new cartographic subjects of various subjects, important for presenting the features of the Arctic area of the Russian Federation from the modern positions. This allows us to draw new conclusions and take into account those relationships that are not visible from the point of view of a single science or field of activity, to form an ideology of industrial revival of the region while preserving its wildlife and historical and cultural sites.

The target consumers of the National Atlas of the Arctic, in accordance with its scope of application, are the bodies of state power of the Russian Federation and the subjects of the Russian Federation, local self-government bodies, subdivisions of the country's law enforcement agencies, commercial structures that carry out social, economic, environmental, nature protection and other activities including ensuring national security) on the territory of the Arctic area of the Russian Federation, various scientific organizations, educational institutions, librarians, individual legal entities and individuals.

The Atlas was created with the assistance and active participation of the Russian Geographical Society, many of its members are the developers of the thematic content of the Atlas.

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The World Arctic. The section is represent by circumpolar maps: a survey of general geographic, natural boundaries and political-administrative maps. In addition, they provide thematic overview maps: the Arctic Ocean, geological, climatic, glaciation and permafrost. Small-scale space images of parts of the World Arctic and its space view are given.
The Federal Subjects included in the Russian Arctic

In the section are represented by separate maps of the administrative division and general geographic maps. General characteristics of the territory of the Russian Arctic area are shown by overview and thematic maps.

History of Research, Discoveries and Development of the Arctic

The section contains basic data (cartographic and textual) on geographical discoveries of the Arctic. It's begin with the first polar maps. Stages of the history of development of the Arctic are represented by a series of maps (by centuries). The maps show the trajectories of the drift of the Soviet and Russian polar stations "North Pole" for the period from 1937 to 2015, as well as areas of work and routes of the most important marine expeditions in the Russian Arctic.
Geological structure

The section contains the composition of maps, texts, reference data and illustrations characterizing the geological structure of the Arctic area of the Russian Federation: tectonics and seismotectonic activity: geodynamics and modern movements of the earth’s crust: state of magnetic and gravimetric fields. The maps of Quaternary formations, heat flows, geochemistry of subsoil are given. The individual, most significant areas are detailed maps (maps and frames) and space images that show the features of the geological structure of the Arctic region of the country.

Relief

The section presents maps, textual and reference data and illustrations characterizing the origin, state and dynamics of the relief of the Arctic area of the Russian Federation. Detailed morphogenetic constructions of the East European and West Siberian plains, the North Siberian, Yano-Indigir and Kolyma lowlands, the Byrranga Mountains on the Taimyr Peninsula, the northern part of the Verkhoyansk Range and the Chukchi Peninsula are described on the basis of the analysis of the hypsometry and orography of Russia. Materials of geomorphological mapping of land, seabed and shelf are place.
Subsoil Resources. The section characterizes the mineral resources of the Arctic area of the Russian Federation. The presented maps, texts, reference data and illustrations give an idea of the location of oil and gas and coal basins, oil, gas and coal deposits, metallogenic zones and belts, ore occurrences, precious metals, polymetallic ores and diamonds, etc., including on the continental shelf.

Evolution of the Natural Environment
The stages of the evolution of the natural environment are reflected in the section, the dynamics of the formation of Arctic ecosystems within the Arctic area of the Russian Federation is reflected. Small-scale maps contain information on the glaciation of the Quaternary period, physical and geographical zones, climate in different era of glaciation, as well as data on the conditions of development and habitat in the Arctic of man in the Late Pleistocene and Holocene, during the Neolithic period.
Climate
The section consists of a series of maps, explanatory texts that characterize the climatic factors, climatic conditions and resources of the Arctic area of the Russian Federation: atmospheric circulation, heat and water regime, current and expected climate changes, and other indicators of the climate change trend.

Ocean, the Sea
The section presents maps of the Arctic Ocean and the seas washing the territory of the Arctic area of the Russian Federation. The temperature processes of water are reflect, the characteristics of water circulation, tides, and the boundaries of the distribution of floating ice are given.

Coasts of the Sea
The section displays information on morphogenetic and morphodynamic processes occurring on the entire coastline of the Arctic area of the Russian Federation, which makes it possible to use this material in the interests of developing the Arctic coast and the Arctic shelf of the country.
Snow cover. Glaciers. Permafrost

The section contains maps, texts, reference data and illustrations related to the glaciological and snow and ice processes and resources of the Arctic Area of the Russian Federation. Maps and text materials contain data on the duration of the snow period, the dates of their establishment and snow cover, the current state of the ice sheet and glaciers, the distribution and characteristics of frozen rocks, their thickness, average annual temperature, ice content, etc.

Land Waters

The section contains cartographic, illustrative materials and reference data characterizing the land waters of the Arctic Area of the Russian Federation: a hydrographic network, water basins, dangerous hydrological phenomena and processes, temperature regimes, the ecological state of surface waters and catchments; use of water resources.
Vegetation and fauna. The section contains cartographic and textual material, background information and illustrations reflecting the current distribution of arctic flora (lichens, bryophytes, Arctic vascular plants), the northern boundary of the forest cover, the arctic mammals, birds, ichthyofauna, amphibians and reptiles. Information on the protection of vegetation and fauna of the Russian Arctic, including marine game animals and key species of Arctic fauna, dynamics of abundance and distribution of Arctic mammals and birds, as well as issues related to the protection of the bioresources of the seas are posted.
State of the Environment and Nature Conservation

The section contains information on rare and endangered species of plants, terrestrial and aquatic animals, and nature conservation measures. The materials in this section reflect the dynamics of the anthropogenic load on the components of the environment (atmosphere, terrestrial water, vegetation and soils), sources, levels and fluxes of chemical pollutants in the marine environment, as well as issues of the state of nature conservation in the Arctic area of the Russian Federation as a whole.
Population. Culture. The object of mapping the section is the population with social patterns inherent to the territory of the Arctic area of the Russian Federation, properties and relationships. The presented information reflects the current demographic situation, the areas of residence of indigenous small peoples (the location of national settlements, camps), migration of the population. Plots and themes of the maps show the contrast of the development of the region: from the foci of almost primitive economy and stages of different forms of nomadism to modern urban formations. The section maps display phenomena in their dynamics and historical development, which allows for a deeper understanding of the processes taking place and predicting the features of their development.
Cultural, Spiritual and Natural Heritage

The thematic maps, schemes, photographs and descriptions of historical and cultural heritage presented in the section are directly related to the problems of development of the Arctic area of the Russian Federation, its coast, archipelagos and islands. Areas of concentration and historical significance of objects of cultural and spiritual heritage are shown, their connection with the historical processes taking place in Russia, and the current state of the historical and cultural environment are reflect.
Economy

The section reflects the current state of the economic development of the Arctic area of the Russian Federation, the existing industrial, industrial, agricultural and transport infrastructure, traditional northern crafts, national enterprises and industries. Cartographic and textual material of the section reveals the main problems of economic development and development of the Russian Arctic and can be used as a factual basis for the scientific substantiation of the strategic planning of the socio-economic development of the Arctic area of the Russian Federation.

Land use

The section shows the current state of use of land resources in the Arctic area of the Russian Federation. The materials in the section characterize the distribution of the land fund by categories of land, land, forms of ownership and ownership. Statistical data on the analysis of the state and dynamics of land use indicators are given.
Strategic planning. The section contains maps showing selected major objects and measures for the implementation of the State Program of the Russian Federation 'Socio-economic development of the Arctic area of the Russian Federation for the period until 2020'

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Russian Arctic Areas that have a High Anthropogenic Impact

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