World Heritage in Russian Arctic

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Existing World Heritage

☐ Cultural:
  - Cultural and Historic Ensemble of the Solovetsky Islands
  - Kizhi pogost

☐ Natural:
  - Virgin Komi Forests
  - Wrangel Island
Tentative list. Russian Arctic

Inside Circum polar:
- The Putorana plateau (Putoransky State Nature Reserve) (07/02/2005)

Arctic zone, (Arctic Human Development Report):
- Historic Center of the Yenisseisk (20/07/2000)
- Krasnoyarsk Stolby (06/03/2007)
- Magadansky State Nature Reserve (07/02/2005)
- Nature Park "Lena Pillars" (11/07/2006)
- The Commander Islands (Comandorsky State Nature Reserve) (07/02/2005)
- The National Park of Vodlozero (15/05/1996)
- The Putorana plateau (Putoransky State Nature Reserve) (07/02/2005)
- The Valamo archipelago (15/05/1996)
Tentative list. Russian Arctic

- We can see the strict division between cultural and natural sites. The prior analysis reveals that all these sites have both cultural and natural values.
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- Natural and cultural in the heritage are interconnected and cannot be separated, so the research are focused on cultural landscapes as the reflection of the unity of cultural and natural elements.

- Heritage is a complementary part of the sustainable development, i.e. every project on heritage preservation shall be a component of the wider socio-economic programs.

- Heritage preservation projects shall be coordinated with all stakeholders, including authorities, public organizations and primarily with people on the land (directly or via their organizations or representatives).
Integrated Marine Arctic Expedition of the Heritage Institute

- Work in Arctic since 1987 (expeditions every year) lead by Pyotr Boyarsky
- Integration between scientists of different spheres
- Maps prepared:
  - Novaya Zemlya. Cultural and Natural Heritage
  - Vaigats Island. Cultural and Natural Heritage
  - Solovky Island. Spiritual, Cultural and Natural Heritage
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Our Institute has initiated and take part in the projects:

- The Russian Arctic National Park
- Green Belt of Fennoscandia
- International natural and cultural park of Beringia,
- Vaigach Island as Indigenous Sacred Site
- Pustozersk city as an Archaeological and Cultural Reserve
Vaigach Island

- It’s situated between Novaya Zemlya and Urals in Barent Sea.
- Two indigenous cultures - Pomor and Nenets - have been residing there since ancient times.
- There are more than 250 historical and cultural monuments
  - neolithic objects;
  - sacred sites of the Nenets
  - Pomor's crosses, camp sites and burial places;
  - Historical places of earlier explorers
  - GULAG.
- Unique landscape and nature
Conclusion

- We hope Arctic will be the model area for the integrated cultural and natural heritage protection and model cooperation between the contemporary technological progress and indigenous cultures