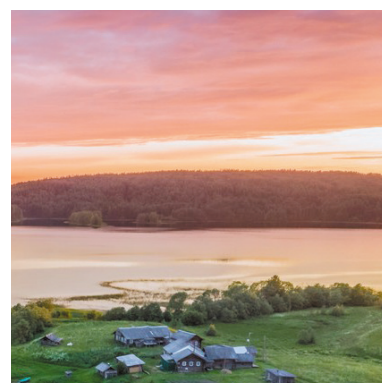
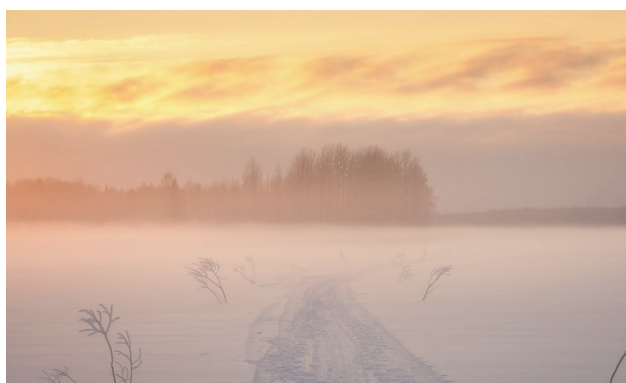


# TESTAMENT OF KENOZERO LAKE

## Executive Summary



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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

### STATE PARTY

Russian Federation

### STATE, PROVINCE OR REGION

Arkhangelsk Oblast (Kargopol and Plesetsk Districts)

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Testament of Kenozero Lake

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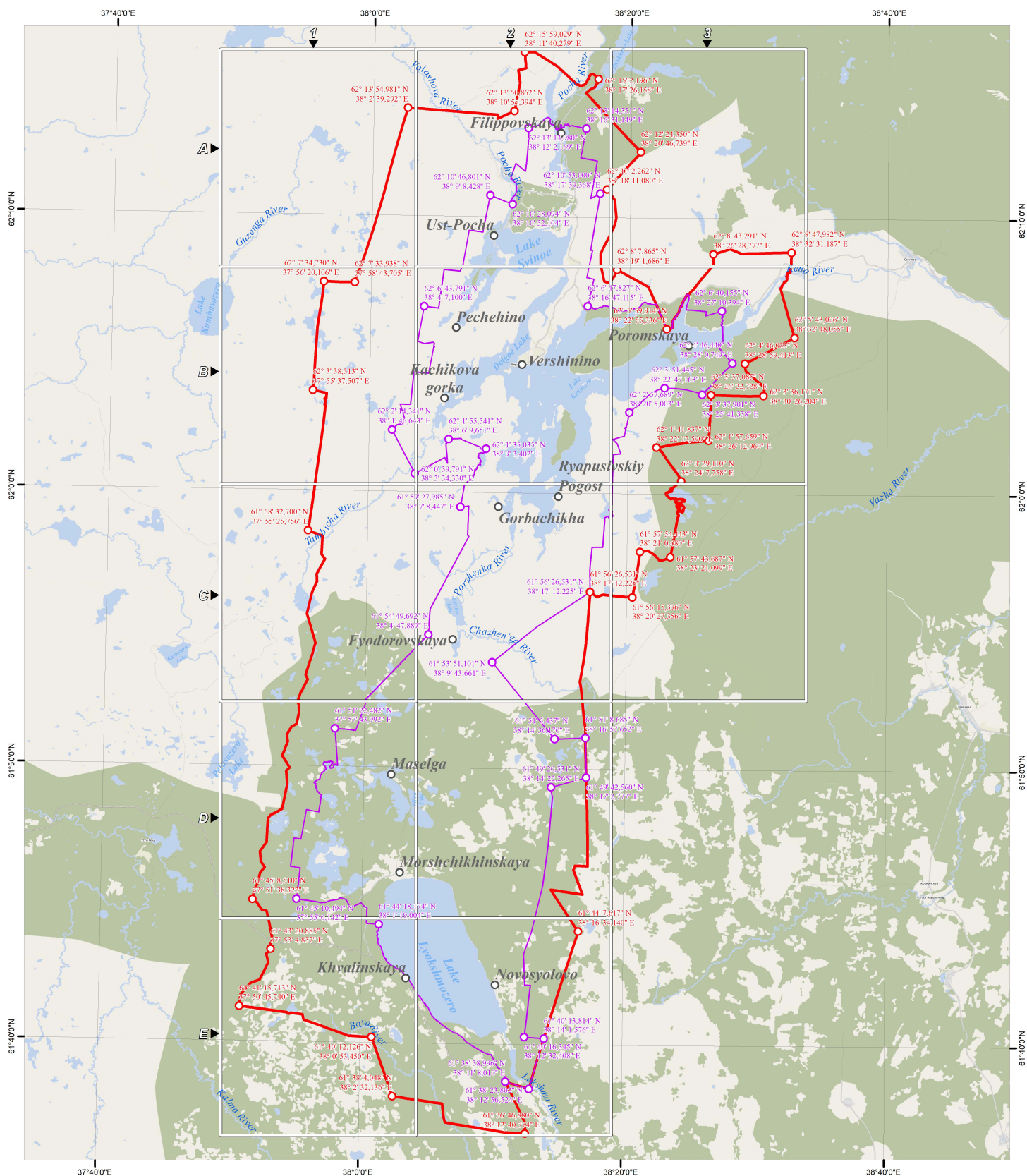
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### TEXTUAL DESCRIPTION OF THE BOUNDARY OF THE NOMINATED PROPERTY

The boundary of the nominated property spans Lake Kenozero. Then, following the western border, it runs along the western shore of Lake Bolshoye Porzhenskoe, and runs to the south along the western part of Lake Naglimozero and then around Lake Lyokshmozero. From the southern shore of Lake Lyokshmozero, the boundary of the nominated property runs to the east, where it passes along the boundary of the buffer zone in the area of Lake Makarie. Then, the boundary runs west to Lake Porzhenskoe, from which it runs to the southern tip of Lake Kenozero, in the area of Glukhaya Lakhta Bay.

The boundary of the buffer zone of the nominated property coincides with the boundary of Kenozero National Park. The boundary of the Park starts from the south side in a few kilometers from the southern tip of Lake Lyokshmozero, runs along its southwestern border. Then, it turns north, along the borderline between the Arkhangelsk Oblast and the Republic of Karelia. In the north, the boundary turns to the east between the Voloshevo and Undosha rivers and runs along the northern tip of Lake Kenozero. Then, it turns to the southeast of Pershlakhta and goes south to the southern tip of Lake Lyokshmozero.





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LOCATION:

Arkhangelsk Region, Russian Federation

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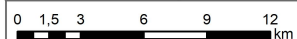
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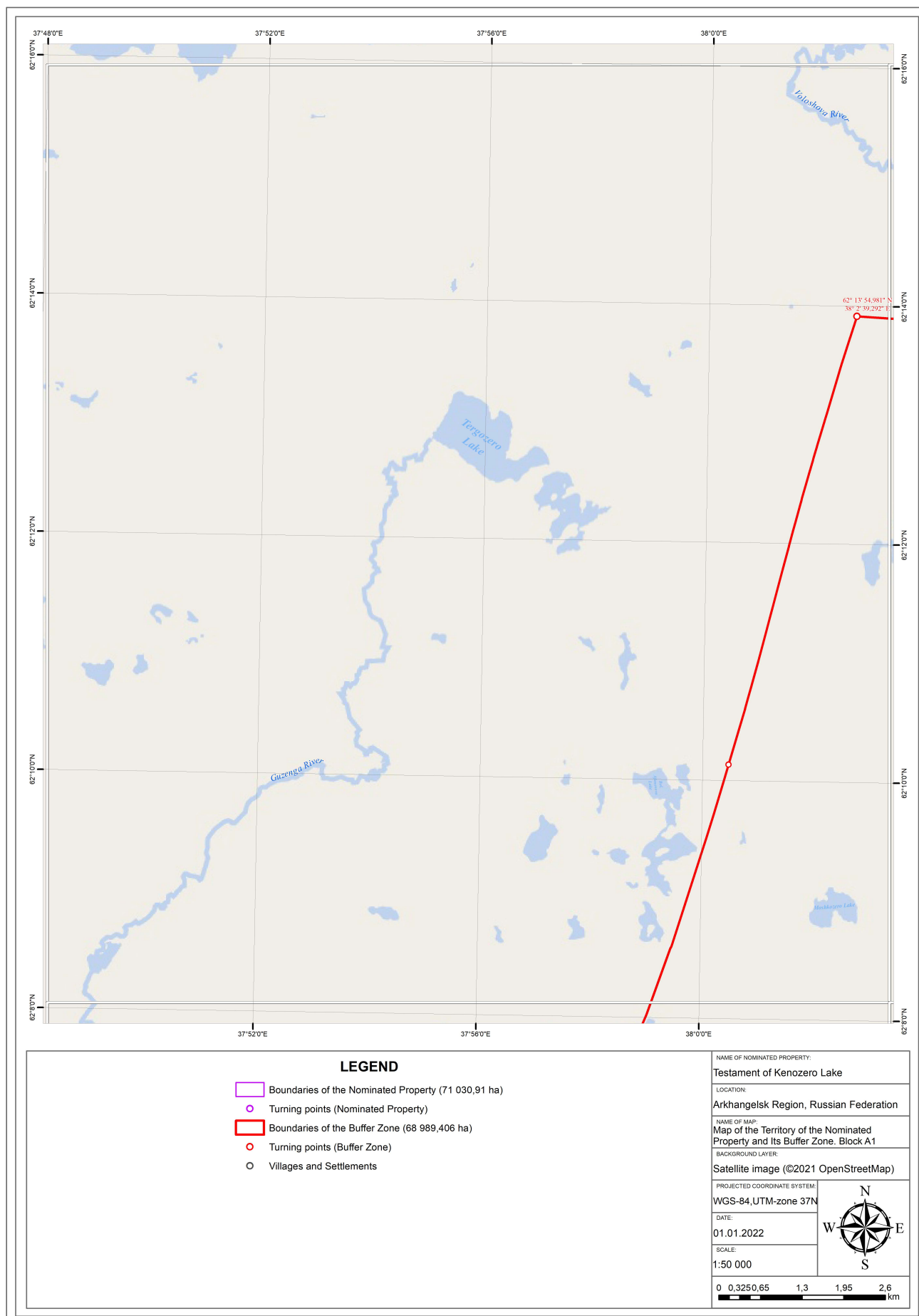
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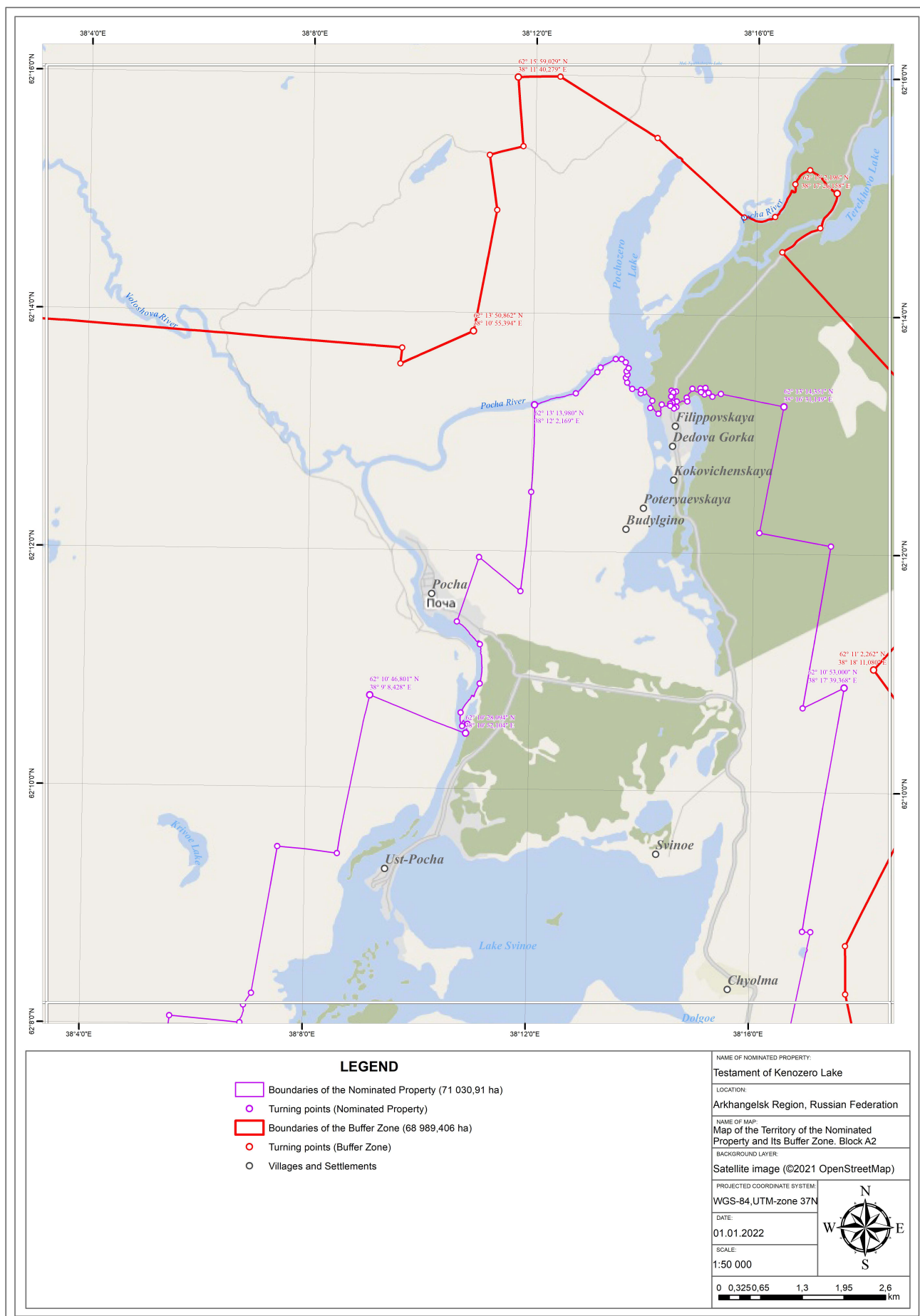


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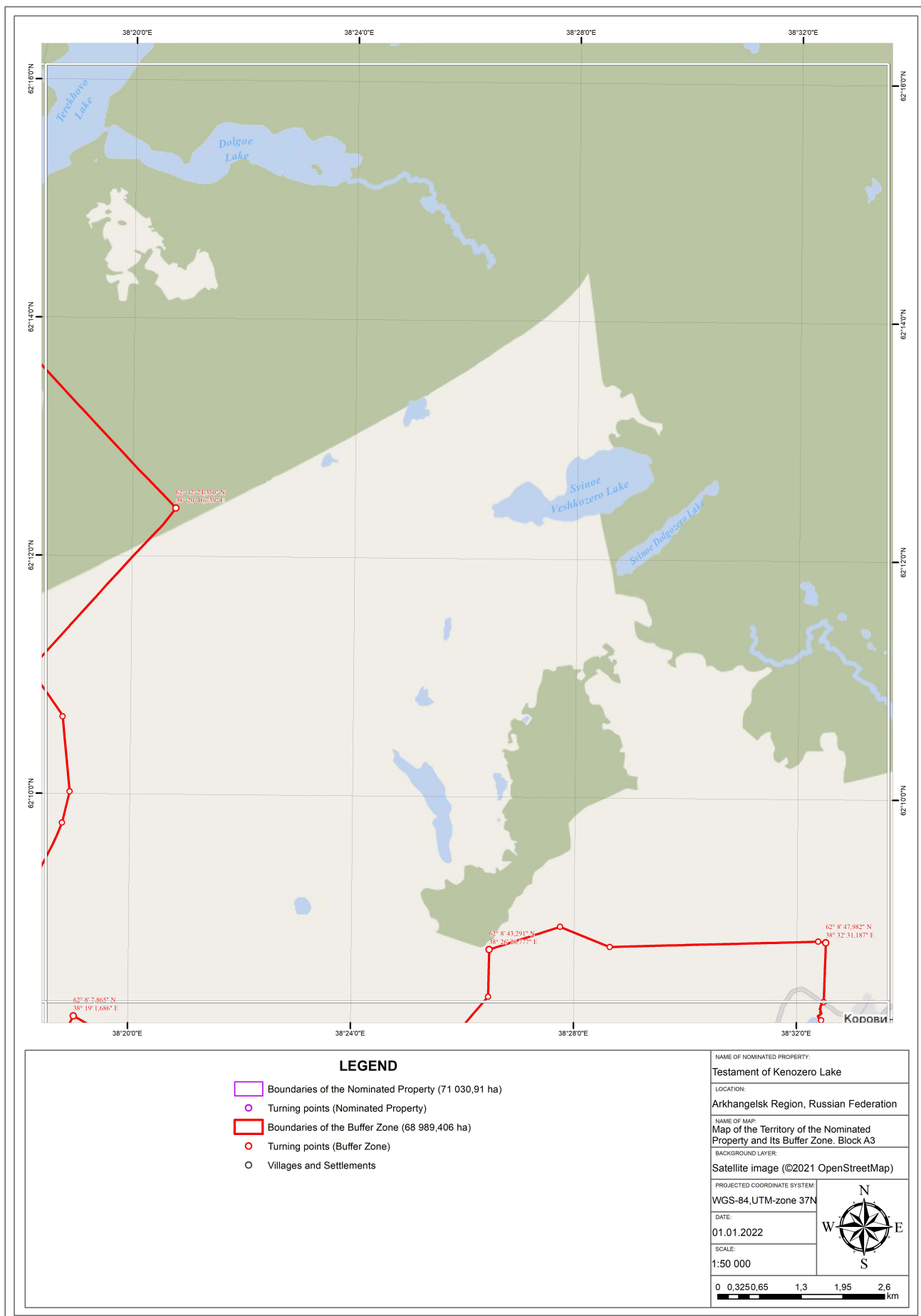
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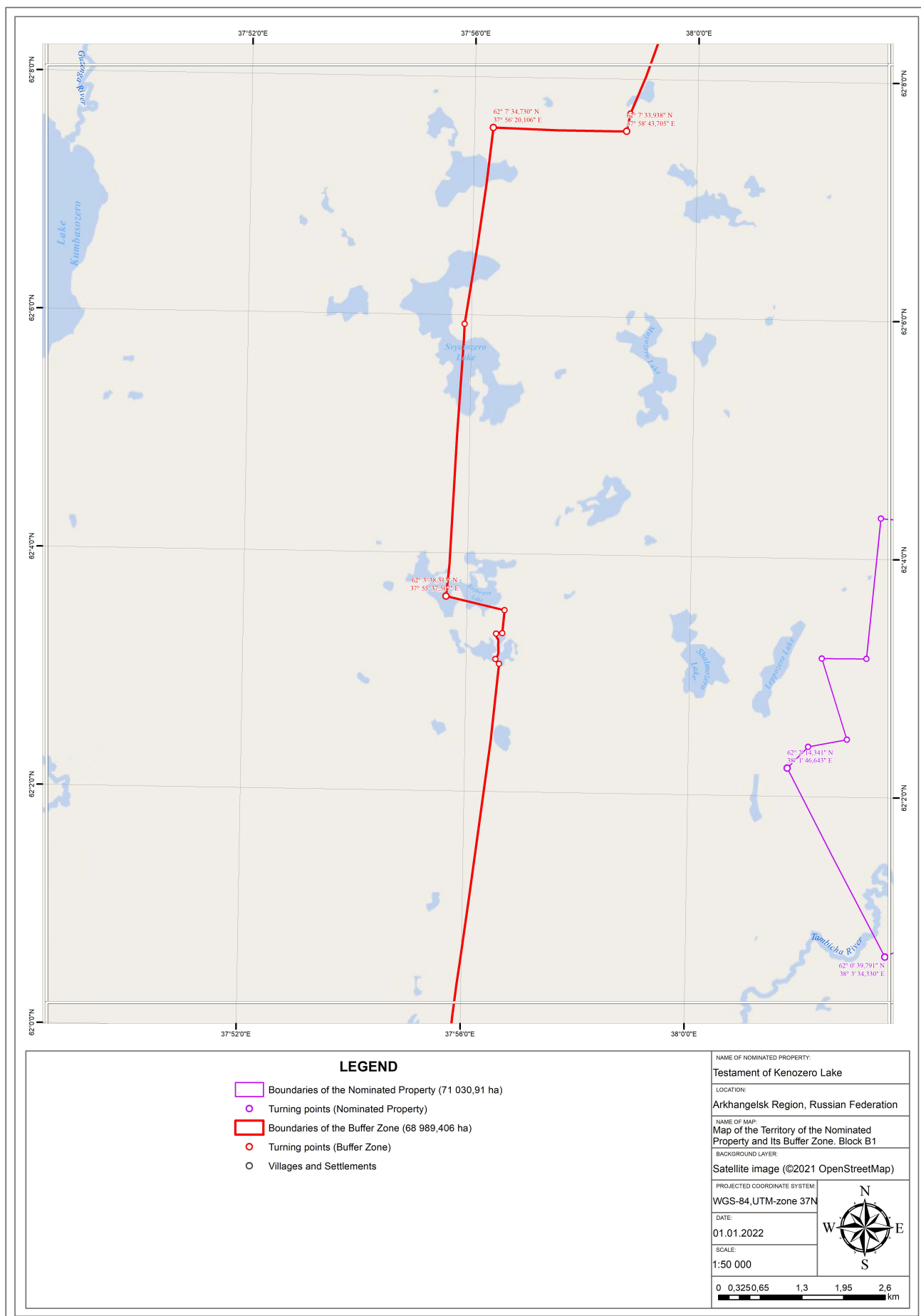




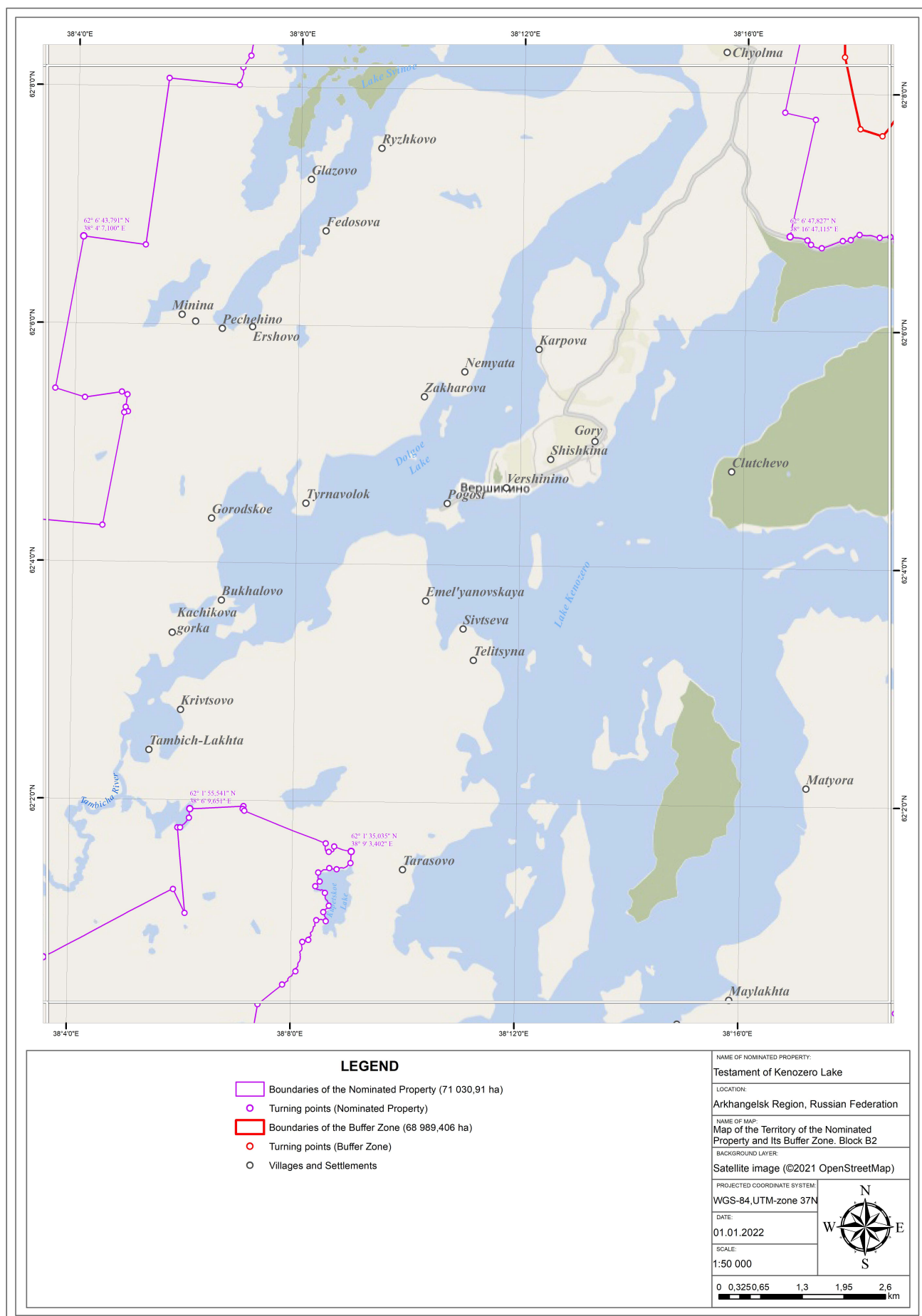


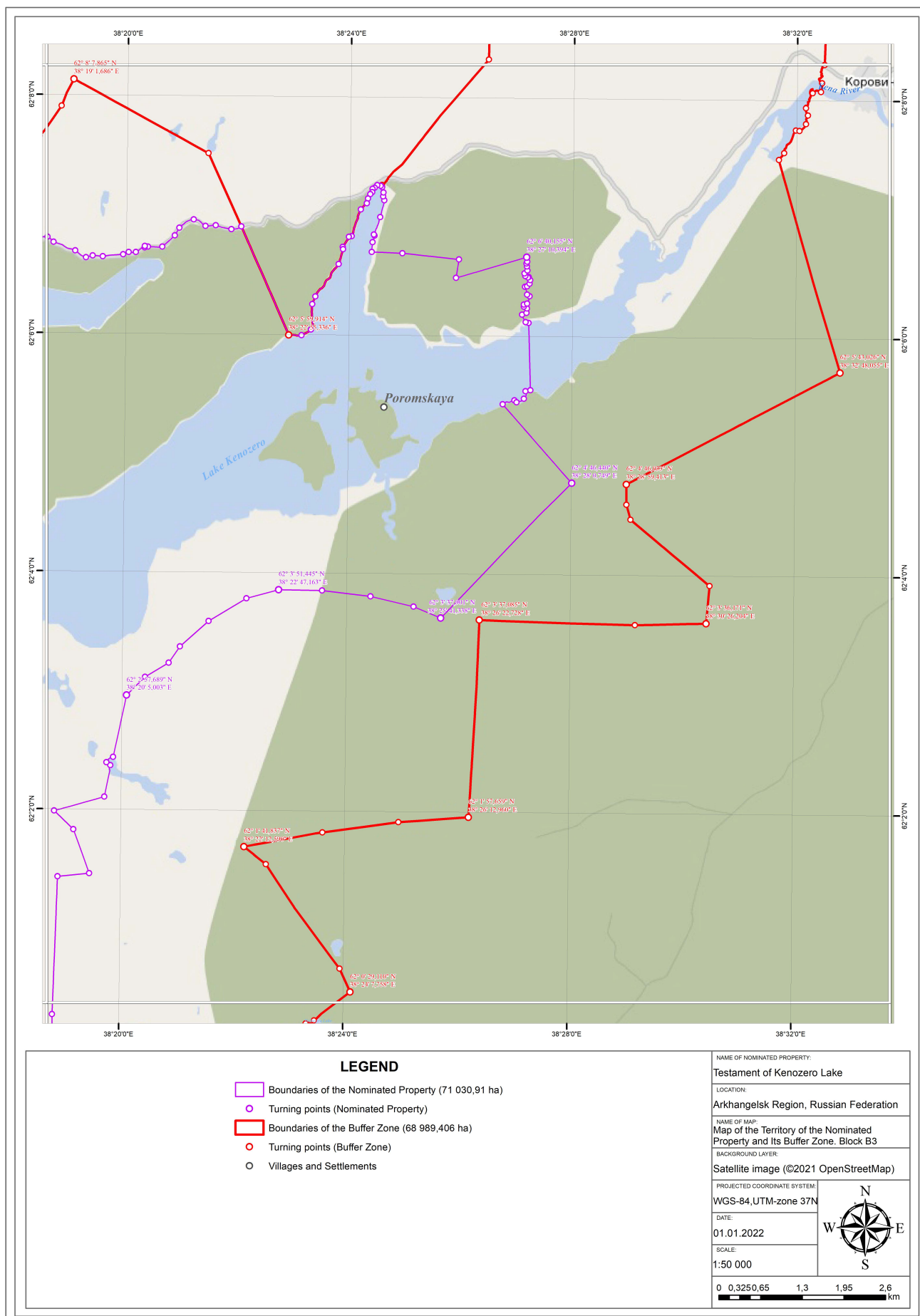




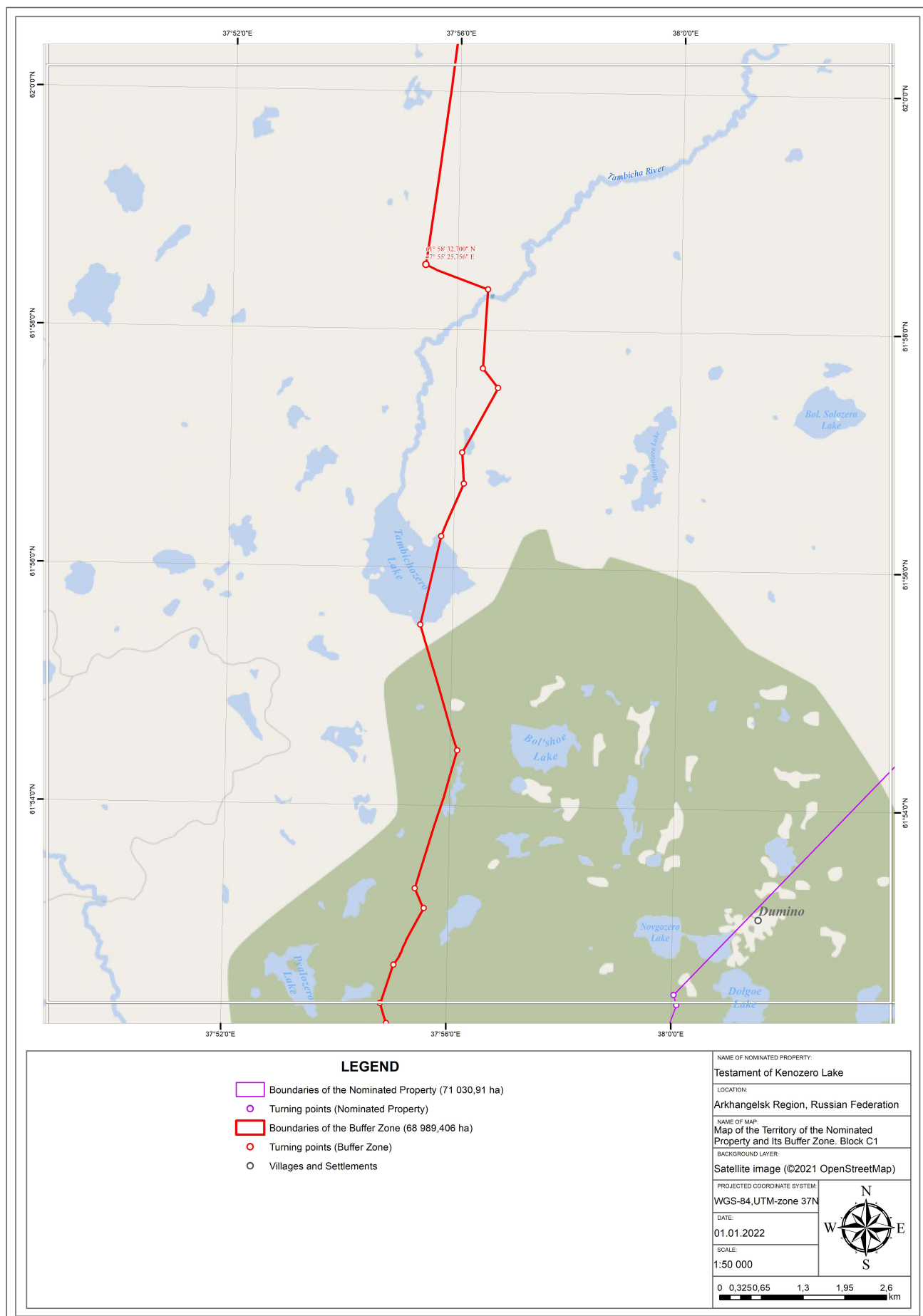


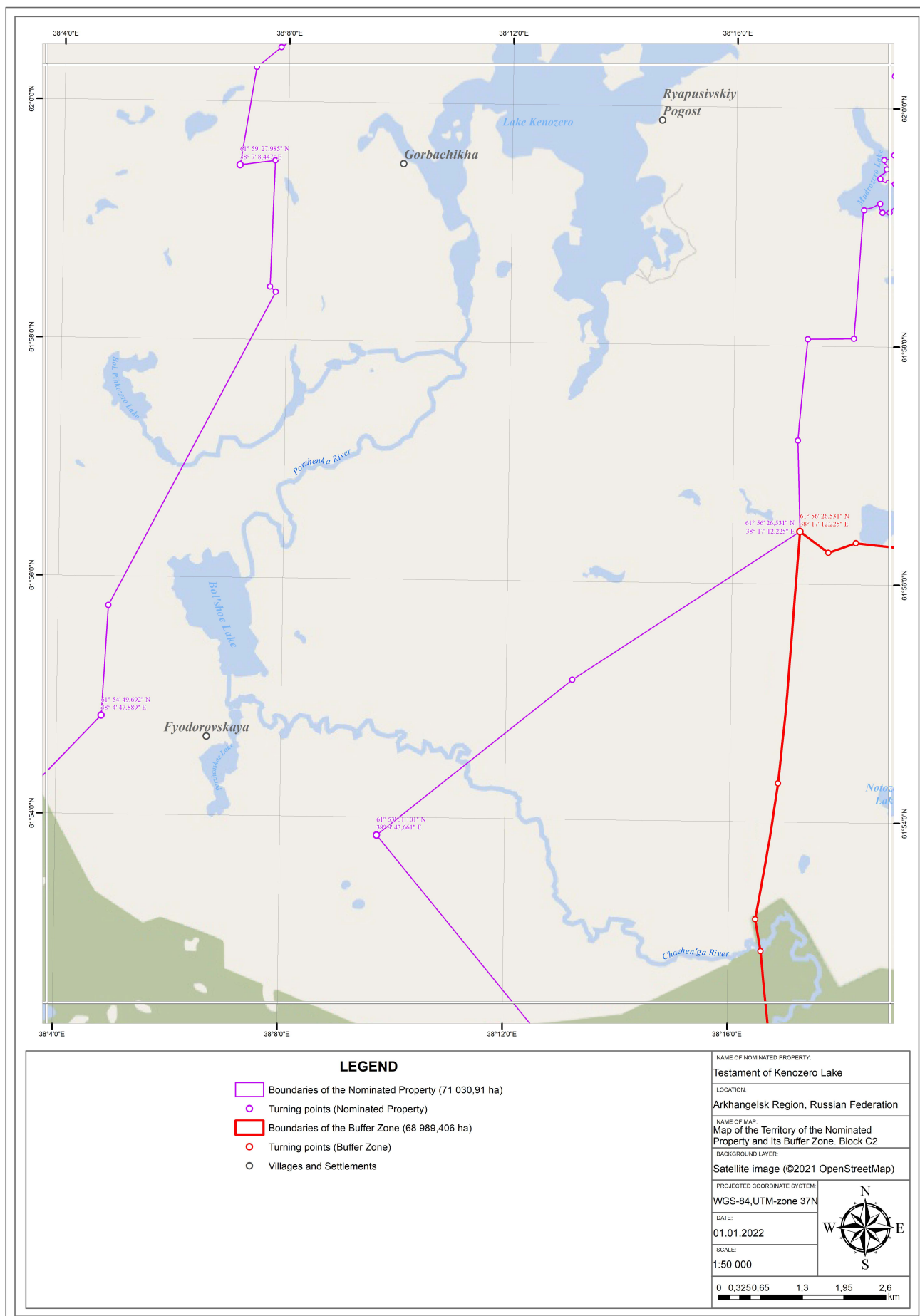




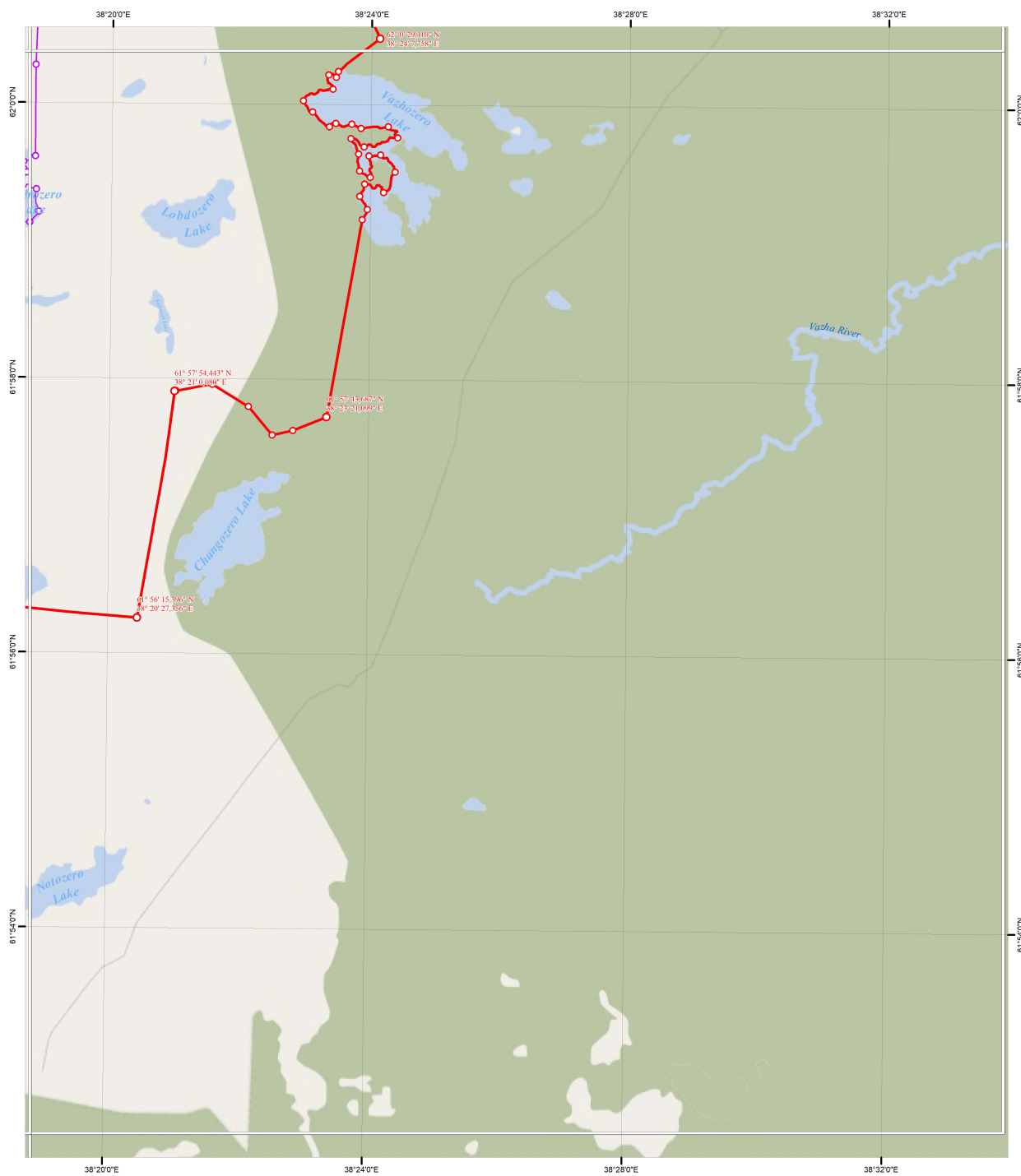







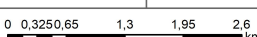


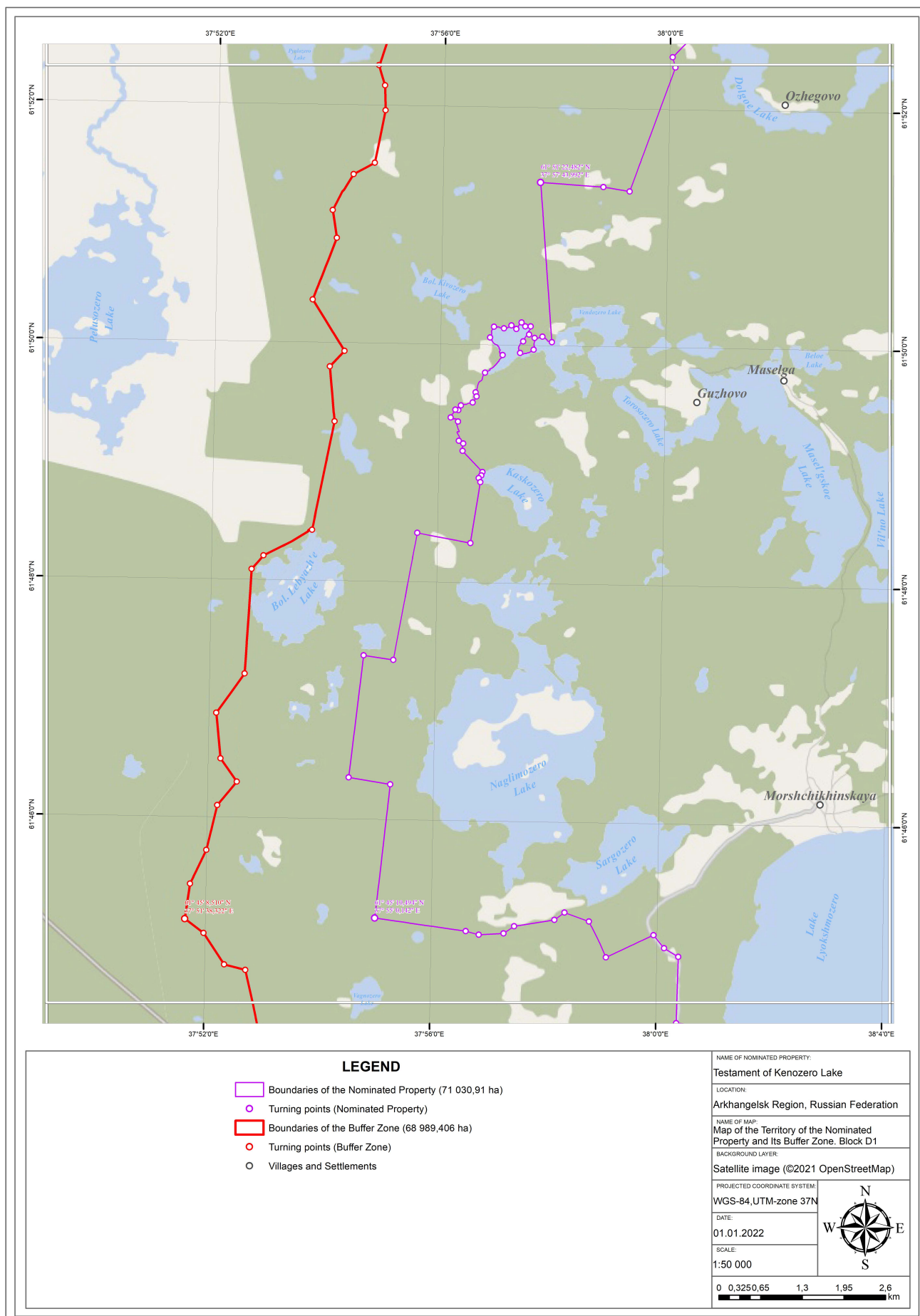


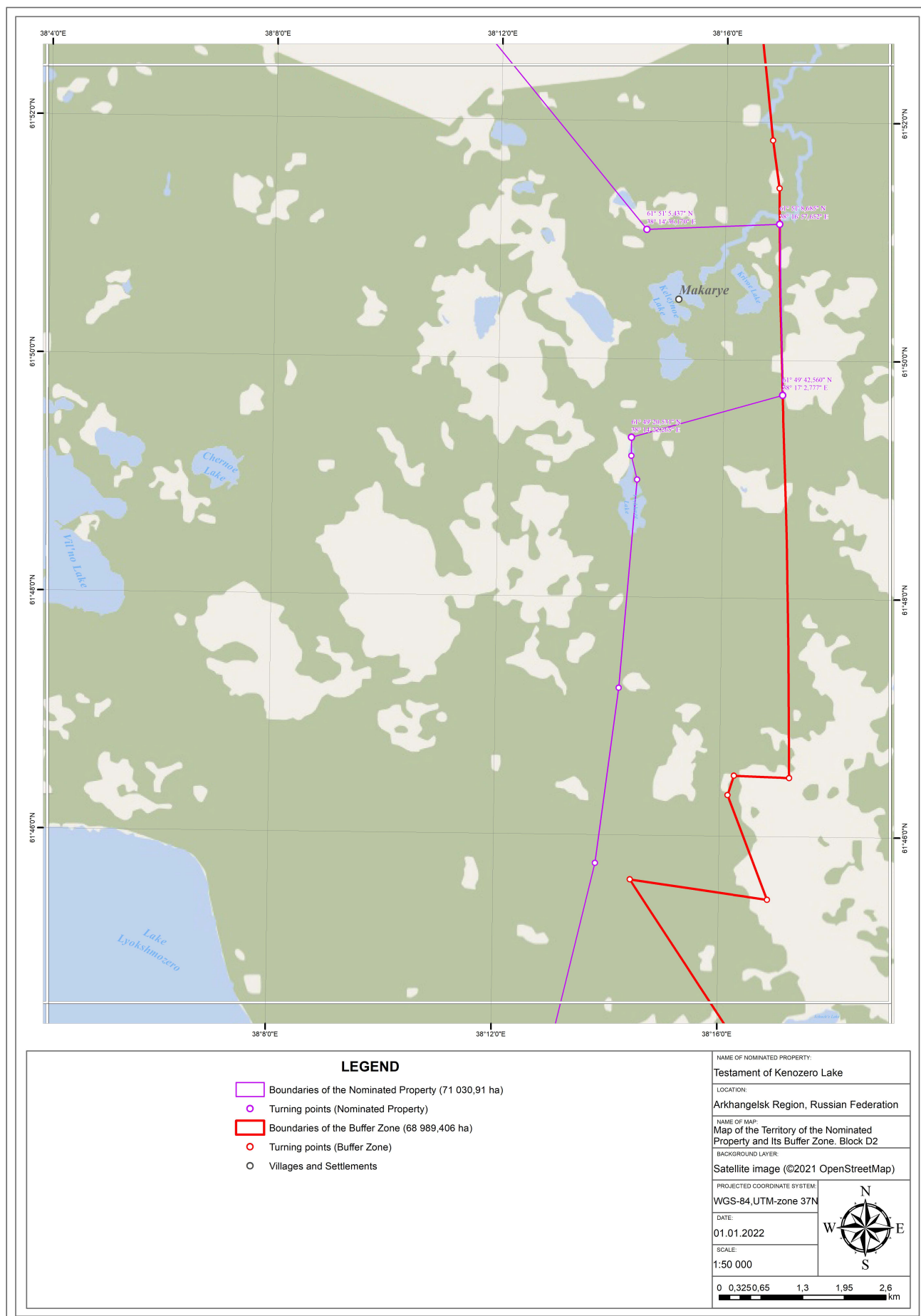


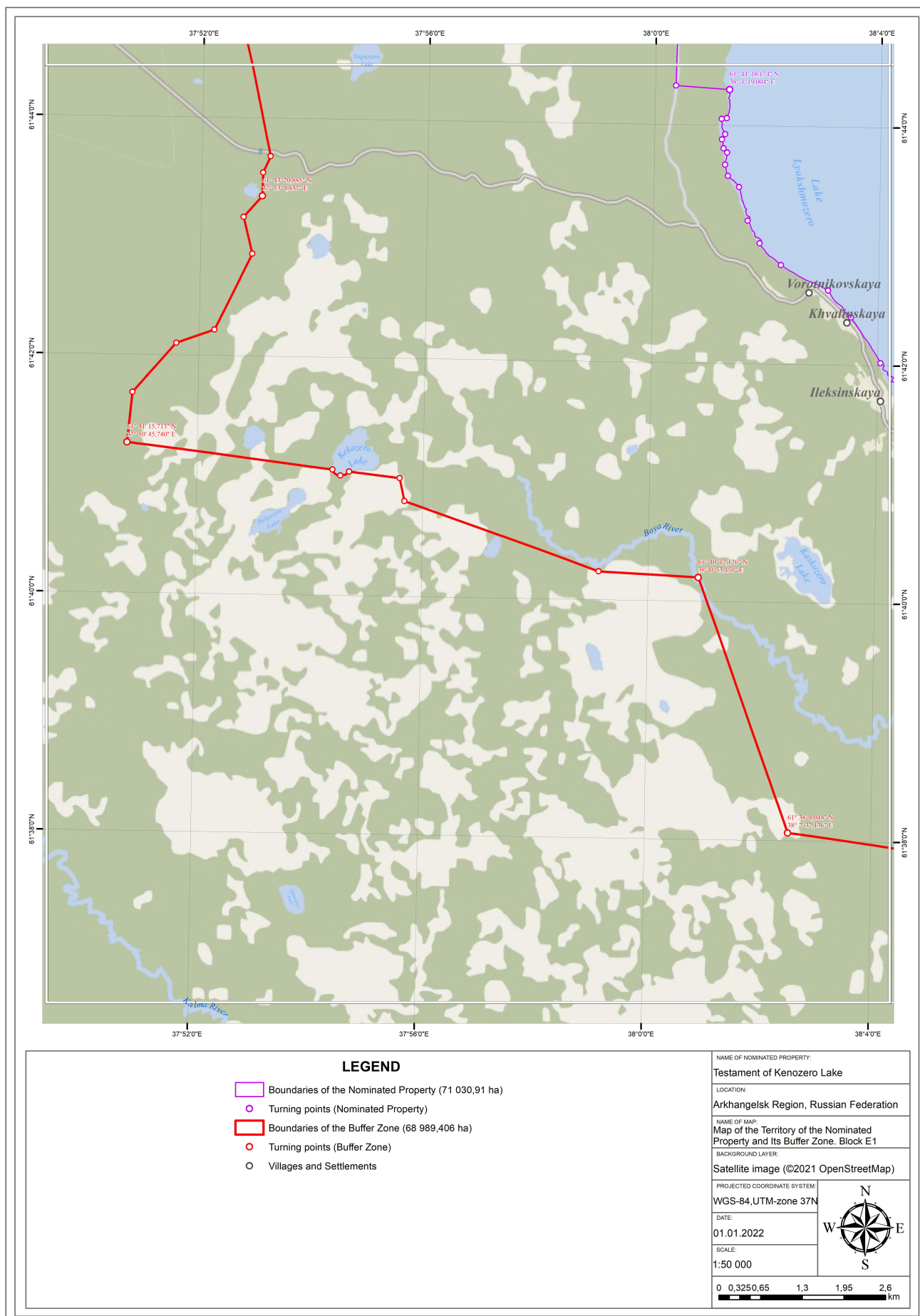
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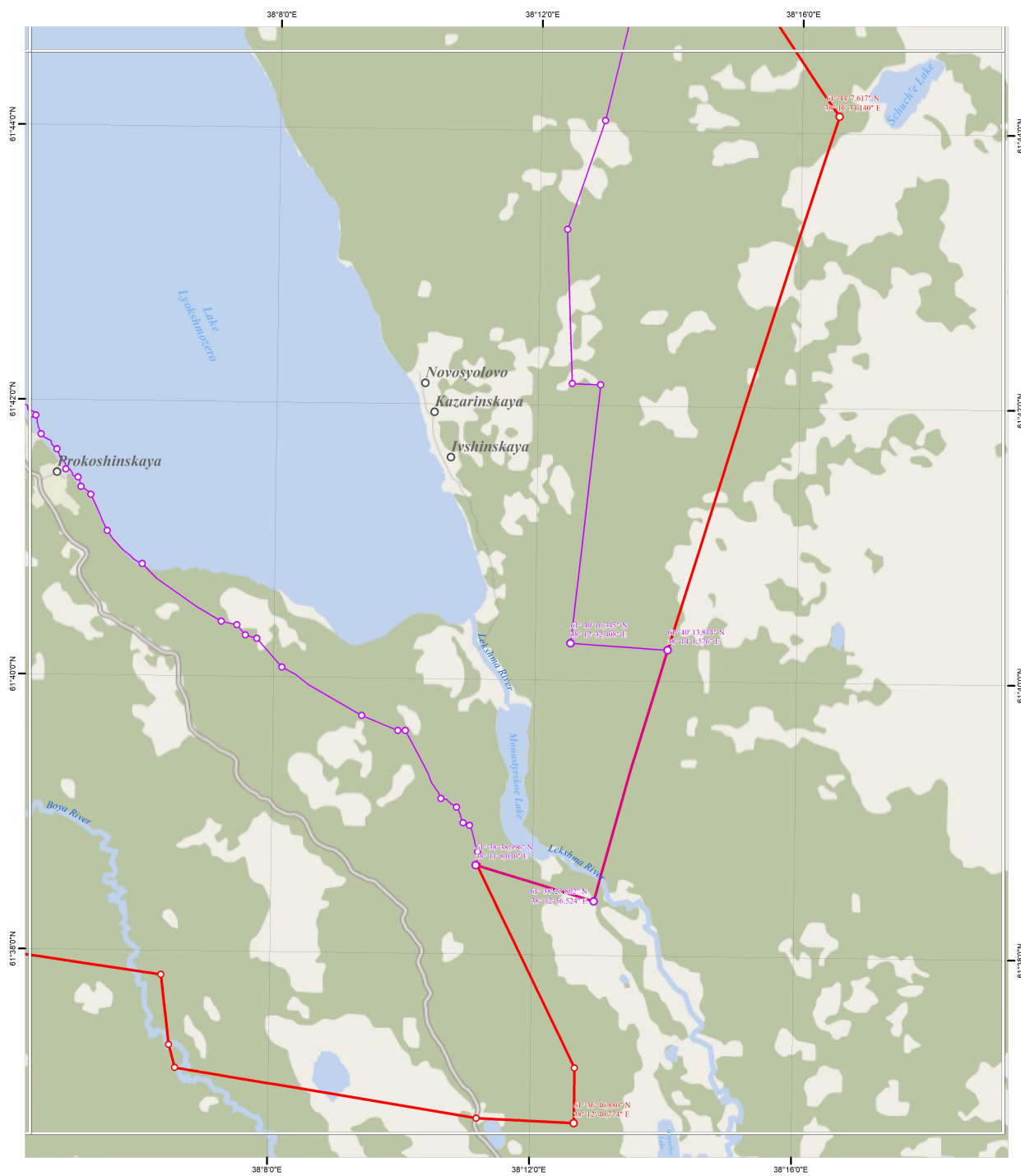
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The Testament of Kenozero Lake property is nominated under the criteria (i), (iii), (v) and (vi).

## CULTURAL LANDSCAPE

Yes.

### DRAFT STATEMENT OF OUTSTANDING UNIVERSAL VALUE

#### a) Brief synthesis

The Testament of Kenozero Lake nominated property is located in the southwestern part of the Arkhangelsk Oblast in the north of the European part of Russia, on the border with the Republic of Karelia, on the border of the Plesetsk and Kargopol districts.

The Testament of Kenozero Lake is an outstanding example of the Northern European peasant cultural landscape, which evolved in the 12th-19th centuries and preserved cultural traditions and archaic forms of folk art as well as traditional nature management.

The Testament of Kenozero Lake Cultural Landscape has an exceptionally high value, state of conservation, and representation of the phenomenon of Russian peasant culture. The value of the Kenozero cultural landscape lies in the harmonious combination of historic rural settlements with the traditional system of agricultural lands of the Russian North, reflecting the practice of communal agriculture that developed many centuries ago and the individual features of the commercial and agricultural economic structure that combined the culture of the forest (inherited from the Finno-Ugric tribes) and the culture of the field (introduced by Slavic settlers).

The Testament of Kenozero Lake is the guardian of unique folklore collections, its peasant landscape is distinguished by a high concentration of monuments of wooden architecture, including churches, chapels, and sacred crosses. It preserves the construction and art traditions of its traditional living space. The property preserves the traditions of harmonious nature management and combines rare evidence of the pre-Christian period of Russian history reflected in the living heritage of sacred groves and other sacred natural features.

The peasant landscape of Kenozero reflects the heritage of the people of the Russian North, who managed to preserve their unique tangible and intangible heritage through the centuries in various natural, economic and political contexts.

#### b) Justification for Criteria

(i) The outstanding monuments of the religious folk architecture of Kenozero represent a unique artistic achievement in the harmony of forms, conciseness of composition, and asceticism of designs due to a special secluded location in space. These monuments are the embodiment of beauty, grandeur, and exceptional originality of the traditional architecture of the Russian North. The church and chapel ceiling paintings (heavens) collections are unique in quantity, conservation, and artistic expressiveness.

The ceiling paintings of the Testament of Kenozero Lake represent a unique fusion of provincialism and late academism, archaic and classical, professional and folk art. Kenozero is an outstanding example of the original peasant art of the Russian North, which emerged due to their special lifestyle and social context.

(iii) Kenozero is an outstanding peasant landscape in terms of its values and state of conservation. Its unique cultural traditions and customs, archaic forms of folk art and traditional Russian crafts, as well as systems of nature management and agriculture, have been preserved almost unchanged to our times. Nature, man, and culture have merged, representing a unique and invaluable testimony to the cultural tradition of the Russian North.

(v) The Testament of Kenozero Lake serves as an outstanding example of the preserved medieval cultural landscape of the Russian North, evolved as a result of the combination of traditional land use as well as agricultural

and production system, with conserved historic structure and functional links.

(vi) Kenozero is one of the main centers of Russian epic creativity, which has enriched world folklore, a place of preserved spiritual practices with sacred spaces and the territory of the living heritage of people as the guardians of the unique cultural tradition.

### **c) Statement of Integrity**

The cultural landscape of the Testament of Kenozero Lake has a high level of integrity, which is featured by a high state of conservation and completeness of representation of all elements and attributes of potential outstanding universal value, including the representative complex of living villages with the local community, religious and civil buildings, traditional land-use system and lifestyle as well as the historical continuity of development.

The property's physical structure, including key attributes of the cultural landscape, is in a good state of conservation and is not adversely affected by economic activity or abandonment. The works on the conservation and maintenance of monuments as well as the comprehensive monitoring and prevention of potential threats are executed on time.

Human activity on the territory of the property is environmentally sustainable and meets the values of the property, as the traditional land and water use systems are implemented on the territory.

The numerous historic, functional, planning, and spatial links between the attributes and elements of the Testament of Kenozero Lake Cultural Landscape are preserved along with intangible elements, including traditional crafts and land-use methods.

The territory of the nominated property is sufficient for the comprehensive representation of all elements, features, attributes and processes reflecting the potential outstanding universal value of the property.

### **d) Statement of Authenticity**

The peasant cultural landscape of Kenozero has fully preserved its authenticity, historical

appearance, continuity of traditions in nature management and lifestyle, architecture and spiritual practices, representing a reserve of folk culture of the Russian North.

The requirements on authenticity are fully met by the traditional settlement system; the layout and structure of villages; the nature management and land use system; location, functional use, architectural forms and structures of monuments of wooden architecture and ordinary residential buildings of the villages.

The preservation of traditional technologies in construction, agriculture and crafts, the continuity of spiritual practices and customs are ensured in Kenozero.

The authenticity of the tangible and intangible heritage of the Testament of Kenozero Lake Cultural Landscape is confirmed by numerous documentary evidence, which is carefully studied by the researchers of Kenozero within the framework of over 80 research expeditions from the 19th century to the present.

The combination of the undisturbed nature of the northern forest lake district with the traditional peasant culture of North Russia contributes to the preservation of the cultural landscape, which is supported by the sustainable traditional use of the property by the local community.

### **e) Requirements for protection and management**

The Testament of Kenozero Lake Cultural Landscape is a unique cultural landscape constituted by cultural and natural heritage protected at the federal and regional levels.

The territory of the nominated property and its buffer zone is a part of the territory of the Kenozero National Park Federal State Budgetary Institution and is under its management.

The management body aims to preserve the natural and cultural heritage constituting the cultural landscape of Kenozero in accordance with Federal Law No. 73-FZ of June 25, 2002, on Cultural Heritage Sites (Historical and Cultural Monuments) of the Peoples of the Russian Federation.

The protection regime established for the territory of the Kenozero National Park and the Management Plan of the nominated property for 2021-2027 provides for the necessary measures to preserve the Testament of Kenozero Lake Cultural Landscape as well as the measures to protect, monitor the economic activities and maintain the traditional nature management on its territory

In 2004, the Kenozero National Park was included in the UNESCO's Man and the Biosphere Program, which also contributes to the effective preservation of the Testament of Kenozero Lake Cultural Landscape.

#### **NAME AND CONTACT INFORMATION OF OFFICIAL LOCAL INSTITUTION/AGENCY/ ORGANIZATION**

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