

TEBERDINSKY BIOSPHERE RESERVE

Russian Federation

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INTRODUCTION

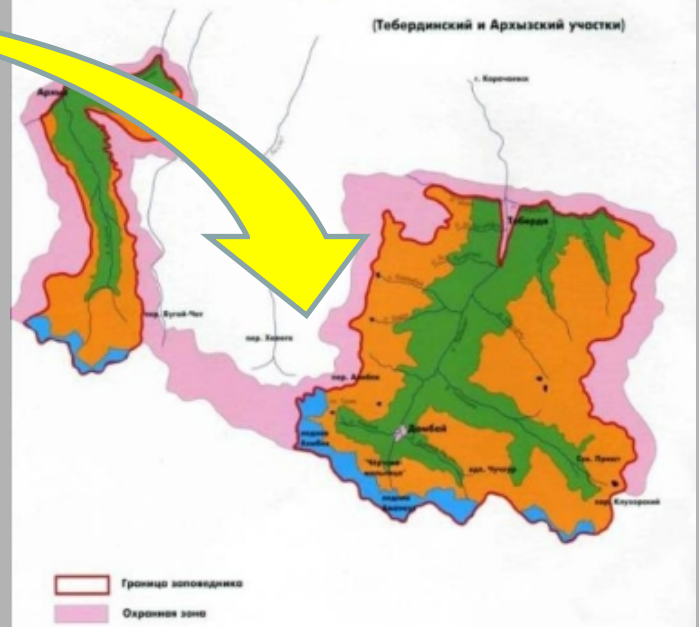
BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- ED AWARDED TO THE AREA IN 1994
- RENEWED IN 1999, 2004 AND 2009
- CATEGORY A : « *THE PROTECTION OF THE EUROPEAN HERITAGE OF FLORA AND FAUNA, ITS ENVIRONMENT AND ECOSYSTEM*»

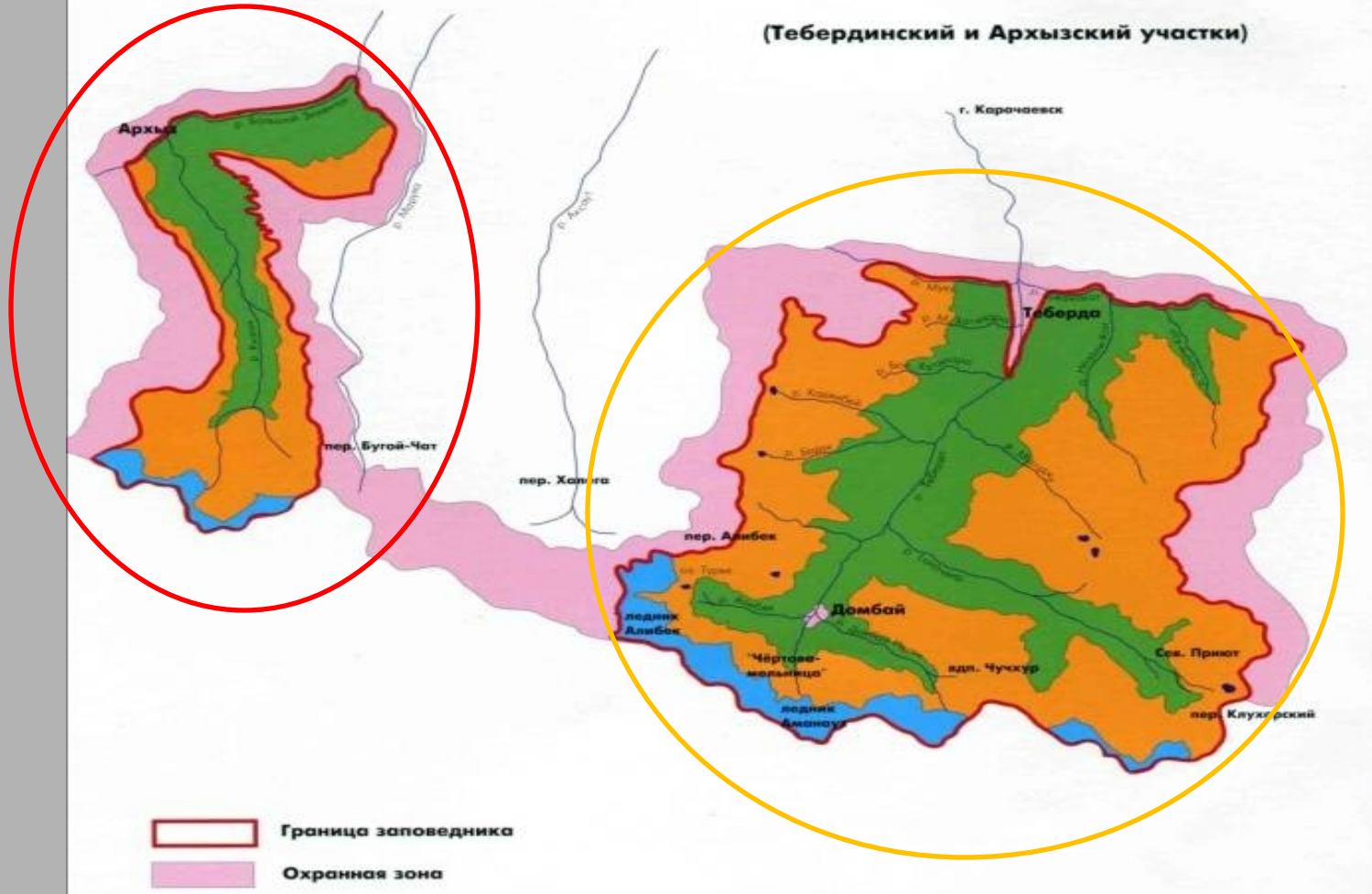
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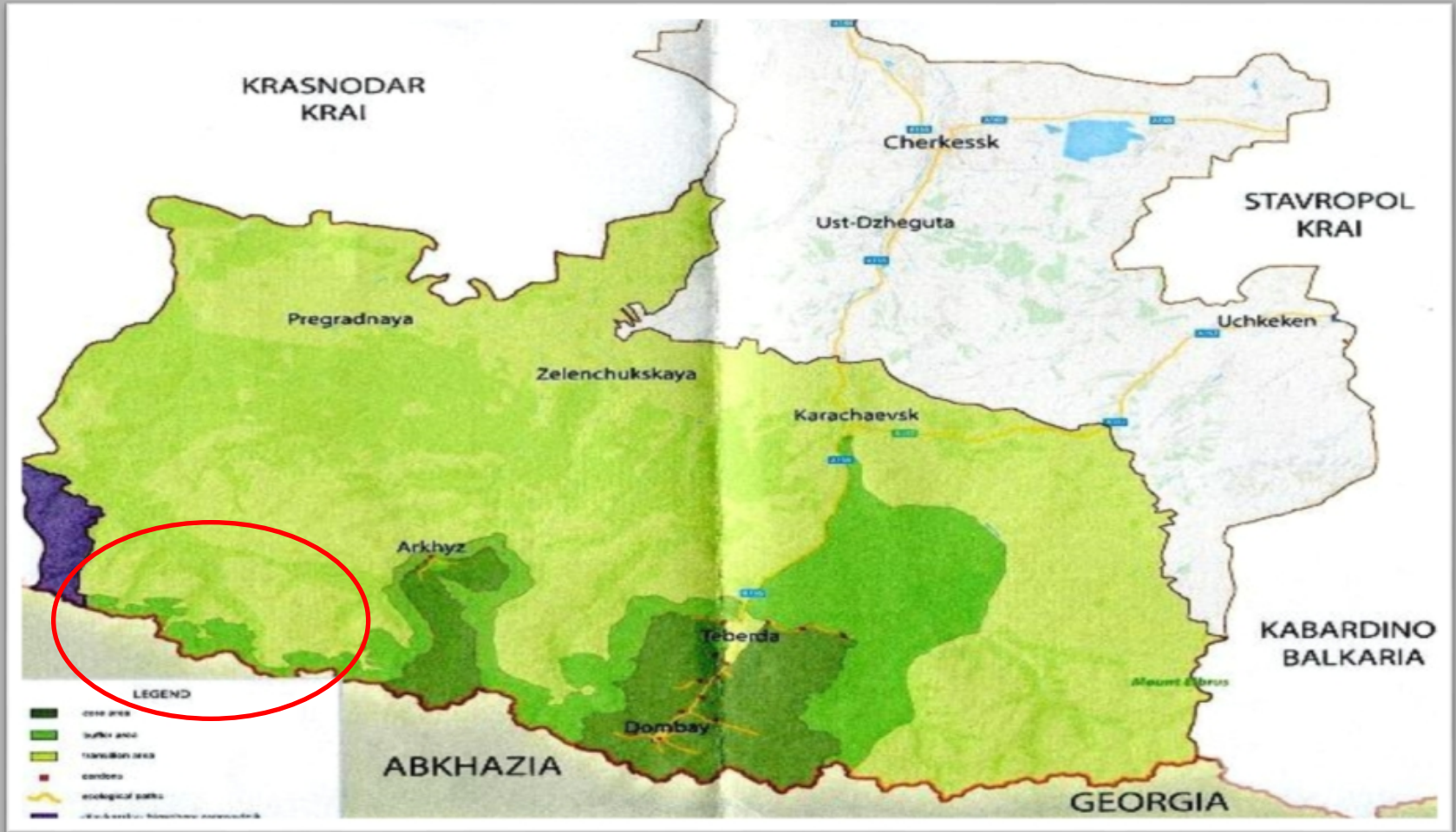
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2010 EXTENSION













EUROPEAN INTEREST

BIODIVERSITY INTEREST

- PRESENCE OF MANY SPECIES AND NATURAL HABITATS OF EUROPEAN INTEREST
- MOST OF THEM LISTED ON APPENDICES TO THE BERN CONVENTION
- **THE OVERALL STATE OF CONSERVATION OF THE SHA HAS IMPROVED SINCE 2013**
- **NEW SPECIES DISCOVERED SINCE 2009** (including flora, vertebrates and insects)
- DHA HAS BEEN SELECTED AS **A POTENTIAL EMERALD SITE**
- PRESENCE OF ICONIC SPECIES (bison/zubra, persian leopard in the past)

HIGH ENDEMISM

- HALF OF ALL CAUCASIAN SPECIES
- MANY OF THEM LISTED ON THE RED DATA BOOK OF THE FEDERATION OF RUSSIA



HIGH LEVEL OF INTEGRITY







STILL OUTSTANDING BIOLOGICAL AND LANDSCAPE VALUES



MANAGEMENT

- A STRONG LEGAL PROTECTION (Zapovednik/strict nature reserve)
- A CORE ZONE (2 CLUSTERS AND 3 LEVELS OF PROTECTION) + A BUFFER ZONE
- A BIOSPHERE RESERVE
- AN ECOLOGICAL CORRIDOR WITH THE WESTERN CAUCASUS WORLD HERITAGE SITE, SINCE 2010 (polygon)
- **CURRENTLY MANAGED ON A PLAN WHICH IS OUT OF DATE** (a new plan in preparation for the biosphere reserve)
- STRONG MONITORING AND CAPACITIES
- HIGH STANDARD ACCOMODATIONS (zoo, headquarters, visitor centre, hôtels, ...)















... THE MAIN WEAKNESS

- **THE ABSENCE OF AN UPDATED MANAGEMENT PLAN**

**IMPLEMENTATION OF
THE (2) CONDITIONS AND (6) RECOMMENDATIONS
ATTACHED TO THE 2009 RENEWAL**

- THE 2 CONDITIONS HAVE BEEN **FULLY IMPLEMENTED**
- 1 RECOMMENDATION IS **IN PROGRESS** (MANAGEMENT PLAN) BUT NOT YET EFFECTIVE
- 1 LOOKS **EFFECTIVE** (POLYGON)
- 4 IMPLEMENTED SHOULD BE ADAPTED AND PURSUED

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- THE **EUROPEAN INTEREST** STILL THERE
- THE **MANAGEMENT** MAY BE CONSIDERED AS SATISFACTORY BUT SHOULD BE IMPROVED IN SOME AREAS
- **RECOMMENDATION TO RENEW THE ED FOR TEN YEARS WITH 7 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- **THE ANNUAL REPORT** SHOULD BE SENT TIMELY TO THE SECRETARIAT
- **A NEW MANAGEMENT PLAN** SHOULD BE ADOPTED ASAP
- **THE DHA CAPACITIES** SHOULD BE CONSOLIDATED AND SPECIFIC ATTENTION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO **THE MANAGEMENT OF THE BUFFER ZONE**
- **AWARENESS ACTIVITIES** SHOULD BE DEVELOPED FURTHER WITH A FOCUS ON YOUTH
- **THE RESEARCH PROGRAMME/ACTIVITIES** SHOULD HAVE A FOCUS ON CC
- **COOPERATION** WITH THE GEORGIAN PART SHOULD BE PURSUED AND STEPPED UP WITH THE VIEW TO CREATE A TRANSBORDER DHA
- **THE POLYGON REGULATION** SHOULD BE ENFORCED STRICTLY



THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION