

IUCN classification of PA's in Russia

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Two main approaches for
implementing the IUCN
classification of PAs in Russia

The Institute for Nature Conservation has implemented in 1996 the 1994 version

By Alexey Blagovidov, Dmitry Ochagov and colleagues

Formal approach:

- Zapovednik (Strict Reserve) = 1a or 1b
- National park = II
- Nature monument = III, IV
- Zakaznik (Preserve) = III, IV
- Nature Park = V
- Game Preserve, Protective Forest = VI

The WWF-Russia has implemented the 2008 version and also tested the draft guide “A tool to help selecting the appropriate IUCN categories and governance types for protected areas”

By V. Stepanitskyi, M. Stishov,
N. Troitskaya, A. Troitskyi

A separate assessment of each Zapovednik and each National Park:

- A lot of PA's belong to not-expected categories
- Some comments made

Examples for BEAR



- Kivach Zapovednik – category III (not I)
- Vodlozerskiy, Paanayarvi, Yugyd Va National Parks – categories Ia, 1b (not II)
- Kenozerskyi NP – categories III, VI (not II)

Comments



- No difference between good organized tourism and high recreational impact on some natural objects

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- The criterion of “enough size for supporting ecosystem” applied as decisive for the category II only.

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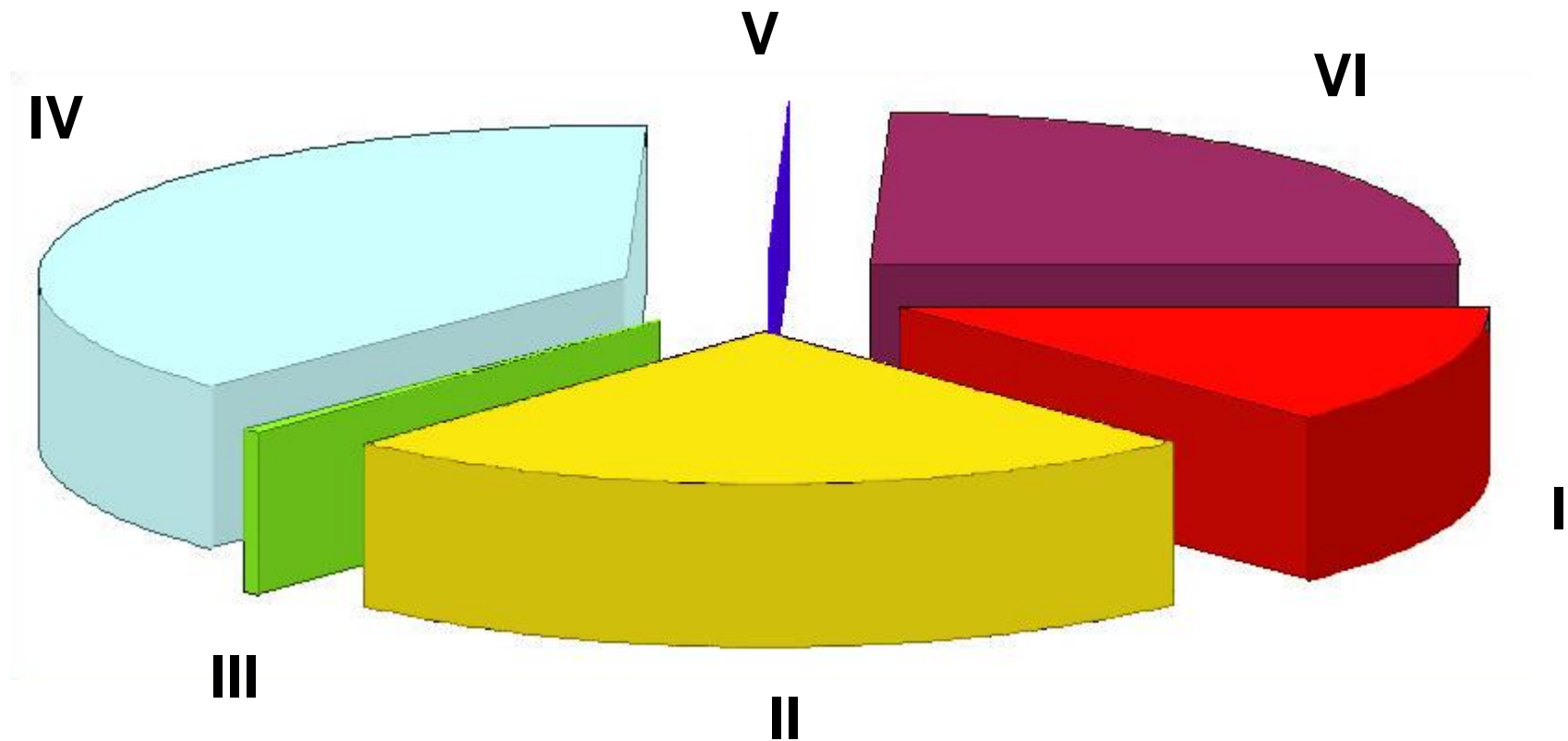
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	Ia	II	III	IV	V	VI	Total
Total size, km ²	12845,84	26982,88	201,78	45947,32	261,38	28953,99	115193,19
Number	8	5	86	360	2	44	505
Average size, km ²	1605,73	5396,57	2,35	127,63	130,69	658,05	228,11
Proportion of the total PA size, %	11,15	23,42	0,18	39,89	0,23	25,14	100
Proportion of the total area of the North-West Russia, %	1,05	2,21	0,02	3,77	0,02	2,37	9,44

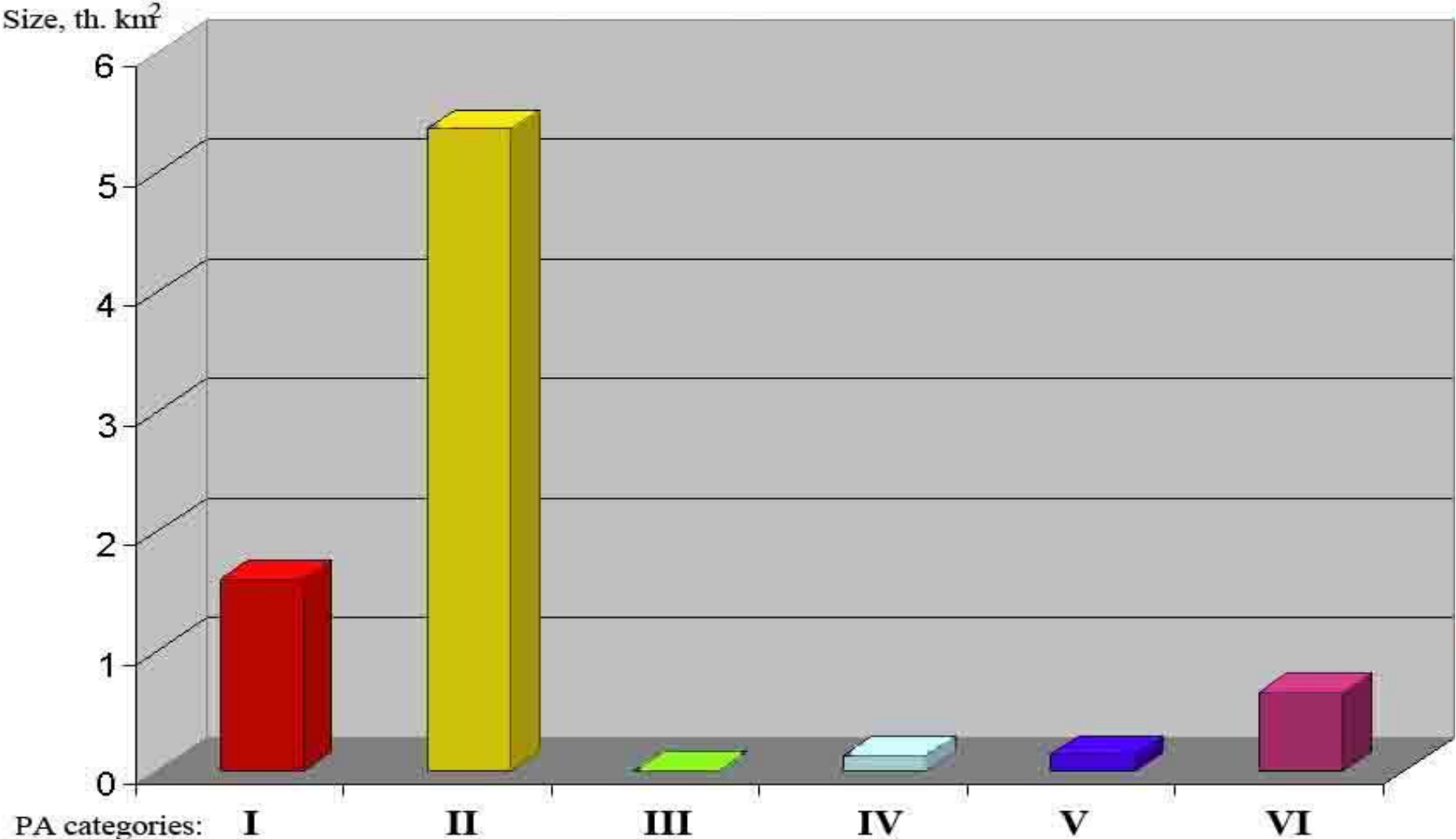
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Input of PA's of different categories in the total PA size in the North-West Russia

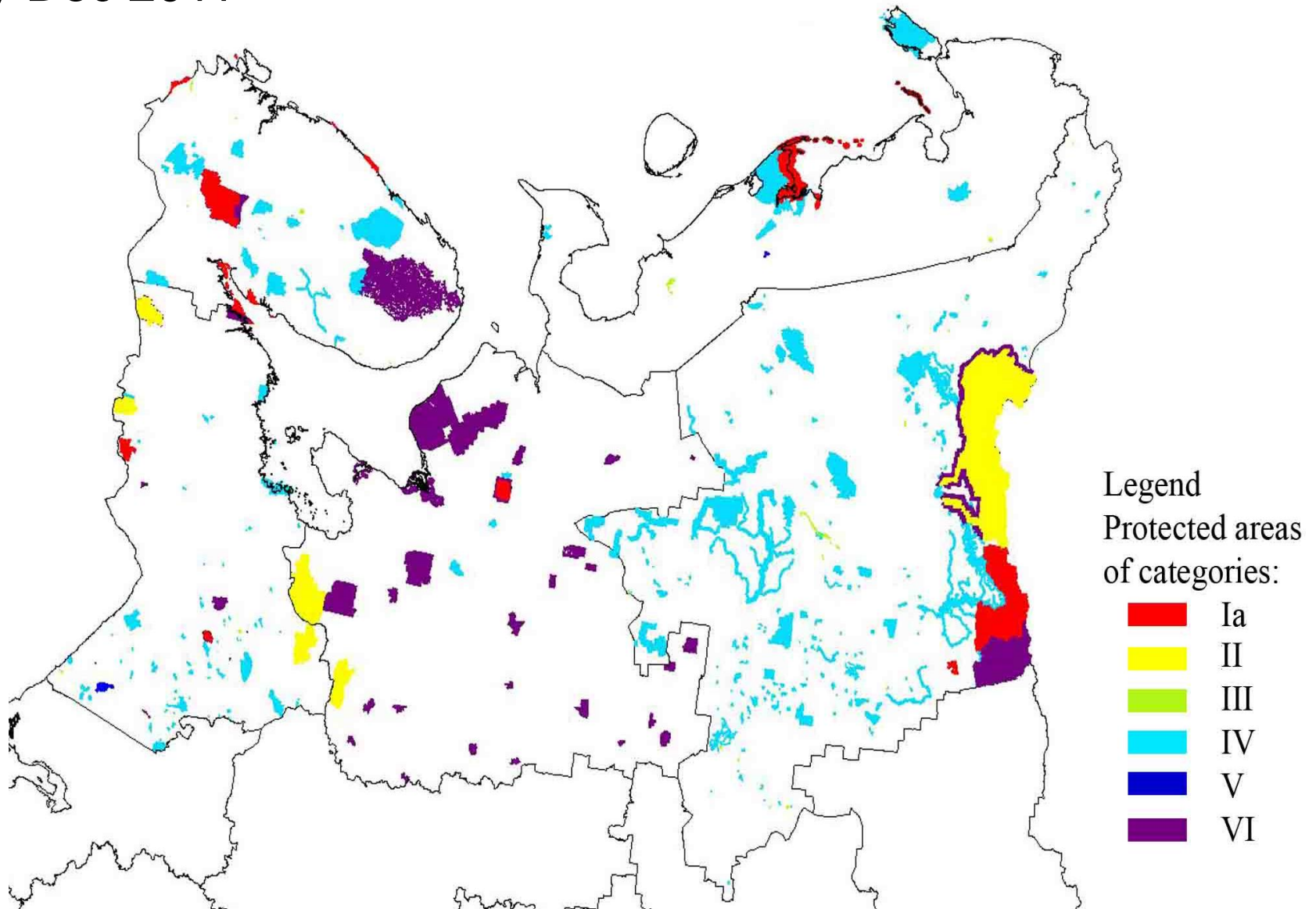


Average size of PA's of different categories
in the total PA size in the North-West Russia



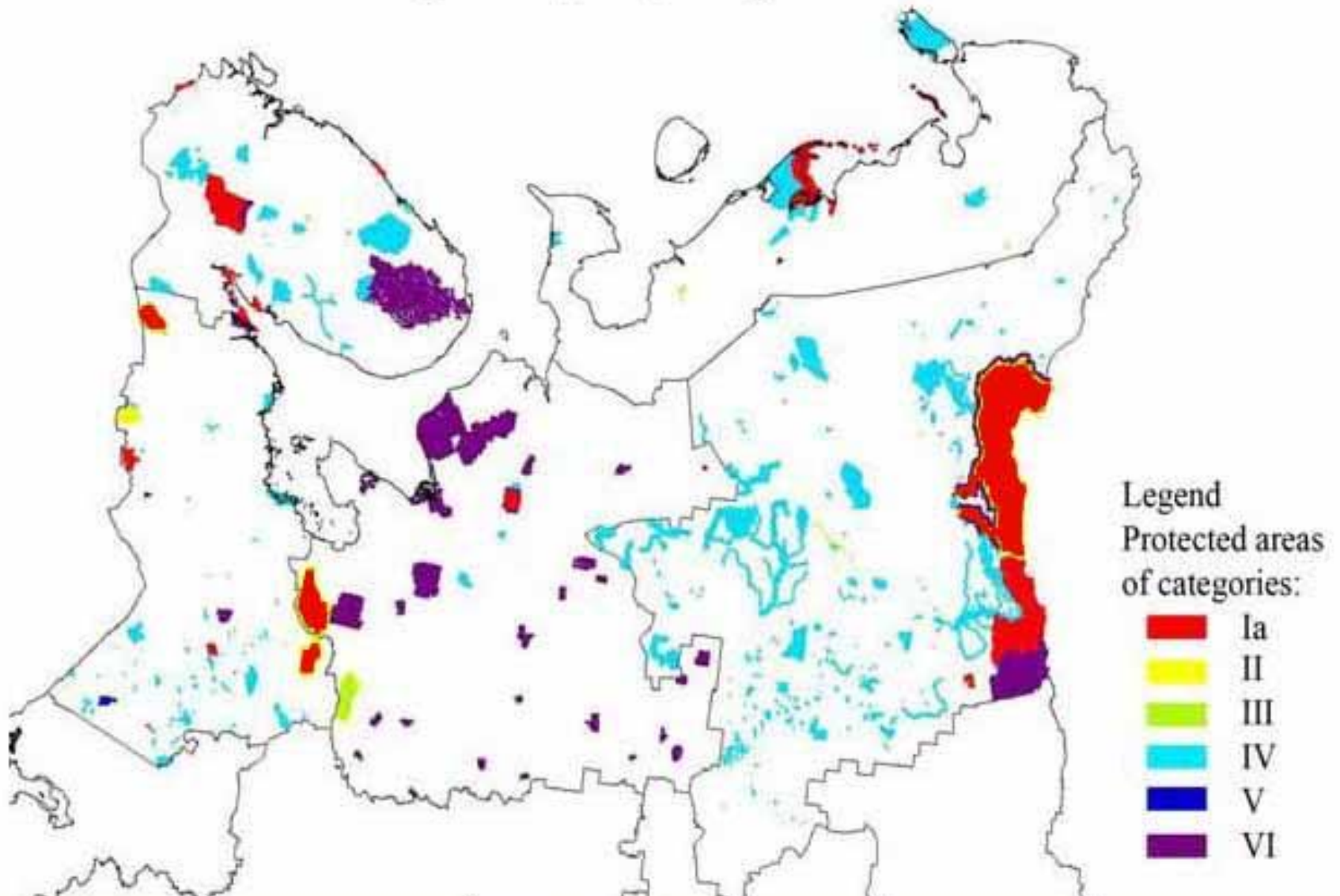
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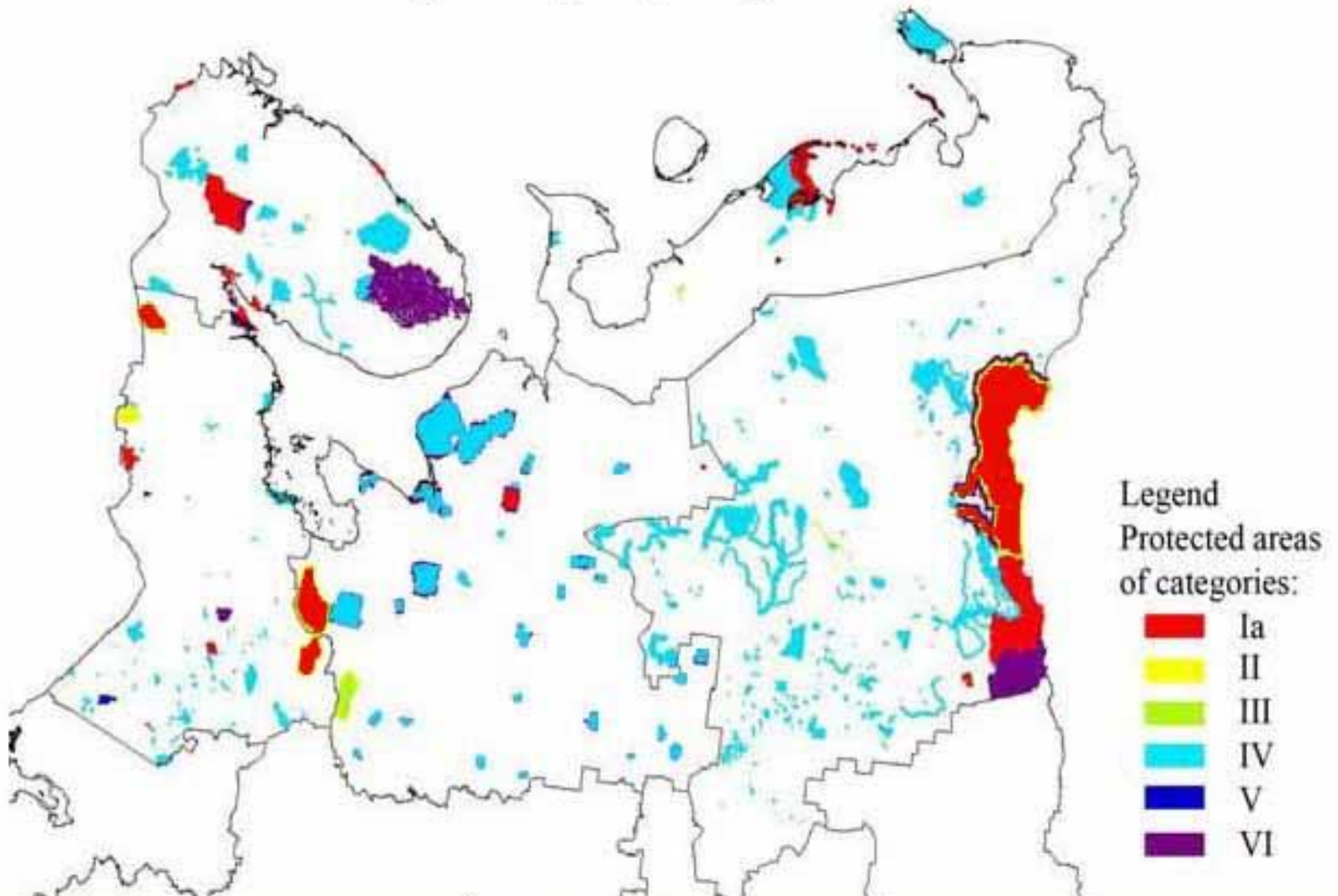
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Next steps

- Up-dating the preliminary map after the common work with regional experts
- Adoption of the results of classification by the responsible agencies

IUCN classification of PAs applies on its objectives, so the most important should be the version adopted by the responsible agencies

Implementation in BPAN project

- In general: a “common language” for international cooperation
- A comparison of maps of IUCN classified PAs (according to PA objectives) and BPAN classified PAs (according to PA regimes) will indicate possible hotspots for developing concrete recommendations