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Piloting community-based observing among Evenk communities in Yakutia

The Republic Indigenous People Organization of Sakha Republic cooperate with CSIPN and NORDECO in developing capacity and piloting community observing among civil society organizations and community members in Sakha Republic, Russia. Fishermen, hunters, reindeer herders, school students and teachers keep track of changes in the environment, discuss their observations and propose management initiatives.

The community based monitoring process has involved a wide range of workshops and meetings in the communities of Zhigansk and Olenek districts. The first workshops have introduced community-based monitoring and built the local capacity to undertake it. Subsequent workshops have focused on how concrete monitoring activities are being implemented. The participants are local fishermen, hunters and herders, local indigenous peoples' representatives, various members of local authorities, and school students and teachers.



Figure 1. Indigenous people in Yakutia. Photo by M. Enghoff

The community observing by the Evenk community members in Yakutia enables better ability to adjust management of the resources to changing conditions of the resources. At the same time, it contributes to improved dialogue between communities and authorities, and helps enhance local livelihoods within environmentally sustainable limits. This has e.g. led to establishment of a new traditional use area for fisheries.

The data are stored within databases held by the Republic Indigenous People Organisation of Sakha Republic, and additionally the data collection is registered in the INTAROS Data Catalogue.



Figure 2. Fish is an important food source in Yakutia. Photo by M. Enghoff



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