## Land-use and land-cover changes in Yamal peninsula



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# <u>ENvironmental and Social</u> Impacts of Industrialization in <u>NO</u>rthern <u>R</u>ussia (ENSINOR)

- Case study approach
- Changes in social-ecological systems, including herding
- Local and scientific knowledge (geography, anthropology, botany) -Finnish Academy project 2004-2007





# **GIS** database collection

## Interpretation of impacts:

- Landsat TM ETM, SPOT, ASTER, Quickbird-2
- Road network
- Pipeline network
- Off road vehicle track network
- Infrastructure
- Quarries





	Socio cu	tural Ground truthing	Quickbird-2	Quickbird-:	2 ASTER	Spot Spot	Landsat	Land
impact	survey		Panchromatic	Multispect		Panen, Muit	ISPEC. ELM/	110
small scale < 0,09 ha				-+				
Soil contamination*	xx	xx	-	-	-	-		-   -
Removal of top soil and vegetation	200	к ххх	XXX	хх	х	х	х –	-
ndustrial waste:								
- metal	хх	xx	х	-	-	-		-
- glass	хх	x	-	-	-	-		· ·
- concrete	xxx	x xxx	XX	x	-	-		
- wood	xxx	x xxx	х	-	-	-		
Single off-road vehicle track	хх	xx	XXX	хх	х	х	х –	
Vegetation changes:						_		
- shrubstograminoids	X	ХХ	х	хх	х			· ·
<ul> <li>peatland to graminoids</li> </ul>	x	ххх	х	хх	х	->		
<ul> <li>revegetated barren ground</li> </ul>	×	ХХХ	х	хх	х	-		
Pipelines	200	x xxx	XXX	XX	х	-		
Powerlines	200	x xxx	xx	х	-	-		
Drilling towers	200	x xxx	XXX	хх	х	х		
Frucks/Vehicles	200	x xxx	xx	х	-	-		
Medium scale > 0.1 ha - < 1 ha								
Roads	xxx	x xxx	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX )	xx xx	х
Multiple off-road tracks	xx	xx	XXX	хх	xx	XX	хх х	
Concrete paved vards and roads	200	x xxx	XXX	хх	хх	XX	хх х	
Vegetation changes:								
- shrubsto graminoids	xx	xx	х	xx	х	-	х х	
- peatland to graminoids	XX	XXX	x	хх	x	_	x x	
- revenetated barren ground	XX	XXX	x	XX	x	_	x x	
Barren ground on industrial sites	200	x xxx	xxx	XXX	xx	XX	xx x	
Revenetated areas	x	xx	x	XX	x	x	x x	
Barracks & built up areas	xxx	x xxx	xxx	XX	xx	xx ·	xx x	
Winter roads	200	x xx	XXX	XXX	XX	XX	x x	
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#### Table 2. Capacity to detect different impacts of hydrocarbon exploration in Bovanenkovo. \* Data on soil contamination are from Varandei oil field in



#### Table 3. Capacity to detect phenomena associated with Nenets reindeer herding. Kankings include – not visible, x visible with effort, xx

	Socio-cultur	al Ground truthing	Quickbird-2	Quicktrind-2	SPOTs-ASTER-LANSATs
Phenomenon	survey		Panchromatic	Multispectral	
Small scale <= 2 sqm					
Reindeer	XXX	XXX	-	-	-
Nenets sledge	XXX	XXX	х	х	
Mesoscale > 2 sqm> 15 sqm					
Nenetstent (chum)	XXX	XXX	х	x	-
Migration routes & trails close to camps	XXX	х	х	x	-
Local scale > 15 sqm> 0,09 ha					
Nenets camp (group of tents and sledges)	XXX	XXX	xx	х	-
Sacred sites, graveyards	xx	х	-	-	-
1 year or less old camp site	XXX	xx	-	-	-
Older Nenets campsite	XX	х	х	х	-
Reindeer herd > 100 animals clustered	XXX	ххх	хх	х	-





### -Spectrometer measurements

- ASD field spectrometer 350- 10745 nm
- Measured reflectance:
  - main vegetation types
  - main bare ground types
  - main species





#### Species measurements: dry and wet

- Alnus
- Dryas
- Empetrum
- Equisetum
- Salix lanata
- Salix polaris
- Vaccinium arctosptaphylys
- Vaccinium vitis/idea
- Vaccinium uliginosum
- Betula nana
- Festuca
- Polytrichum
- Aulacomnium
- Sphagnum
- Dicranum
- Racomitrium
- Crustacea lichens
- +
- Sand
- Gravel
- Bare soil
- Quarry











# 1984-1988 NDVI change





## 1988-1999 NDVI

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## In Bovanenkovo gas field: Visually interpreted affected area covers 448 km<sup>2</sup>

Premanently changed Infrastructure 2,1 km<sup>2</sup> Quarries 4,3 km<sup>2</sup> Road 79 km 2,9 km<sup>2</sup> Total 9,3 km<sup>2</sup>

Changed vegetation (mainly shrubs to graminoids) Off road tracks: 2500 km (Quickbird-2 & ASTER image) Covers area of 24 km<sup>2</sup>

Total change 33 km<sup>2</sup>





Forbes, Stammler, Kumpula, Meschtyb, Pajunen & Kaarlejärvi (2009).

# Impacts of Bovanenkovo gas field to brigades 4 and 8 of Yarsalinski sovhoz:

Brigade 4:

- Summer pasture July-August 1019 km<sup>2</sup>
- 225 km<sup>2</sup> in Bovanenko gas field affected area

Brigade 8:

- Summer pasture July-August 796 km<sup>2</sup>
- 200 km<sup>2</sup> in Bovanenko gas affected area

# Conclusions

- Impacts of drilling sites are quite local, but affects strongly to certain brigades which may cumulate the effects by increasing grazing pressure to neighbouring brigades, sovhozes
- Old and gas drilling sites, offroad vehicle tracks may have increased value in reindeer fodder by increased amount of gramioides.
- Devaluation of pasture land:
  - hoof injuries and infections caused by metal and glass garbage, can be leathal to reindeer so herders avoid such places
- Limited or restricted accessibility to pasture land:
  - Linear constructions cause problems to migration
  - Too low build pipelines, high road banks
  - Restricted accessibility
    - By oil and gas companies
    - Areas between barriers left unused
  - $\rightarrow$  decreased amount of pastureland

# Conclusions...

- very high resolution images can detect the impacts of industrial sites, but some factors which area important to quality of pasture are undetectable, like metal and glass garbage
- VHR satellite imagery is reliable source to monitor the construction and also to supervise that licences and regulations are followed