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Work experience:

An expert in the field of nature conservation sociology, management and strategic planning of PAs, development of ecological tourism in protected areas and territorial nature conservation.

2018 — now	Coordinator of Association of National Nature Reserves and National Parks of Russia's Northwest Region.
2023	Chief specialist of Roszapovedtsentr (information and analytical center of Russian PAs system)
2016-2017	Director of Joint Directorate of Nature Protected Areas "Zapovednoe Pribaikalie".
2006-2016	Director of Polistovsky National Nature Reserve.
2004-2006	Deputy Director, Head of Science Department in Polistovsky National Nature Reserve.
2003-2004	Ornithologist in Polistovsky National Nature Reserve.

Education:

2018	SMART Connect & CiberTracker – a training for trainers for deploying the system in Arctic. Tromso, Norway
2017	"Parks and Protected Area Management", International Visitor Leadership Program, USA (Department of State)
2013	"Intensive Program on Education for Sustainable Development in Protected Areas and UNESCO Biosphere Reserves", Athens University
2001-2004	Postgraduate education (aspirant), specialty: zoology of vertebrates, Saint-Petersburg University
1994-1999	Teacher of biology and Chemistry, Pskov Teacher's training Institute

Projects:

2020-2024	Lecture for courses “Nature conservation system of Russia”, “Tourism on nature protected areas”, “Digitalization for Law enforcement services on protected areas”
2024	Development of a Communication Strategy, Tourism Concept, Scientific Volunteering Concept for the Moscow part of the Losiny Ostrov National Park, Moscow, for IPEE RAS.
2024	Design and deployment of the SMART system for two protected areas managed by the Sebezhsky National Park, staff training and program support.
2024	Implementation of strategic planning principles in the work of the Shorsky National Park and team building.
2019-2023	Deploying the SMART system for PAs and WWF Polar Bear Patrols (7 projects)
2018-2023	Strategical planning of tourism and sustainable development (10 projects)
2018-2023	Visitor Centers', trails and tourist complexes' concepts (12 projects)
2022	Assessment of management effectiveness and development of strategic plans for PAs in the Russian Far East - 8 PAs (within the framework of the WWF project "Eco-system adaptation in the Russian Far East")
2021	Concept development for “The Great Ural Path” project
2021	“Strengthening the PAs network and preserving biodiversity in Baikal: current status for 2020” - an analytical study within the framework of the Project “Assessment of environmental and social problems of the Baikal Nature Territory”.
2020	“Human dimension in conservation” 40 hours training for Russian PA's specialists, Co-trainer
2020	Tourism assessment for Sikhote-Alin National Nature Reserve, Primorskiy Kray Region.
2019	Strategical planning for “ANO OSDZh” (WCS Russia)
2019	Study trip and exchange of experience organizing. The best practice of tourism development on PAs of Republic of Karelia and Finland.
2014-2015	DestiMED IUCN – Development of ecological tourism on national level. 2014 — Lebanon, 2015 — Tunisia.
2013-2016	Engagement of local communities in sustainable and ecological tourism in Polistovsky Reserve.