## Global Environmental Policy

Polar Environment and Global Warming (changed) International Research Project, INSROP INSROP GIS Experimental Voyage

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#### INSROP

1st Phase: 3 years, 1993-1995

Evaluation Phase: 1 year, 1996

2nd Phase: 2 years, 1997-1998

Final Presentation: 1999

Budget: 2-3,000,000 US\$ / year

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#### INSROP

#### 4 Sub-Programmes

- 1. Natural Conditions and Ice Navigation
- 2. Environmental Factors
- 3. Trade and Commercial Shipping Aspects
- 4. Political, Legal and Strategic Factors

Each sub-programmes manages 10-20 projects every year.

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#### **INSROP** Outputs

- 166 research project reports
- 3 books (2 English, 1 Japanese)
- 3 international conferences
- INSROP GIS

## Major Roles

#### Russia: . CNIIMF, Icebreaker and navigation data AARI, Ice conditions and other environmental data

- Norway: GIS Environmental impact assessment Political and Economical demands Japan:
  - Extensive tank tests for optimal ship design Experimental voyage Navigation simulation and economic assessment Inputs from Canada and Finland

## Many Negotiations

- · Complicated structure of Russian Society > CNIIMF as agency SOF members = office workers and not many Volunteer works of researchers
- Tell clearly what we need, and what we want to and can do with it.
- Find characters to whom we are asking something.
- Realize team working ASAP.
- Internet communication as well as normal communications.



































# Oil Spill Simulation

- Wind and current data in the INSROP GIS.
- 3,500 ton spilled oil to be assumed.
- Probability of oil presence due to statistical variation of wind and current.







# Navigation Route Analysis

- Sea depth data points
- Display of sea depth distribution
- Overlay of ice thickness
- Assumption of new route
- Ice thickness distribution in the narrow strip along the new route















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#### EIA Environmental Impact Assessment (Effects on Biological System)

Effects of increased NSR navigation on Ivory Gulls in Kara Sea (quantification of simplified equation)

#### EIA for Normal NSR Operation

1st step: display the spatial distribution of Ivory Gull colonies





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# EIA

 $3^{rd}$  step: spatial range of a given impact factor represented by an influence zone along the sailing segments



#### EIA

4<sup>th</sup> step: potential conflict area given as overlap between the Ivory colony distribution and the influence zone for the impact factor



#### EIA

#### 5th step: identification of sensitive/high risk areas





#### Why GIS for EIA?

- EIA can be done without GIS.
- But GIS speed-ups the EIA process, possibly realizing the PDCA (Plan-Do-Check Action) environment management system.





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# Experimental Voyage through the Northern Sea Route: August, 1995

#### 7 Tasks

- Monitoring the test voyage Ice conditions along the route Ship's progress Evaluation of the transit voyage
- Evaluation of satellite ice information Verification of satellite ice image by field data Effectiveness of satellite ice image for navigation
- Performance measurement of SA-15 cargo ship Daily logging of the voyage Ship performance measurement

Experimental Voyage through the Northern Sea Route: August, 1995

#### 7 Tasks

- Technical issues of SA-15 cargo ships
- Operational problems of the NSR and future prospect
- Observation of natural environment
- Video documentation of the voyage

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#### People on board

- 32 Crew All Russian, A few persons can speak English.
- 18 Members of Scientific Team including 2 professional video crew, 1 director and 1 cameraman.

18 Japanese, 2 Russian and 1 Canadian.



# Experimental Voyage through the Northern Sea Route: August, 1995

Projection of 35 min. video which recorded the onboard activities of the mission team consisting of 18 members from Japan, Russia and Canada.

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#### Homework

Select 1 from the following 2 tasks:

- Investigate and discuss the feasibilities of the development of Russian polar regions including Okhotsk area from technological, economical, social and environmental aspects.
- 2. Survey the use of GIS for environmental issues and discuss the future prospect.