

**The Barents Euro-Arctic Council's
Working Group on Environment (BEAC WGE)**



Nature Protection Subgroup

**Report to the BEAC WGE - meeting in
Murmansk October 9th, 2008**

Barents Euro-Arctic Council (BEAC)
Working Group on Environment

Nature Protection Subgroup's Strategy & Action Plan 2008-2009

June 2008

Projects and activities

**International
Contact Forum on Habitat
Conservation in the Barents
Region (HCF)**

**HCF V – Umeå, Sweden
(week 42)**

Priority projects

- Treriksrøysa
- Conference on World Heritage Sites in the Barents Region
- Barents Protected Areas Network – BPAN

New project ideas

- Forests in NW Russia
- Climate & biodiversity
- Flyways and wetlands



Habitat Contact Forum V

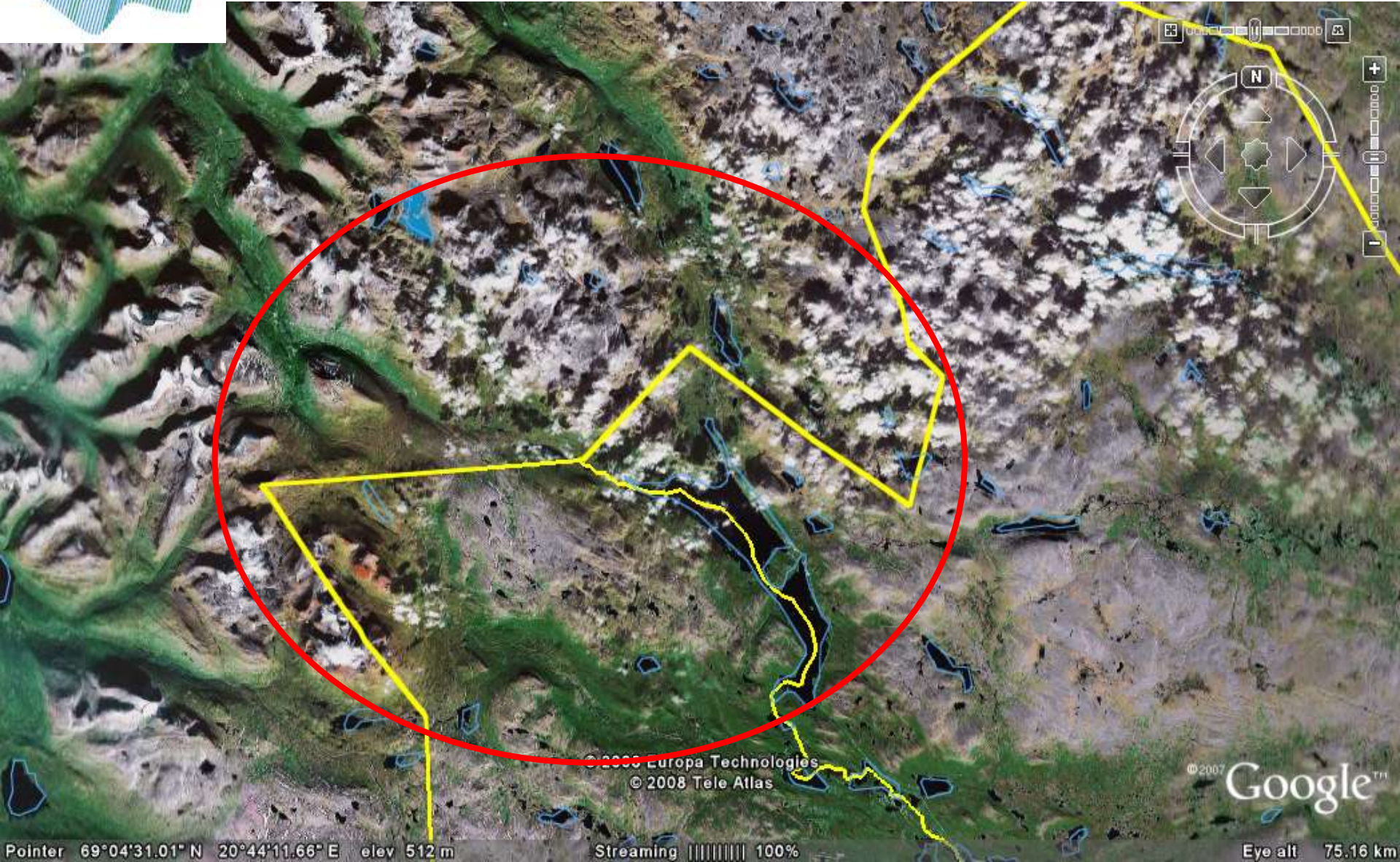
Umeå, Västerbotten

15 – 16 of October 2008

- Forest biodiversity conservation
- Network of protected areas in the Barents Region
- Management of protected areas
- Protection and sustainable use of wetlands
- Climate change and biodiversity

The Treriksøysa area

*- strengthening trilateral
cooperation on nature
conservation and development
of sustainable tourism in the
border area between Finland,
Norway and Sweden*



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Streaming ||||| 100%

Eye alt 75.16 km

World Heritage Sites in the Barents Region

June 2009, Syktyvkar, Komi Republic



- raising awareness and improving management on natural and cultural heritage in the Barents Region

- Komi Science Centre (Institute of Biology)
- Norwegian, Swedish and Finnish World Heritage authorities



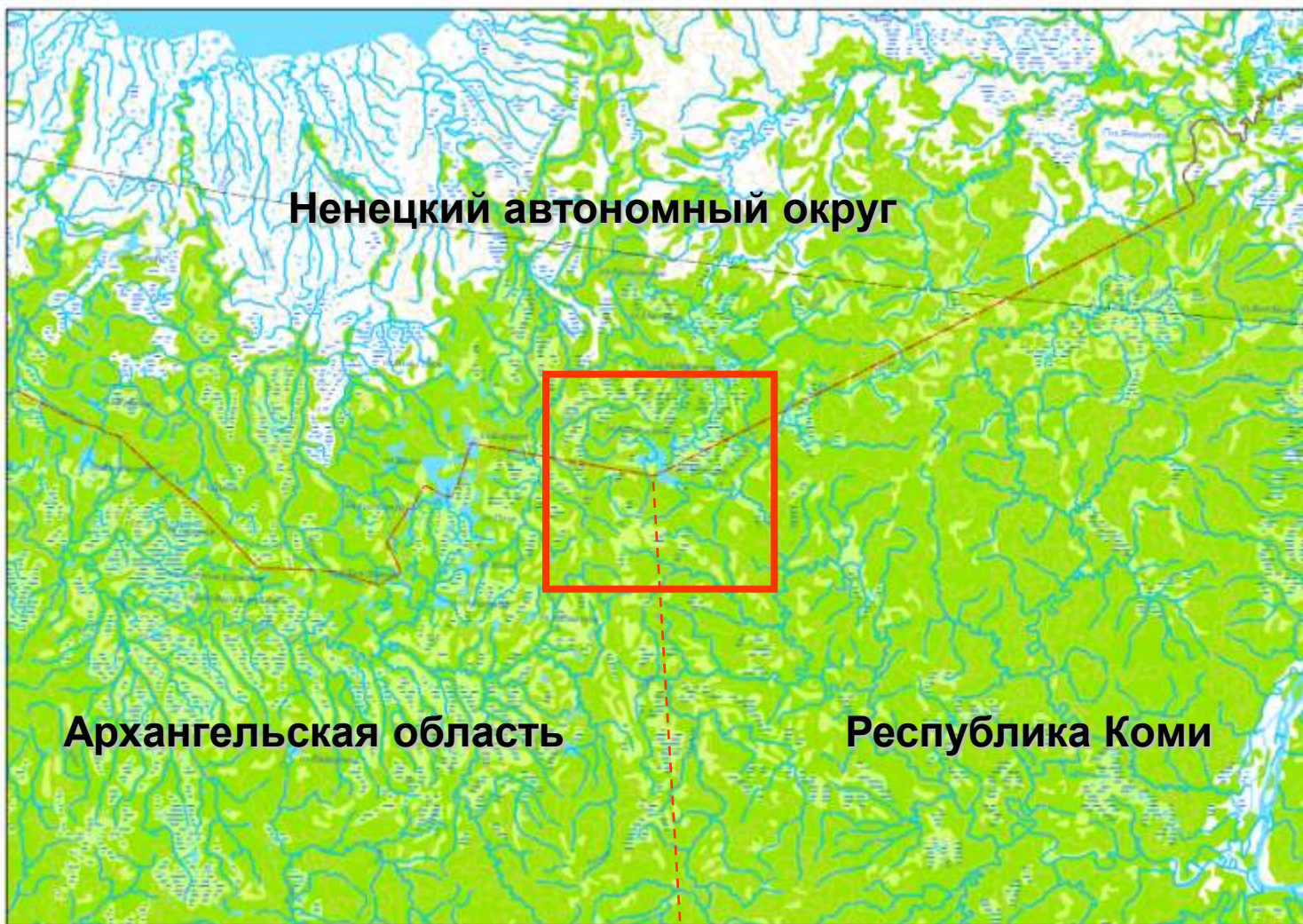
Barents Protected Areas Network – BPAN

- Follow up on the 2010 target (to halt loss of biodiversity)
- A representative and well managed network of protected areas
- Experience from CPAN (AC – CAFF)
- 'Think-tank' in Umeå – October 08

New Projects

- **Forest issues**
- Flyways and wetlands
- Climate and biodiversity

Possible trilateral forest project in Russia?



Looking for Funding

- Funding of the existing projects
 - NCM
 - national funding
- New opportunities for funding
 - role of BEAC Secretariat?
 - NEFCO?
 - EU funding?