

Silva Travels to Kamchatka and Kemerovo Region, October 2003



Towering volcanoes dominate the Kamchatka landscape.



A few of the Koriak and Itelman participants at the Kamchatka conference.

During a trip organized by Pacific Environment of San Francisco, Herb and Susan Hammond spent three weeks in Kamchatka and Kemerovo Region in October 2003.

Kamchatka: Surrounded by Kamchatka's spectacular volcanoes, Herb delivered a two day workshop in translation to a conference of 60 people representing Kamchatka's Indigenous peoples and scientists working for protection of the peninsula's biodiversity. During the workshop, Herb shared Silva's methodology of ecosystem-based conservation planning. As a summary activity, participants divided into groups from various geographic places and created a map of their area, using ecosystem-based principles. Groups then shared their maps with all conference participants. The maps were amazing and showed that you don't always lose something in translation!



Herb Hammond presents in English while Misha Jones provides simultaneous translation during workshop.



A portion of the Kamchatka landscape.



Participants create an ecosystem-based conservation map of their home area.



Participant presenting group map to Conference.

Kemerovo Region: The Hammonds traveled from Kamchatka to Kemerovo Region and were hosted by Sasha and Lyuba Abramachov in the city of Mezhdurechensk. Sasha and Lyuba are from the Shoret Indigenous people and are working very hard to document the history and culture of their people. Sasha is beginning an ecosystem-based conservation plan that will form the foundation of an application for a Territory of Traditional Nature Use, a designation recently made available to Indigenous people in Russia. The Hammonds visited the town of Tashtagol, neighbouring Shoret villages, and the forests of the region.



Part of a Shoret village.



Kemerovo Region hosts Sasha and Luby Abramachov.

Old Growth Forest near Tashtagol

