

Project Update: January 2016

In winter period of the project (November 2015 - January 2016) we proceeded to its second phase. We organised collection of bone material (humerus) of martens and American mink from hunters on the control areas in Western Siberia and in Uzbekistan. As a result, we collected 66 bones: 33 martens and 5 American mink in the Tyumen region (Western Siberia) and 21 stone martens and 7 American mink in Tashkent region (Uzbekistan). It was analysed the age and sex composition of the marten in Tyumen region. Bones from Uzbekistan are in post processing.

It has been prepared proposals to expand the network of protected areas in the region around Lake Chernoe in Armizon district in preparation of the management plan. These proposals were discussed at the Scientific Conference (Kurgan, 10th - 11th December 2015, Russia) and submitted for decision-making in local nature conservation organisation. Also, we prepare report on the state of mole vole in the south of the Tyumen region, which will be reported at the International Mammal Congress in Moscow on February 2016.

