

Project Update: May 2016

We made a report about the current state of mole vole in the south of the Tyumen region at the International Mammal Congress in Moscow from 1st-5th February 2016. As a result of our research in May 2016, it was decided to include mole vole in the annex of the Red Book of the Tyumen region with the status of «insufficiently studied species». We have continued to collect humerus of pine martens and American mink from hunters in February and March 2016. Also, collecting was carried out in Uzbekistan. The results of these studies will be presented in the final report in July 2016.

We held the third expedition to the south of the Tyumen region to collect the questionnaire and visual material on the project species from 13th-20th May 2016. It was possible to obtain new data on wintering number of Korsak fox. It became found more often and in wide areas. European hare appeared in the extreme south of the region- they have not been seen in the last 10-15 years. We have noted the way out of hibernation great jerboa, two species of souslik and steppe polecat. Southern birch mouse, an Asian species of rodent, was found for the first time in Tyumen region. Our data has extended range of it for 50 km to the north! We have proposed to include it in the Red Book of the Tyumen region.



Photo 1. Presentation of Mardonova Luiza on the International Mammal's Congress in Moscow

Photo 2. Steppe polecat at great souslik colony (Camera trap picture. Date is not correct. Some problems with low temperature)



Photo 3. Project Team on Project area in May 2016: Mardonova Luiza, Sharafutdinov ildar and Maksim Mitropolskiy