

Space Innovative System to Monitor Animals – SISMA Copernicus Global Land Conference – 24th of October 2018 Frédérique Blanc & Tarek Habib – CLS





Context and challenges

Due to an ever changing environment, traditional herd management has shown its limits

- Sustainable herding / hunting
- Replenishing genetic stocks
- Identify vulnerability and threat levels
- Enhance public / private collaboration



SISMA objectives

For herders → Help them raise and keep reindeers safe
For citizens and state regulators → Respond to health concerns and food security
For scientists → Study and understand the conditions of a productive, sustainable eco-system





For herders

Localisation : I am missing animals for the gathering, or some of them entered in the city. Where are they ? How do we organise to have them back ?

Health and disease : I found 20 reindeers dead and this seems to be do to infectious diseases. I need to tell the veterinarian and the local herder community to avoid the place. I want to know if this contamination relates to feeding area.

Land use / Land cover : The animals like this place for feeding, what is its characteristics ? Where is the next closest water point ? does this spot house other herds, other species ? Where was last year's spot ? How long can they stay ?





Land use / land cover

□ To monitor reindeer conditions, habitats and landscape

As continuum observations (past & present) Because the herds themselves are declining And the landscapes of their seasonal ranges are changing rapidly

- To implement an integrated approach for a performing observation capacity For animal identification, traceability and performance recording
- To qualify & raise the scale of observations across herds, regions, time, & users Because of the regional driving forces and migratory nature of the animals
- □ To have simple access to data and actionable information (per usage) Because users are not specialist of GIS technology, satellite data.

On demand precision management

Cf. melting of permafrost, recovery time of pastures



Results so far

IBPK – Yakutia / Taiga – Collar 110378





Scope/Result:

- The collar system has been revised to allow a very precise trajectory (20m) for the daily journey of the animal
- The journey can be compared with land use/land cover data, vegetation status and with the calendar of activities of the farmers. Such a study allows a better understanding of reindeers behavior and should improve the farmers activities.
- Allow to optimize their activity and to reduce significantly herder expenses when they have to search for their reindeers

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During the 1st 2 months, the elk remained on quite a limited surface of land, which behavior can be directly related to deep snow in the soil.





Regional analysis





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