

**Updated report on the state of conservation of the
"Volcanoes of Kamchatka" UNESCO World Heritage site
(Russian Federation, No. 765bis) in 2023**

1. Response of the Russian Federation with regard to Decision 45 COM 7B.27 of the World Heritage Committee

On the issue of deprivation of legal protection of a part of the site and the possibility of inappropriate development following the change of the boundaries of the South Kamchatka nature park on the national level, as well as in connection with reports about a draft law allowing changing the boundaries of protected territories on the federal level.

Following the request of the Government of the Kamchatka Territory, in accordance with paragraph 6 of article 2 of Federal Law dated 14.03.1995 No. 33-FZ "On Specially Protected Natural Territories" (hereinafter, the SPNT Law) and Law of the Kamchatka Territory dated 29.12.2014 No. 564 "On Specially Protected Natural Territories in the Kamchatka Territory", the Russian Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment approved the draft order of the Government of the Kamchatka Territory "On the South Kamchatka nature park of regional significance" which provides for an increase in the area of the South Kamchatka nature park and the amendment of its boundaries for the purpose of implementation of the project of the Kamchatka region's socioeconomic development.

In addition, in 2022, in accordance with order of the President of the Russian Federation dated 05.09.2022 No. Pr-1626, the Russian Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment supported the initiative of the Governor of the Kamchatka Territory V.V. Solodov about the creation in the Kamchatka region of a specially protected natural territory (hereinafter, the SPNT) of federal significance - nature park with the project name "Volcanoes of Kamchatka" - on the basis of the Klyuchevskoy and South Kamchatka nature parks, both SPNTs of regional significance. The Russian Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment prepared a draft order of the Government of the Russian Federation "On creation of "Volcanoes of Kamchatka" national park".

The draft order is currently undergoing the approval procedure with the interested federal executive bodies and the Government of the Kamchatka Territory. After the approval procedure is finished, the draft order will be sent to the Russian Ministry of Justice for legal and anti-corruption examination, and then, in accordance with the established procedure, will be submitted to the Government of the Russian Federation.

Following the creation of the national park in 2024, the Russian Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment will organize work to determine the national park's protective zone, in accordance with paragraph 10 of article 2 of the SPNT Law and the Rules for creation of protective zones of certain categories of specially protected natural

territories, establishment of their boundaries, determination of protection duties and use of land plots and water bodies within such zones approved by order of the Government of the Russian Federation dated 19.02.2015 No. 138.

Therefore, the creation in the Kamchatka Territory of a SPNT of federal significance administered by the Russian Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment and the establishment of its protective zone will ensure the integrity of the "Volcanoes of Kamchatka" UNESCO World Heritage site and the control of the growing tourist flow.

On the issue of organizing a joint World Heritage Centre/IUCN Reactive Monitoring mission

The Russian party will officially inform in the near future about the expected dates for a joint World Heritage Centre/IUCN Reactive Monitoring mission to the "Volcanoes of Kamchatka" UNESCO World Heritage site.

On the issue of the "Three Volcanoes" project implementation

The information will be presented additionally.

On the issue of ensuring the improvement of zoning of the site, creating effective buffer zones around its components and taking measures to control and restrict unsustainable tourism

The information will be presented additionally.

On the issue of explaining the functional zoning of the site, and establishing a strictly protected territory of federal significance "Volcanoes of Kamchatka" national park" including the Klyuchevskoy and South Kamchatka nature parks.

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On the issue of expanding the national park's boundaries and incorporation into it of the South Kamchatka nature park and the Vilyuchinskaya and Zhirovaya bays

The Vilyuchinskaya and Zhirovaya bays are expected to be included within the boundaries of the national park's protected zone after its creation.

2. Information on other current issues related to the conservation of the heritage site

Conservation of natural complexes of the "Volcanoes of Kamchatka" World Heritage site

The information will be presented additionally.

Conservation of biodiversity of the "Volcanoes of Kamchatka" World Heritage site

The information will be presented additionally.

Management of the "Volcanoes of Kamchatka" World Heritage site

The information will be presented additionally.

3. Major changes within the boundaries of the World Heritage site in question are not identified or foreseen.