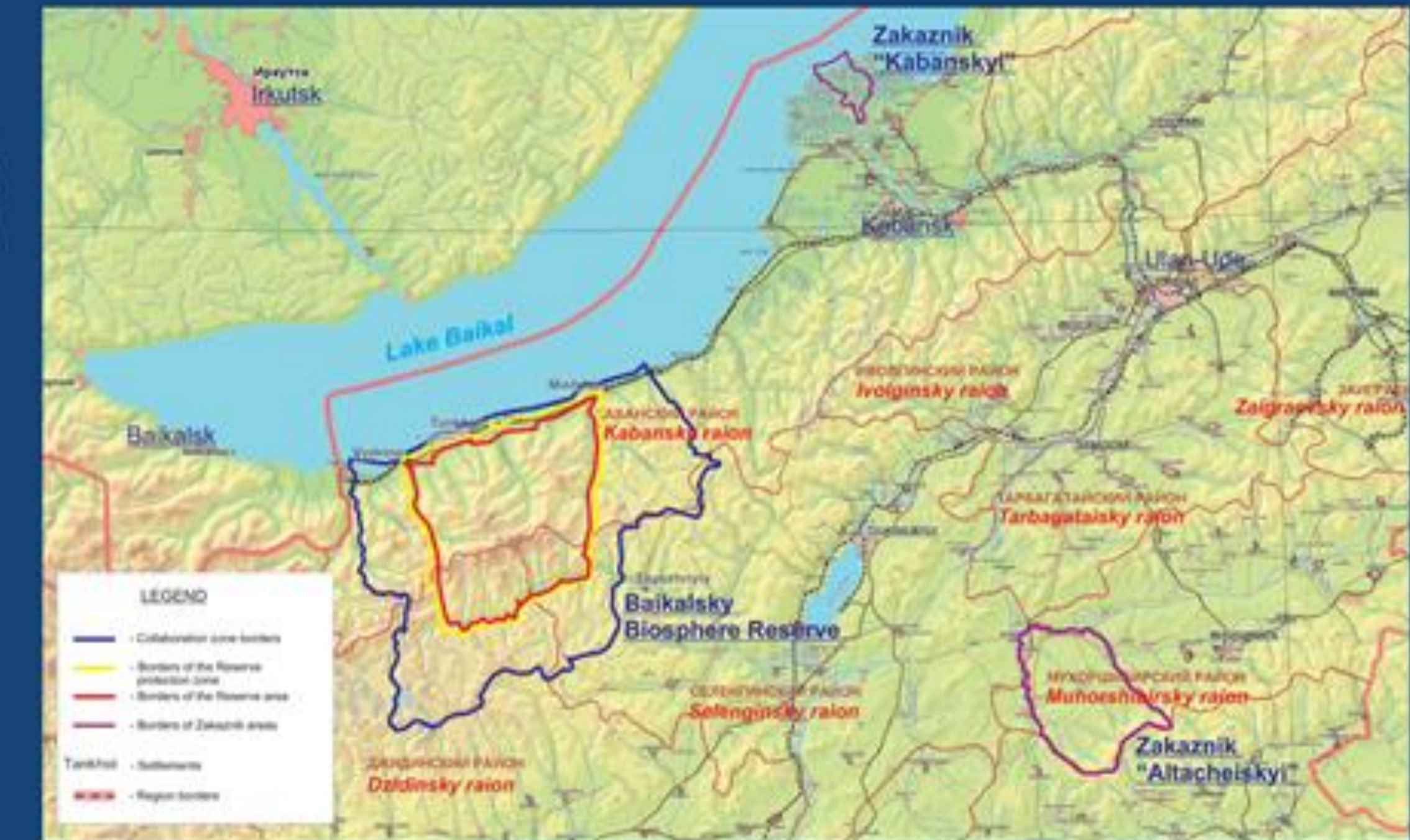




- 1969 – Baikalsky Reserve was established on the territory of 165724 ha
- 1976 – A protected zone (34788 ha) along the perimeter of the Reserve area was established
- 1985 – The management of Federal Zakaznik “Kabansky” (12100ha) was handed to the Reserve
- 1986 – Baikalsky Reserve received the status of a biosphere reserve
- 1996 – Baikalsky Reserve and Kabansky Zakaznik were included in UNESCO World Heritage List as part of Lake Baikal area
- 2000 – The project of Regulations of Baikalsky Biosphere Reserve Zone of cooperation (253334ha) was developed
- 2011 – Federal Zakaznik “Altacheisky” (78384ha) was handed to the Reserve for the protection



FUNCTIONAL ZONING OF BAIKALSKY BIOSPHERE RESERVE:

- Core zone – the territory of Baikalsky Reserve,
- Buffer zone – conservation zone of the reserve and the territory of Kabansky Zakaznik
- Zone of cooperation – Kabansky, Dzdinsky and Selenginsky raions of Buryat Republic



“Plan of management and development of Baikalsky State Nature Biosphere Reserve for 2009-2013” (2008) and “Plan of management and development of Ramsar wetlands of State Nature Zakaznik “Kabansky” (2004) were developed for the management of the Biosphere Reserve.



Baikalsky Biosphere Reserve is the base for the conservation of biodiversity of the region. 51 species of mammals dwell in the Reserve, five of them are rare for Buryat Republic, one species is in the Red Book of Russia. 242 species of birds were registered on the Reserve territory, among them 43 are rare for Buryat Republic, 13 species are rare for Russia. There are 12 species of fish in the rivers.

Among more than 1030 species of higher plants found in the Reserve 50 species are included in the Red Book of Buryat Republic and 10 - in the Red Book of Russia. Endemic and relic species grow here.



Baikalsky Biosphere Reserve contributes in the sustainable development of Baikal region. Conservation and reproduction of nature resources on the territory of the Reserve core zone ensures stability in their usage in the zone of cooperation.

Every year thousands of animals migrate from the Reserve to the adjacent areas, areas where hunting is traditional form of nature management for the locals.



Baikalsky Reserve conducts scientific research and ecological monitoring. The results are used for the management of the Biosphere Reserve, for the improvement of the nature complexes conservation and also by local and regional authorities for the decision making.

There were developed and are used recommendations on the timing and quantity of hunting on animals and birds in the region, of fishing in the Reserve, of berry gathering and pine cones collecting.



Biosphere reserve is the base for the strengthening of partnership among various community groups. Two main focuses are environmental education and assistance in the growth of locals' income.



Various environmental education works are done in the Reserve in collaboration with NGOs, museums, universities, colleges, schools of Buryat Republic and Irkutsk Oblast.



In 2006 r. in the framework of the project “Program development of sustainable livelihood for the people living on the territory of Baikalsky Biosphere Reserve cooperation” Coordination Council was formed. The Council united the Reserve and authorities of villages Vydrinskoe, Tankhoiskoe and Kluevskoe, local people, small business representatives, non-profits, and municipal authorities of Kabansky.

Due to the work of Coordination Council “Program of small business credits for the period of 2007-2010” was fulfilled. In 2007 Association “Yug Baikala” (“Baikal South”) was established, it works to ensure collaboration in the tourism development. The adoption of “Tourism development programs in Kabansky raion” was initiated. Assisting the employment of the locals Baikalsky Reserve first of all supports such activities that do not destroy nature ecosystems.



From 2002 a volunteer program “Great Baikal Trail” successfully works here, different volunteer projects are run together with Eco-Center “Zapovedniky”.

Nowadays Baikalsky Biosphere Reserve diminishes the number of nature conservancy rules violations, creates the positive image of specially protected nature areas and ensures the sustainable development of Baikal region.