

## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

### Wildlife Reserve in the Taimyr Region

The animal population of yet another extensive region on the Taimyr tundra is now being protected by man.

The "Purinskii" State Zoological Reserve, with an area of 787,000 hectares, has been created in the central part of the peninsula. On the Reserve, which is located in the basin of the wild tundra rivers Pura and Bustankaga, are concentrated the main moulting and breeding grounds of the red breasted goose and the nesting grounds of the peregrine, rare birds which are listed in the USSR Red Book. The Reserve is also a unique preserve of the white tundra fox. The total area of the reserves and state parks located in the Taimyr region is now approximately three million hectares.

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### Yamal Region Under Protection

In the Yamal region an ecological administration - a subsidiary of Glavyamburgneftegazstroiu - has been established and is now operational.

A lot has been written and said about how easy it is to upset the balance of nature in the Far North. The reindeer moss which is destroyed by