

Unfortunately, creation of such a bank is still far off. Dozens of expeditions visit the Chukotka every year, but the problem is that they take the collected data with them and frequently do not share the results of their research with anyone. Somewhere back there, on the "mainland", based on the collected data numerous dissertations are defended and subject areas for scientific studies are identified, but none of this makes any difference to the Chukchi and Eskimos. Is it not time to accumulate the research results findings in the Far North where they are needed and to make them accessible to local medical personnel?

Concrete actions are extremely necessary today. They are needed to solve genuine problems and not invented ones. The issue is to improve the living standards of reindeer herders who spend the entire year in the tundra tending the herds of the State farms. The issue is to provide them with warm ethnic clothing and wholesome food. Much also remains to be done to improve medical services, and concern should be shown about development of hunting and fishing grounds. There currently is interest in a proposal to return northern peoples - within rational limits - to a traditional way of life, without walling them off, of course, from the achievements of civilization. People's deputies and scientists, including the esteemed Gaer and Lupandin, can make a contribution to solving these and many other acute problems, provided, of course, they heed their own call sounded in the article: what is needed is to move the discussion into the realm of