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**Pasture Monitoring based on the Remote
Sensing and Ground Observation Base (example of
Balkhash area)**

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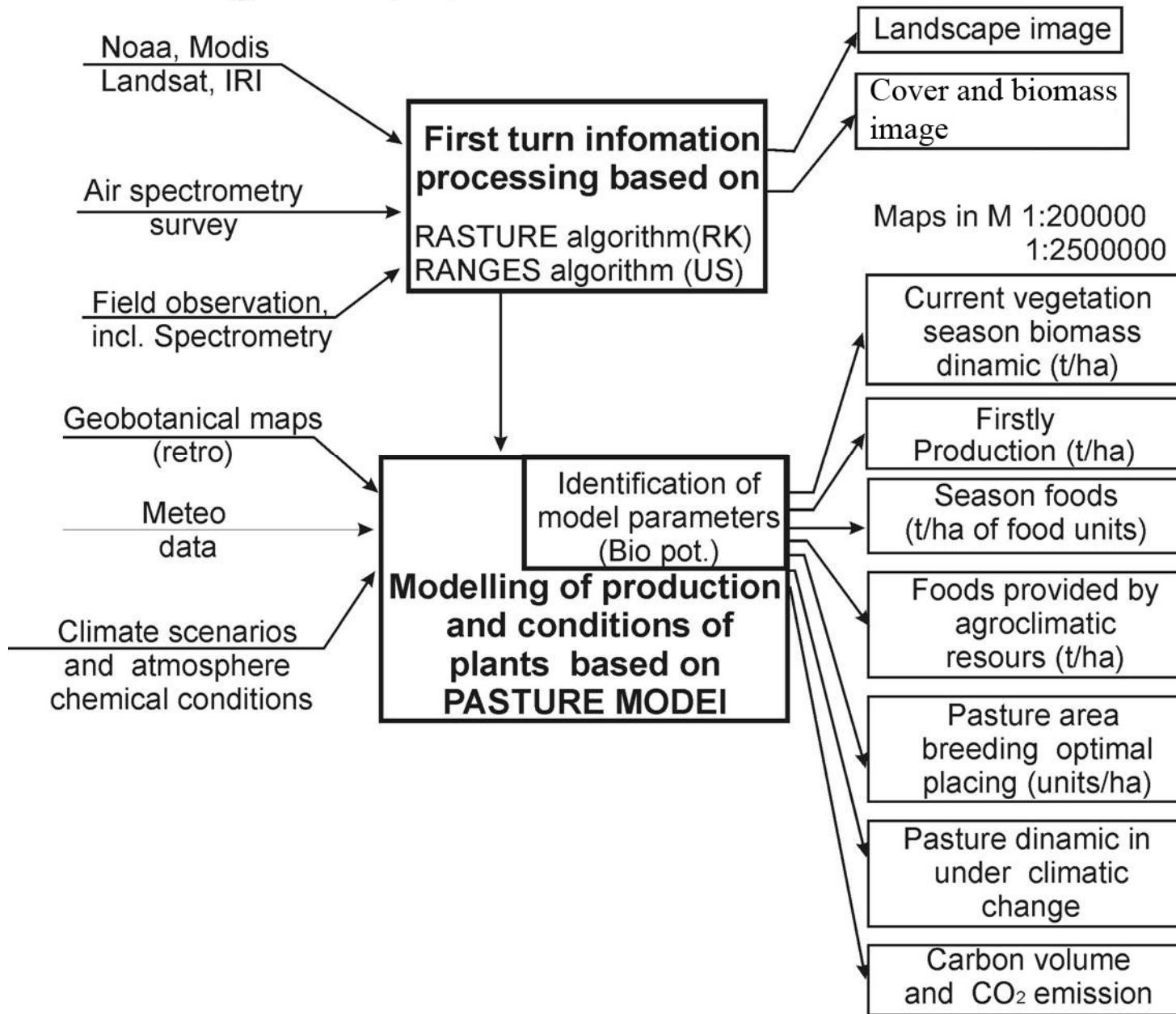


Fig. 1 Research region

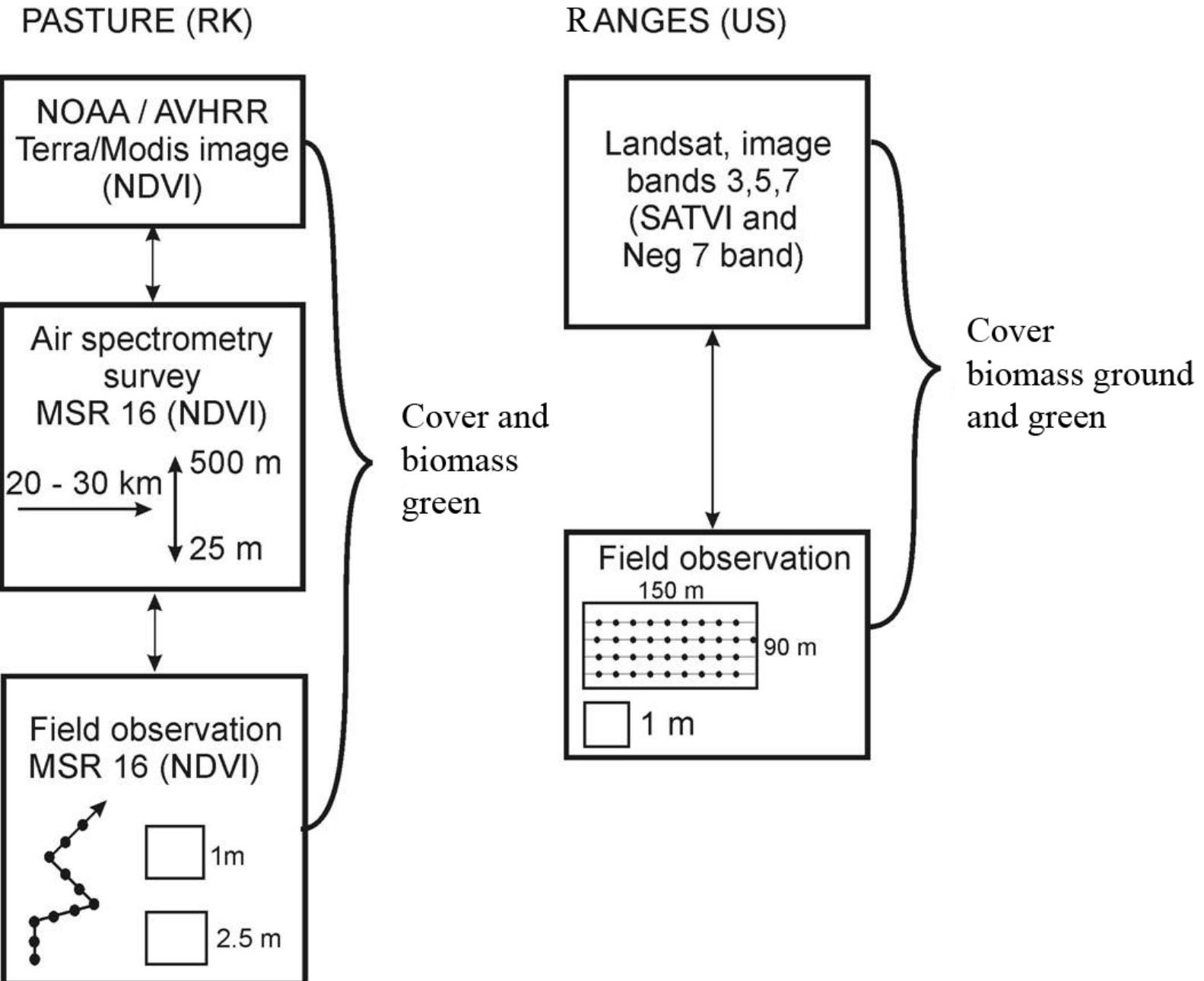


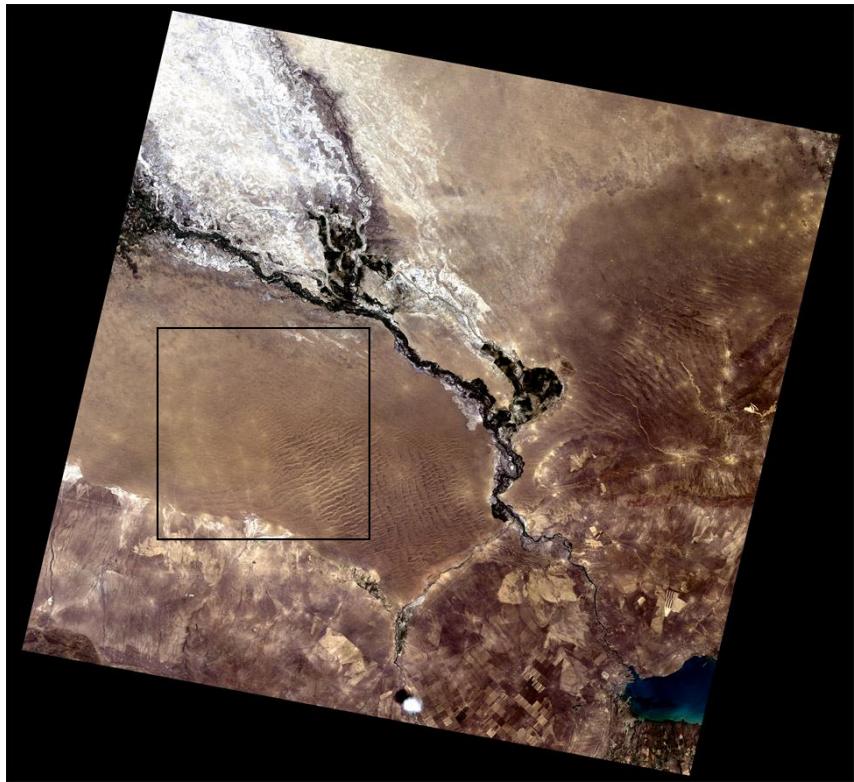


A modern pasture monitoring based on ground, space and air information.

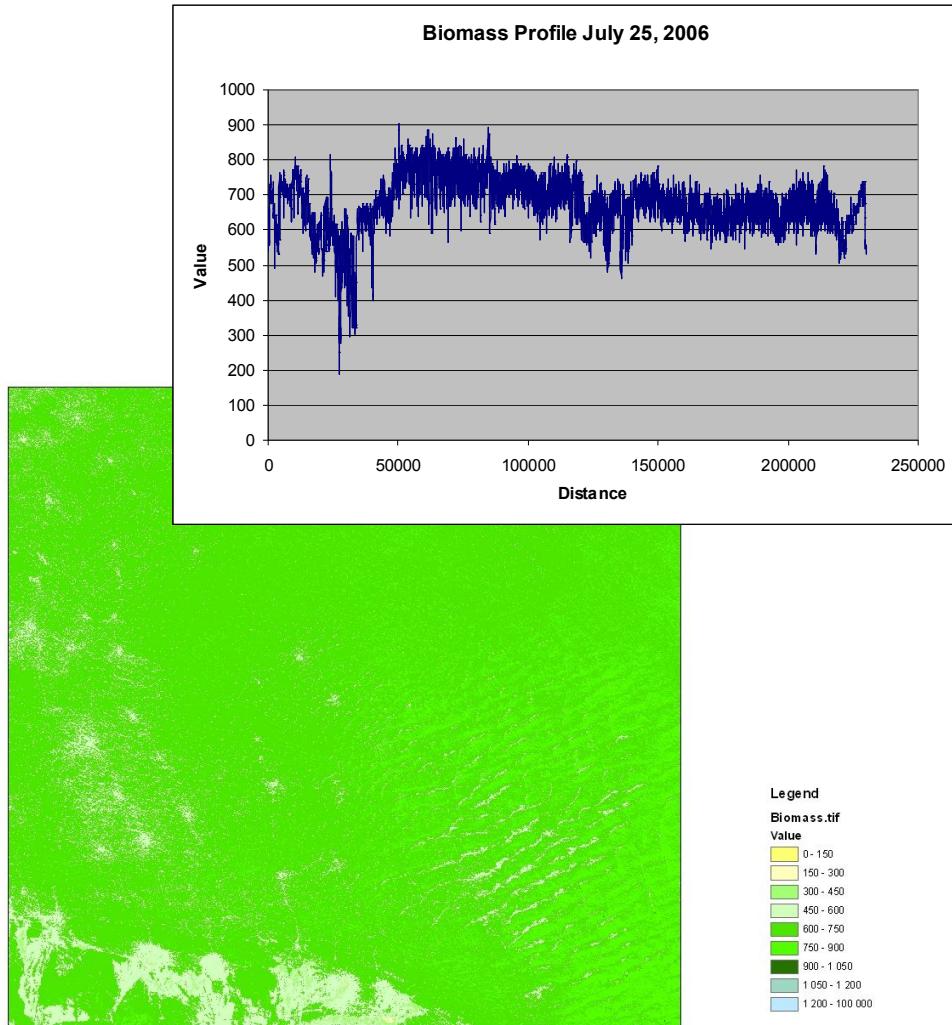


First turn information processing algorithms



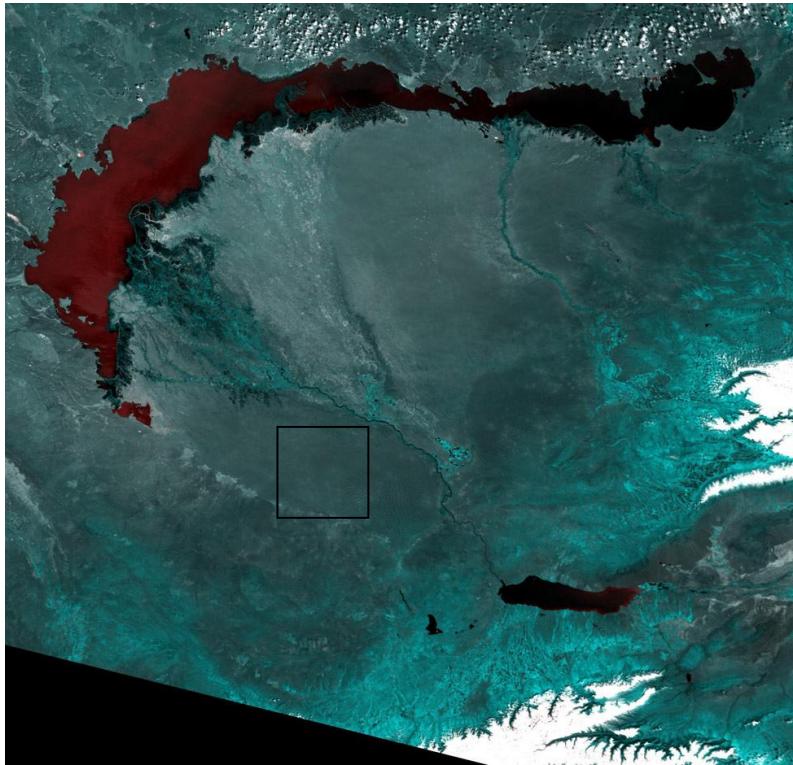


**LANDSAT image of Balkhash area
on July 25, 2006**

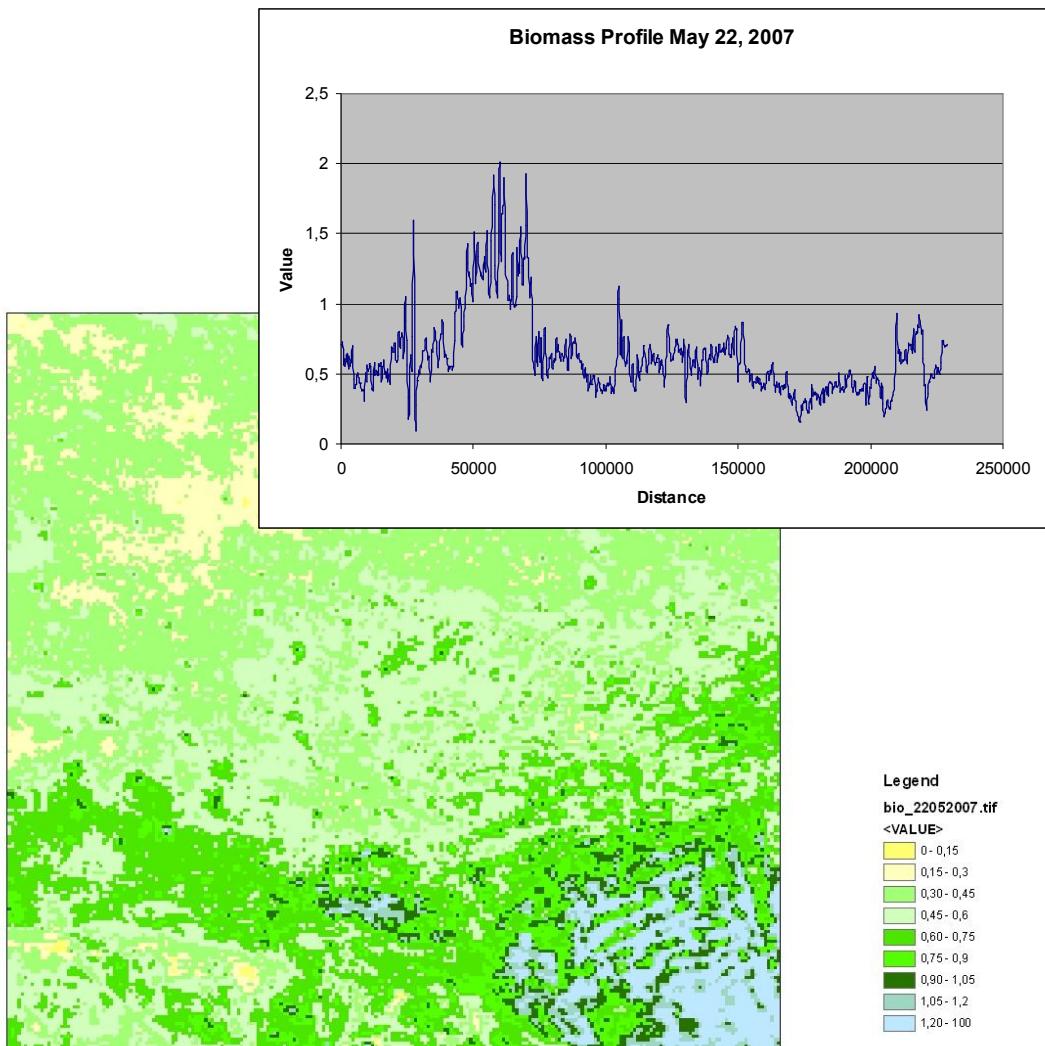


Number of points: 7684
 Minimum value: 278.000000
 Maximum value: 894.000000
 Mean value: 675.583160
 Variance: 5833.526469
 Standard deviation: 76.377526

**Biomass image for “Southern” pasture polygon
on July 25, 2006**



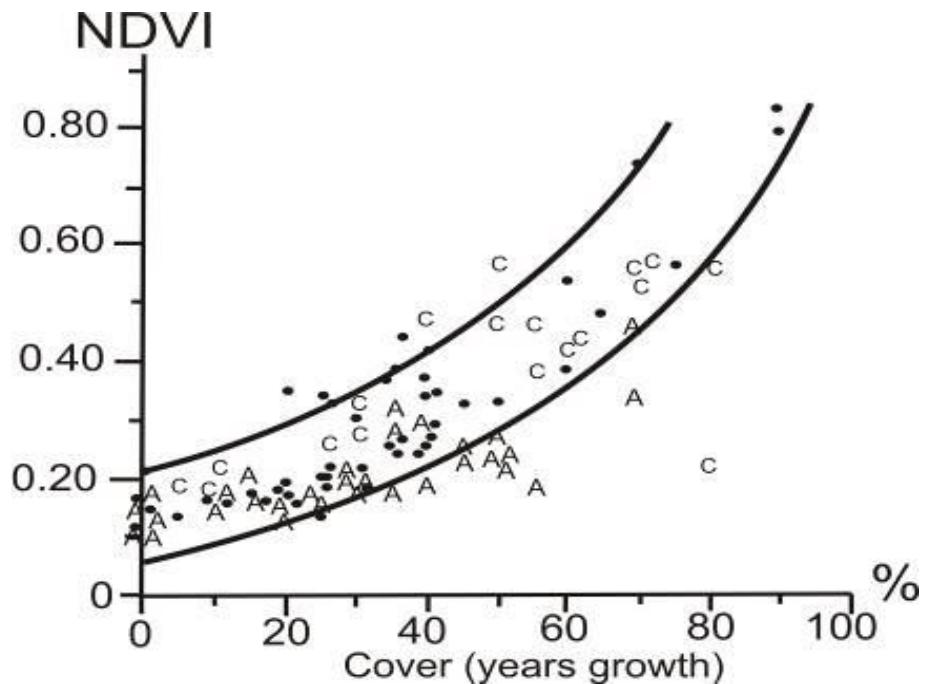
**MODIS image of Balkhash area
on May 22, 2007**



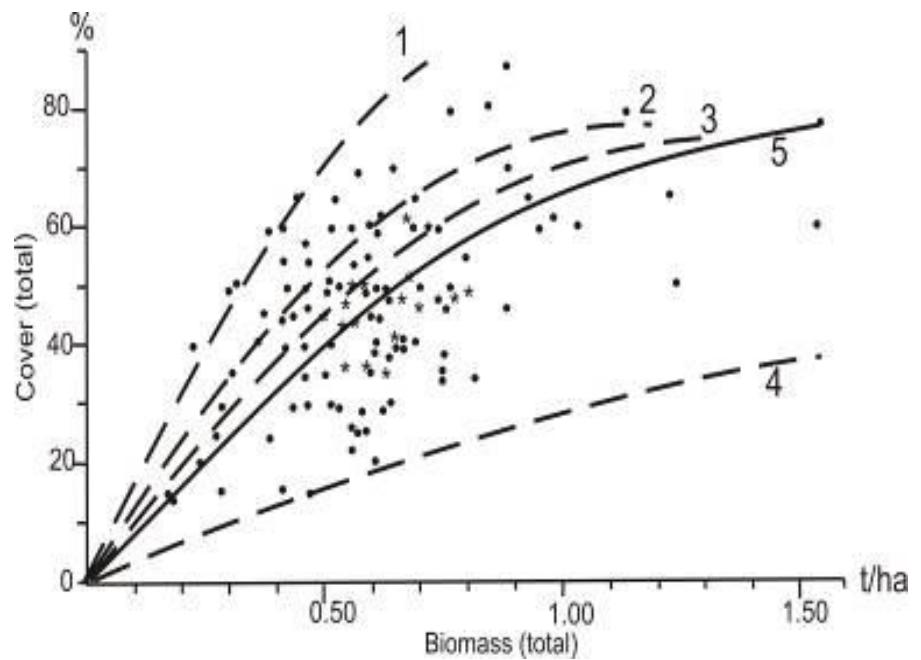
Number of points: 126
 Minimum value: 0.167471
 Maximum value: 0.213540
 Mean value: 0.180770
 Variance: 0.000324
 Standard deviation: 0.018008

**Biomass image for “Southern” polygon
on May 22, 2007**





Correlation between NDVI from MSR 16 radiometer and vegetation cover from field observation on polygon "Southern" in April - May 2007



Correlation between vegetation cover (%) and ground biomass (t/ha) from field observation on polygon "Southern"

- 1 - Ephemery – Artemisia of submontane plain in May 2007;
 2. – Ephemery – Strubery of small-mountain sands in May 2007;
 3. - Grass- Strubery of heith-mound's sands in May 2007;
 4. – Haloxylon of takyr-plain in Ile river delta in August 2007;
 5. Grass- Strubery of heith-mound's sands in September 2007.
- - 1x1 m area; △ - vegetation typ; x - 30x30 m area

PASTURE MODEL (RK)

This model simulates growth and destruction of nature pasture plants biomass.

$$B_t = \frac{B_{pot}}{1 + \left\{ \frac{B_{pot}}{B_o - 1} \right\} \bullet \exp \int_0^t R_t dt} \quad (1)$$

$$B_{pot} = Ph - P \quad (2)$$

$$Ph = f(J, C) \quad (3)$$

$$P = f(Bo) \quad (4)$$

$$R\tau = R_{pot} \bullet Ar \quad (5)$$

$$Ar = f(J, T, W) \quad (6)$$

where **B_t** – current annual biomass growth, t/ha;

B_{pot} – potentially possible biomass, t/ha;

R_t – plant growth function;

R_m - R_t value under optimal agrometeorological conditions;

J, T, W, C – environmental indexes (solar radiation, warmth, moisture, CO₂);

B_{t'} – biomass in destruction period, t/ha;

B_t – biomass destruction index;

t – time from the beginning of vegetation period.

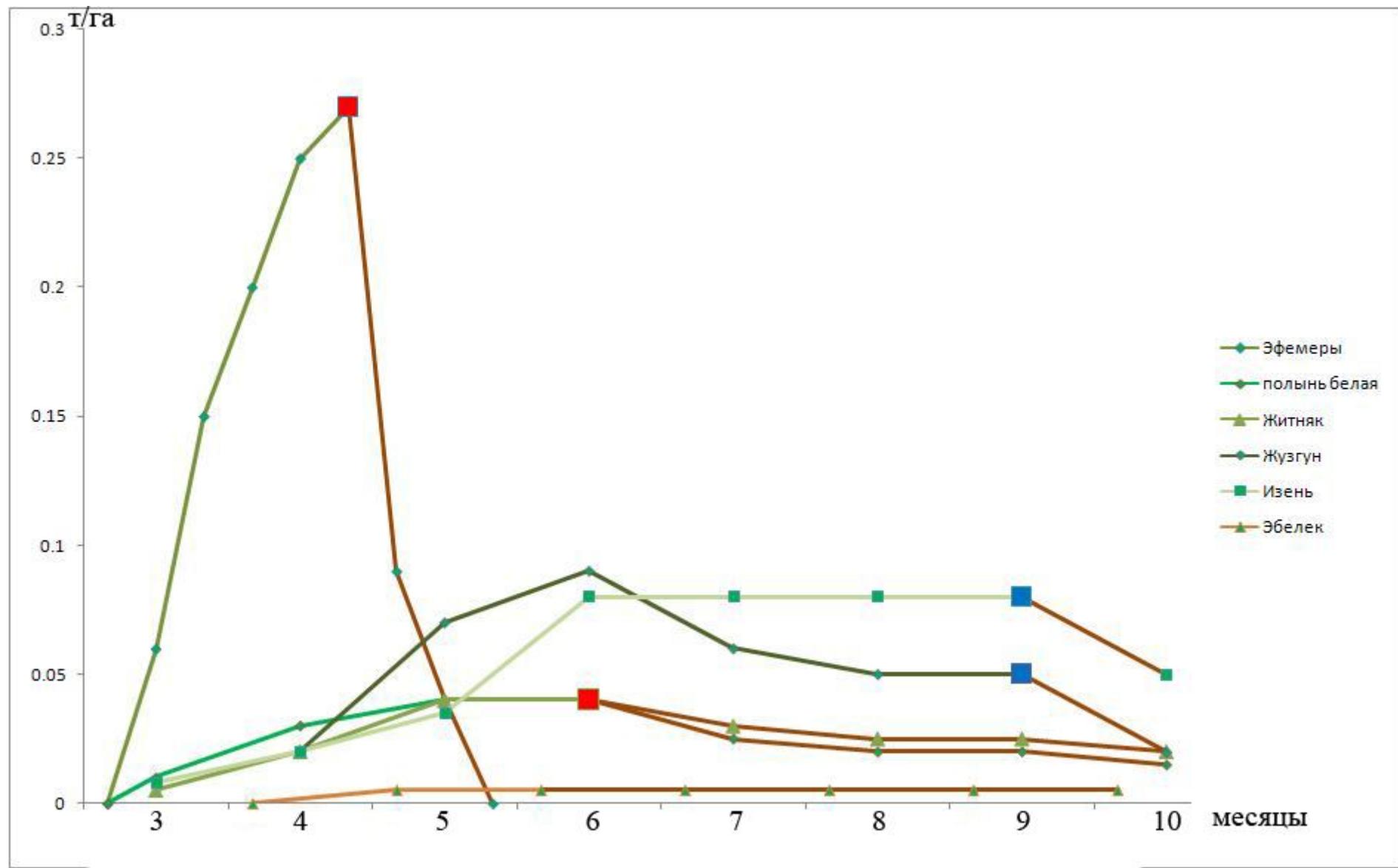


Fig. Modeling of ground biomass for pasture
in 2007 agroclimatological condition on
«Southern» polygon

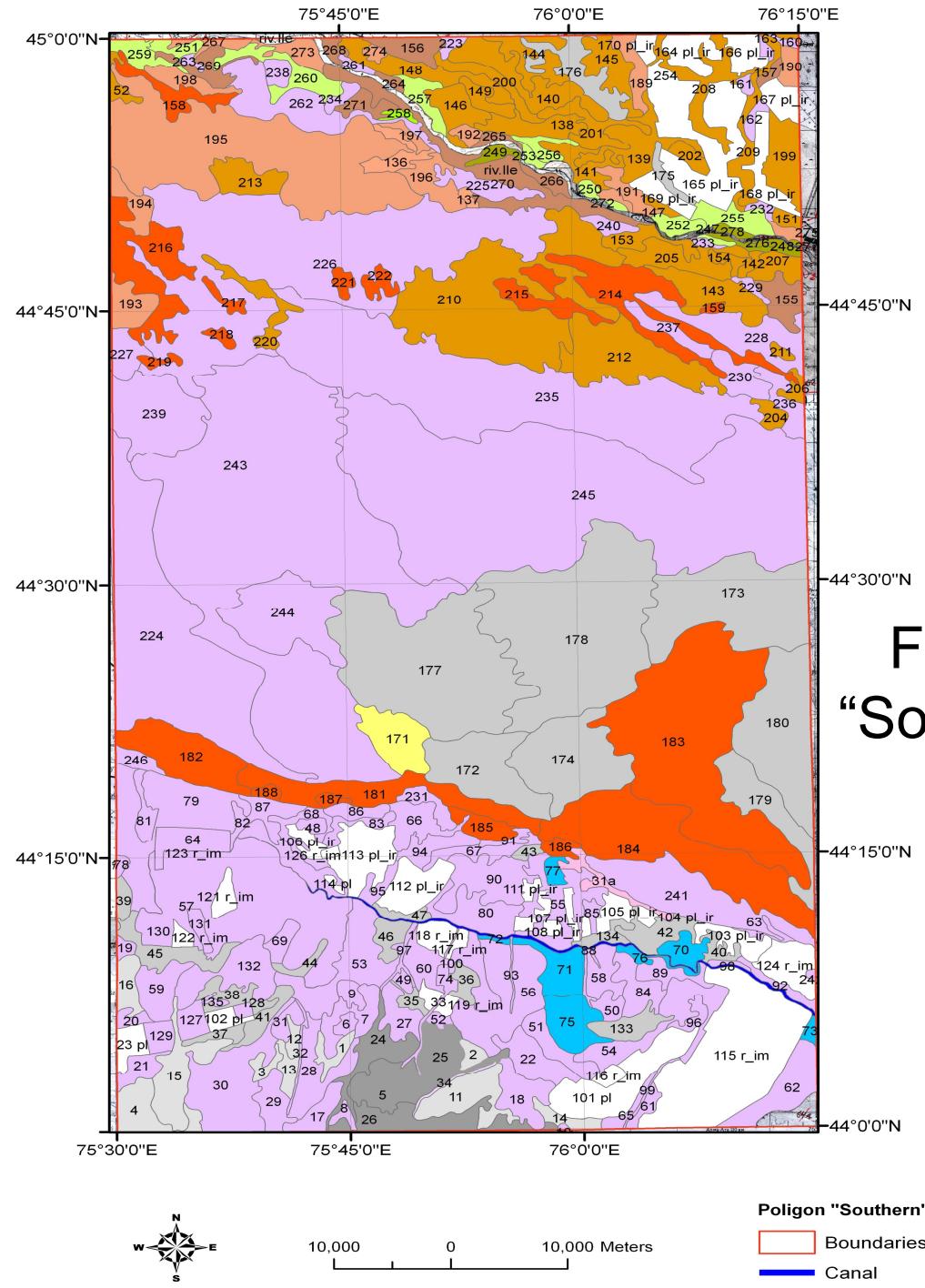


Fig. Geobotanic map on
“Southern” research polygon
1:200 000

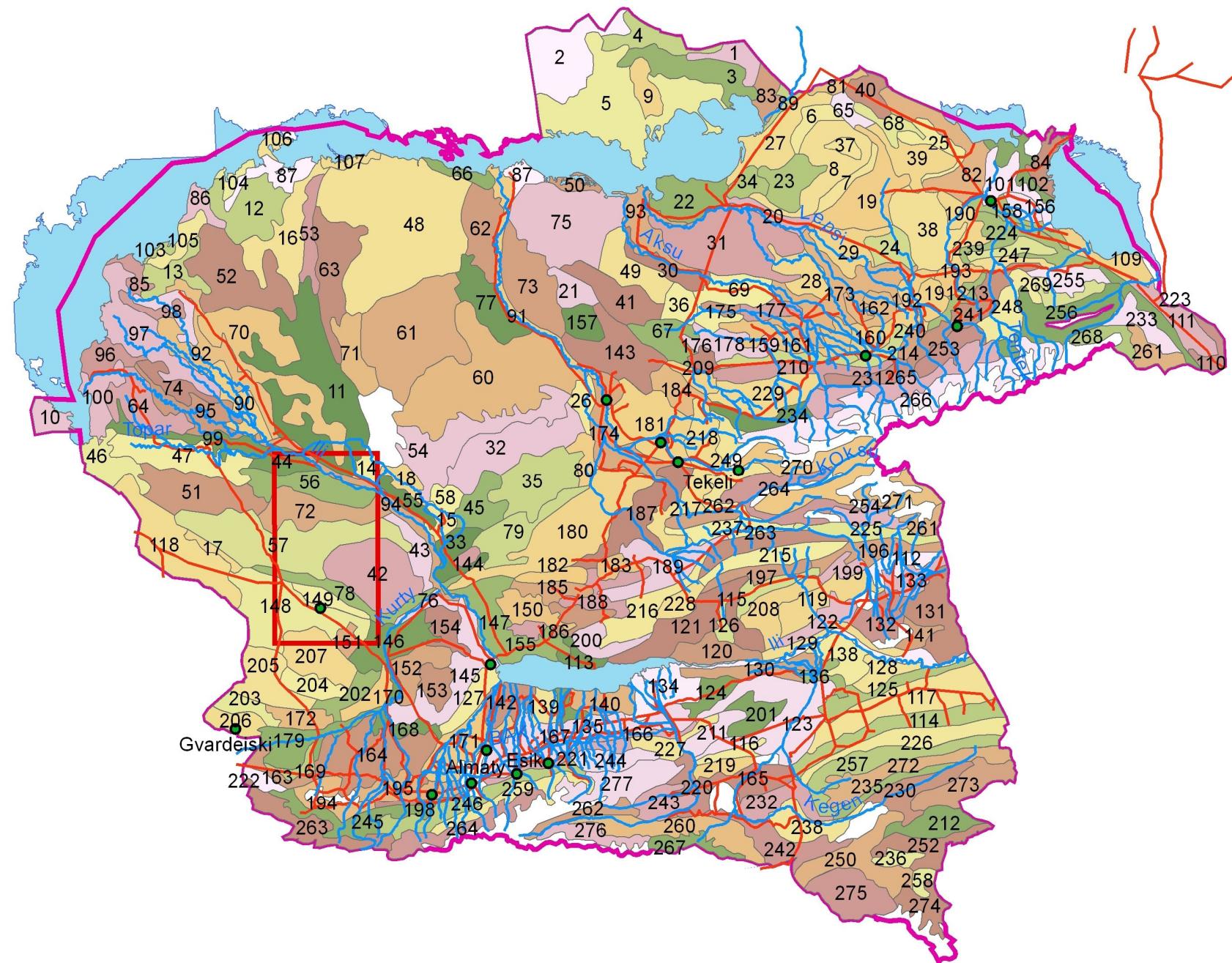


Fig. Geobotanic map on Almaty region. 1:2 500 000

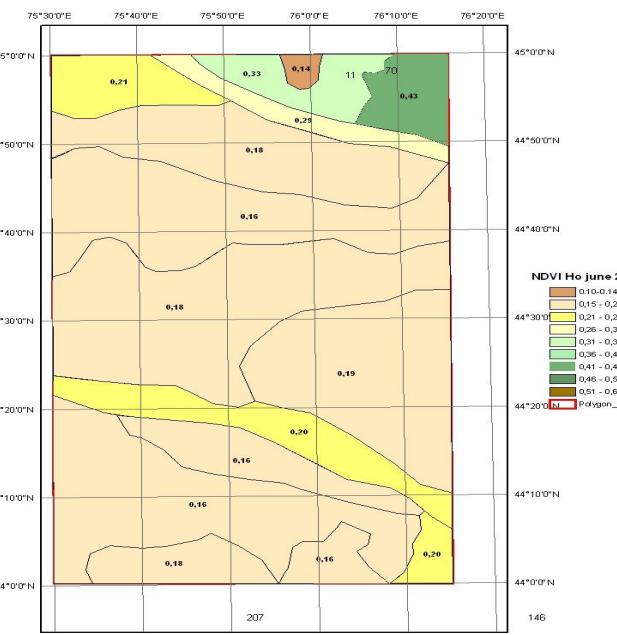
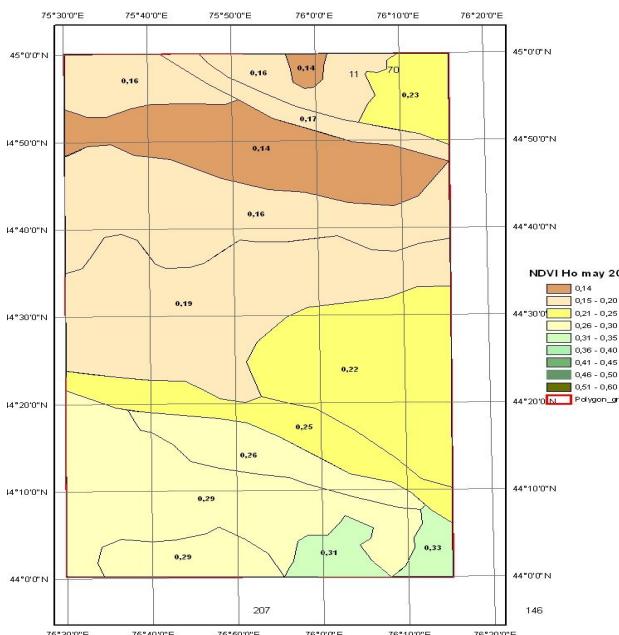
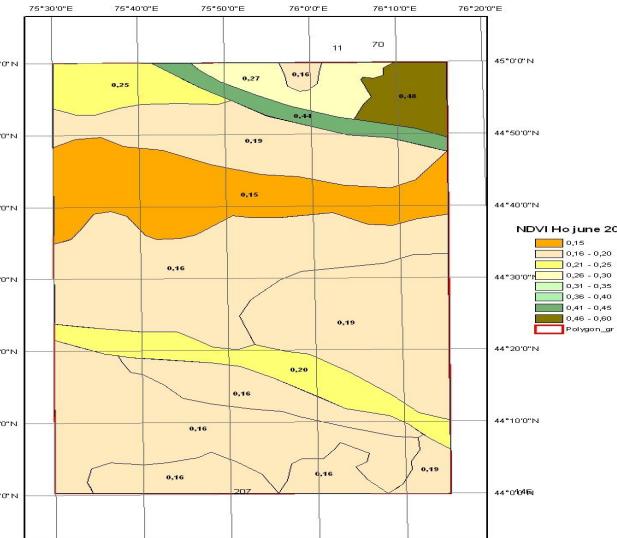
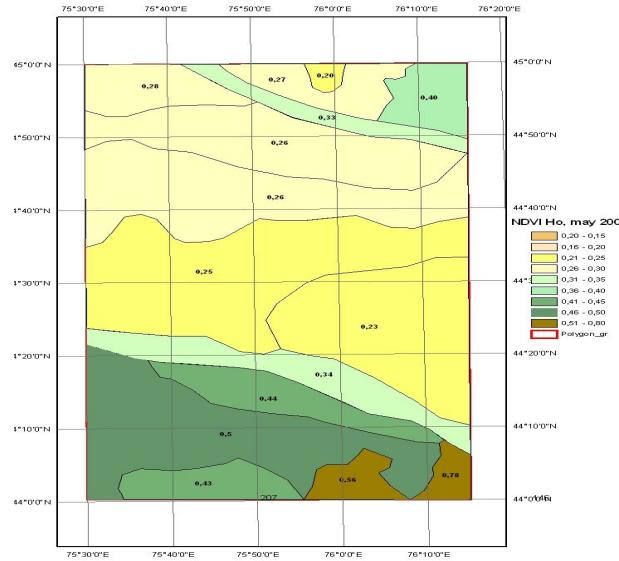


Fig. Corrected NDVI Ho on pasture land on “Southern” polygon in 2007-2008 spring and summer seasons from Modis image treatment. 1:2 500 000

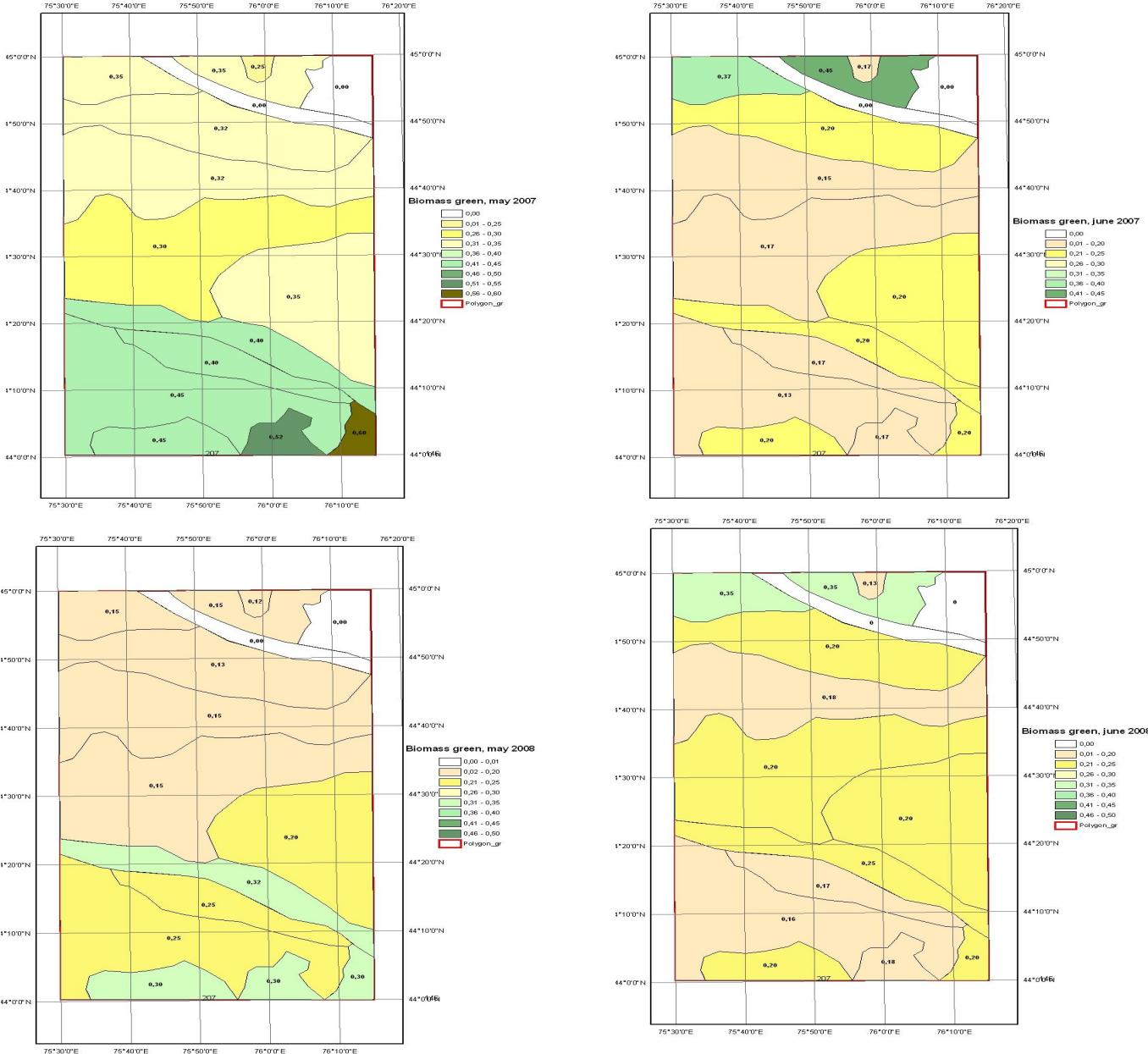
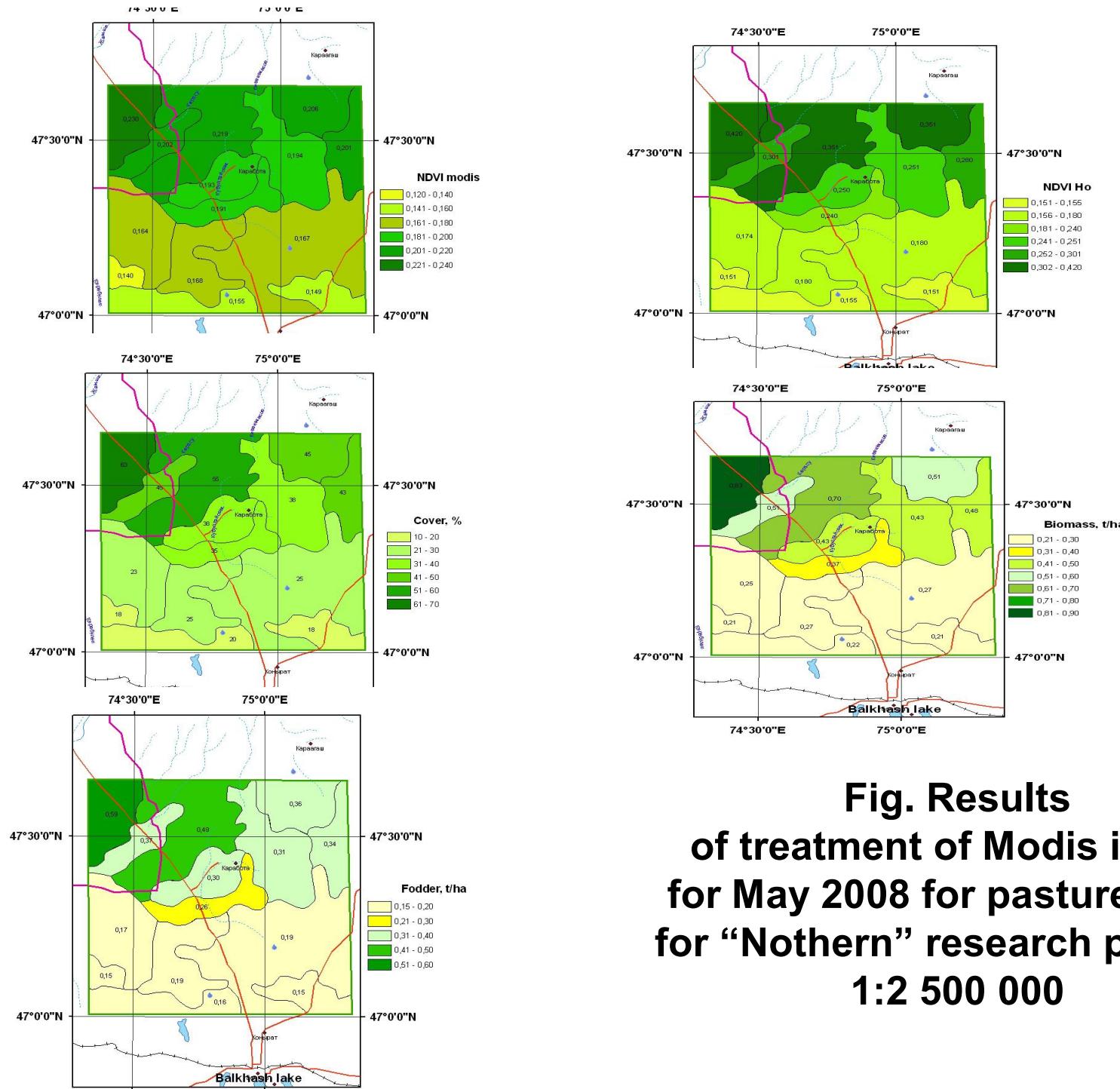


Fig. Corrected Green biomass (T/ha) on pasture land on “Southern” polygon in 2007-2008 spring and summer seasons from Modis image treatment.1:2500 000



**Fig. Results
of treatment of Modis image
for May 2008 for pasture lands
for “Nothern” research polygon.
1:2 500 000**

Ecological and agricultural index for pasture land using on “Southern” research polygon in change agroclimatic condition

| Farm , Site F. "Mashan", | | Spring | | | | | Summer | | | | | Autumn | | | | | |
|---|------|--------|------|------|--------|------|--------|------|------|--------|-------|--------|------|------|--------|------|----|
| | | Bio | F.U | EV | EV | EV | Bio | F.U | EV | EV | EV | Bio | F.u | EV | EV | EV | |
| | | T\ha | T\ha | T\ha | F.u\ha | H.-d | T\ha | T\ha | T\ha | F.u\ha | H.- d | T\ha | T\ha | T\ha | F.u\ha | H.-d | |
| Site 1, c.24-35 | 2007 | 0.38 | 778 | 0.66 | 465 | 232 | 0.2 | 176 | 1.09 | 1059 | 530 | 0.08 | 543 | 0.9 | 366 | 183 | |
| Beforemountain plaint 4300 head-2007 2000 head-2008 | 2008 | 0.27 | 422 | 0.37 | 253 | 127 | 5 | 0.15 | 858 | 0.9 | 514 | 257 | 0.09 | 288 | 0.28 | 173 | 87 |
| Site 2, c. 181 Small hilly sand 500 head -2007 750 head - 2008 | 2007 | 0.26 | 232 | 0.21 | 139 | 70 | 0.23 | 310 | 0.39 | 186 | 93 | 0.17 | 140 | 0.18 | 84 | 42 | |
| | 2008 | 0.19 | 219 | 0.2 | 131 | 65 | 0.18 | 390 | 0.47 | 234 | 117 | 0.12 | 135 | 0.24 | 81 | 40 | |
| Site 3, c. 171 High hilly sand Winter pasture | 2007 | 0.23 | 165 | 0.14 | 100 | 50 | - | - | - | - | - | 0.12 | 120 | 0.07 | 72 | 36 | |
| | 2008 | 0.22 | 143 | 0.13 | 86 | 40 | - | - | - | - | - | 0.13 | 130 | 0.08 | 80 | 40 | |
| Co. Camel C. 66 | 2007 | 0.42 | 367 | 0.33 | 220 | 110 | 0.46 | 507 | 0.61 | 304 | 152 | 0.36 | 207 | 0.38 | 124 | 65 | |
| 18000 head -2007 | 2008 | 0.31 | 295 | 0.26 | 177 | 90 | 0.14 | 347 | 0.42 | 208 | 104 | 0.11 | 122 | 0.23 | 73 | 38 | |

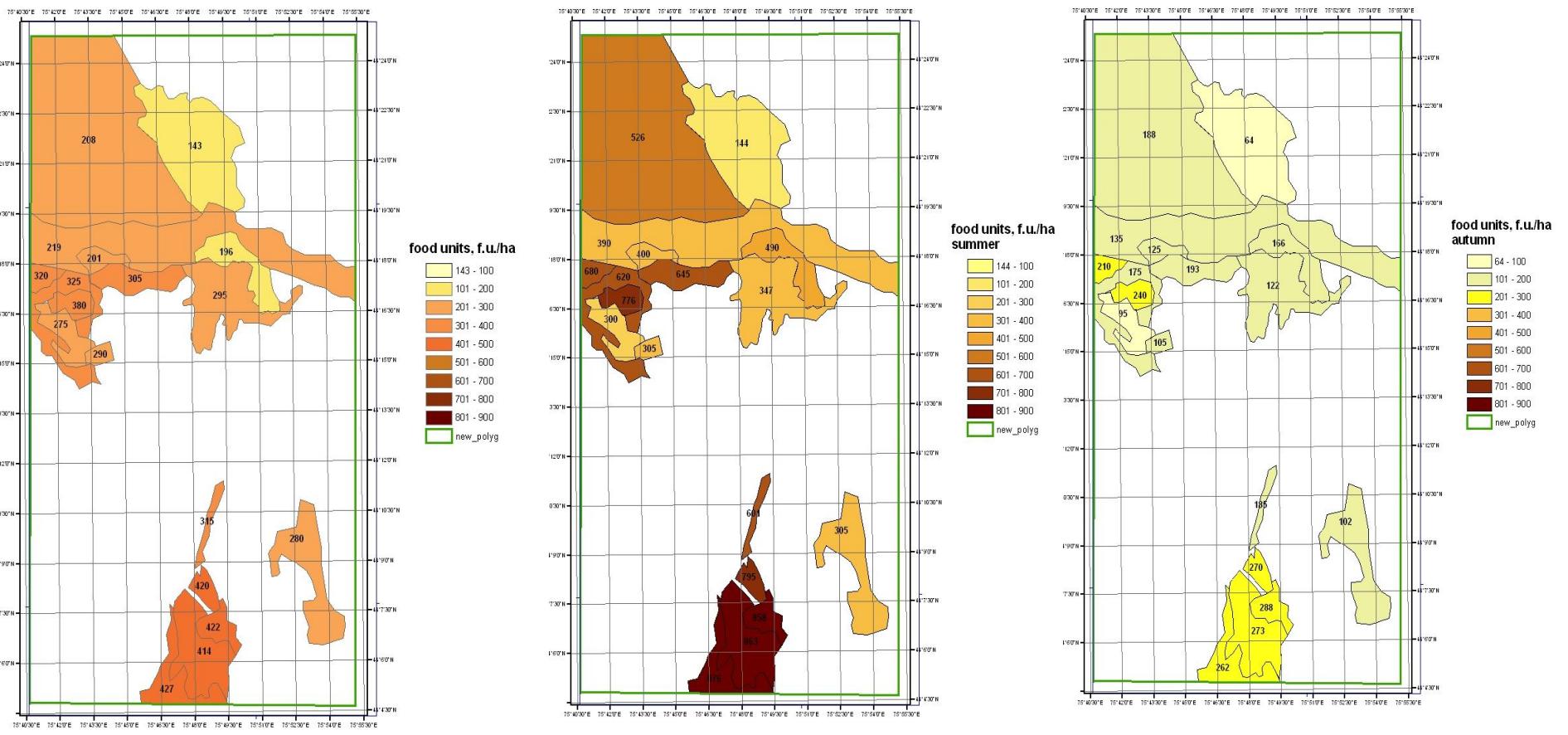


Fig. Agricultural index (food units/ha**) for pasture use land on “Southern” research polygon by 70% probability and more
1:200 000**

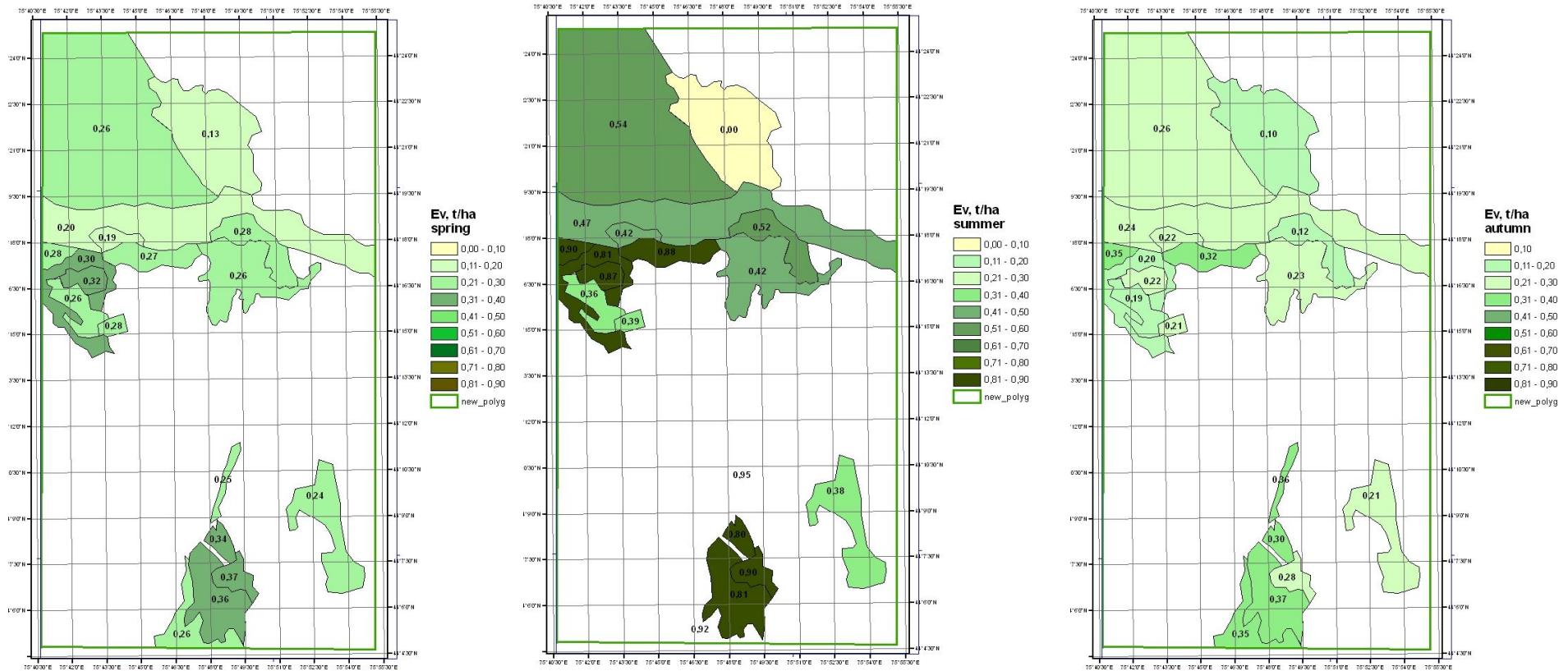
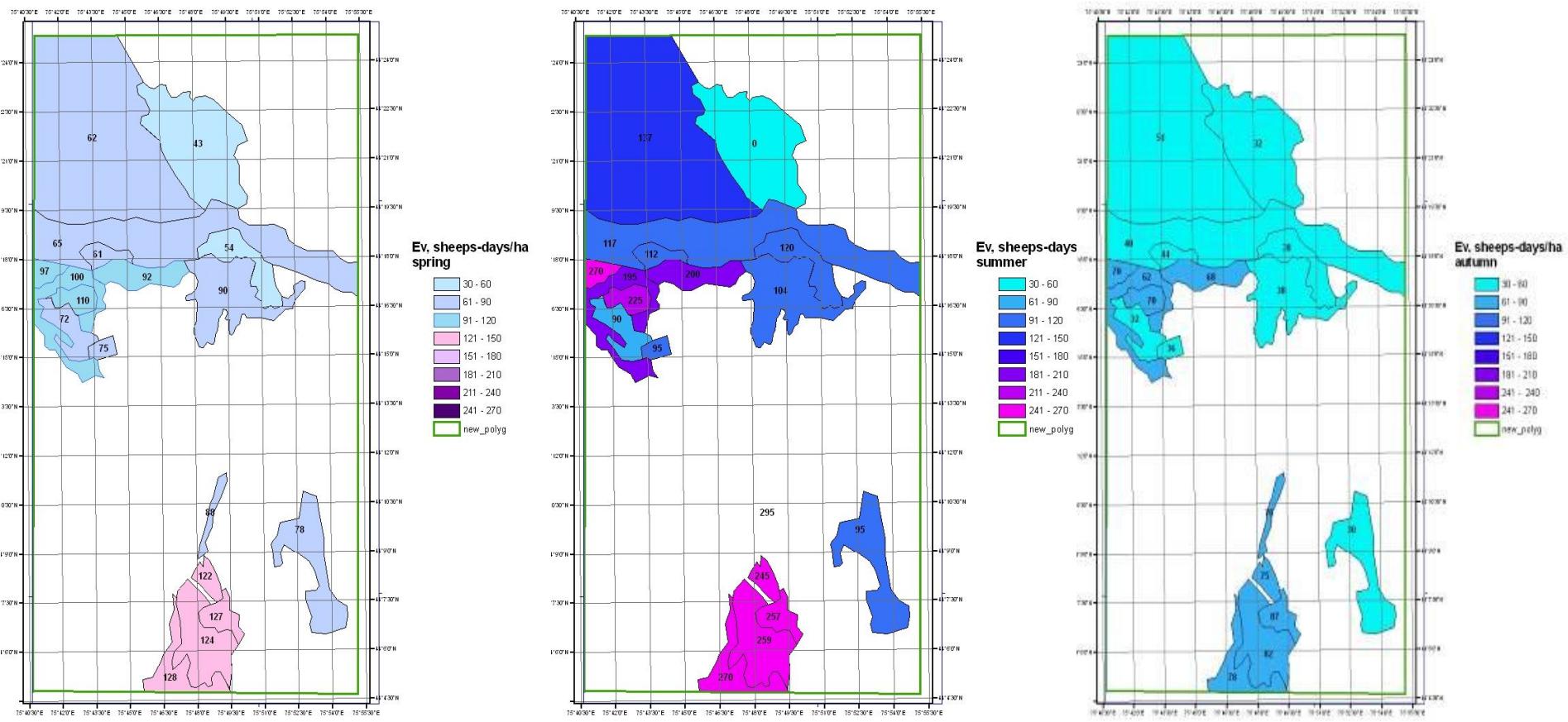
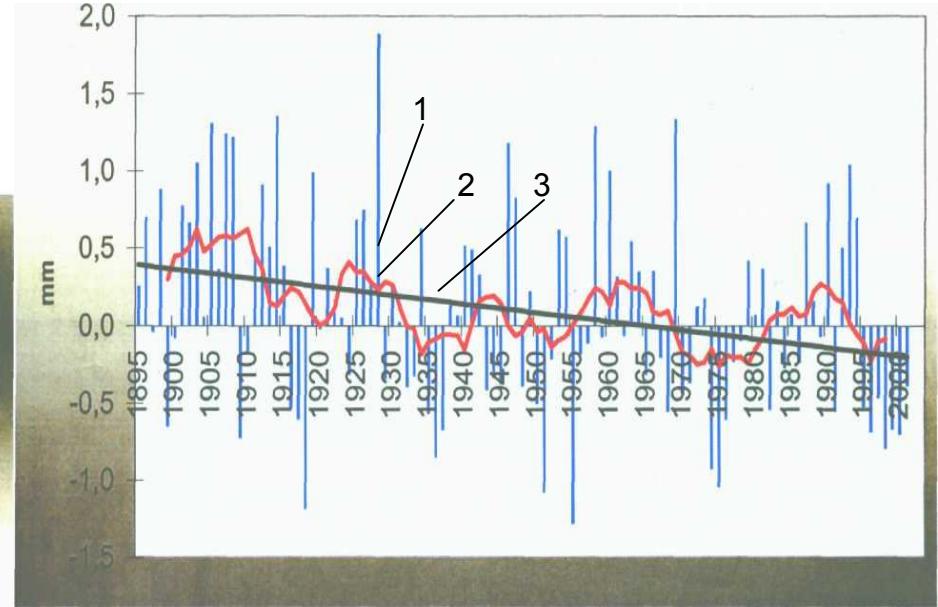
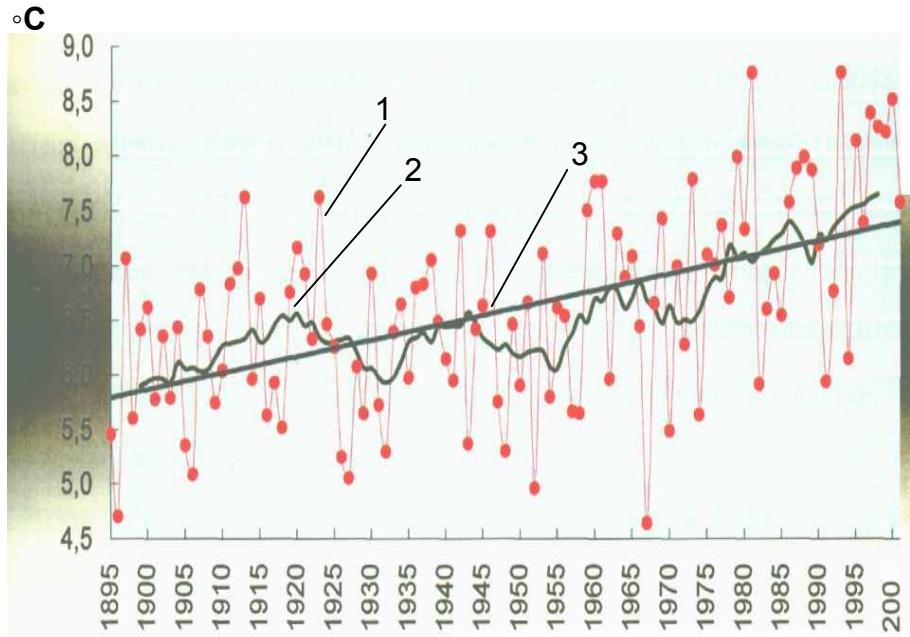


Fig. Ecological index (food, t/ha**) for pasture use
land on “Southern” research polygon by 70% probability and more
1:200 000**



**Fig. Ecological index (volume head-days/ha) for pasture use on “Southern” research polygon by 70% probability and more
1:200 000**



The air temperature and precipitation dynamic in Kazakhstan area. (S. Dolgich. 2004)

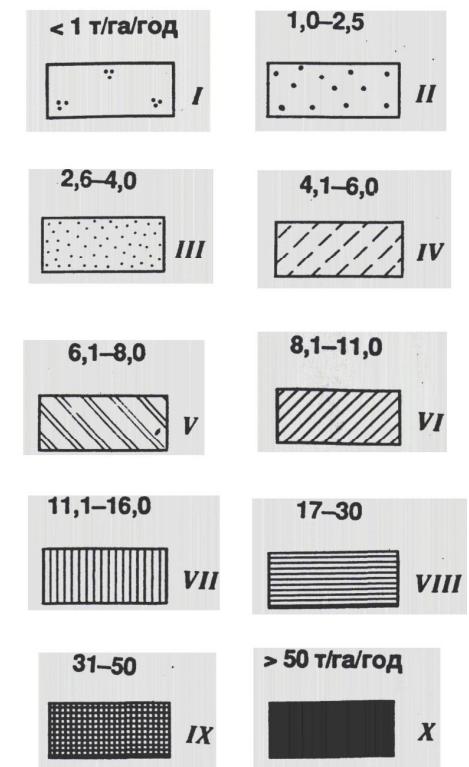
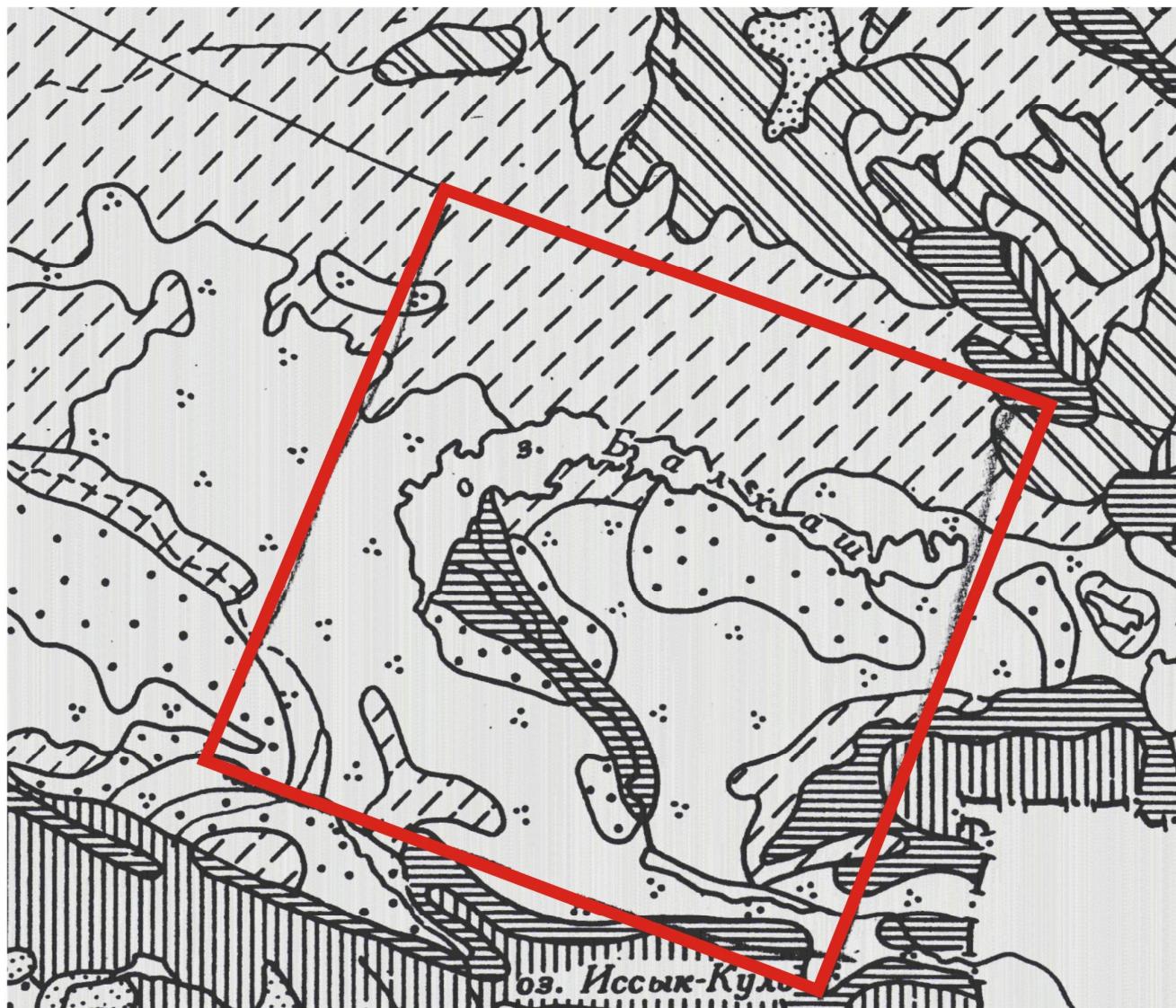
1 – annual volume

2 – sliding 11-years period average

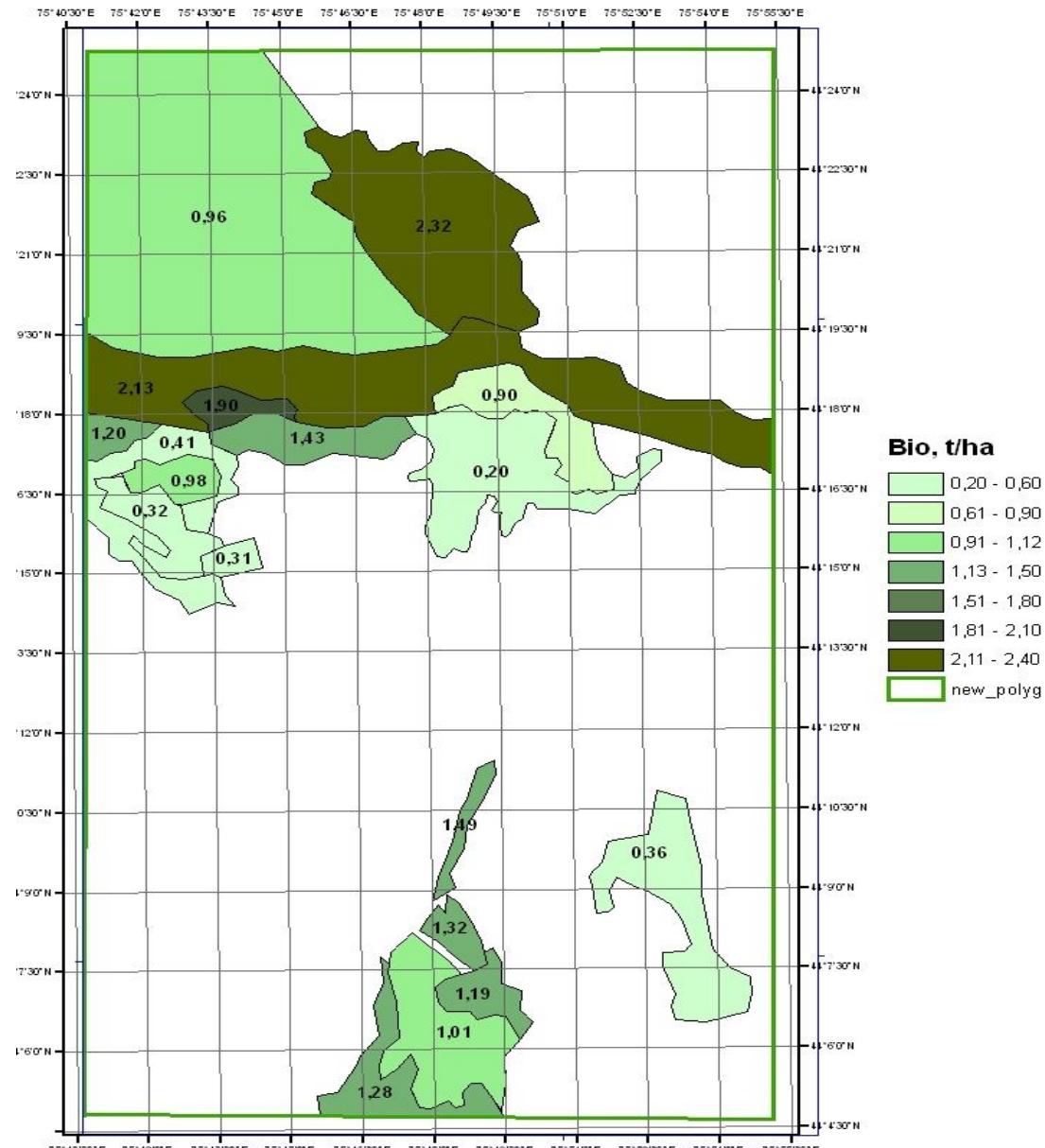
3 - trend line

Agrometeorological condition for growth and accumulation of biomass on Pasture under influence of climate change in Southern Balkhash area

| Climate scenarios | | March | | | April | | | May | | | June | | |
|----------------------|-----------|-------|------|------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|--|
| | | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 3 | |
| Basis 1976-2005 | T°C | 0,6 | 5,8 | 8,0 | 12,1 | 12,9 | 15,7 | 17,1 | 19,1 | 21,3 | 23,1 | 25,1 | |
| | K, un | | | ≥1 | >1 | >1 | 0,76 | 0,63 | 0,51 | | | 0,30 | |
| | Bio, t/ha | | | | 0,12 | | | 0,3 | | | 0,44 | | |
| A2 | T°C | 1,9 | 7,4 | 9,5 | 19,6 | 15,3 | 17,2 | 18,6 | 20,6 | 22,4 | 24,2 | 26,2 | |
| | K, un | | | >1 | >1 | 0,98 | 0,75 | 0,62 | 0,52 | | | 0,30 | |
| | Bio, t/ha | | | | 0,11 | | | 0,34 | | | 0,41 | | |
| | T°C | 3,1 | 8,6 | 10,6 | 14,7 | 16,4 | 18,4 | 19,8 | 21,8 | 23,7 | 25,5 | 27,5 | |
| | K, un | | ≥1 | ≥1 | ≥1 | 0,82 | 0,64 | 0,54 | 0,45 | | | 0,27 | |
| | Bio, t/ha | | | | 0,14 | | | 0,41 | | | 0,36 | | |
| 2085 | T°C | 5,7 | 11,2 | 12,6 | 16,7 | 18,4 | 20,8 | 22,2 | 24,2 | 27,3 | 29,1 | 31,1 | |
| | K, un | ≥1 | ≥1 | ≥1 | 0,84 | 0,65 | 0,53 | 0,45 | 0,37 | | | 0,21 | |
| | Bio, t/ha | | | | 0,18 | | | 0,46 | | | 0,41 | | |
| | T°C | 1,8 | 7,3 | 9,3 | 13,4 | 15,1 | 17,3 | 18,7 | 20,7 | 23,1 | 24,9 | 26,9 | |
| | K, un | | | ≥1 | ≥1 | 0,97 | 0,74 | 0,62 | 0,50 | | | 0,30 | |
| | Bio, t/ha | | | | 0,10 | | | 0,33 | | | 0,29 | | |
| B2 | T°C | 2,6 | 8,1 | 10,0 | 14,1 | 15,8 | 18,2 | 19,6 | 21,6 | 22,4 | 26,2 | 28,2 | |
| | K, un | | ≥1 | ≥1 | ≥1 | 0,86 | 0,67 | 0,56 | 0,47 | | | 0,27 | |
| | Bio, t/ha | | | | 0,14 | | | 0,40 | | | 0,34 | | |
| | T°C | 4,1 | 9,6 | 11,3 | 15,4 | 17,1 | 19,7 | 21,1 | 23,1 | 26,2 | 28,0 | 30,0 | |
| | K, un | ≥1 | ≥1 | ≥1 | 0,82 | 0,57 | 0,48 | 0,40 | | | | 0,23 | |
| | Bio, t/ha | | | | 0,12 | | | 0,30 | | | 0,26 | | |



Production of aboveground and underground mass by N.I. Bazilevich



**Fig. Volume of primary production (aboveground and underground)
on pasture land on “Southern” research polygon
1:200 000**