

# What is a conservation unit for Sakhalin taimen (*Parahucho perryi*): Genetics & Geography

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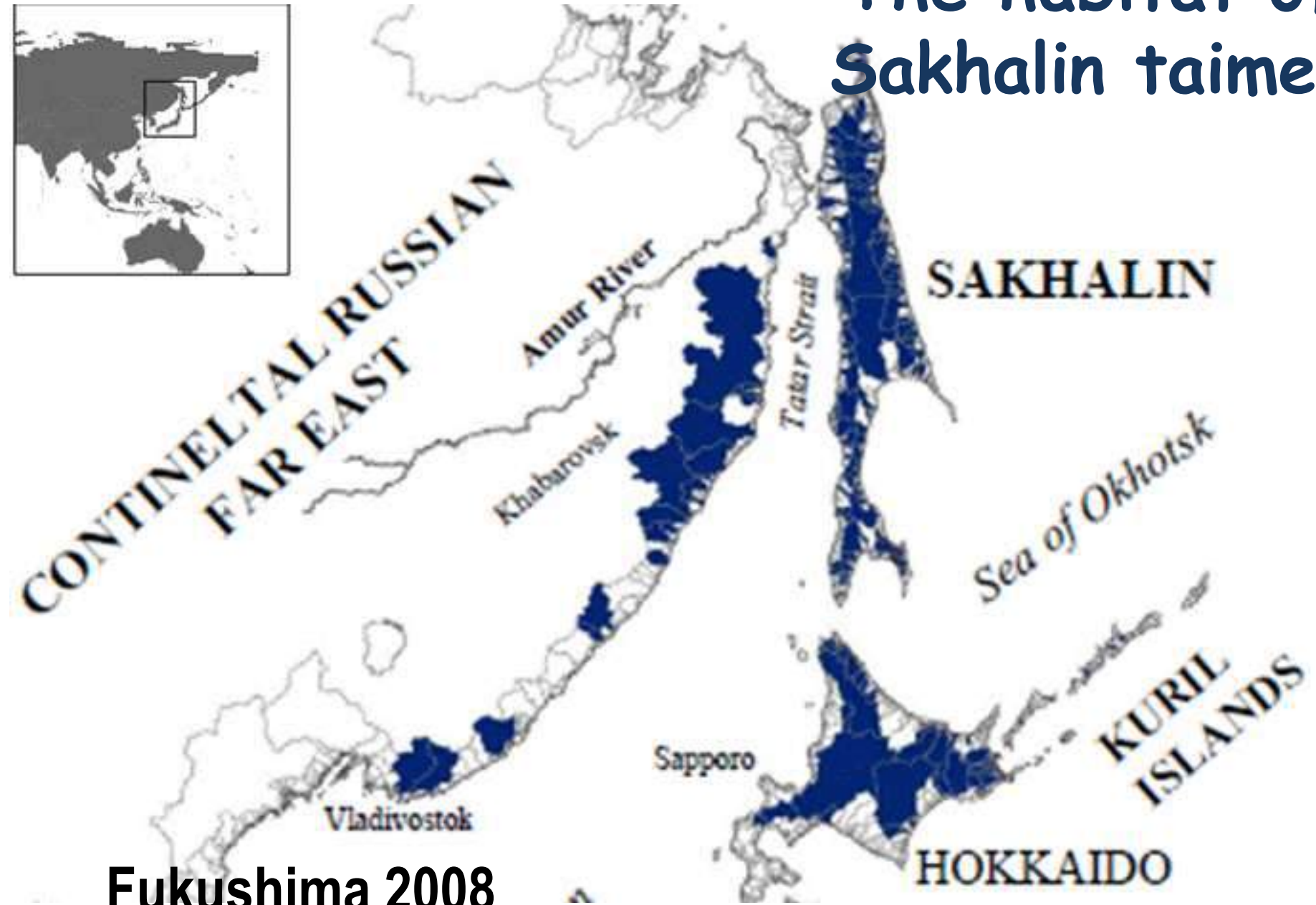
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# The habitat of Sakhalin taimen



**Fukushima 2008**

Population-genetic  
structure

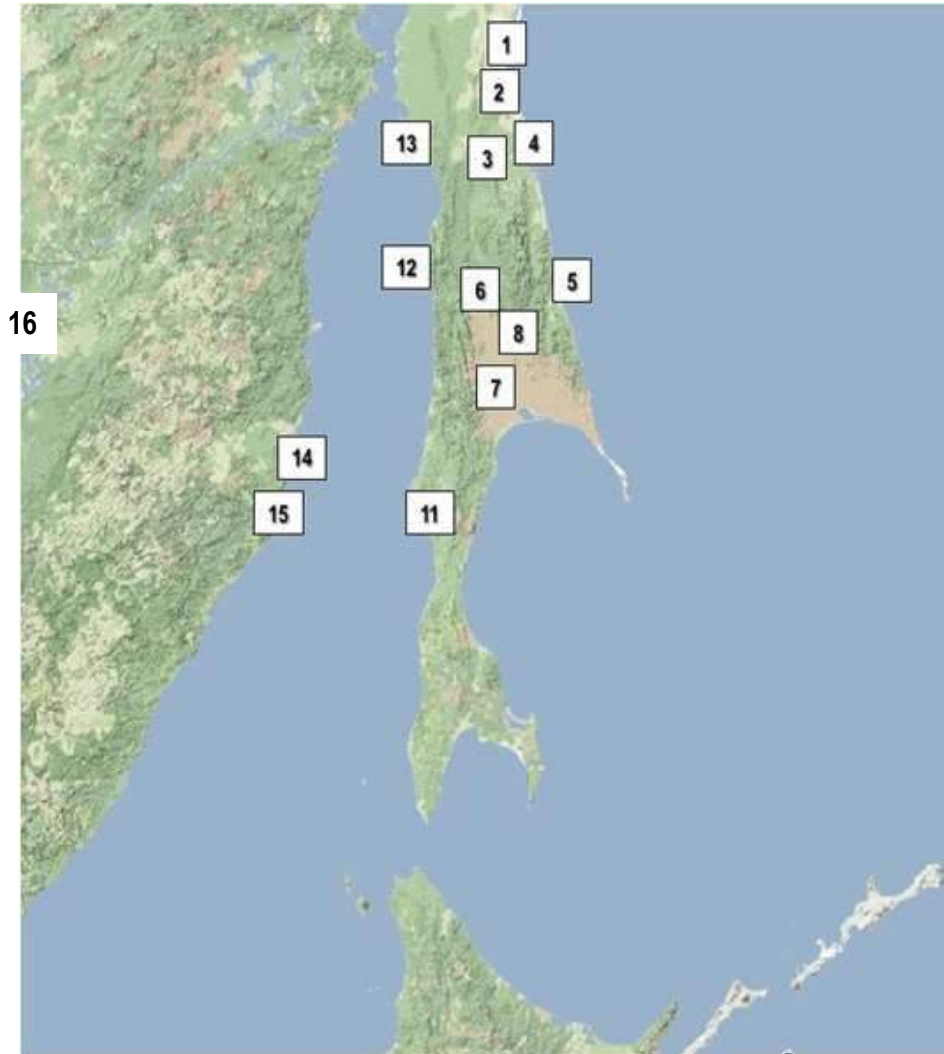
Population  
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Population-genetic  
model

Conservation  
unit

# 18 population samples from 13 locales (287 individuals)



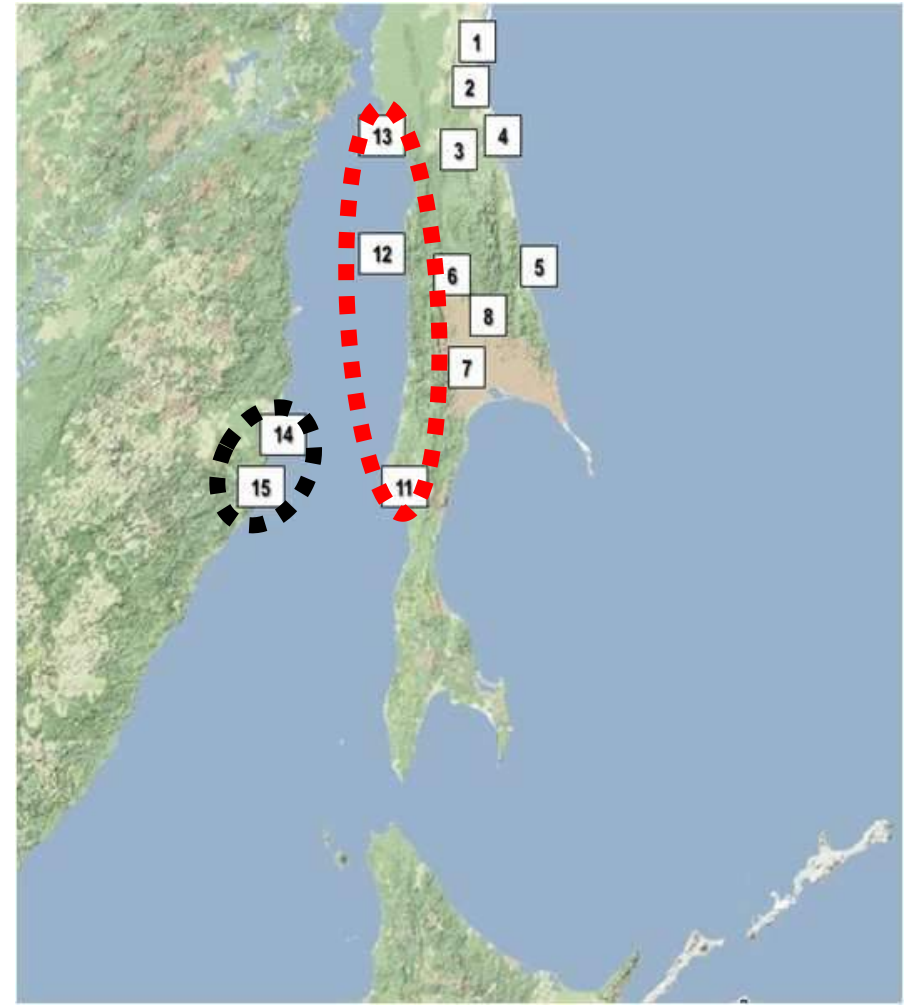
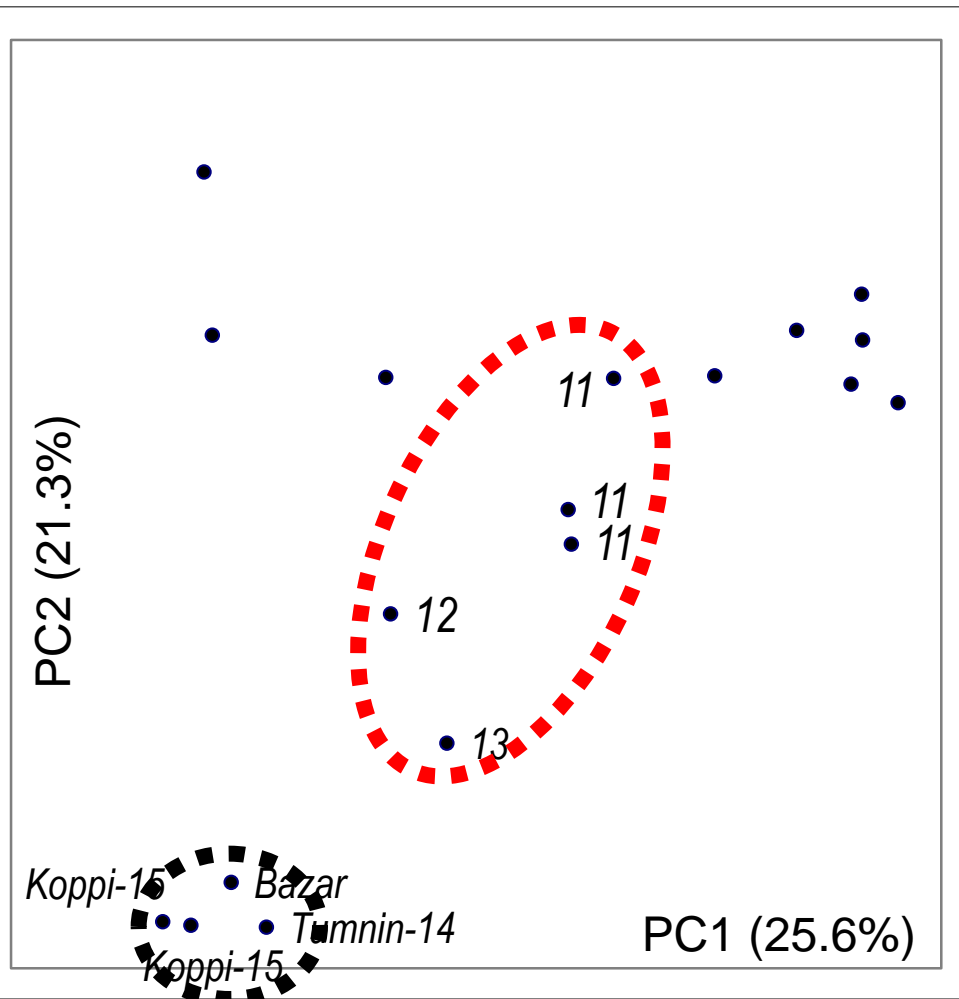
1-Val, 2-Dagi, 3-Tym,  
4-Nabil [2], 5-Langeri,  
6-Onorka, 7-Elnaja,  
8-Poronai,  
11-Ainskoe Lake [3],  
12-Agnevo [2], 13-Viakhtu,  
14-Tumnin, 15-Koppi [2],  
16-Khabarovsk Bazar.

Tissue: fin, scale

# Microsatellite DNA markers

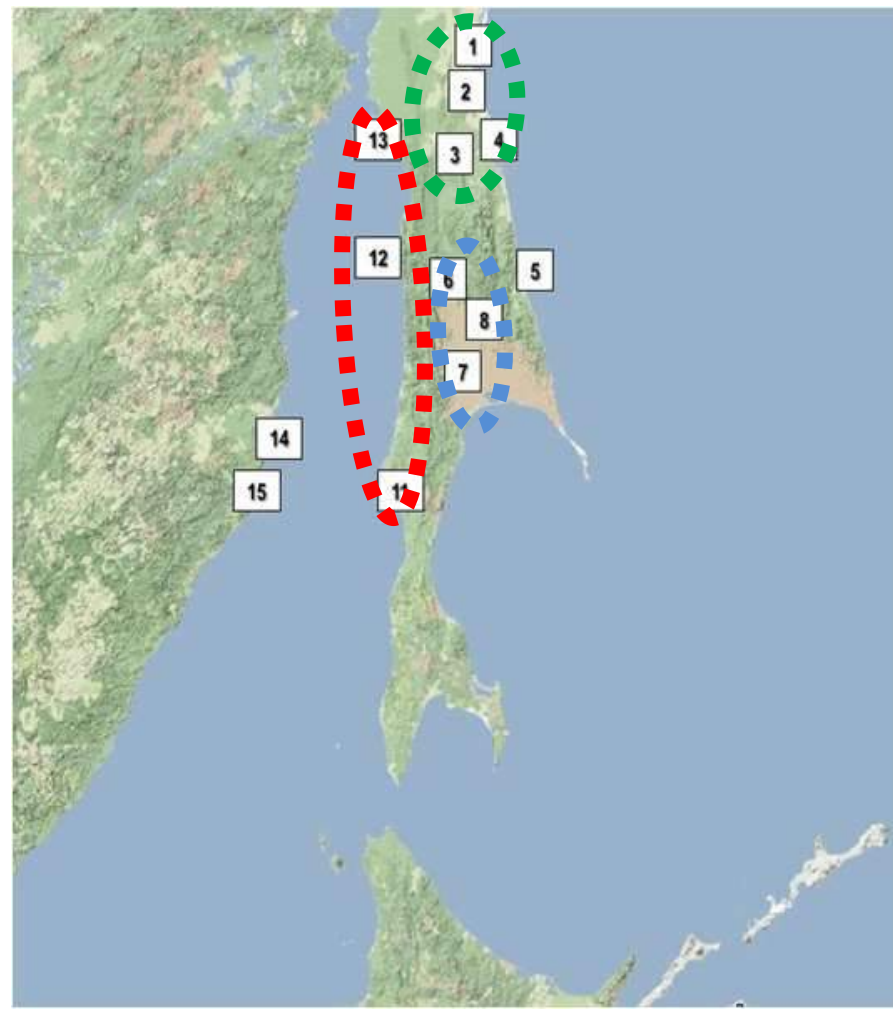
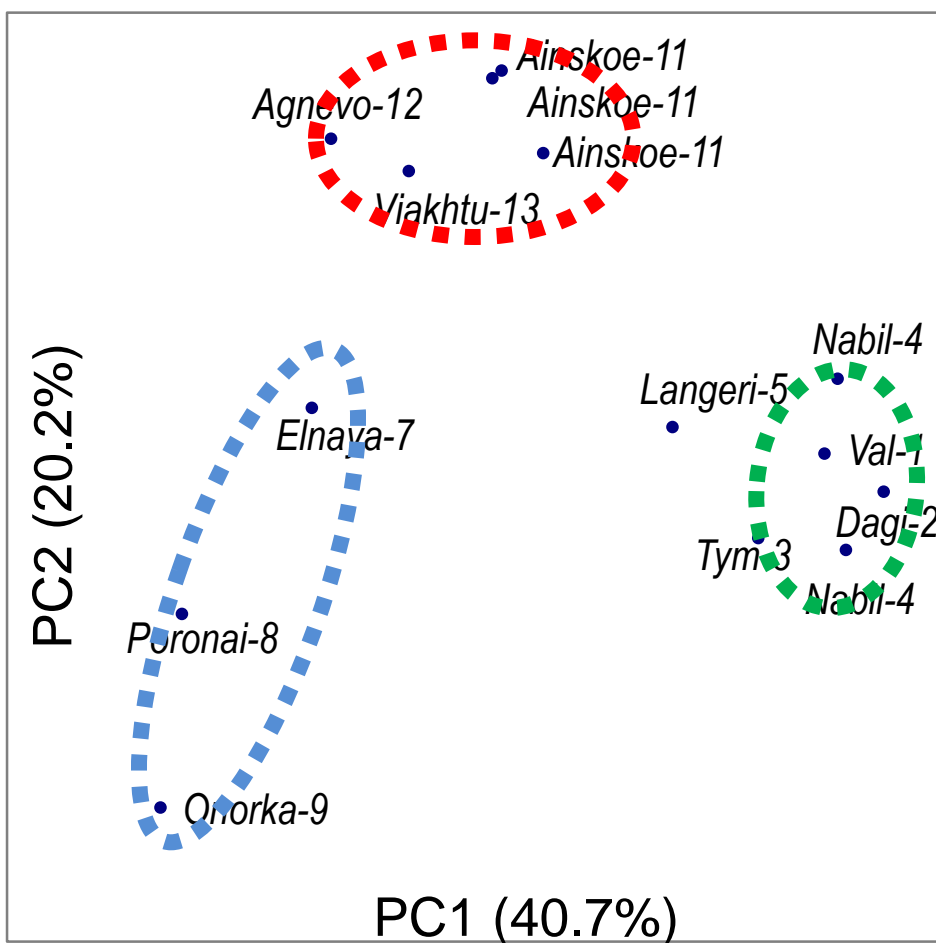
- *Hper4, Hper5, Hper6, Hper8A, Hper15, Hper16, Hper25* (from *Hatakejama et al. 2005*, with modified primers).
- *Pper1, Pper2, Pper3, Pper5, Pper6, Pper7, Pper8, Pper11* (from *Kopun et al. 2009*, with modified primers).
- *Smm5, Smm17, Omy301, Ots102, Oki10, Omm1037, Bletri3, Bletet5* (cross-species amplification, with new primers – this study).

# Genetics vs Geography

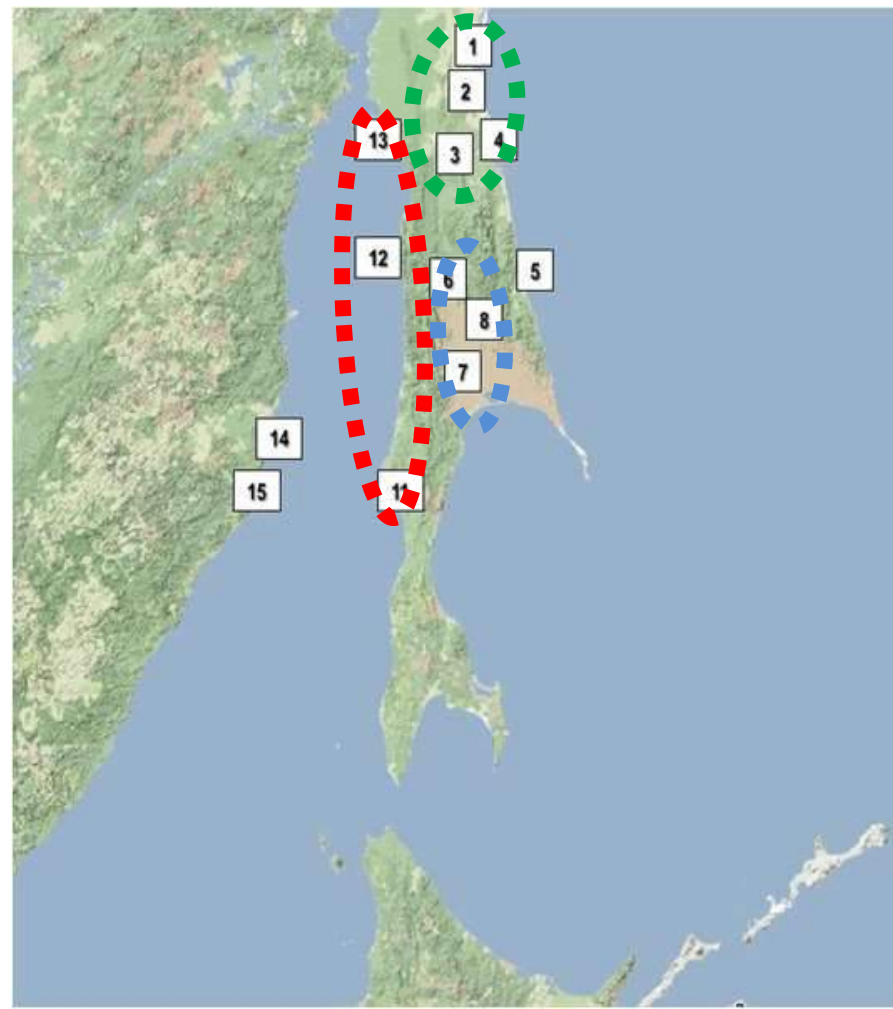
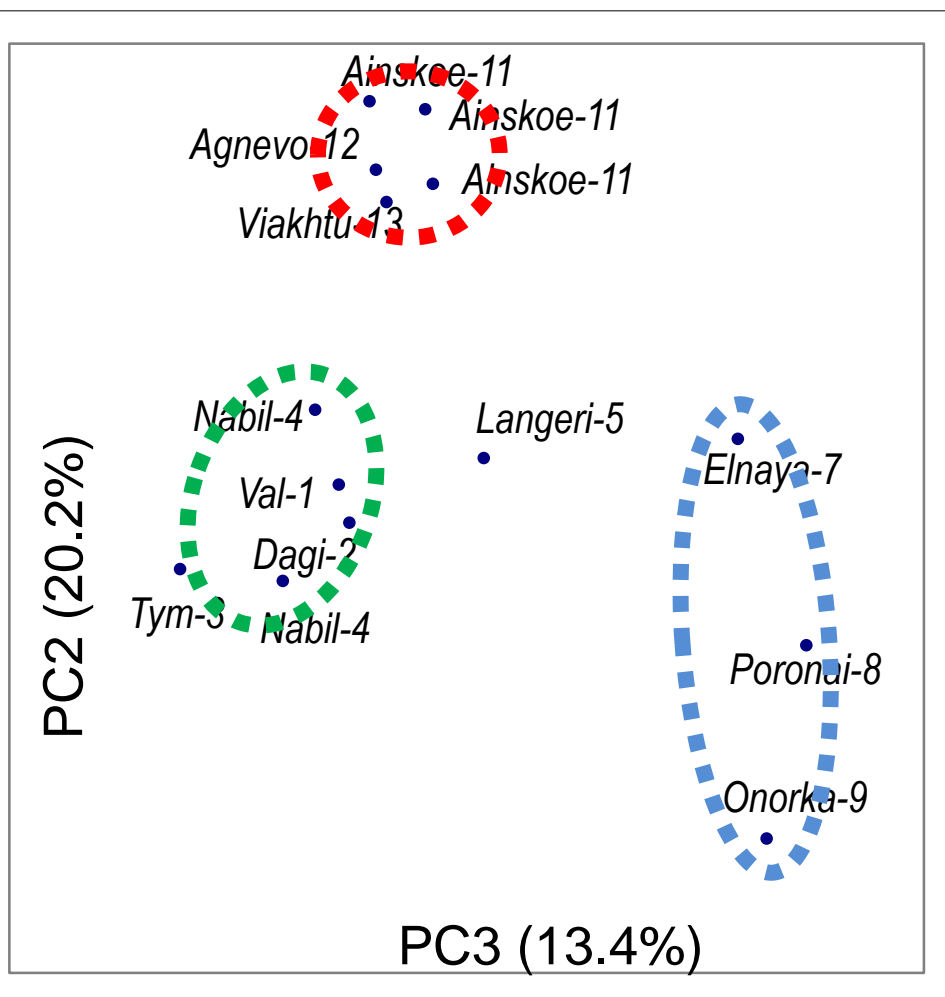




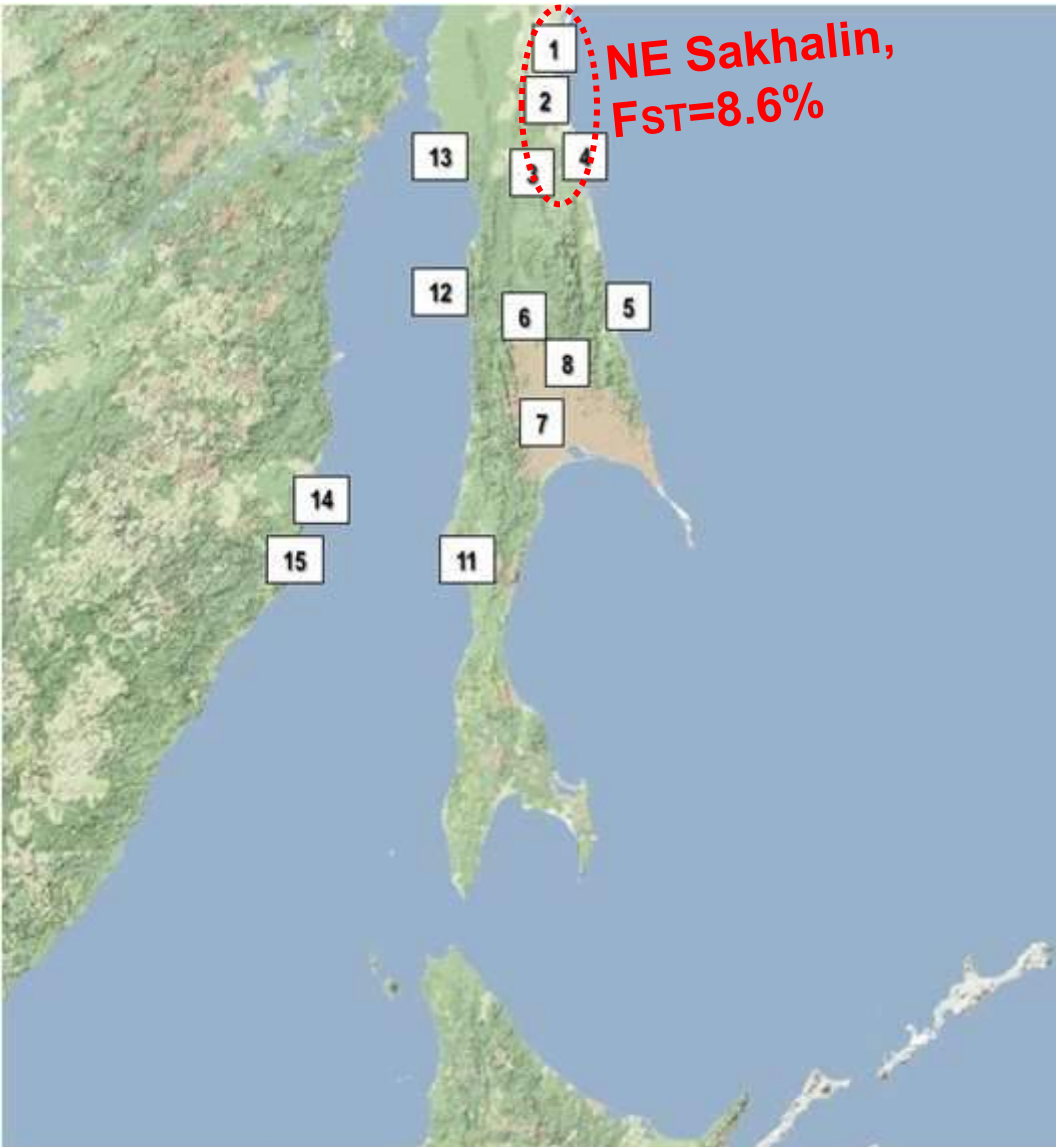
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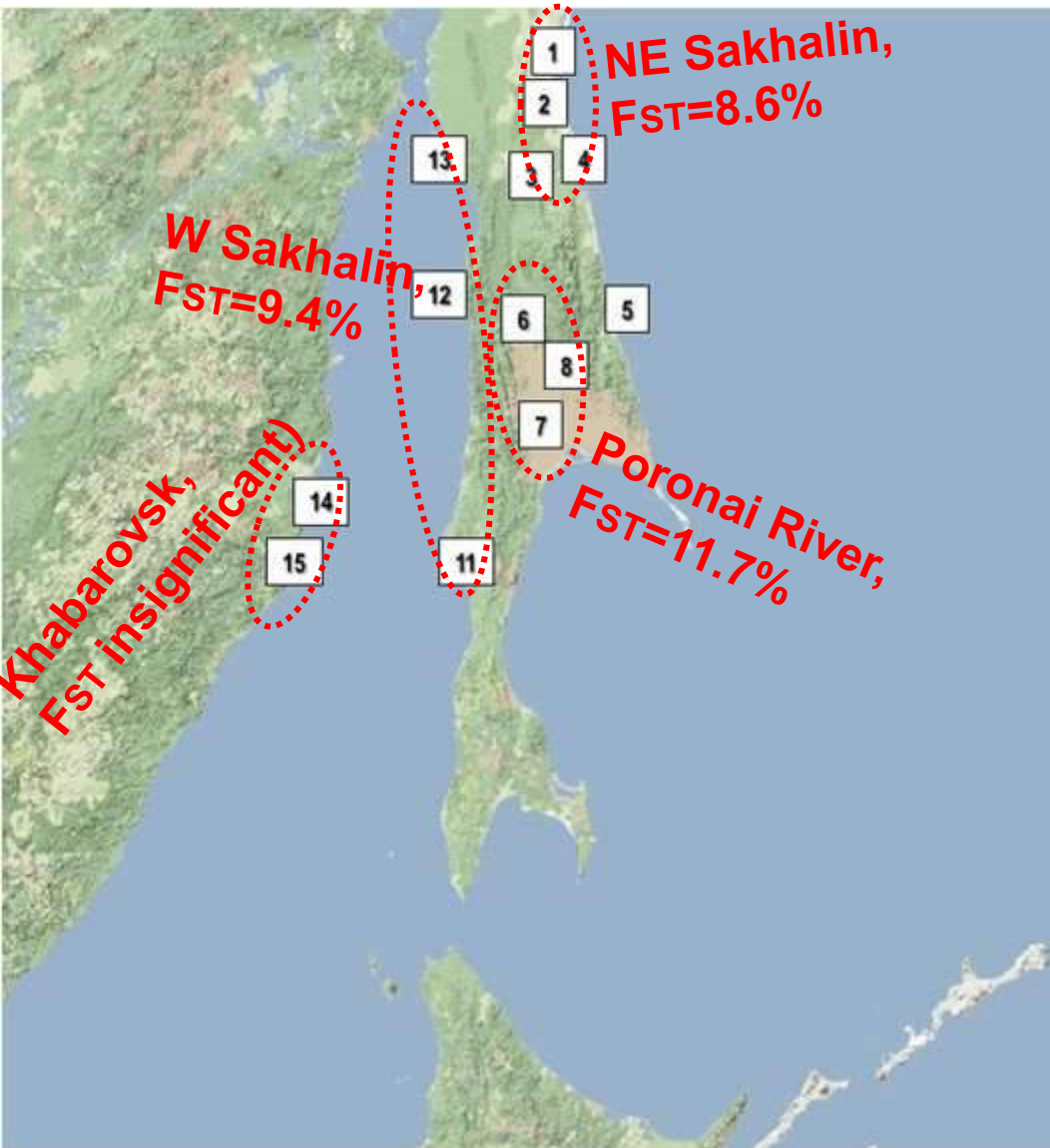






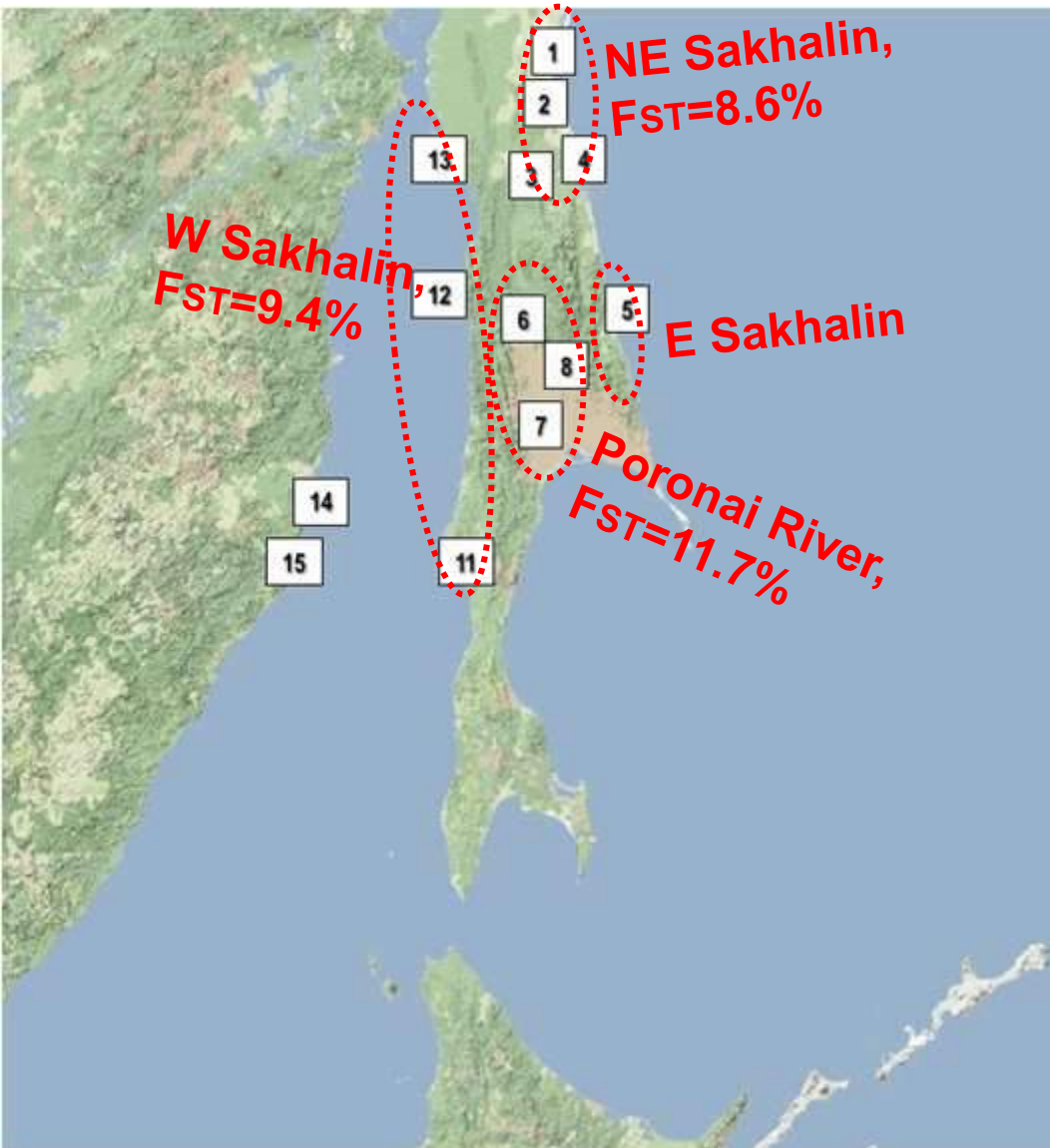
- 1-Val River
- 2-Dagi River
- 3-Tym River
- 4-Nabil River

# Genetic/Geographic Group of Populations (GGGP)



1-Val, 2-Dagi, 3-Tym, 4-Nabil,  
6-Onorka, 7-Elnaja, 8-Poronai,  
11-Ainskoe Lake,  
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14-Tumnin, 15-Koppi,

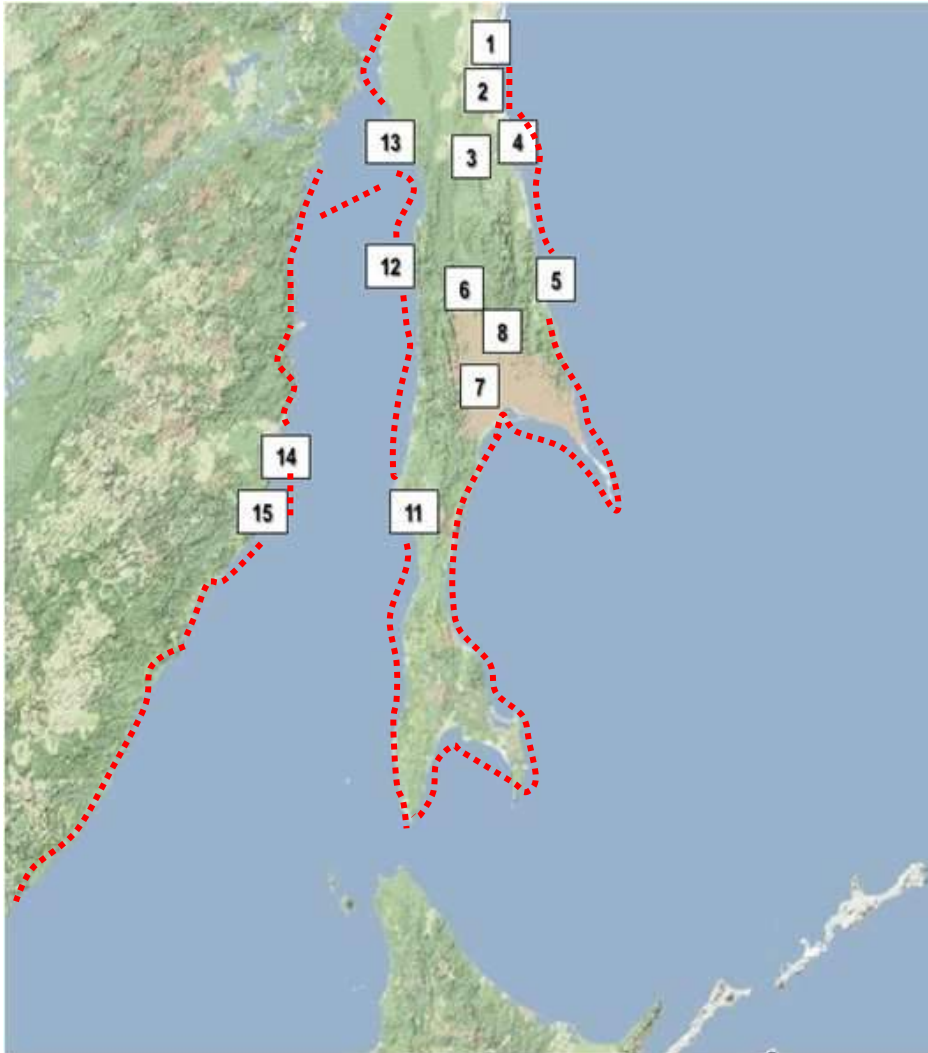
# Genetic differentiation between taimen populations in northern Sakhalin Island



Fst between populations from the same GGGP ~ 10%

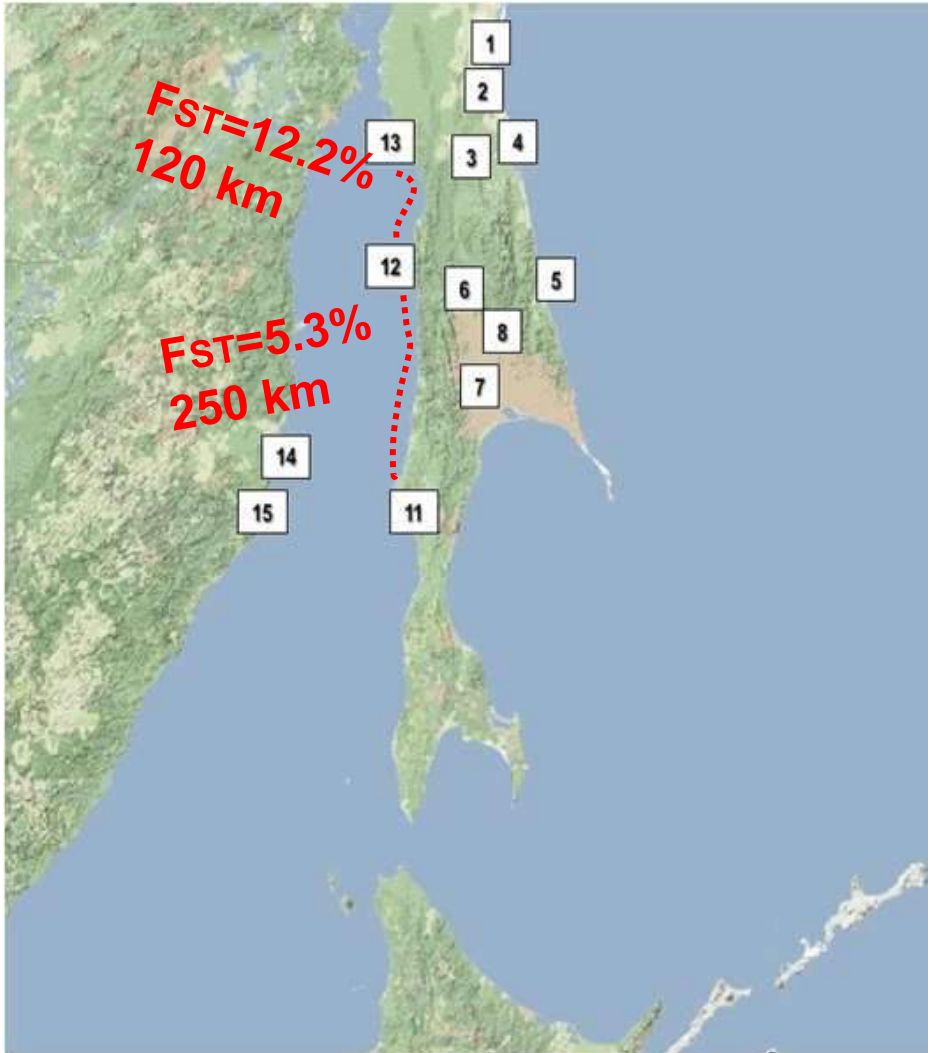
Fst between populations from different GGGPs ~ 15%

# A kind of stepping-stone model



Low migration  
rate between  
adjacent rivers

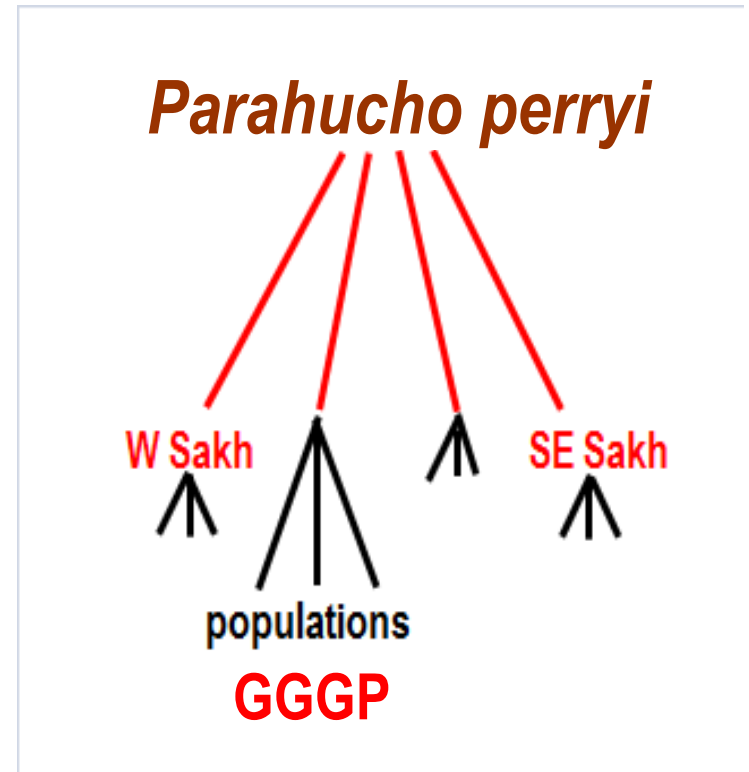
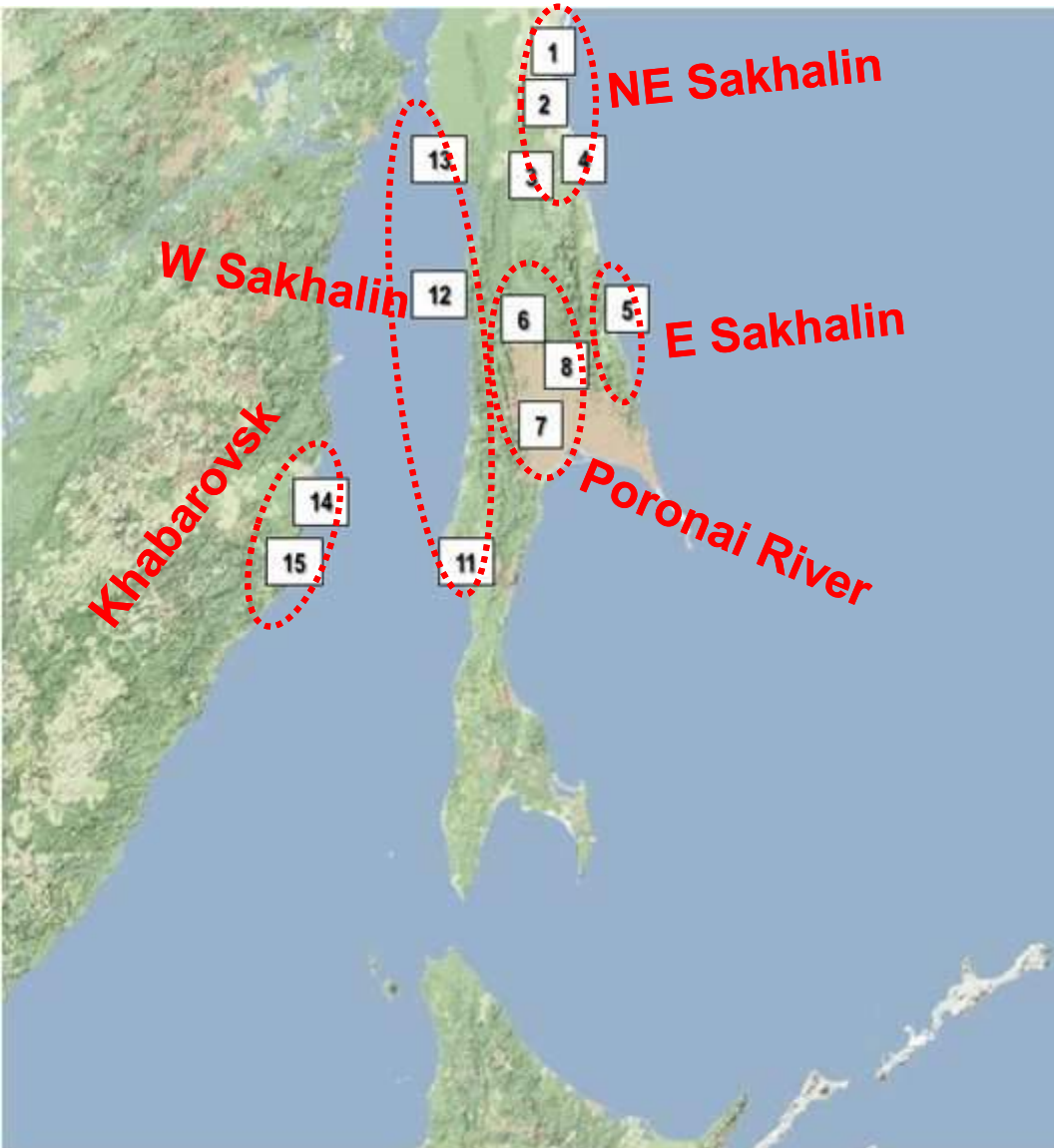
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Not so simple

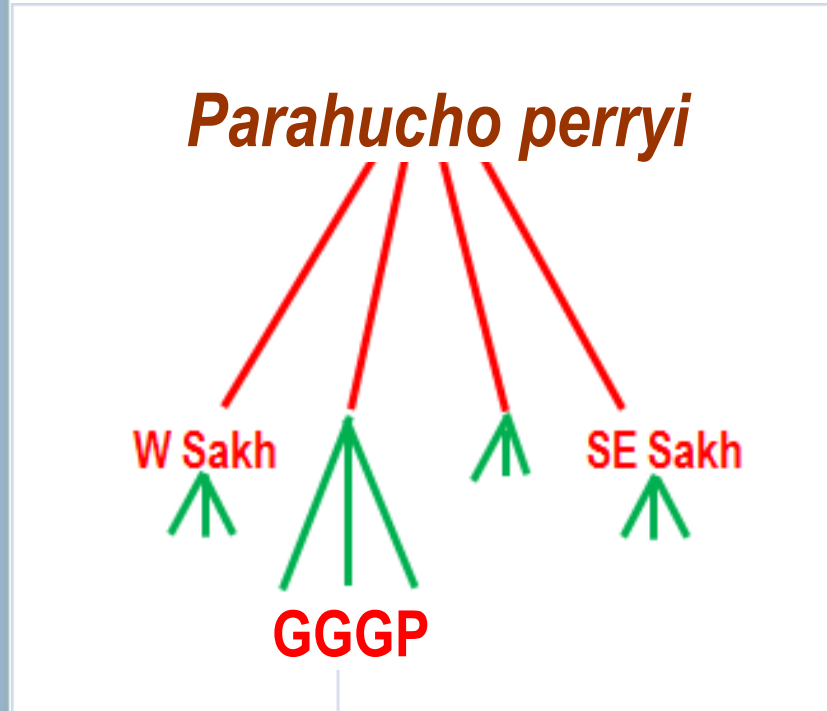
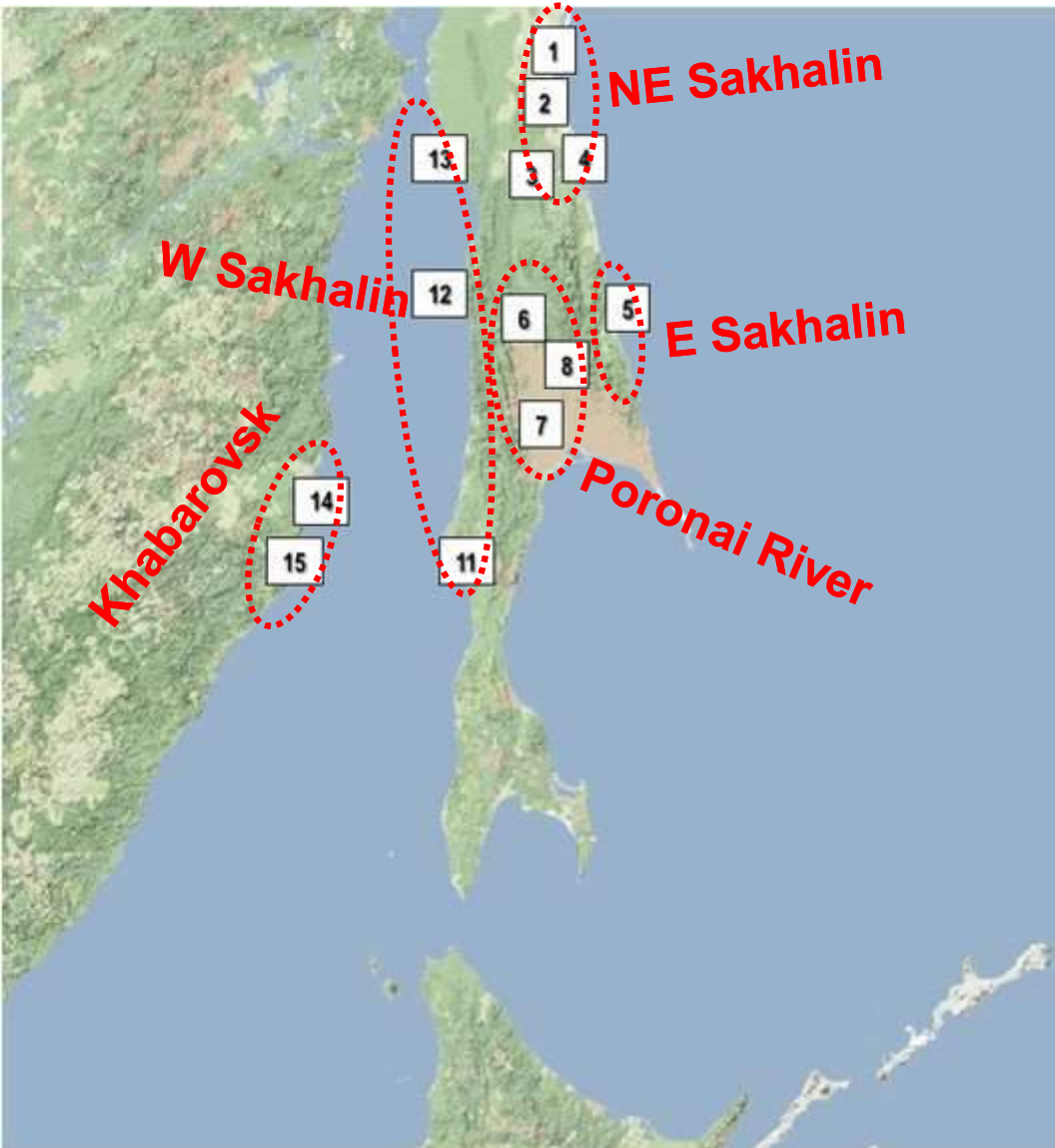


GGGP can be viewed as a principal conservation unit of the species

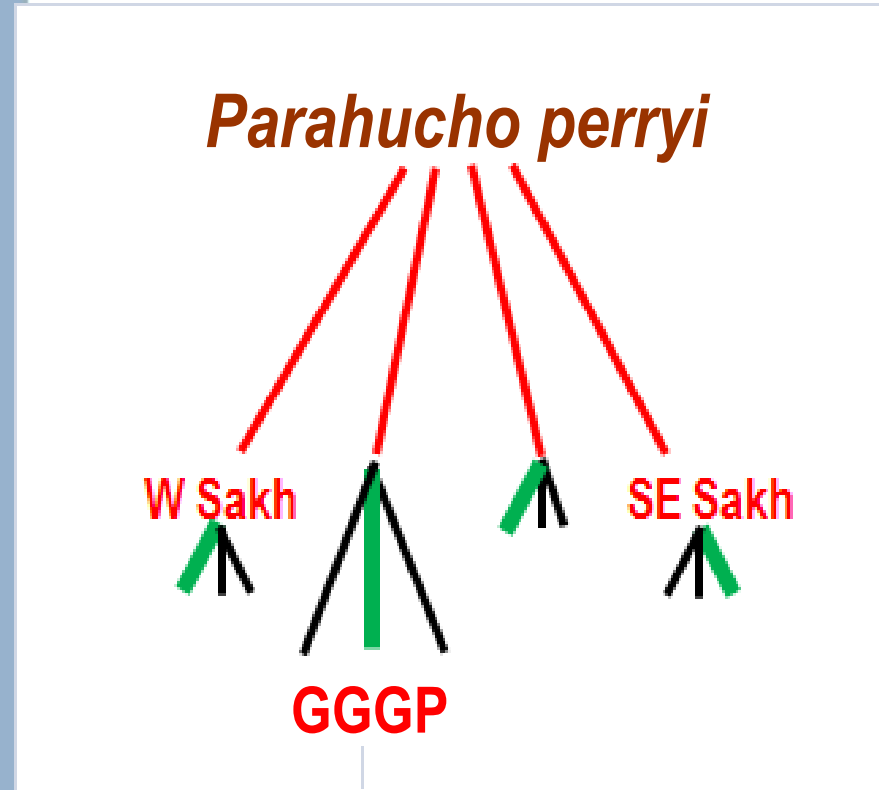
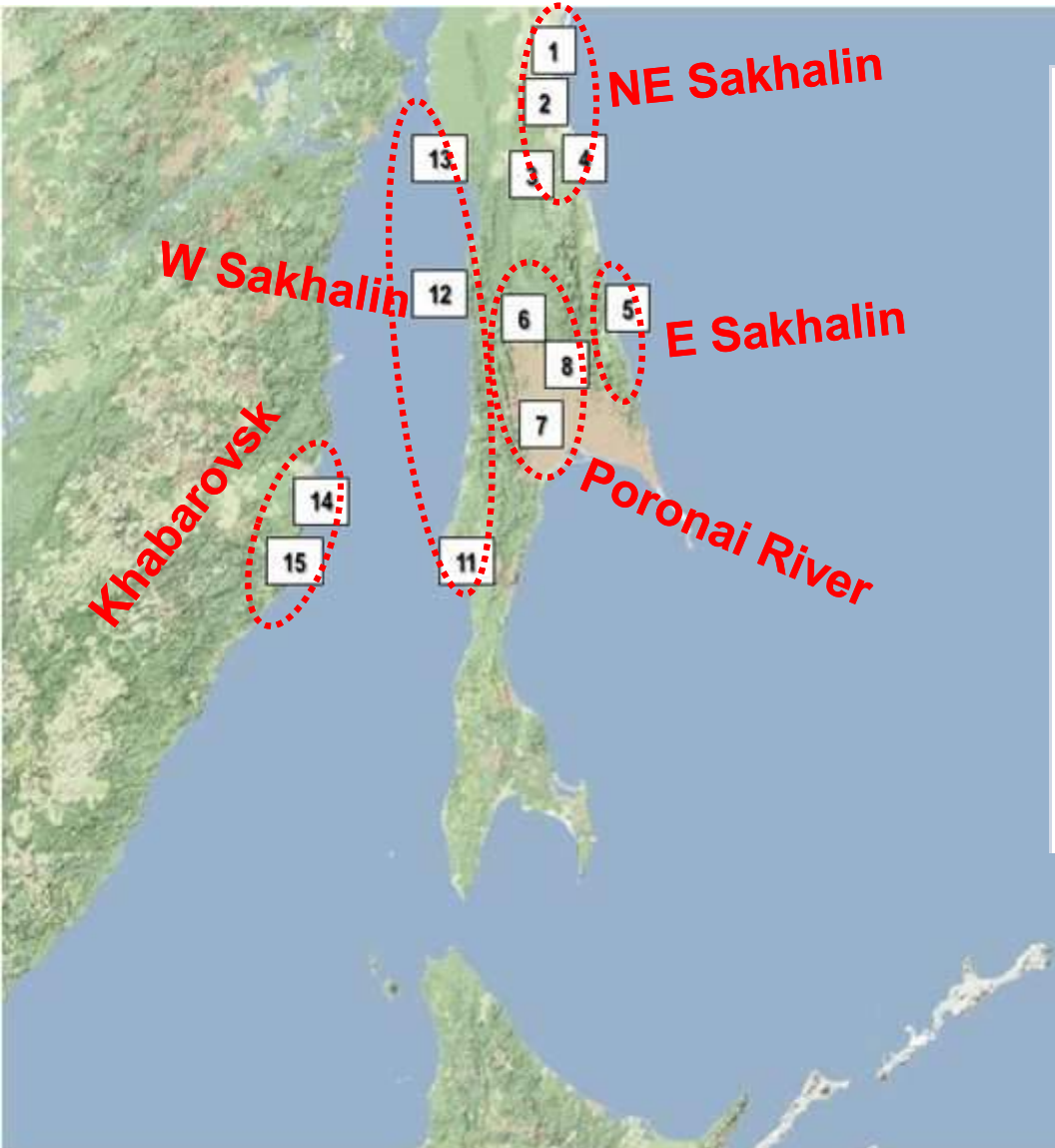




The best conservation strategy would be to conserve **all populations** from each GGGP



A minimal conservation strategy is to conserve **one population** from each GGGP, based on ecological and social requirements



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