

NATIONAL ATLAS OF RUSSIA (1st volume). General idea of Atlas

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First volume of National Atlas of Russia is introductory volume of thorough multi-volume issue of National Atlas of Russia . Purpose of this atlas – provide main information about geographical position of our country , about history of its forming and development , modern state arrangement and geographical features of its territory . First volume of National Atlas of Russia is created as official state issue on the base of material and information , provided by authorities of Russian Federation and its subjects . Main executor of the works –Mapping Production Association "Kartografija" . Co-executor – State-owned centre "Priroda" . The works , connected with transcription of geographic names and control over rightness of reflection on the maps of state boundaries and boundaries of subjects of Russian Federation , executed accordingly by Central scientific-research institute of geodesy , airphotosurvey and cartography named by Krasovskiy and Central cartography-geodetic fund . Size of the Atlas is 43,0x29,5 cm . General volume of the Atlas – 540 pages . The Atlas is printed in 8 paints (light-blue , pink , yellow , black , blue , red , brown , grey) and it is created simultaneously in two versions : printing and electronic on disk CD-ROM . The Atlas consists of the following sections : 1)introductory ; 2)forming , research and mapping of Russian territory ; 3)federative arrangement of Russia ; 4)geographic regions and the seas of Russia ; 5) reference geographic information ; 6) index of geographic names . Introductory section includes preface to the Atlas and the maps , depicting position of Russia on the World map , also the map of the time zones of Russia . Next section contents the pictures of the main historical periods , from arising of ancient Russian state up to 90th years of XX century . On these maps is reflected dynamics of forming of territory and the boundaries of Russian state , the maps are accompanied by the texts revealing this process . Also chronological table of the events reflected in this section is included in the section . The section "Federative arrangement of Russia" presented by the maps of the subjects of Russian Federation made up with consideration of division of the country on economic regions accepted at present moment . The maps are added by reference information about the subjects of Russian Federation (size of territory , amount of population and other) . The section "Geographic regions and the seas of Russia" occupies most part of volume of the Atlas . It consists of three subsections : European part of Russia , Asian part of Russia , Russian Arctic . Every section contents look-out map of region and provides complete covering of its territory by the map in the scale 1 : 2,5 Mln , and also includes the maps of separate , most important (in natural , economic and cultural sense) territories in the scales 1 : 0,5 Mln and 1 : 1 Mln . The maps of this section are added by the space photographs of the separate territories . The section "Reference geographical information" contents the maps and the texts providing main notion about nature and natural resources , population and economics of Russia . Atlas is completed by the index of geographical names , containing the names of all geographical objects placed on the maps of Atlas . Working over Atlas is not accomplished at

present time , that is why we can present as illustrations only colourful samples of the separate pages of the Atlas .