



# THE RUSSIAN ARCTIC STRATEGY FOR THE PERIOD UP TO 2020





# The Russian Arctic Strategy 2020







## A Shortcut Across The Top of the World

The Northeast Passage, across the Arctic Ocean, provides a shorter alternative for cargo vessels travelling between Europe and Asia than using the Suez Canal. It is shorter than the Panama Canal route for some voyages between the North American west coast and Europe.

LENGTH OF A VOYAGE TO ROTTERDAM FROM:

YOKOHAMA, JAPAN  
12,894 miles via Suez Canal,  
8,452 miles via Northeast Passage

SHANGHAI, CHINA  
12,107 miles via Suez Canal,  
9,297 miles via Northeast Passage

VANCOUVER, CANADA  
10,262 miles via Panama Canal,  
8,038 miles via Northeast Passage





“The development strategy of the Russian Arctic zone for the period up to the 2020” was signed on the 20<sup>th</sup> of February 2013 by the President of the Russian Federation Mr. Vladimir Putin. The strategy includes:

- General provision
- Main risks and threats
- Development priorities and key activities
- Mechanisms for the implementation of the strategy
- Stages of the implementation
- Main characteristics of the socio-economic development of the Russian Arctic
- Monitoring the implementation of the Strategy





## General Provision

The strategy identifies the key mechanisms, methods and means to achieve the strategic goals and priorities for sustainable development of the Russian Arctic

The strategy is aimed at the realization of the sovereignty and national interests of the Russian Federation in Arctic and contributes to the solution of the basic tasks of the Russian Federation policy in the Arctic.





## The strategy task, main risks and threats

- strategy goal (implementation of the national interest in the arctic region)
- key factors influencing the socio-economic development of the Russian Arctic (extreme climate conditions, high distance from industrial centers, etc.)
- risks and threats of the current situation of the Russian Arctic development (negative demographic trends, undevelopment of the basic infrastructure, imbalance in economic development, etc.)





## Development priorities and key activities

- socio-economic development of the Russian Arctic (improvements of governance, the quality of indigenous people life, natural resource base)
- development of science and technology (scientific research programs, new technologies in the field of environmental management, long term prospects)
- creation of a modern information and telecommunications infrastructure (communications centers, multi-purpose space system "Arctic")
- environmental security (development of the Arctic protected areas, clean up programs from the previous contamination)
- international cooperation in the Arctic (beneficial multilateral and bilateral cooperation, promotion of transit routes)
- ensuring military security, defense and protection of the state border of the Russian Federation in the Arctic





## Mechanisms for the implementation of the Strategy

- provide legal framework in the field of developing the foundations of governance of the Russian Arctic zone
- establishment of special regimes of natural resources and environment, government regulation of navigation along the Northern Sea Route
- improve the regulatory procedure in traditional fisheries, establishment and functioning of the indigenous communities, land use and protection in their places of traditional residence and economic activities
- formation of a system of monitoring and analyzing of the level of the economic development of the Arctic zone of the Russian Federation





## Strategy implementation plan

### **The first phase of the Strategy - from 2013 to 2015 year**

- improvement of the legal base and the efficiency of public administration, coordination of the federal policy
- ensuring international legal registration of the continental shelf of Russia in the Arctic Ocean
- establishment of the Coast Guard of the Federal Security Service in the Arctic russian area

### **The second phase of the Strategy – from 2015 to 2020 year**

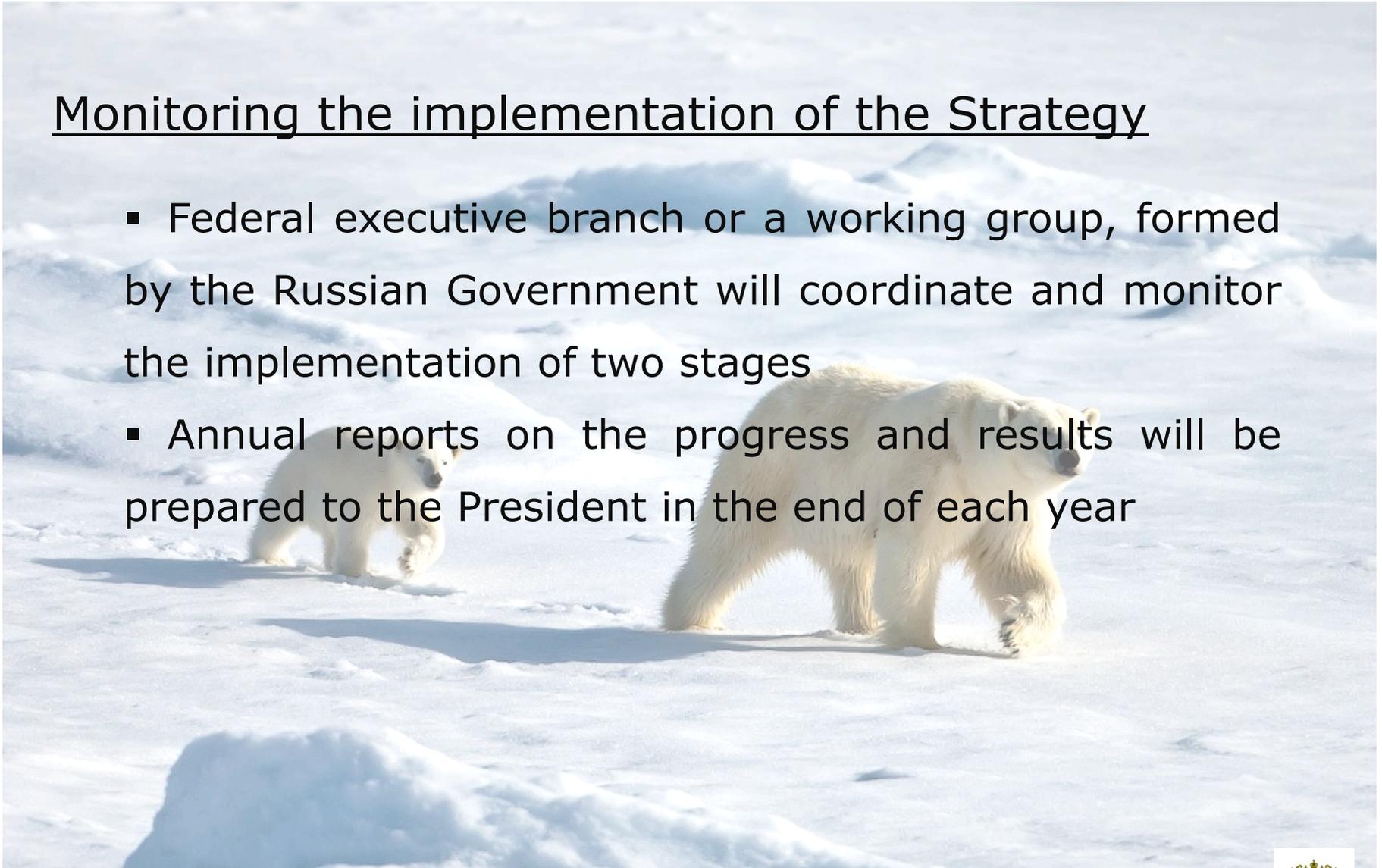
- implementation of the competitive advantages in the field of the development of mineral resources on the russian continental shelf
- development border infrastructure and technical re-equipment of the border
- establishment and development of multi-purpose space system "Arctic", the modernization of long range radio navigation system "RSDN-20"





## Monitoring the implementation of the Strategy

- Federal executive branch or a working group, formed by the Russian Government will coordinate and monitor the implementation of two stages
- Annual reports on the progress and results will be prepared to the President in the end of each year





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