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BIOGEOGRAPHIC ASPECTS OF THE CHARACTERISTICS OF ZONALITY, HEIGHT BELTS AND EXTRAZONALITY IN THE STRUCTURE OF VEGETATION (LAKE BAIKAL REGION)

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ABSTRACT

The ideas concerning continuity and discreteness of vegetation cover are always in the basis of numerous classification structures. The development of biogeography and geobotanic mapping as a method allowed to accumulate a huge experience for establishing of classification systems and approaches reflecting these or those peculiarities in territories under definite physical-geographic conditions. It starts with description of communities without ranges determining regional-zonal features of vegetation and results in establishing of formations characterizing historical-genetic links in formation and development of vegetation in concrete territories. Due to this fact, the revealed arealogical (geoelemental) and belt-zonal compositions of plants species in communities are basic criteria for assessment of structural-dynamic organization of vegetation under concrete physical-geographic conditions at any territory.

Key words: vegetation, biogeographic aspects, zonality, height belts, extrazonality, arealogical and belt-zonal compositions of plant species, key sites, Lake Baikal region