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Abbreviations

1: 1st person
2: 2nd person
3: 3rd person
ADVP: adverbial phrase
ALL: allative
C: consonant
CAU: causative
CAUS: causee
CM: Consonant Mutation
COMP: completive
CV: converb
FFV: Final Fricative Voicing
HILI: highlighting focus
I: intonational phrase
IND: indicative
INDF: indefinite person
INS: instrumental
INT: intentional
LOC: locative
NP: noun phrase
OCP: Obligatory Contour Principle
PL: plural
PP: postpositional phrase
REF: reflexive
SG: singular
V: vowel
VOC: vocative
VOT: voice onset time
VP: verb phrase

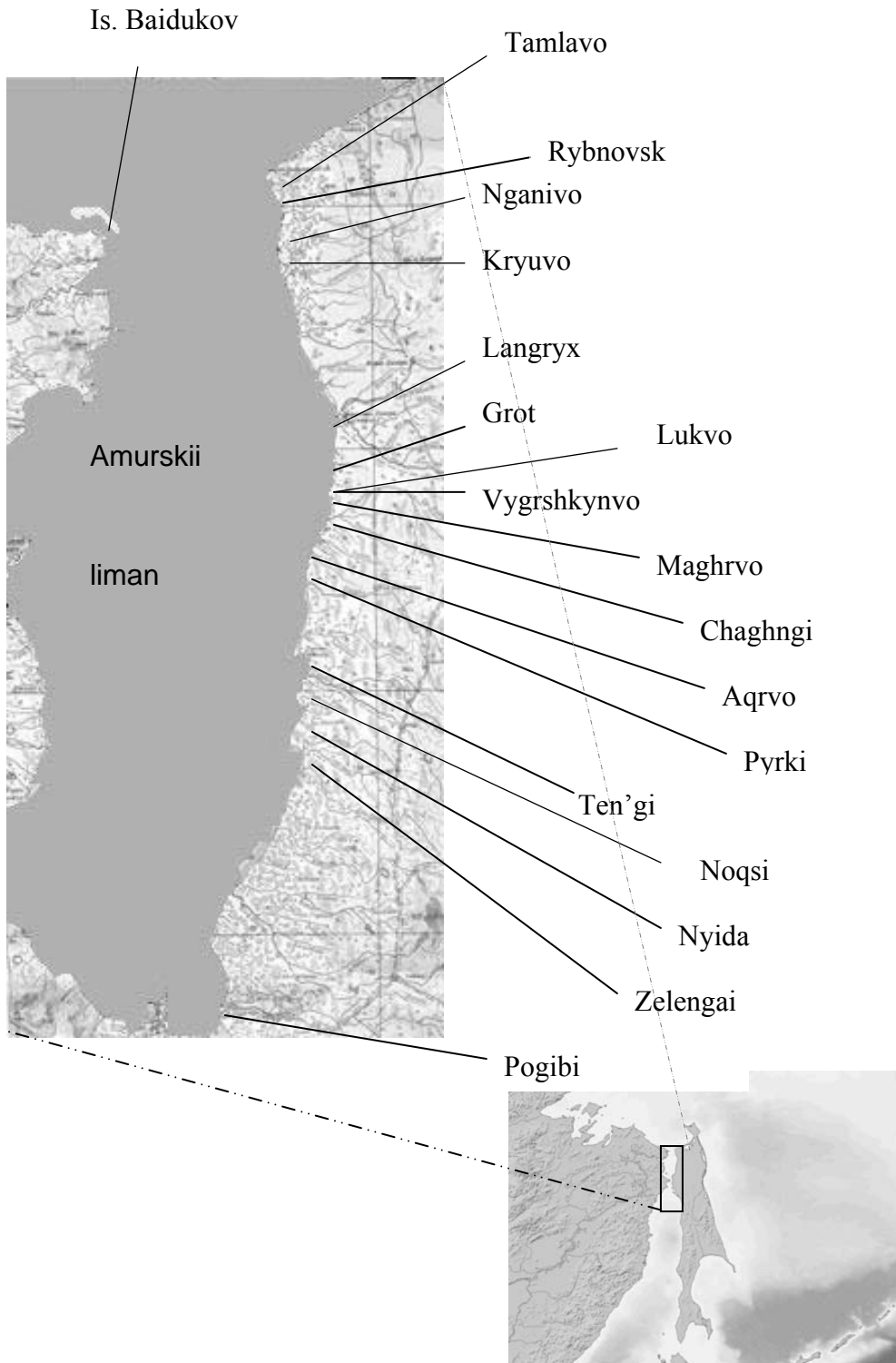
Maps



Map 1: The Russian Federation and Sakhalin



Map 2: Sakhalin



Map 3: The West coast of North Sakhalin






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Table 1: The Nivkh alphabet (Taksami, Pukhta and Vingun 1982)