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Known for her research on the hydrology and ecology of Lake Baikal, as well as for her studies on the anthropogenic activities threating this precious ecosystem.

She was the promoter of the Atlas of Lake Hubsugul.

HERSTORY

She became a worthy successor of her father, the ecologist Mikhail Mikhailovich Kozhov, author of 900 works including 14 monographs and 2 textbooks.

ANTHROPOGENIC IMPACTS IN LAKES

Anthropogenic impacts in Lake Baikal:

- Hydropower stations (water level regulation and sediments)
- Commercial fisheries and sport fishing (wildlife manipulation)
- Chemical pollution from rivers, precipitation, coastline erosion, industry and transport.

Main pollutants of Lake Baikal:

- Organic matter and nutrients Eutrophication
- Oil products Toxicity and mortality
- Heavy metals Bioacumulation.
- Sulfates from mines
- Toxic substances

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Year	Oil products (mg/L)
1971	0.05 ± 0.02
1972	0.75 ± 0.39
1973	0.20 ± 0.10
1974	0.10 ± 0.10
1975	0.18 ± 0.23
1976	0.21 ± 0.07
1977	0.28 ± 0.02
1978	0.34 ± 0.11
1979	0.14 ± 0.09

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