# BERINGIA: Biological and Cultural Perspectives from Alaska



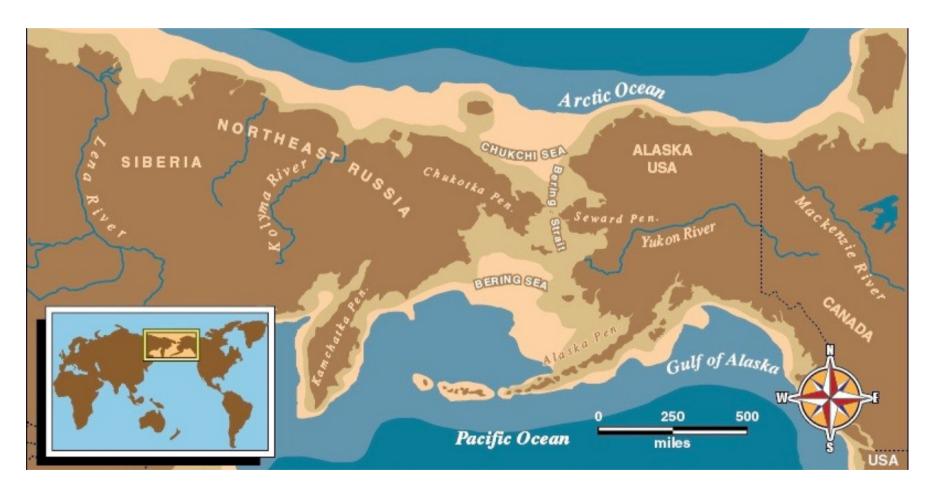
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# What is Beringia?







# **Beringia – History and Culture**





# **Beringia – Nature and Science**





# **Shared Beringian Heritage Program**

### Goals

- Conserve natural and cultural resources
- Preserve subsistence and other traditional practices
- Communicate the region's unique and internationally significant resources and values
- Cultural connections and knowledge exchange







# **SBHP Current Projects**

- 1. Aleutian Subsistence Resource Mapping
- 2. Testing the Beringian Standstill Hypothesis
- 3. Aleutian Rare Plant Trajectories
- 4. Communicating the Unique Resources and Cultural Traditions of Beringia to a Global Audience
- 5. Past Beringian Cultural Exchange and Interaction: A Study of Ceramic Technology
- Promoting Coastal Resilience through a Shared Understanding of Subsistence Fisheries in the Chukotka and Alaska Arctic



