"A transformed Landscape: The Steppes of Ukraine and Russia"

Map of the steppe region, Ukraine

Map of the steppe region showing location of Askania Nova Biosphere Reserve, the destination of one of David Moon's field trips. Modified from Pontic-Caspian vegetation zones map, Wikipedia.

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David Moon talks about his visit to the Ukrainian steppes. In addition to conventional historical research in archives and libraries in Odessa, he travelled through the steppes, visited nature reserves, and met scientists to help him understand how the landscape had been transformed over time. This episode provides fascinating insights into the environmental history of the steppes and the way that environmental historians go about studying the history of landscapes and environments.

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