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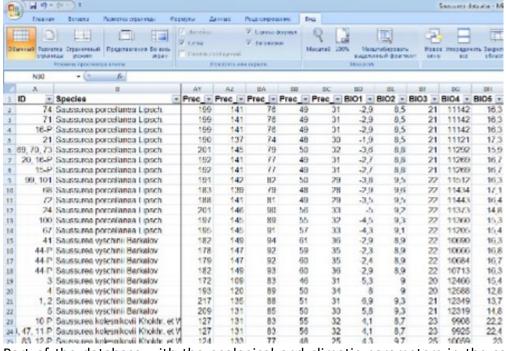
Creating of the database, mapping and analysing were our main tasks for the period from November 2014 to March 2015. The map of distribution of the endemic species was prepared in QGIS 2.6.1., a free programme product. For that we used all points of the endemic species distribution which we have received from the herbarium collections and our field research. We created a database of the studied endemic species with the ecological and climatic characteristics for each point, in total 72 characteristics. Having this data we count the range of conditions for each endemic species. For example, it was established the endemic species *Saussurea porcellanea* can exist from 1343 to 1840 m above sea level and at an annual mean temperature from -5 °C to -1.9 °C, and *Saussurea vyschinii* from 1182 to 1818 m above sea level and at an annual mean temperature from -8 °C to -2.3 °C.



The map of distribution of the endemic species of *Saussurea* constructed on the basis of herbarium data and our field data (*S. porcellanea* – the yellow symbols; *S. vyschinii* – the green symbols; *S. kolesnikovii* – the red symbols; *S. tomentosa* – the pink symbols).



Area of the Saussurea vyschinii population in the Tuman Mountain (Central Sikhote-Alin).



Part of the database with the ecological and climatic parameters in the sampling points.