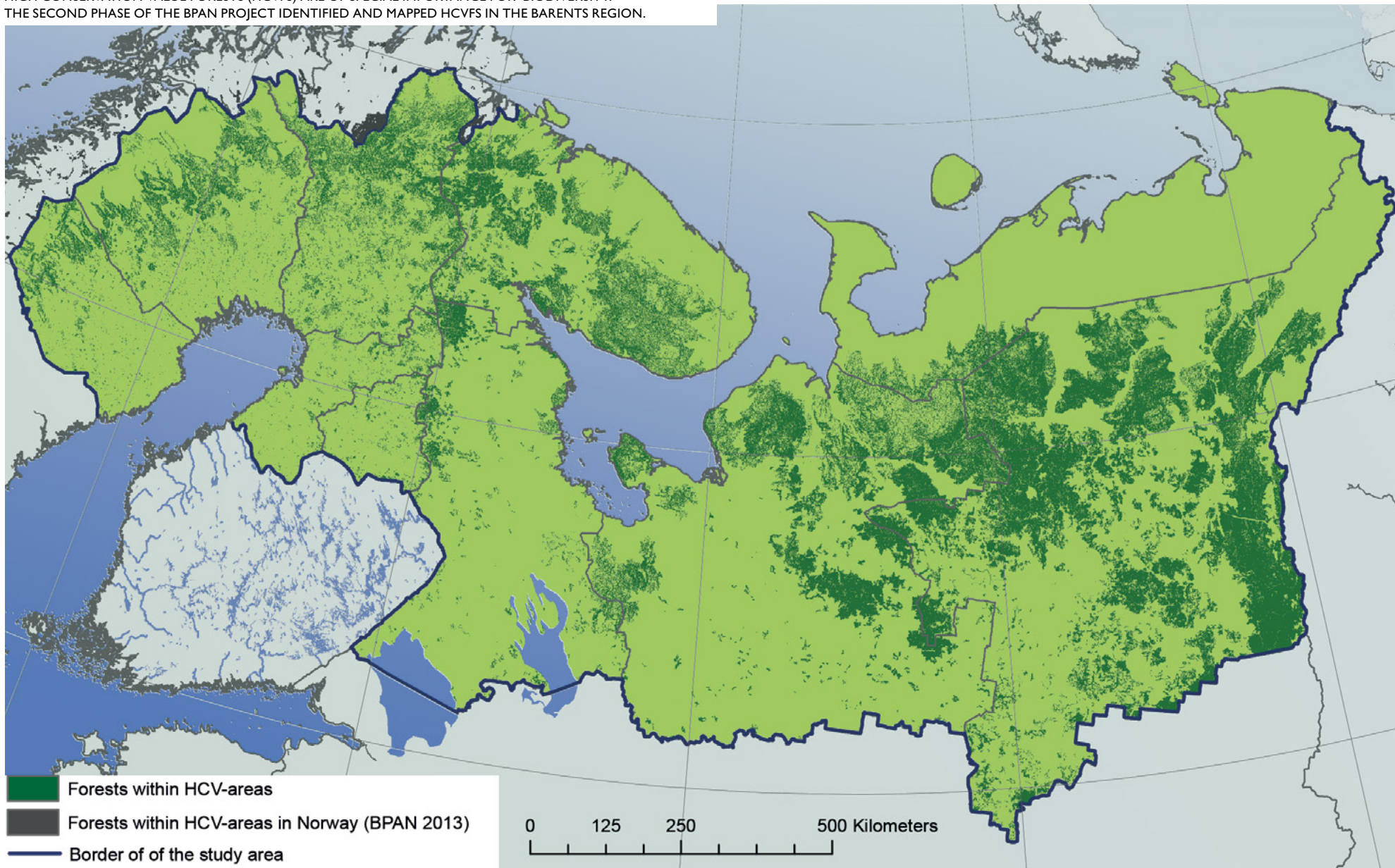


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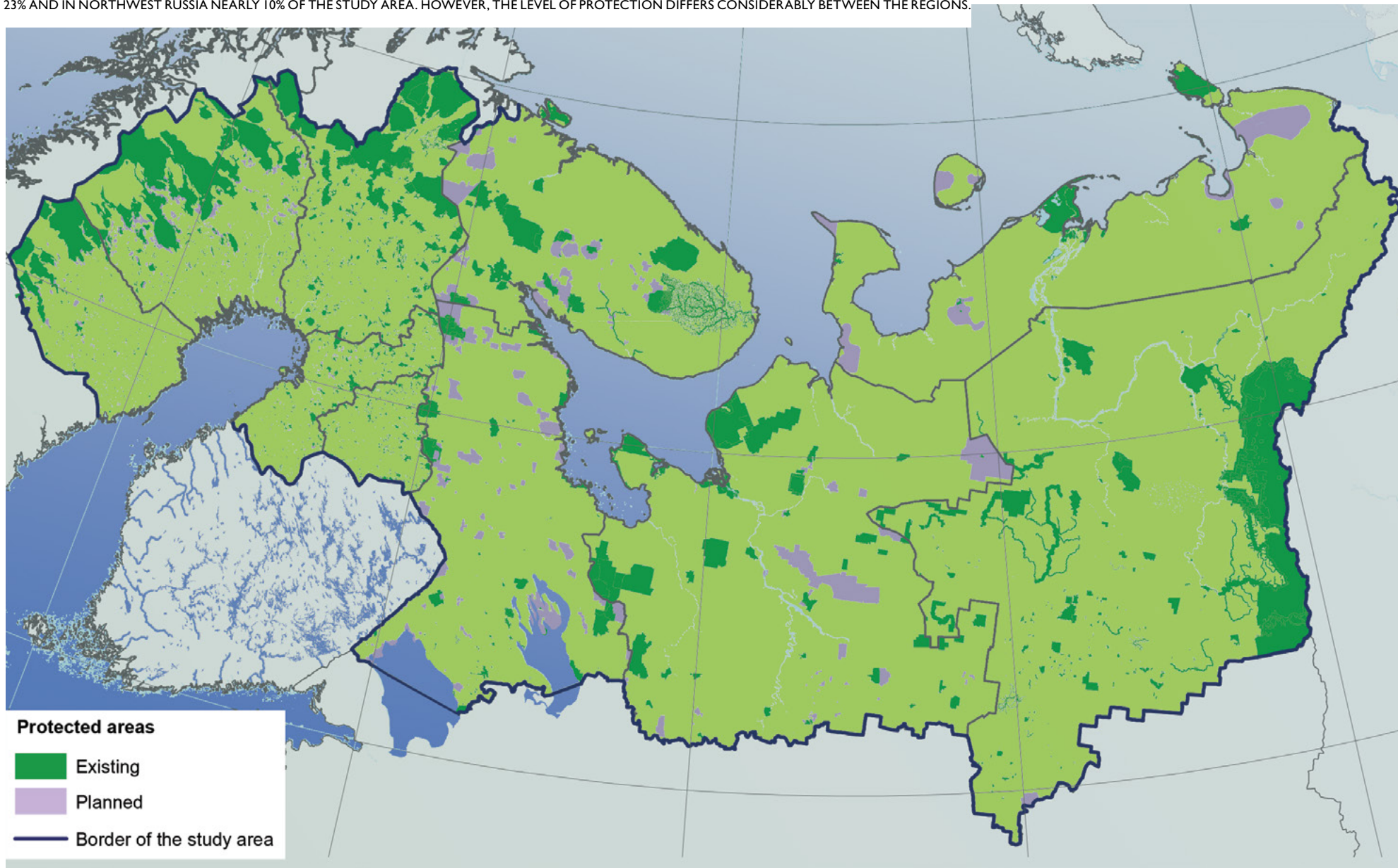
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PROTECTED AREAS (PAS) COVER SLIGHTLY LESS THAN 13 % OF THE WHOLE STUDY AREA. IN NORTHERN SWEDEN PAS COVER 23%, IN NORTHERN FINLAND 23% AND IN NORTHWEST RUSSIA NEARLY 10% OF THE STUDY AREA. HOWEVER, THE LEVEL OF PROTECTION DIFFERS CONSIDERABLY BETWEEN THE REGIONS.



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