FLY-AGARIC MUSHROOM IN THE MYTHS, BELIEVES AND EVERYDAY LIFE OF THE MODERN KORIAK (KAMTCHATKA PENINSULA)

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Summary

Using her own field data, the author analyzes myths, legends and religious activities related to the fly-agaric, a traditional psychotropic drug used by indigenous people of Kamtchatka. The modern beliefs connected with this drug, modes of its preparation, and uses and types of hallucinations provoked by consuming the fly-agaric are discussed.