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1. High Conservation Value Forests (Y. Pautov)

Objective:

1.1. To search and strength compromise solutions on conservation and sustainable use of pristine forests in priority regions of the Komi Republic and to spread positive experience in Arkhangelsk region.

Planned activities:

Koigorodok region

1.1.1.Continuation of negotiation process on enlargement of the planned Koigorodok National Park area by resignation from leasing area by logging company MayskiLes.

1.1.2.Agreement on strategic and middle-term projects aiming for establishment and common planning of Koigorodok National Park in the Komi Republic and Reserve “Nurgush-Tulashor” in Kirov region.

1.1.3.Development of proposals on infrastructure and trails for ecotourism in both areas.

Udora region

1.1.4.Continuation of multi-stakeholder process about protection and use of Timan, Pyssa, Karpogorskij and Verhnievashkinskij Massifs of large, untouched areas.

1.1.5.Development of proposals about establishment (also enlargement, connecting) of regional Protected Areas within Timan, Pyssa, Karpogorskij and Verhnievashkinskij Massifs of large, untouched areas and submitting the proposals to relevant ministries, state agencies and other interested organizations.

1.1.6.Analysis of current situation about leasing and leaseholders of neighboring areas of untouched massifs of pristine forests in the Komi Republic and Arlhangel'sk Oblast – together with WWF branch in Arkhangelsk.

1.1.7.Participation in pan regional Working Group on establishment of Protected Area in Verhnievashkinskij Massifs of pristine forests on the border of Komi and Arkhangelsk regions – together with WWF branch in Arkhangelsk.

Other regions

1.1.8.Actualization of maps of pristine forests, based on remote sensing, for Kniazhpogost, Ust Vym, Ukhta, Sosnogorsk and Troicko-Pechorsk rayons of the Komi Republic.

Cooperating organizations (in alphabetic order):

- Administration of Koigorodok region
- Administration of Udora region
- Association of Wood Industry in the Komi Republic
- Forest Committee of the Komi Republic (State forest administration)
- Forest State Unit in Koigorodok
- Forest State Unit in Letka
- FSC Office in Russia
- Greenpeace Russia
- Leskom - logging and wood company
- Ministry of Natural Resources and Nature Protection of the Komi Republic
- Ministry of Industry and Energy of the Komi Republic
- Mondi Syktyvkar
- National FSC Initiative in Russia
- Non-profit partnership “Transparent World” in Moscow
- Project UNDP – GEF in the Komi Republic
- Reserve “Nurgush-Tulashor” – Kirov region
- Syktyvkar State University
- WWF Russia

2. Ecosystem and landscape background for forestry and FSC planning (Y. Pautov)

Objective for 2011-2013:

2.1. To develop ecosystem and landscape base for planning in forestry and in certification purposes with use of GIS and Remote Sensing technologies.

Planned activities 2011:

- 2.1.1. Selection of suitable areas for testing and implementation of the project (basins of 2 rivers of middle size in lowland of the Komi Republic).
- 2.1.2. Establishment of data base for ecosystem-landscape planning considering selected areas and different scales (1:25000, 1: 50 000, 1:-100 000).
 - Topographic maps,
 - Materials from remote sensing,
 - Forestry maps,
 - Geological maps,
 - Landscape maps,
 - Hydrological maps,
 - Maps of current and planned road system,
 - Other relevant maps and related data.
- 2.1.3. Collection of historical data on traditional use of forest and other natural resources in selected areas.
- 2.1.4. Analysis of remote sensing data for evaluation of ecosystem and ecological characteristics of the landscape and for identification of water network of the basin.
- 2.1.5. Organization of regional seminar on “Methods of monitoring of flora and fauna on certified areas” together with FSC Russia and WWF Russia.
- 2.1.6. Development of draft on “Recommendations on monitoring of ecological values of forest on FSC certified areas” together with FSC Russia and WWF Russia.
- 2.1.7. Organization of regional seminar on “Planning of sustainable forest use on landscape base” together with “Green Forest” Foundation and Pskov Model Forest.

Cooperating organizations (in alphabetic order):

- European Space Agency
- Forest Committee of the Komi Republic (State forest administration)
- Forest State Unit in Priluzje
- FSC Russia
- Foundation “Green Forest” and Pskov Model Forest
- Greenpeace Russia
- Institute of Biology of RAS in Komi
- Individual Entrepreneur D.K.Kutepov - Syktyvkar
- Ministry of Natural Resources of the Komi Republic
- Non-profit partnership “Transparent World” in Moscow
- Mondi Syktyvkar
- Skanex – cartographic company – Moscow
- Syktyvkar Forest Institute
- Tekhkarta – cartographic company – Syktyvkar
- Territorial Fund of Information of the Komi Republic
- WWF Russia

3. Model River Mezen - Cooperation with local communities

(V. Semiashkina)

Main objective:

To restore fish resources in Model Rivers and to manage them sustainable way in cooperation with local population and other interested parties.

Detailed objectives:

- 3.1. To develop cooperation with local population based on awareness of existing problems and based on program of restoration of fish resources.
- 3.2. To inform society about problems with fish resources and about progress of Model River Project.

Planned activities:

Objective 3.1.: To develop cooperation with local population based on awareness of existing problems and based on program of restoration of fish resources.

- 3.1.1. Involvement of local population to participate in Model River project.
- 3.1.2. Securing benefits for local population outgoing from the program of fish restoration.
- 3.1.3. Working together with village cooperatives on sustainable management of river resources.
- 3.1.4. Working together with villages on their integration and on sustainable management of river resources.
- 3.1.5. Informative and educative work with local schools on sustainable use of natural resources, history of use of the resources, awareness of responsibility for the resources.
- 3.1.6. Information to local population by local newspaper about the project, problem analysis and discussion with local population.
- 3.1.7. Development and printing of booklets about the project objectives for all inhabitants of Udora region.
- 3.1.8. Providing detailed information about use of fish resources for river users.
- 3.1.9. Providing detailed information about results of monitoring of fish resources and the project progress.

Objective 3.2.:To inform society about problems with fish resources and about progress of Model River Project.

- 3.2.1. Publication of analytical papers in Republican and local newspapers.
- 3.2.2. Information assistance to the Model River project progress.
- 3.2.3. Organization of public discussion about problems of fish resources.
- 3.2.4. Cooperation with non-governmental organizations.

Cooperating organizations (in alphabetic order):

- Administration of Udora region
- Cooperative “Agroudora” operating along rivers.
- Fish Resource Agency of the Komi Republic “KomiRybVod”
- Institute of Biology of the Komi Scientific Center of the Ural Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences
- Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection of the Komi Republic
- NGO – Center of Family Initiatives
- NGO of Udora region – “KomiVoityr”
- NGO of Udora region – “Udorachi”
- WWF Russia – Arkhangelsk branch

4. Model River Mezen – Restoration of fish resources (P. Majewski)

Main objective:

To restore fish resources in Model Rivers and to manage them sustainable way in cooperation with local population and other interested parties.

Detailed objectives:

- 4.1. To establish functioning cooperation among interested parties.
- 4.2. To establish cooperation with local managers of different sections of the river and to supply them with necessary knowledge on fish resource management.
- 4.3. To select pilot sections of the Model River Mezen for detailed implementation of the project.
- 4.4. To determine method of monitoring of fish population and to measure starting level of fish population.
- 4.5. To develop recommendations on catch limit for different sections of the river.
- 4.6. To agree on efficient measures for fish protection, especially for Atlantic Salmon, and to support their implementation.
- 4.7. To contribute to organization of work on restoration of non-migratory fish.
- 4.8. To start project “Salmon Return” and to develop details of this project.

Planned activities:

Objective 4.1. To establish functioning cooperation among interested parties.

- 4.1.1. Organization of formal partnership for the Model River Program.

Objective 4.2. To establish cooperation with local managers of different sections of the river and to supply them with necessary knowledge on fish resource management.

- 4.2.1. Establishment of cooperation with Komirybvod and cooperative “Agroudora”. The activity depends on time of decision by authorities on river section to be leased.
- 4.2.2. Organization of consultation on fish resource management and combining study materials.

Objective 4.3. To select pilot sections of the Model River Mezen for detailed implementation of the project.

- 4.3.1. Organization of field expedition for middle part of Mezen River – July – Aug 2011
- 4.3.2. Selection of pilot sections among those leased for local population and for recreation fishing.

Objective 4.4. To determine method of monitoring of fish population and to measure starting level of fish population.

- 4.4.1. Carrying of monitoring of non-migratory fish during field expedition in August together with training in monitoring done by Polish fish biologists. Representatives of local population will be invited for the monitoring.
- 4.4.2. Carrying of monitoring of salmon during field expedition in August and in October together with training in monitoring done by Polish fish biologists. Representatives of local population will be invited for

the monitoring.

4.4.3. Recording and analysis of monitoring data.

4.4.4. Information of project stakeholders, local population and society about monitoring results.

Objective 4.5. To develop recommendations on catch limit for different sections of the river.

4.5.1. Agreement on method of measuring and planning of catch limit in size and time.

4.5.2. First recommendations on catch limit for cooperatives and other managers of river sections.

Objective 4.6. To agree on efficient measures for fish protection, especially for Atlantic Salmon, and to support their implementation.

4.6.1. Evaluation of existing protection and development of proposals on its strengthening.

4.6.2. Building social support for the protection measures.

4.6.3. Support for strengthening of protection of Salmon spawning areas in Upper Mezen River.

Objective 4.7. To contribute to organization of work on restoration of non-migratory fish.

4.7.1. Support for planning of fish management on selected river sections leased to cooperatives or other organizations. This activity depends on timing of decision on leasing.

4.7.2. Evaluating of suitability of different methods of fish restoration and feasibility of these methods in local conditions.

Objective 4.8. To start project “Salmon Return” and to develop details of this project.

4.8.1. Support for strengthening of protection of Salmon spawning areas in Upper Mezen River.

4.8.2. Collection of data on reproductive population (by counting nests) and reproductive results (by electro-catching) and planning of systematic monitoring of Salmon population.

4.8.3. Establishment of cooperation with interested organizations in Arkhangelsk region (lower part of the Mezen River).

4.8.4. Establishment of cooperation with international organizations interested in Atlantic Salmon and Northern Rivers.

Cooperating organizations (in alphabetic order):

- Administration of Udora region
- Cooperative “Agroudora” operating along rivers.
- Federal Fishery Supervision of the Komi Republic – “KomiRybNadzor”
- Fish Resource Agency of the Komi Republic “KomiRybVod”
- Institute of Biology of the Komi Scientific Center of the Ural Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences
- Ministry of Agriculture for the Komi Republic, department of aquaculture and fishery.
- Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection of the Komi Republic
- NGO – Center of Family Initiatives
- NGO of Udora region – “KomiVoityr”
- NGO of Udora region – “Udorachi”
- WWF Russia – Arkhangelsk branch

5. Forest communities and use of natural resources (V. Semiashkina)

Main objective:

To provide example of integration around economic improvement based on sustainable use of natural resources in selected villages of the Komi Republic.

Detailed objectives and planned activities:

Objective 5.1. Improvement of economic situation based on natural resources – approach adapted to local conditions.

- 5.1.1. Development of proposals for efficient use of local natural resources.
- 5.1.2. Sustainable management in forestry and its contribution to the local economy.
- 5.1.3. Support for protection and development of traditional use of natural resources.

Implementation 2011:

- A. Continuation of development of scenarios of efficient management of local resources based on data gathered in previous project period.
- B. Proposals on adaptation of experience of Tomsk region in development of efficient mushroom-berries business in the Komi Republic.
- C. Support for rural tourism development in Pilot Villages Kazhim, Byzovaya, Turja, Pyssa;
- D. Publication and dissemination of recommendations for the rural tourism operators;
- E. Support for establishment of museum in village Spasporub;

Objective 5.2. To develop new methods of village integration and to establish positive examples.

- 5.2.1. Support, strengthening and dissemination of public review in forestry.
- 5.2.2. Organization of Forest Dialogue as perspective platform for cooperation of forest stakeholders
- 5.2.3. Support for establishment and activity of the Community Forest Councils as platform for cooperation of forest stakeholders.
- 5.2.4. Support for development of village self-governement.
- 5.2.5. Support for dissemination of education and integration program “Environment in the Village”.

Implementation 2010:

- A. Support for functioning of Community Forest Councils in priluzje and Udora regions.
- B. Republican Forest Dialogues about traditional forest use, gathering representatives of local population and other interested parties.
- C. Agreement with other NGOs and advancing of typical rules and statute of Public Reviews of the forest management projects.
- D. Organization of training for local self-government based on seminars and experience exchange together with Komi Civil Service Academy .
- E. Support of development of local self-government by adaptation of experience from Arkhangelsk region.

Objective 5.3. To disseminate of positive experience.

- 5.3.1. Dissemination of gathered experience on local and regional level.
- 5.3.2. Dissemination of the gathered experience by network of NGOs and by other initiatives.

Implementation 2010:

Dissemination of:

- the experience of cooperation among forest stakeholders;

- positive experience of business and social initiatives in the villages;
- experience of community cooperation and participation (Public Review, Community Forest Council; management of areas of traditional forest use);
- positive experience from pilot villages.

Target groups:

- Local population of Pilot Forest Villages and other regions of the Komi Republic;
- Representatives of local self-governments;
- Representatives of state authorities;
- Representatives of regional and local business;
- Regional and interregional NGOs;
- Students and young people from villages;
- Society of the Komi Republic;
- Interested parties from other regions of Russia.

Ways of dissemination:

- Publications
- Press-releases for mass-media
- Web side of Silver Taiga
- The Forest Dialogues
- Conferences and seminars
- Cooperation and information exchange with the State and business structures, NGOs.

Objective 5.4. To support traditional rights for traditional use of natural resources by local communities.

- 5.4.1. Support for protection and development of traditional use of natural resources.
- 5.4.2. Support for process of building of cooperation between local communities and large industry based on sustainable development principles.

Implementation 2010:

- A. Identification of sites of traditional use important for local population and setting them into maps for areas of logging activity in Udora, Ust Kulom and Kortkeros regions.
- B. Support and facilitation of negotiation process about controversial areas between local communities and wood industry.
- C. Public monitoring of consequences of large wood industry activity in rural areas together with Community Forest Councils in Priluzje and Udora regions.
- D. Assistance to social programs organized by large wood industry – Mondy Syktyvkar in pilot regions.

Objective 5.5. To learn international experience of northern forest-based communities, including both indigenous and local populations, in Canada and in Sweden within Circumboreal Initiative.

- 5.5.1. Participation in seminar of Circumboreal Initiative during Global Forum in Spain.
- 5.5.2. Contribution to common planning of further cooperation.

Cooperating organizations (in alphabetic order):

- Forest Committee of the Komi Republic
- Institute of Socio-Economic and Energetic problems of the North of the Russian Academy of Sciences in Syktyvkar
- Komi State Academy of the Civil Service and Management
- Local Administration of Pilot Forest Villages: Verkholyuzje, Chornish, Spasporub, Kazhim, Puzla, Pyssa, Byzovaja, Voldino and Turia.
- Mondy Syktyvkar – pulp and paper mill

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- Regional Administration: Priluzje, Koigorodok, Ust-Kulom, Kniazhpogost and Udora
- Regional NGO – Committee to Save Pechora River
- Regional NGO – Izvatas
- Regional NGO – “Komi voityr” kn Priluzje and Udora region
- Regional Social Movement “Indigenous Women of Komi”
- Social Agency of Governer of Arkhangelsk region
- Syktyvkar State University

6. Model Forest as neutral platform of forest policy debate

(Yourij Pautov)

Objective:

To support Model Forest role as neutral platform for policy debate.

Planned activities:

- 6.1. Continuation of strategic planning for the Komi Model Forest – development of objectives and activities in core group.
- 6.2. Participation in important meetings in the Komi Republic and in Russia concerning key issues of SFM.
- 6.3. Dissemination of information by Silver Taiga web site and local newspaper in Model Forest area.

Cooperating organizations (in alphabetic order):

- Forest Committee of the Komi Republic (State forest administration)
- Forest Institute in Syktyvkar
- Forest State Unit in Koigorodok
- Forest State Unit in Priluzje

7. Consultations and training (Elena Popova)

Objectives:

- 7.1. Forest stakeholders have access to the consultations on certification and sustainable forestry.
- 7.2. Forest stakeholders are getting new knowledge and experience based on organized training seminars and demonstration plots in Komi Model Forest.

Planned activities:

- 7.1.1. Consultancy for State Forest Unit Priluzje on FSC certification based on consultancy agreement.
- 7.1.2. Consultancy for Mondi Syktyvkar on fulfillment of certification conditions based on consultation contract.
- 7.1.3. Other consultancies on FSC and other issues linked to sustainable forest management based on request.

Organization of education seminar on “ History and current situation of forest management in taiga of the Komi Republic. Dynamics and biodiversity of pristine taiga” for a group from Latvian foresters in Komi Model Forest and in future Koigorodok National Park.

Organization of 2 training seminars for foresters from the Komi Republic in frame of state program “Use, protection and reforestation in the Komi Republic 2011-2013”.

Other seminars based on request.

Cooperating organizations (in alphabetic order):

- Forest Committee of the Komi Republic
- State Forest Enterprise of Latvia
- State Forest Unit in Priluzje
- Mondi Syktyvkar – pulp and paper mill

8. Transfer of Komi Model Forest experience to Baltic Region

(P. Majewski)

Objective:

8.1. To support Baltic Landscape Project, aiming for integration of countries around Baltic Sea, in its application for 4th Call of Interreg program, by experience of Silver Taiga and Komi Model Forest. Forest.

Planned activities:

8.1.1. Support of development and adaptation of proposal from Belarus to establish Baltic Landscape site based on Model Forest formula.

8.1.2. Baltic Landscape application revision based on evaluation and completing the application with new countries and new partners.

Cooperating organizations (in alphabetic order):

- Belarusian State Technological University, Minsk
- Belgosles, Ministry of Forestry of the Republic of Belarus,
- Kovdozerski Model Forest, Murmansk, Russia
- Marshall Office in Olsztyn, Poland
- Marshall Office in Poznan, Poland
- Novogradok Forestry Enterprise, Belarus
- Regional Directorate of State Forest in Olsztyn, Poland
- Regional Directorate of State Forest in Poznan, Poland
- Swedish Forest Agency in Jonkoping, Sweden
- Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences in Umea
- Pskov Model Forest, Pskov, Russia
- University of Applied Sciences, Rovaniemi, Finland
- University of Eastern Finland, Joensuu, Finland
- University of Life Sciences, Poznan, Poland

9. Russian and International Model Forest Network

(P. Majewski) (low profile depending on funding)

Objective

Komi Model Forest cooperates with International and Russian Model Forest Network.

Planned activities:

- 9.1. Contribution to work of International Networking Committee.
- 9.2. Contribution to development of Circumboreal Initiative.
- 9.3. Contribution to development of concept of national model forest network in Russia.
- 9.4. Support of new initiatives of MFs in Russia by consultation and advice.

Cooperating organizations:

- Baltic Landscape Project Members
- IMFN – International Model Forest Network
- International Forest Research Institute in Moscow
- Kovdozerskij Model Forest
- Pskov Model Forest
- WWF Arkhangelsk branch
- WWF Russia Forest Program

10. Carbon integrated forest management

(P. Majewski) (low profile depending on funding)

Objective:

10.1. To find partners and funding for proposal on carbon integrated forest management in the Komi Republic.

Planned activities:

10.1.1. Searching for funding sources.

10.1.2. Maintaining relevant contacts in Russia and in boreal zone.

10.1.3. Participation in relevant conferences and meetings.

Cooperating organizations:

- Forest Committee in the Komi Republic
- Model Forest Network
- Mondi Group

11.Intensification of forestry in suitable areas of Model Forest

(Y. Pautov) (low profile depending on funding)

Objective:

9.1.To develop and demonstrate measures of intensive forestry, based on planting and thinning, adapted to regional conditions.

Planned activities:

Federal level of forestry is planning development of intensification program for North-West Russia, but it is unclear when funding will be available and for what purposes. In this situation Silver Taiga is ready with frame of the project in Komi Model Forest, but start of the project depends strongly on funding.

9.1.1. Participation in activity of Working Group on Intensification of Forest Management established in Rosleshoz in 2011.

Cooperating organizations (in alphabetic order):

- Forest Committee of the Komi Republic (State forest administration)
- Forest State Unit in Koigorodok
- Forest State Unit in Priluzje
- Mondi Syktyvkar

12. Contribution to establishment of Protected Areas based on pristine forests (Y. Pautov) *(low profile depending on funding)*

Objective:

12.1. To support establishment of Protected Areas of the Koigorodok National Park and in Udora region with experience of Silver Taiga staff.

Planned activities:

12.1.1. Development of application to UNDP Project in the Komi Republic.

12.1.2. Implementation of project in case of successful application.

Cooperating organizations (in alphabetic order):

- Forest Committee of the Komi Republic (State forest administration)
- Forest State Unit in Koigorodok
- Forest State Unit in Priluzje
- FSC National working group
- Nature Conservation Center in Murmansk region
- Representatives of local communities from Udora, Priluzje, Koygorodok regions
- WWF Russia – Arkhangelsk branch
- WWF Russia – Forest Program

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