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1. Contribution to establishment of Protected Areas on the basis of pristine forests.

(Y. Pautov)

Objective:

1.1. Search and strengthening of compromise solutions on conservation and sustainable use of pristine forests in priority districts of the Komi Republic and dissemination of positive experience in the Arkhangelsk region.

Planned activity:

Koigorodsky district

1.1.1. Coordination with the Federal Service for Supervision of Natural Resource Usage in the Komi Republic, Federal Service for Supervision of Natural Resource Usage in Kirov, Nurgush-Tulashor Reserve, and Ministry of Natural Resources of the Russian Federation of the procedure for voluntary handover of compartment 13-16, 29-32, 44-48, 59-64, 83-88, 107-112, 147-153, 188-197 of Letskoe forest unit out of OJSC “Mayskles” lease and their inclusion into the territory reserved for Koygorodsky National Park creation.

1.1.2. Elaboration of an ecologic route on the landscape dynamics of south taiga low-disturbed forests in the Koygorodsky National Park.

Udora district

1.1.3. Continuation of the negotiations with the stakeholders on protection of the agreed “core” of the Verkne-Vashka massifs of large low-disturbed forest areas (IlimSeverLes, Krasnoborskles, Arkhangelsk Branch of WWF, Forest Committee of the Komi Republic, Ministry of Industry and Energy on the Komi Republic, and others) against industrial development.

1.1.4. Promotion of the proposals on consolidation of a) Pyssa and Sodzimsky regional reserves within the boundaries of the Pyssa massif of large low-disturbed forest areas and b) Ezhugsky and Puchkomy regional reserves within the boundaries of the Karpogory massif of large low-disturbed forest areas in the Ministry of Natural Resources of the Komi Republic (State Budgetary Institution “Republic Center of Protected Areas”), Forest Committee of the Komi Republic, administration of the Udora municipal district, and other interested organizations.

1.1.5. Analysis of the current situation on leasing and leaseholders in the neighboring massifs of pristine forests in the Komi Republic and Arkhangelsk region – together with WWF branch in Arkhangelsk.

Other districts

1.1.6. Monitoring of the lend-lease and development of the massifs and fragments of pristine forests based on the ERS (earth remote sensing) data for Knyazhpogost, Ust-Vym, Ukhta, Sosnogorsk, Vuktyl, Troitsko-Pechorsk districts within the frameworks of the preparation and carrying out of the voluntary forest certification for the Komi Republic companies.

1.1.7. Coordination of the activity of the Komi regional Working group on development of the risk assessment for FSC controlled wood (jointly with FSC Office in Russia).

1.1.8. Participation in the work of the Committee on priority investment projects at the Ministry of Industry and Energy of the Komi Republic.

Cooperating organizations (in alphabetic order):

- Administration of the Koygorodok district
- Administration of the Udora district
- Association of Wood Industry in the Komi Republic
- FSC Office in Russia
- Forest Committee of the Komi Republic
- GREENPEACE Russia
- Koygorodok Forestry Unit
- Letka Forestry Unit
- Ministry of Natural Resources and Nature Protection of the Komi Republic
- Ministry of Industry and Energy of the Komi Republic
- Non-profit partnership “Transparent World” (Moscow)
- Nurgush-Tulashor Reserve – Kirov
- OJSC “Mondi Syktyvkar”
- UNDP-GEF Project in the Komi Republic
- WWF Russia

2. Ecosystem and landscape background for forestry and FSC planning (E.

Popova).

Objective for 2011-2013:

2.1. Development of ecosystem and landscape base for forestry planning and for the purpose of certification using GIS and remote sensing technology.

Planned activity 2013:

2.1. Organization of an educational tour for 3 Foundation specialists to Sweden (Umea) in April of 2013 in order to study the experience and technologies applied for detection and consideration of ecologically important and vulnerable landscape elements for planning of nature use.

2.2. Identification of potentially significant small-size areas by means of the high resolution images (0,5 m. and higher): social (cemeteries, former settlements, forest huts, recreational areas, etc.) and ecological (temporary waterways, small gullies, waterlogged areas, forest lakes, etc.)

2.3. Evaluation of OJSC “Mondi Syktyvkar” logging plan and forestry management on pilot areas concerning FSC requirements compliance (Together with OJSC “Mondi Syktyvkar” Sustainable Forestry Management and Certification Department and LLC “Tekhkarta”.

2.4. Obtaining of shape-files with detailed hydrographic network for pilot areas and analysis of the obtained materials in comparison with ERS data of medium and high resolution (jointly with Territorial Fund of Information of the Komi Republic)

2.5. Organization of 1-2 expeditions to selected pilot areas for clarification and verification of ERS high-resolution data and evaluation of their efficiency for landscape planning

2.6. Preparation of a draft version of “Recommendations on monitoring of the forest ecological values on the FSC-certified territories” for planners of different preparation level (basic, medium, advanced)

2.6.1. Preparation of an algorithm on use of ERS materials for monitoring of the forest use with account of the foreign experience and advanced technologies;

2.6.2. Preparation of a landscape-ecological planning algorithm for forest management and forest use organization;

2.6.3. Preparation of an algorithm of ERS materials use for landscape-ecological planning of forest use.

2.7. Development of an educational course on landscape-ecological planning of forest management and organization of forest use with the help of ERS materials

2.7.1. Identification of the current knowledge level of the planning specialists and determination of the training need for the specialists based on the obtained information.

2.7.2. Preparation of the first draft of the field educational course on landscape-ecological planning and its coordination with the stakeholders.

2.7.3. Preparation of the educational materials and demonstration areas in the Komi Model Forest on the topic of landscape-ecological planning of forest use.

Cooperating organizations (in alphabetic order):

- Forest Committee of the Komi Republic
- FSC Russia
- GREENPEACE Russia
- Institute of Biology of Komi Scientific Center of the Ural Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences
- Komi Republic Forestry Committee
- Ministry of Natural Resources of the Komi Republic
- Non-profit partnership “Transparent World” (Moscow)
- OJSC “Mondi MSY”
- Priluzje Forestry Unit
- “Skanex” – cartographic company – Moscow
- Syktyvkar Forest Institute
- Territorial Fund of Information of the Komi Republic
- “Tekhkarta” – cartographic company – Syktyvkar
- “TEFRA” – consulting center – Syktyvkar
- Ust-Nemsky Forestry Unit
- WWF Russia

3. Model River Mezen – cooperation with local communities (*V. Semyashkina, N. Shuktomov*)

Main objective:

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

Objectives for 2012-2013:

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

Planned activities for 2013:

- 3.1.1. To provide access of the local population to the information on sustainable nature use and project problematics. Creation and dissemination of informational materials.
 - 6 publications of thematic supplement to the local newspaper of the Udora district, 3500 copies each;
 - informing local population through district village libraries (according to a separate plan);
 - preparation, publishing and distribution of a thematic information booklet on the topic of poaching on the Mezen (photographic materials + comments + children's drawings);
 - preparation, publishing and distribution of a brochure on the results of the Mezen salmon population monitoring (using the data obtained during the expeditions of the last years + data of the Federal State Budgetary Institution “Komirybvod” from 1986 + evidence of the local residents);
 - publishing of the “Fisherman handbook” (a series of pocket brochures containing fishing rules).
- 3.1.2. Assistance in creation of platforms for joint discussions of project topics, monitoring results, project fields realization together with local population:
 - continuation of the activity of the Model river project Working group, integration of the Arkhangelsk region representatives into the Working group.
 - development of a formal partnership: correction and signing of a multilateral agreement on a joint activity; involvement of the partners from the Arkhangelsk region as the parties.
 - organization and carrying-out of a meeting-dialogue with participation of the local residents, FSBI “Komirybvod” and administration of the Udora district for development of the proposals on support of the traditional nature use on the “pilot” area of one of the Mezen tributaries.
- 3.1.3. Development of the proposals on improvement of the legal and organizational frameworks for the leased river areas management:
 - Working meetings of a small group on development of sustainable management of recreational river resources.

- Working meetings of a small group on development of sustainable management of the fishing grounds of the AgroUdora cooperative.
 - Work of a small group on conservation of traditional fish resources management on the “pilot” river area (local population fishing necessary for support of the villages’ stability).
- 3.1.4. Assistance in cooperation development within a local community and coordinated participation of local communities in sustainable river resources management. Organization of cooperation with local population and local self-government bodies of neighboring to Mezen districts of the Arkhangelsk region.
- Holding the meetings with the population and representatives of the villages and settlements administrations of the Leshukonsky district of the Archangels region aimed at informing the villagers about the objectives and progress of the project and creation of a public opinion for support of the fish protection and public participation (rural settlements “Vozhgora”, “Koynas”, “Tsenogora”, “and Leshukonskoye”).
 - Joint meeting of the representatives of NGOs acting in the districts along the Mezen aimed at development of collaboration and participation in the project initiatives implementation.
 - Acquaintance with the experience in organization of territorial public self-government in the neighbor districts of the Arkhangelsk region and adaptation of this experience in the Udora district (a round table in the Leshukonsky district with participation of the Udora district representatives; a seminar for the local population on the territorial self-government in the rural settlement Polshaya Pyssa with the villages Politovo, Malaya Pyssa, and Petrakovo).
- 3.1.5. Informative and awareness-raising activities in local schools:
- Support of the research local history work aimed at the study of the nature use history in the districts near the Mezen in the rural schools.
 - Support in the organization and holding a children ecological expedition “Live, spring!” with participation of the schoolchildren from Politovo, Pyssa, Usogorsk.
 - Adaptation of an educational program on basic economics for the rural schoolchildren in 2 schools of the Udora district – Glotovo, Usogorsk.
 - A contest among the lesson plans or out-of-school activities plans developed by the teachers of the Udora and Leshukonsky districts schools on the topic “Tsar Fish - Mezen salmon”.
- 3.1.6. Support of the contacts with the Russian and international projects on conservation and reproduction of salmon species (project on the Kola Peninsula in the Murmansk district; project on Sakhalin, and others)
- 3.2.1. Informing the society about fish resources problems and project progress.
- Informational support of the project implementation.
 - Public discussion of the fish resources-related issues on web-site silvertaiga.ru and republican mass media.
 - Preparation of a museum exposition on the history of the river resources management in the district center Koslan – jointly with the Udora district local history museum. Development of a thematic excursion. Organization of informational meetings in the museum for the visitors of the museum and population.

Cooperating organizations (in alphabetic order):

- Administration of the Leshukonsky district of the Arkhangelsk region
- Administration of the Mezensky district of the Arkhangelsk region
- Administration of the Udora district of the Komi Republic
- Agricultural consumer cooperative “AgroUdora”
- Department of Education of the Udora district Administration
- Department of Education of the Leshukonsky district Administration
- Local community of indigenous people “Udorachi” (NGO)
- Usogorsk students activity center
- Udora division of interregional public movement “Komi Voityr” (NGO)
- Udora centralized library system
- Udora division of the Federal State Institution “Komi Basin Authority for Fisheries and Conservation of Aquatic Biological Resources” (FSI “Komirybvod”)

4. Model River Mezen – restoration of fish resources

(N. Shuktomov, V. Semyashkina)

Main objective:

To restore fish resources in Model Rivers and to ensure sustainable management of these resources in cooperation with local population and other interested parties.

Detailed objectives for 2011-2013:

- 4.1. To develop effective cooperation between interested parties.
- 4.2. To establish cooperation with users of different river sections and provide them with necessary knowledge on fish resources management.
- 4.3. To select pilot areas of the Model River Mezen for detailed implementation of the project.
- 4.4. To determine fish population monitoring method and to measure a starting fish population level.
- 4.5. To develop recommendations on maximum permissible catch limit for different sections of the river.
- 4.6. To agree on efficient measures for fish protection, especially for Atlantic salmon, and support implementation of these measures.
- 4.7. To contribute to organization of work on restoration of non-migratory fish species.
- 4.8. To start the “Salmon Return” project and work out the details of this project.

Planned activities for 2013:

- 4.1.1. Development of a formal cooperation on selected problems:
 - with FSBI «KomiRybVod» - on organization and implementation of salmon monitoring and protection; development of recreational fishing on “Mezensky № 1” area;
 - with cooperative «AgroUdora» - on information and consulting support of the rational management development on the leased areas; organization of a joint monitoring of fish resources on the leased river sections;
 - with the Department of State control, supervision and protection of water biological resources of the Komi Republic – on organization of joint actions on protection of fish resources; organization and implementation of a monitoring, development of public control.
 - with community of indigenous people “Udorachi” and SBI RK “Republican center providing protected areas functioning and natural resources management» – on selection of pilot river area for organization of traditional use to satisfy the needs of the local population.
- 4.2.1. Arrangement of educational seminars for users (leaseholders, local population) on the following subjects: “What the sustainable management of resources is. Introduction of successful experience in sustainable management (in Russia, in the world)”, “Training on monitoring methods”:
 - collection and systematization of materials;
 - development of training seminars programs;
 - definition of target groups.
- 4.3.1. Selection of a pilot area on the Model River Mezen for detailed implementation of the subproject on traditional management, its justification and approval by the interested parties:
 - Selection of 2 -3 possible alternatives of a pilot area based on the proposals of the interested parties;
 - Field inspection of the proposed Mezen tributaries for justification of the selected pilot area – June-August, 2013;

- Search of legitimate form of traditional management organization on this area.
- 4.4.1. Adjustment of Atlantic salmon monitoring methods used within the frameworks of the project, as well as promotion and support of organization of the annual monitoring of fish resources in the Mezen river.
- Approval of proposed methods by all interested organizations;
 - Training of the interested parties on use of the proposed methods;
 - Organization and support of the annual monitoring according to the uniform methods.
- 4.4.2. Organization of monitoring on the river Irva by the members of “AgroUdora” cooperative on the basis of commercial fishing.
- Preparation, approval and execution of monitoring methods;
 - Coordination of the responsibilities on collection, processing and storage of information with interested parties;
 - Holding a practical seminar on monitoring methods for “AgroUdora” cooperative members (with the involvement of the Institute of Biology of the Komi Scientific Center of the Ural Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences)
 - Monitoring introduction;
 - Informing of the project stakeholders, local population and society about the monitoring results (publications in mass media).
- 4.6.1. Support of protective activities of the Udora department of state control, supervision and protection of water biological resources of the Komi Republic and FSBI “KomiRybVod”.
- 4.8.1. Development of proposals on elaboration of salmon restoration state program (“Salmon return” subproject) by the Working group.
- Organization and carrying out a joint meeting concerning the necessity to develop a multiregional program of salmon population restoration in the Mezen river. Participants – representatives of Dvinsko-Pechorskoye territorial administration of Rosrybolovstvo (Russian Federal Fishery Agency), Fishery agency of the Arkhangelsk region, Northern branch of PINRO (Polar Research Institute of Marine Fisheries and Oceanography), Institute of Biology of the Komi Scientific Center of the Ural Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences, FSBI “KomiRybVod”, Ministry of Agriculture and food of the Komi Republic, Ministry of natural resources and environment protection of the Komi Republic, Administrations of the Udora, Leshukonskiy and Mezen districts. Organizational and technical support – Ministry of agriculture and food of the Komi Republic.
 - Arrangement of field expeditions aiming to monitor reproductive part of salmon population.

Cooperating organizations (in alphabetic order):

- Administration of Leshukonskiy district, Arkhangelsk region
- Administration of Mezen district, Arkhangelsk region
- Administration of Udora district
- Agricultural consumer cooperative “AgroUdora”
- Department of state control, supervision and protection of water bioresources of the Komi Republic
- FSBI «Komi Fishery Department» (FSBI «KomiRybVod»)

- FSBI «SevRybVod»
- Institute of Biology of the Komi Scientific Center of the Ural Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences (Syktyvkar)
- Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection of the Komi Republic
- Ministry of Agriculture for the Komi Republic, department of aquaculture and fishery
- NGO of Udora district – “KomiVoityr”
- NGO of Udora district – “Udorachi”
- SBI KR «Republican center providing conservation areas functioning and natural resources management»

5. Consultations and training (*E. Popova*)

Objectives:

- 5.1. Forest stakeholders have access to the consultations on certification and sustainable forest management.
- 5.2. Forest stakeholders are getting new knowledge and experience based on organized training seminars and demonstration plots in Komi Model Forest.

Planned activities:

- 5.1.1. Consultations on FSC-certification and other questions connected with sustainable forest management for logging companies, the Forestry service, audit companies on request.
- 5.2.1. Organization and holding of field seminar on natural forest dynamics and biodiversity of taiga for the State Forestry Service of Latvia in Komi Model Forest.
- 5.2.2. Organization and holding of introduction courses for students of Syktyvkar Forest Institute on the subject: “History of forest management in the Komi Republic. Natural forest dynamics and biodiversity of taiga» in Komi Model Forest.
- 5.2.3. Organization and holding of three seminars “Introduction to the problems of Model forests. Biodiversity and natural dynamics of taiga” in Komi Model forest for groups from Finland, Poland and Sweden (within the cooperation in the “Baltic landscapes” project).
- 5.2.4. Development of a new demonstration route on forestry landscape planning.
- 5.2.5. Holding of introduction seminar on the subject: “Sustainable forest management. Voluntary forest certification” for students of Syktyvkar State University with a specialization in Environment.
- 5.2.6. Training of 1-2 guides (among local population of the Priluzye district to conduct introduction seminars in Komi Model forest).
- 5.2.7. Other seminars on request.

Cooperating organizations (in alphabetic order):

- Audit company “NEPCON”
- Bergslagen Institute (Sweden)
- Forest service of Poland
- JSC Mondi Syktyvkar – pulp and paper mill
- JSC State forests of Latvia
- Syktyvkar Forest Institute
- Syktyvkar State University

6. Forest communities and use of natural resources. Cooperation between forest communities and large forest business. (V. Semyashkina)

Objectives for 2012-2013:

- 6.1. Preserving the possibilities of traditional natural resources use by the local population in remote forest villages.
- 6.2. Development of a policy of forest business social responsibility in respect of the forest communities
- 6.3. Support of the self-organization process and development of local self-government, development of cooperation within the rural community.
- 6.4. Development of Forest Dialogue as a form of democratic debates on natural resources management.

Planned activities for 2013:

- 6.1.1. Creation of a unified map of traditional forest use territory in the Udora district – with indication of the territories most intensively exploited for traditional use and most important for local residents.
- 6.1.2. Mapping of territories of traditional forest use by residents of Tydor village (Priluzye forestry) – together with public Forest Council.
- 6.1.3. Preparation of analytical note to the Committee of natural resources and environment of the State Council of the Komi Republic and to the executive committee of the social movement “Komi voityr” with justification of the importance of traditional use of natural resources for life support of the residents of remote forest villages – based on results of mapping of territories of traditional forest use and interviews of the residents of villages in Udora, Ust-Kulom and Kortkeros districts .
- 6.2.1. Monitoring of the influence of logging companies’ activities to socio-economic situation in rural districts (jointly with forest councils of the Priluzye, Udora and Kortkeros districts, with local self-government bodies).
- 6.2.2. Assistance in awareness of local population and in development of a dialogue (support in publishing the «Forest Council» newspaper in the Priluzye district).
- 6.3.1. Information and methodic support of territorial public self-government development in the rural settlements of the Komi Republic.
- 6.3.2. Support of initiatives to develop territorial public self-government in the Udora and Sysola districts – seminars and consultations.
- 6.4.1. Organization of Forest Dialogue as a functioning platform for thorough discussions of forest and river resources management issues with participation of a wide circle of representatives – local community, business, state institutions, local governments, science, NGOs.
- 6.4.2. Promotion of the joint discussion results.

Cooperating organizations (in alphabetic order):

- Administrations of “forest” districts and rural villages of the Komi Republic.
- Forest Committee of the Komi Republic
- Institute of Socio-Economic and Energetic problems of the North of the Russian Academy of Sciences in Syktyvkar
- JSC Mondi Syktyvkar
- Komi State Academy of the Civil Service and Management
- LLC Komilesbiznes
- NGO – “Izvatas”

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- NGO – “Komi voityr” – branches in forest regions of the republic.
- NGO – Committee to Save Pechora River
- Regional Social Movement “Indigenous Women of Komi”.

7. Regional program of the Komi Model Forest development in the Komi Republic for 2013 – 2015. In case the funding is available (*Y. Pautov*)

Objectives:

- 7.1. Organizational and methodical support of the Model Forest development.
- 7.2. Landscape ecological planning of the Model Forest management taking into consideration contemporary requirements on the basis of GIS technologies and Earth remote sensing (ERS) materials.
- 7.3. Economic feasibility of the forestry intensification.
- 7.4. Increase of the qualification of the Komi Republic forestry specialists.
- 7.5. Participation of the local population in sustainable forest management.

Planned activity 2013

- 7.1.1. Agreement and approval of the Regulation on Regional Council of the Komi Model Forest
- 7.1.2. Preparation and approval of the Order of the Head of the Komi Republic “On the Regional Council of the Komi Model Forest”
- 7.1.3. Agreement and approval of the Program of activities of the Komi Model Forest for 2013 by the Regional Council
- 7.1.4. Preparation and approval of the Order of the Head of the Komi Republic “On the Working group of the Komi Model Forest”
- 7.1.5. Agreement and approval of the financial sources and mechanisms for the Komi Model Forest projects with the Forest Committee of the Komi Republic
- 7.1.6. Development of creative interagency teams for implementation of the agreed projects of the Komi Model Forest in 2013 and for the period until 2015.

- 7.2.1. Creation of a relevant database for forest use landscape ecological planning in the Komi Model Forest.
- 7.2.2. Comparative evaluation of different sources of spatial data with respect to their availability, relevance, accuracy, reliability and cost for the medium term (3-10 years) and short term (1-2 years) forest use planning.
- 7.2.3. Field testing of different sources with respect to the reliability and accuracy of spatial information transfer for the purposes of forest planning.
- 7.2.4. Development of optimization proposals for different sources of landscape spatial data for the medium term and short term of forest use planning.
- 7.2.5. Field testing of suggested algorithms for the short term forest use planning of the certified enterprises – tenants of the Komi Model Forest.
- 7.2.6. Development of optimal algorithms of medium term and short term forest planning on the basis of ERS and GIS data taking into consideration the relevance of materials, cost, and efficiency of works.
- 7.2.7. Efficiency evaluation of different methods of forest exploitation and forestry management project development on the basis of forest management and ERS materials.
- 7.2.8. Development of the methods of forest use and forestry scenario planning on the basis of GIS technologies.
- 7.2.9. Approbation of medium term and short term planning methods of forest use and forestry using GIS technologies and ERS materials.
- 7.2.10. Development of a forest use landscape ecological planning training course on the basis of GIS technologies and ERS materials.
- 7.2.11. Preparation of demonstrational sites and materials for the training course in the Komi Model Forest.

- 7.3.1. Collection and systematization of economic evaluation materials for the intensive forestry model in the Komi Republic, Russian taiga zone, Scandinavia, and Latvia.
 - 7.3.2. Evaluation of economic, legal, technological, and infrastructural restrictions to intensive forestry introduction in the Komi Republic.
 - 7.3.3. Development of suggestions with respect to economically viable scenarios of intensive forestry in the Komi Republic.
 - 7.3.4. Adaptation of intensive forestry regulations to the conditions in the Komi Republic (reforestation, non-commercial thinning, commercial thinning, and reforestation cutting).
 - 7.3.5. Economic evaluation of developed regulations.
 - 7.3.6. Approbation of developed regulations in the Komi Model Forest (establishment of test areas and sites).
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- 7.4.1. Update of taxation data related to demonstrational test fields and sites, cleaning of routes if needed (with the participation of Syktyvkar Forest Institute students).
 - 7.4.2. Preparation of demonstrational materials on the basis of up-to-date materials and satellite images.
 - 7.4.3. Creation of new demonstration objects on the following topics:
 - Intensive forestry
 - Landscape forestry planning
 - Local population traditional nature use (ethnic route –traditional Komi village in the forest landscape)
 - Minimization of forest use ecological influence on soils and water resources
 - Primary forest natural dynamics (on the territory of the planned “Koygorodok” National Park)
 - Ecology of taiga forests – introductory ecological route for Syktyvkar Forest Institute and Syktyvkar State University students near Syktyvkar.
 - 7.4.5. Equipment of the infrastructure on the routes and sites (benches, bonfire sites, tables, pavilions, bridges, etc.).
 - 7.4.6. Development of a plan of seminars and master classes (together with Syktyvkar Forest Institute management).
 - 7.4.7. Introduction of the training course “Basic forest-related knowledge for forestry specialists” with the involvement of specialized forestry enterprise employees.
 - 7.4.8. Creation of the regular Forest forum on sustainable forest management for the managing personnel of the Republic of Komi forest service (in cooperation with the Forest Committee).
 - 7.4.9. Organization of traveling seminars and experience exchange for forest specialists coming from abroad on the basis of the Komi Model Forest (based on requests).
 - 7.4.10. Distribution of information via the Internet (including the Internet forum on sustainable forest management).
 - 7.5.1. Support of the Public Forest Council activities in the Priluzje district. Organization of experience exchange between public Forest Councils of the Priluzje and Udora districts.
 - 7.5.2. Support of the regular issuing of the supplement to the district newspaper “Lesnoy Sovet” and other forms of the informational work with the population.
 - 7.5.3. Detection of territories of traditional nature use by the local population of forest villages. Suggestion of preservation mechanisms for the local population traditional nature use territories in the areas with industrial exploitation (search of compromises).

7.5.4 Organization of annual Forest Dialogues as a working republican platform for the comprehensive discussion of forest and river resources with the participation of various representatives – local population, business, state structures, local self-government, science, and NGOs. Promotion of the discussion results for making management decisions.

Cooperating organizations (in alphabetic order):

- Branch of FSI «Centresproekt»
- Center of Sustainable Development under Syktyvkar State University
- Consulting center “Tefra”
- Forest Committee of the Komi Republic
- Forestry units
- Government of the Komi Republic
- Institute of Socio-Economic and Energetic problems of the North
- Investors
- LLC “Lesnaya alternativa” – establishment of test areas and demonstrational sites
- LLC “Priluzje forestry unit”
- LLC “Tekhkarta”
- Local community of indigenous people “Udorachi”
- Nature protection NGOs
- NGO “Komi voytyr” – divisions in Priluzje, Koygorodok and other districts
- OJSC “Luzales”
- OJSC “Mondi Syktyvkar”
- Public Forest Council of the Priluzje and Udora districts
- State Council of the Komi Republic
- Syktyvkar Forest Institute
- Tenants – holders of FSC certificates
- Territorial information fund

8. Initiation of volunteer movement (*E.Popova*)

Objective:

8.1. Engagement of volunteers in the Silver Taiga Foundation projects implementation, and also for distribution of information about nature protection and social problems of sustainable development within the framework of the Foundation activity.

Planned activity:

- 8.1.1. Search of proactive and motivated people (mostly junior and senior students of higher education institutions in Syktyvkar) for the volunteer movement expansion (up to 20-25 people).
- 8.1.2. Organization of educational seminars related to sustainable development and aimed at introducing the main Foundation activities to the volunteers every two-three months.
- 8.1.3. Organization of a one-two-day field seminar “History of forest use in the Komi Republic. Natural dynamics and biological diversity of taiga forests” for volunteers in the Komi Model Forest.
- 8.1.4. Maintenance of the webpage “Volunteers of Silver Taiga Foundation” in the social network VKontakte (vk.com/silvertaiga).
- 8.1.5. Creation of a section devoted to volunteer movement on the Foundation website www.silvertaiga.ru.
- 8.1.6. Organization of volunteers’ work to help in the fulfillment of the following tasks:
 - Annual renovation of educational routes in the Komi Model Forest
 - Preparation of educational routes in the planned “Koygorodok” National Park
 - Support in the organization of educational seminars
 - Support in the organization of Foundation events, including working groups, forest dialogues, and seminars.
 - Help in the filling out of the Foundation website www.silvertaiga.ru sections with information
 - Participation in the fulfillment of other tasks if needed.
- 8.1.7. Development of an individual volunteer activity program (at volunteer’s wish) within the framework of one of the Foundation activities together with the activity coordinator and support of this activity.

Cooperating organizations:

- Syktyvkar Forest Institute

9. Development of regional risk assessment for FSC controlled wood in the Komi Republic (E. Popova)

Objective:

9.1. To organize the process of development and approval of regional risk assessment for FSC controlled wood in the Komi Republic

Planned activity:

9.1.1. Distribution of the first version of regional risk assessment among the members of the Working group, collection of comments, their documenting and systematization.

9.1.2. Organization of a Working group meeting targeted at the discussion of the first version of regional risk assessment.

9.1.3. Distribution of the second version of regional risk assessment among the members of the Working group, collection of comments, their documenting and systematization.

9.1.4. Organization of a meeting of the Working group targeted at the discussion of the second version of regional risk assessment.

9.1.5. Field approbation of regional risk indicators and subindicators (together with Mondi Syktyvkar).

9.1.6. Public discussion of the regional assessment project (forum)

9.1.7. Introduction of changes taking into consideration the results of public discussion, development of the second version of regional risk assessment.

9.1.8. Handing over of the second version of regional risk assessment to the FCS national Working group for its approval.

Cooperating organizations (in alphabetic order):

- Committee to Save Pechora River
- Consulting centre “Tefra”
- FCS national Working group
- Institute of Biology KSC UB RAS
- Local community of indigenous people “Udorachi”
- OJSC “Mondi Syktyvkar”
- Public Forest Council of the Priluzje district

Information publishing activity – summary plan (V. Semyashkina, E. Popova)

1. Publications

- 1.1. Informational booklet “Silver Taiga: Learning from nature” (about the Foundation objectives, projects, and results of its activities for the last 10 years) – at the expense of the *Reserve Fund*.
- 1.2. Thematic informational booklet on the issue of poaching on the Mezen River (pictures + comments + children’s drawings) – within the framework of the “*Model river Mezen – Population*” project.
- 1.3. The first two books “Handbooks for fishermen” (series of “pocket” brochures on the rules of fishing) – within the framework of the “*Model river Mezen – Population*” project.
- 1.4. Brochure with the results of Mezen salmon population monitoring (using the data obtained as a result of expeditions during the last years + data of FSBI “Komirybvod” starting from 1986 + evidence of the local population) – within the framework of the “*Model river Mezen – Fish resources*” project.
- 1.5. Issuing of small edition publications – booklets and activity reports on the fields of activities – *using own facilities (color printer and stitcher)*.

2. Work with mass media

- 2.1. Issuing of 6 editions 3500 copies each of the thematic supplement to the Udora district newspaper – *within the framework of the “Model river Mezen – Population” project*.
- 2.2. Support of the issuing of “Lesnoy Sovet” newspaper – thematic supplement to the Priluzje district newspaper, 4 editions – *within the framework of the Komi Model Forest project*.
- 2.3. Preparation and sending of news press-releases on the Foundation activities to mass media.
- 2.4. Preparation of problem-oriented, analytical materials on the Foundation activities and interviews on the burning issues and topics for their publication in republican mass media.
- 2.5. Exchange of informational materials and thematic publications in district newspapers “Sever” and “Zvezda” (Mezensky and Leshukonsky districts of the Arkhangelsk region) – *within the framework of the “Model river Mezen – Population” project*.

3. Internet

- 3.1. Filling of the website www.silvertaiga.ru news section and other sections with information.
- 3.2. Creation of the website www.silvertaiga.ru section devoted to the volunteer movement.
- 3.3. Maintenance of the webpage “Volunteers of Silver Taiga Foundation” in the social network VKontakte (vk.com/silvertaiga).