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1. Village integration around economic improvement (Valentina Semiashkina)

Objective:

Selected villages are getting example of integration around economic improvement based on sustainable use of natural resources in the Komi Republic.

Planned activities:

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

- 1.1.1. Search for new opportunities of economic improvement in the village under market conditions.
- 1.1.2. Sustainable forestry practices and its contribution to the local economy.
- 1.1.3. Protection of the sites of berries and mushroom picking important for local population.
- 1.1.4. Economic use of local, forest, resources.

Implementation 2010:

- A. Development of scenarios of efficient management of local resources based on data gathered in previous project period.
- B. Development of proposals of changes in legislation on regional level related to natural resource management.
- C. Monitoring of protection measures for sites important for mushrooms and berries in Ust-Kulom and Priluzje regions; protection of new sites in Udora region.
- D. Learning of experience in efficient mushroom-berries business in other Russian regions. Passing this experience for local entrepreneurs from Pilot Forest Villages.
- E. Development of new approaches for improvement of mushroom-berries business in Pilot Forest Villages.
- F. Description of system of traditional use of forest (including maps) for pilot village Bolshaya Pyssa.
- G. Development of platform for protection of areas of traditional use of forest by logging companies in frame of voluntary agreement between communities and logging companies belonging to Mondi Syktyvkar.
- H. Development of other proposals on protection of sites of traditional use of forest by changes in legislation or by leasing priorities by forest village communities. Cooperation with Regional Social Movement «Indigenous Women of Komi».

- I. Explanatory work on community use of fish resources with communities living along Mezen River as introduction to the pilot program of fish restoration in this river.
- J. Support for rural tourism development in Pilot Villages Kazhim, Byzovaya, Turja, Pyssa;
- K. Development and publication of recommendations for the rural tourism operators;
- L. Coordination of development of tourist trip «Following Pitrim Sorokin»;
- M. Organization of local conference with regard to the exchange of rural tourism development experience.

- N. Round table discussions on «Barriers in the development of small business in Forest Villages and possible ways out » with the entrepreneurs from Pilot Forest Villages.

- O. Preparation of a review of possible financial sources for business-projects developed in Pilot Forest Villages.

- P. Identification of quality business-ideas in Pilot Forest Villages for farther submission to potential funding under program of the Ministry of Economic Development and under contracts of social partnership by Mondi Syktyvkar.

- Q. Organization of trainings and consultations in planning and organization of business for potential entrepreneurs from Pilot Forest Villages.

1.2. Methods of village integration and development of positive examples.

- 1.2.1. Support, strengthening and dissemination of public review in forestry.
- 1.2.2. Support for establishment and activity of the Community Forest Councils.
- 1.2.3. Environment in the Village – education and integration program.

Implementation 2010:

- A. Monitoring and support for Public Reviews of the forest management projects.
- B. Republican Forest Dialogues about: 1 – small business issues; 2 – traditional forest use, gathering representatives of local population and other interested parties.
- C. Support for functioning of Community Forest Councils and monitoring of SEAT-analysis results (2009) in the regions of Mondi Syktyvkar activity.
- D. Organization of training for local self-government based on seminars and experience exchange together with Komi Civil Service Academy .

- E. Publication of a brochure about local self-government.
- F. Learning of experience of territorial community self-government in Archangelsk region.
- G. Conference of “Village Environment” program implementation for all sites involved into the project.
- H. Development and implementation of the pilot, basic economic training for village school children in Pechora and Priluzje regions.

1.3. Dissemination of positive experience.

1.3.1. Dissemination of gathered experience on local and regional level.

1.3.2. Dissemination of the gathered experience by network of Russian Model Forests 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).

Target groups:

- Local population of Pilot Forest Villages and other regions of the Komi Republic;
- Representatives of local self-governments;
- Representatives of state authorities;
- Regional and interregional NGOs;
- Students and young people from villages;
- 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
- Cooperation with the State and business structures, NGOs

Cooperating organizations (in the alphabetic order):

- 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
- Komilesbusiness – logging company
- Local Administration of Pilot Forest Villages: Verkhodzje, Chornish, Spasporub, Kazhim, Puzla, Pyssa, Byzovaja.
- Ministry of Agriculture of the Komi Republic
- Ministry of Economic Development of the Komi Republic
- Mondi Syktyvkar – pulp and paper mill
- Regional Administration of Forest Villages: Priluzje, Koigorodok, Ust-Kulom and Udora
- Regional NGO – Committee to Save Pechora River
- Regional Social Movement “Indigenous Women of Komi”
- State Forestry Service of the Komi Republic
- Syktyvkar Forest Institute
- Syktyvkar State University

2. High Conservation Value Forests (Yourij Pautov)

Objective:

Search and strengthening of negotiated solutions on protection and sustainable use of pristine forests (HCVF) in selected regions of the Komi Republic and dissemination of experience to the Arkhangelsk region.

Planned activities:

2.1. Search and strengthening of negotiated solutions rayon by rayon.

Implementation 2010:

Koigorodok region

- A. Participation in negotiation process on enlargement of the planned Koigorodok National Park area by resignation from leasing area by logging company MayskiLes.

Udora region

- B. Continuation of multi-stakeholder process about protection and use of Timan, Pyssa, Karpogorskij and Verhnievashkinskij Massifs of large, untouched areas.
- C. Analysis of current situation about leasing and leaseholders of neighboring areas of untouched massifs of pristine forests in the Komi Republic and Arkhangelsk Oblast – together with WWF branch in Arkhangelsk.
- D. Organization of field expedition to the western part of Pysskij Massif to collect more precise information on its conservation and socio-cultural values as HCVF of regional and European importance.
- E. Development of some long-term scenarios of logging and reforestation in Udora region.
- F. Analysis of potential of tourism development in pristine forests of Udora region – together with administration of Udora region, local tourist entrepreneurs and Syktyvkar State University.

Other regions

- G. Development and actualization of maps of pristine forests for Kortkeros, Ust Kulom (completing 2009 work), Kniazhpogost, Ust Vym and Ykhta rayons of the Komi Republic.
- H. Preparation of popular booklet “Green Gold of the Komi Republic” with overview of forests and with special attention to pristine forests addressed to large audience.
- I. Preparation of publication “Methods of identification of ecologically valuable parts of large areas of pristine forests based on river basin approach” – common work with WWF branch in Arkhangelsk.

2.2. Forming of awareness of the society about meaning of pristine forests for sustainable development – work together with WWF Russia.

- 2.2.1. Promotion of “Common position of non-governmental, conservation organizations and wood industry in Russia about legal support for sustainable forestry” on regional and federal levels.

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
- FSC Office in Russia
- Greenpeace Russia
- Leskom - logging and wood company
- Ministry of Environment of the Komi Republic
- Ministry of Industry and Energy of the Komi Republic
- Mondi Group
- National FSC Initiative in Russia
- Non-profit partnership “Transparent World” in Moscow
- Project UNDP – GEF in the Komi Republic
- SPOK - NGO from Karelia
- Syktyvkar State University
- WWF Russia

3. Model Forest as neutral platform of forest policy debate (Yourij Pautov)

Objective:

Forest stakeholders have opportunity to discuss forest policy issues based on experience and neutral platform of Model Forest.

Planned activities:

3.1. Strategic planning for the Komi Model Forest – continuation. Development of plan together with representatives of forest stakeholders.

- Completing strategic planning in agreed, priority areas.
- Agreement for objectives of priority areas.
- Evaluation of funding and implementation reality.

3.2. Participation in important meetings in the Komi Republic and in Russia concerning key issues of SFM.

3.3. Organization of “Forest Dialogue” devoted for pristine forest issue in the Komi Republic.

3.4. Organization of cooperation with Syktyvkar Forest Institute, Arkhangelsk Forest Academy, Academy of Civil Service in the Komi Republic and with wood industry.

3.5. Dissemination of information by mass media, publications and Internet.

3.6. Participation in program of Russian-Swedish cooperation in forest sector - preparation of study manual on sustainable forestry.

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
- Nature Conservation Center in Murmansk region
- SPOK - NGO from Karelia
- Swedish School of Forest Engineers in Skinnskateberg

4. Cooperation of villages in restoration of fish resources and first steps to river basin management – Model Rivers (Przemyslaw Majewski)

Objectives – long-term:

- A. Fish resources in selected rivers are restored and managed in a sustainable way based on cooperation with local communities and other stakeholders.
- B. Logging influence on streams and rivers is evaluated and relevant recommendations for logging and planning are developed.

Objectives for 2010:

- A. Potential of River Mezen for restoration of fish resources is evaluated and relevant stakeholders are gathered for cooperation.
- B. Model River for the basin management is selected and contacts with relevant stakeholders are established.

Planned activities:

- 4.1. Organization and integration of Working Group for the project planning, representing main stakeholders of the Mezen River.
- 4.2. Field trip along the Mezen River with Russian and foreign experts.
- 4.3. Meetings with representatives of villages along the Mezen River.
- 4.4. Establishment of contacts with relevant researchers and research organizations.
- 4.5. Establishment of contacts with Salmon organizations and experts.
- 4.6. Ensuring political support for the initiative of Model River on local and Republican level.
- 4.7. Ensuring large industry support.
- 4.8. Development of long-term proposal.

Cooperating organizations (in alphabetic order):

- Administration of Udora region
- Federal Fishery Agency in Arkhangelsk
- Federal Fishery Agency of the Komi Republic
- 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
- NGOs of Udora region

5. Implementation of recommendations on biodiversity conservation during logging (Vasilij Gerasimov assisted by Dmitrij Kutepov)

Objective:

Forest stakeholders of the Komi Republic are equipped with recommendations on biodiversity conservation during logging operations and have possibility to learn their practical use.

Planned activities:

- 5.1. Printing and distribution of the Recommendations among forest stakeholders. Jan-Mar 2010.
- 5.2. Development of training course about implementation of the Recommendations into planning and organization of logging. Jan-Mar 2010.
- 5.3. Development of demonstration trail in Komi MF showing practical implementation of the Recommendations. May-Jun 2010.
- 5.4. Carrying training seminars on planning of logging sites with consideration of the Recommendations on biodiversity conservation for employees of State Forest Service and planning units of logging companies – 2-4 seminars. May-Oct 2010.
- 5.5. Evaluation and support of implementation of the Recommendations in massifs of pristine forests of the Komi Republic.

Cooperating organizations (in alphabetic order):

- Forest Committee of the Komi Republic (State forest administration)
- Karelian ENGO “SPOK”
- Logging company “Leskom”
- Mondi Group in Syktyvkar

6. Carbon integrated forest management (Przemyslaw Majewski)

Objective:

Proposal on carbon integrated forest management in the Komi Republic supported by key stakeholders and by funding.

Planned activities:

- 6.1. Funding proposal to Europaid together with other Model Forests.
- 6.2. Funding proposals to other potential sources.
- 6.3. Cooperation with Canadian groups dealing with the carbon issue in forestry.
- 6.4. Information about proposals for main stakeholders in the Komi Republic.
- 6.5. Participation in relevant conferences, seminars and courses.

Cooperating organizations (in alphabetic order):

- Forest Committee in the Komi Republic
- Ministry of Industry in the Komi Republic
- Ministry of Natural Resources of the Komi Republic
- Mondi Group
- Moscow State Forest University (MSFU), Moscow;

7. Consultations and training (Elena Popova)

Objective:

- A. Forest stakeholders have access to the consultations on questions of sustainable forestry.
- B. Forest stakeholders are getting new knowledge and experience based on organized training seminars and demonstration plots in Komi Model Forest.

Planned activities:

- 7.1 Support for certification of whole forest units in southern regions of the Komi Republic. Explanation of ways and methods of certification of forest units under changing forest legislation, of new FSC National Standard, of changes of procedures and demands of FSC certification.
- 7.2 Development and assistance to implementation of common certification program for stakeholders in the southern part of the Komi Republic.
- 7.3. Consultations for Mondi Syktyvkar on fulfillment of certification conditions in frame of consultation contract.
- 7.4. Other consultations on certification and other issues depending on demands.

Cooperating organizations (in alphabetic order):

- Mondi Syktyvkar
- Priluzje Forestry Unit

8. Transfer of Komi Model Forest experience to Baltic Region

(Low profile until agreement between EU and Russian Federation is not signed)

(Przemyslaw Majewski)

Objective:

Baltic Landscape Project, aiming for integration of countries around Baltic Sea, is supported by experience of Silver Taiga and Komi Model Forest.

Planned activities:

8.1. Adaptation of innovative proposals from: Silver Taiga and Komi Model Forest, Kovdozerski MF and Pskov MF if the agreement EU-RF is in place.

8.2. Contribution to development of the Baltic Landscape Project proposal to EU Interreg funding.

Cooperating organizations (in alphabetic order):

- General Directorate of State Forest in Warsaw, Poland
- Kovdozerski Model Forest
- Pskov Model Forest
- Regional Directorate of State Forest in Olsztyn, Poland
- Regional Directorate of State Forest in Poznan, Poland
- Russian Forest Agency in Murmansk
- Swedish Forest Agency in Jonkoping
- Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences in Umea
- Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences in Uppsala

9. Russian and International Model Forest Network (Przemyslaw Majewski)

(Low profile due to limited 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 (in alphabetic order):

- All-Russian Institute of Forest Research in Moscow VNIILM
- IMFN – International Model Forest Network
- International Forest Research Institute in Moscow
- Kovdozerskij Model Forest
- Pskov Model Forest

10. General concept of use of forest resources based on new economic, environmental and social criteria for the Komi Republic

(Low profile due to limited funding)

(Przemyslaw Majewski)

Objectives – long-term:

- A. Decision makers and society of the Komi Republic are equipped with clear, long-term concept (vision?) of use of forest resources.
- B. The long-term concept is supported by forecasts of development of forest resources depending on different scenarios of management.

Objectives for 2010:

- A. Silver Taiga is equipped in capacity to provide forecasts of development of forest resources.

Planned activities:

- 10.1. Training of employee in forecast of development of forest resources based on Russian and foreign models.

Cooperating organizations:

To be decided.