



Silver Taiga Foundation
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1. Village integration around economic improvement

(Yourij Pautov, since 1 Aug – 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.

General results:

Socio-economic situation in Forest Villages has been studied and their potential of further development has been defined.

In addition to agriculture and logging a development of village tourism, use of non-timber forest products and local handicrafts have been proposed.

The main barriers of small business development are lack of experience and knowledge, lack of information about market and bureaucracy. That is why further project steps focus on support for local initiatives by means of education of local population, experience exchange, consultation on the development of business plans and the registration of business, joint search for investors and market.

Collection and selling of mushrooms and berries plays a important role in village economy and sites of mass collection should be protected during logging operations. The «Recommendations on mushrooms and berries sites identification important for the local population» which have been elaborated before, now, have been published again and disseminated among forestry units. In some forestry units with active logging important sites have been plotted on a map and are protected under FSC-certification.

Fishing and hunting in some remote villages especially in Udora region are very important for local population as traditional use of forest. Nowadays these activities are not considered by law. Places important for fishing and hunting are not taken into consideration during planning of loggings. Project gathered data on size and places of traditional use around village Bolshaja Pyssa as pilot study. Mondi preliminary is ready to deal with this problem by voluntary agreements. Presentation and discussion of this issue during Forest Dialogue has initiated cooperation toward Republican legal initiative to support traditional use of forest.

The analysis of influence of Mondi logging companies on the socio-economic situation has been made. According to the analysis Mondi can contribute more than it does nowadays. The

results of the analysis have been presented to Mondi leaders. As a result the representatives of Mondi Group and leaders of Mondi Syktyvkar have taken into consideration presented problems and are ready to cooperate with Forest Villages.

Detailed results:

- A. Report “Socio-economic map of rural settlements. Evaluation and use of existing potential”- 72 pp. The report is based on research of selected settlements. The work has been carried out by Institute of Economic and Energetic Problems of the North.
- B. The results of the research work of a socio-economic situation in 9 villages have been published and disseminated among project participants.
- C. Analytical report «Investigation of non-timber forest products as the element of the economic base of the villages in the Komi Republic» reveals the possibilities and barriers of this business development.
- D. Potential of tourism development has been evaluated in some Forest Villages. Tourist business can add to economical development in the following villages:
 - a. *Byzovaya Village* – local rural and ethnographical tourism;
 - b. *Priuralskoje Village* – as the “entrance” to Ugyd Va National Park;
 - c. *Kazhim Village*. – village with historical small industry situated close to pristine forest massif ; also has a potential for ethnic tourism;
 - d. *Turja Village* – base for culture, nature and ethnography trip along Vym and Vychehda Rivers;
 - e. *Pyssa Village* – base village as a base for nature and hunting tourism.

Main barriers of tourism development:

- Lack of experience and knowledge of the local population;
 - Lack of good transportation conditions in some villages (Priuralskoje, Turja, Pyssa);
 - Poor development of village infrastructure;
 - Demand for village tourism in the Komi Republic is in the very beginning partly because of a lack of offer;
 - Lack of cooperation among different public structures and people dealing with tourism development.
- E. Data about village masters skilled in handicrafts in Pechora region has been collected.
 - F. The analysis of Mondi Syktyvkar logging companies influence on the socio-economic situation in three project regions (Udora, Priluzje and Ust-Kulom) has been done:
 - 60 people from 11 villages participated in the interview;
 - the results of the interview are presented in the analytical report and Power-Point presentations.
 - G. The Forest Dialogue «Large Wood Industry and Socio-Economic Situation in Forest Villages» gathered 50 stakeholders representing business, regional authorities, local population, local self-government, researchers and NGOs.

- H. The results of the Forest Dialogue discussion and the results of the interview with the local population in Priluzje, Ust-Kulom and Udora regions have been presented to the leaders of Mondi.

As a result the representatives of Mondi Group and leaders of Mondi Syktyvkar have taken into consideration the following problems:

- Lack of information about Mondi's activity especially in connection with the reorganization of Mondi.
 - Combination of logging companies into Finleskom Company in the opinion of local population causes lack of attention to village problems.
 - Mechanization of loggings causes an increased level of unemployment.
 - Limited opportunities for local, small, logging companies in the leased areas of Mondi Syktyvkar.
 - Negative changes in the working conditions of the workers of Mondi daughter logging companies
 - Impact of Mondi transport on the roads important for local population.
 - Firewood for the local population
 - Udora region as the most negatively affected by logging requires special attention.
- I. Pilot evaluation and collection of data about traditional forest use in Udora region has been made on the basis of the interview of 60 hunters/fishermen from Pyssa village. The project shows the importance of the traditional forest use for the local population.
- J. The initiative of the Republican legislation development about traditional forest use has been supported by Regional Movement "Indigenous Women of Komi" and by Interregional Social Movements "Komi Voityr" and "Izvatas".
- K. Places important for collecting mushrooms and berries by local population in Kazhim forestry unit have been identified and protected. In villages Turja and Priuralskoe the issue of identification and protection of mushrooms and berries sites is not relevant due to absence of logging operations.
- L. The brochure «Recommendations on mushrooms and berries sites allocation important for the local population» has been disseminated in all forestry units of the Komi Republic.
- M. Interviews have been organized among village entrepreneurs to identify barriers of small business development in Forest Villages (20 interviews in 6 villages). Administration of Koigorodok region together with the Innovation Support Center, Institute of Socio-Economic and Energetic Problems of the North and Silver Taiga Foundation has conducted the meeting of local entrepreneurs. Discussed issue – main barriers for small business development in the village.
- N. The meeting of Silver Taiga with the Coordination Council on Tourism Development in Udora region has been organized. Discussed issues – possibility of cooperation in the project.

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.

Additionally:

1.2.4. Support for local self-government.

General results:

Integration of village communities is necessary for local people participation in nature management process.

Public Review and Community Forest Councils have been supported under Forest Village project by seminars and trainings.

“Village Environment” program has been adapted and implemented in Forest Villages and in some other villages of regions. The program contributes to the integration of the local population by means of cooperation of different generations.

The Forest Dialogues turn up to be very good tool for integration of different forest stakeholders. In 2009 3 two-days Forest Dialogues were conducted. The 3d Forest Dialogue was organized and conducted together with Komi Regional Social Movement «Indigenous Women of Komi».

During project realization it has become obvious that for village integration and development of cooperation inside the local community the support for local self-government development on the local level is necessary. This new point has been added into our project.

Gradually the number of organizations cooperating in the project has increased with special influence of The Forest Dialogues and joint activity directed to project implementation in the field. One can speak already about network of cooperating organizations.

Detailed results:

- A. Methodical support of three Public Reviews concerning forest leasing, gaz transport across nature reserve and forest use in former protected area.
- B. Initiation of a public discussion and Public Review concerning the municipal program of tourism development in Pechora region.
- C. Seminar for entrepreneurs «Public participation in decision making process concerning the planned economical activity projects» has been conducted in Pechora region together with Nature Conservation Committee.
- D. Community Forest Council in Priluzje has got a regional status.
- E. Representatives of Community Forest Councils of Priluzje and Udora regions participated in the interviewing of the local population concerning Mondi Syktyvkar logging companies influence on the socio-economic situation in the villages; in the interviewing of the local entrepreneurs working with natural resources; in other events concerning sustainable forest management.

- F. Planned Community Forest Council in Koigorodok has not been established because local population and local self-government do not think it is necessary.
- G. Conference about experience of “Village Ecology” program implementation has been organized for teachers of Priluzje area.
- H. “Village Environment” program has been adapted and implemented in project Forest Villages and in 2 other villages of regions – Kazhim Village of Koigorodok region and Turja Village of Knyazhpogost region.
- I. Seminars concerning the dissemination of “Village Ecology” program have been conducted in Ust-Kulom and Pechora regions.
- J. The booklet «Educational program «Village Ecology» has been published including such Attachments as Detailed Plans of Lectures, Student’s Working Book, CD presentations. The booklet is going to be disseminated in and outside the Komi Republic.
- K. Analysis of implementation of Federal Law No 131 “On local self-government” has been made for settlements Voldino – Puzla in Ust Kulom administrative unit, for village Bolshaja Pyssa in Udora administrative unit and in the entire Komi Republic. Materials are presented as analytical short reports.
- L. The brochure «Local self-government reform» presenting the analysis of local self-government has been published in 2000 copies. It has been disseminated by The Forest Dialogues participants, by Association of «Municipal Entity Council», by Academy of the Civil Service and Management, by Republican Civil Forum, by local population, by deputies and by heads of local Administration.
- M. The Forest Dialogue «Possibilities, problems and perspectives of local self-government development on the local level» has been conducted. The Dialogue gathered 40 representatives of local deputies, heads of the local Administration, local population.

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.

Detailed results:

- A. Information materials have been published in mass media of Priluzje, Udora and Pechora regions; in Sosnogorsk, in the newspaper of Mondi Syktyvkar and in the regional newspaper “Respublika”.

- B. Brochures (2) on “Recommendations on public review” and “Recommendations on identification of sites important for local population for mushrooms and berries collection” have been reedited and reprinted in 2000 copies each brochure. The brochures are disseminated, free of charge, to all interested forest stakeholders in the Komi Republic and in other areas of Russian Federation.
- C. The booklet about project activities has been published in 1000 copies and disseminated among project participants and local population of Forest Villages.
- D. The form of a Forest Dialogue has become very effective in experience exchange. Materials of The Forest Dialogue has been published in the Russian newspaper “Local self government”. The representatives from other regions of Russia (Tatarstan, Republic of Karelia) participated in The Forest Dialogues.

The following Forest Dialogues have been conducted:

- 1) “Today and Tomorrow of Forest Villages in Komi” held in Syktyvkar March 2009. The Dialogue gathered 40 participants from 15 settlements of the Komi Republic including 18 village deputies and heads of local Administration, 4 representatives of Komi Ministries, 4 representatives of science, 3 entrepreneurs of forest and mushrooms and berries business, 6 representatives of NGO, 5 teachers.
- 2) «Possibilities, problems and perspectives of local self-government development on the local level» – October 2009 – 38 people from 12 villages including village deputies, heads of the local Administration (20), NGOs (6), science (5), local population (7).
- 3) «Large Wood Industry and Socio-Economic Situation in Forest Villages» - December 2009 gathered more than 50 stakeholders representing business (5 people), regional authorities (2), local population (15), local self-government (18), scientists (4), NGOs (7), logging company unions (3), journalists (2).

- E. Information has been disseminated by Silver Taiga web-side.

Cooperating organizations (in the alphabetic order):

- Administration of the villages: Verkholuzje, Chornish, Spasporub, Kazhim, Puzla, Pyssa, Byzovaja
- Administration of regions: Priluzje, Koigorodok, Ust-Kulom and Udora in the Komi Republic
- Committee to Save Pechora River - Regional NGO
- Institute of Social, Economic and Energetic Problems of the North – Russian Academy of Sciences in Syktyvkar
- Komi State Academy of the Civil Service and Management
- Regional Social Movement «Indigenous Women of Komi»
- Syktyvkar Forest Institute
- Syktyvkar State University

2. High Conservation Value Forests

(Dmitrij Kutepov, since 1 Aug 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.

2.1.1. Support for establishment of protected area in Southern Massif of pristine forests.

2.1.2. Search for compromise solutions on protection and use of pristine forests in Udora region and proposals of consolidation by adequate regulation.

2.2. Organization of and support of dialogue on pristine forests in the Komi Republic with involvement of all interested parties.

2.3. Collection of additional data for strengthening of the decision making process.

2.3.1. Development of some long-term scenarios of logging and reforestation in Udora region.

2.3.2. Development of the map “traffic lights” for large areas of untouched forest areas – combining effort done in the Komi Republic with neighbor Arkhangelsk region.

2.3.3. Actualization of map of pristine forests for Kortkeros and Ust Kulom rayon in the Komi Republic.

2.3.4. Analysis of data set of Aikino, Syktyvdino and Syktyvkar forest units (lesnichestva), agreement and approval of expert evaluation on presence and distribution of pristine forests in these forest units.

2.3.5. Analysis of potential for tourism development based on pristine forest of the Koigorodok area.

2.4. Providing information on pristine forests for interested parties.

2.4.1. Providing accessible information in short-term consultations (free of charge), based on demand of logging companies and NGOs.

- 2.4.2. Dissemination of information about pristine forests by mass media, Internet and publications.
- 2.5. Experience exchange and common work with representatives of Arkhangelsk region for development of common approach toward zoning of large areas of untouched forest and proposals for their protection and sustainable use.
- 2.6. Participation in lobbying of necessity of protection for pristine forests on federal level – together with WWF-Russia.
- 2.7. Participation in development of position of Russian NGOs and forest industry of North-West Russia about pristine forests – together with WWF-Russia.

Detailed results:

- A. Steering Committee of the HCVF project combining state agencies - Forest Committee and Ministry of Industry, ENGOs - Greenpeace and WWF, FSC – National Initiative has been established to steer the HCVF project. HCVF Project has been presented and discussed with the Steering Committee, which has approved annual work plan and annual budget for 2009.
- B. Identification of areas with highest ecological value for 3 massifs of pristine forests in Udora region, on the border of Arkhangelsk Oblast. A map has been developed. Activity together with Arkhangelsk branch of WWF.
- C. Proposals about federal protection of the most valuable four pristine forest massifs of Udora region have been submitted by WWF Russia to the Ministry of Natural Resources of Russian Federation. The proposals have been developed by Silver Taiga together with Arkhangelsk branch of WWF Russia.
- D. Proposals about federal protection of the Southern Massive of pristine forest in the Koigorodok region have been submitted by WWF Russia to the Ministry of Natural Resources of Russian Federation.
- E. International seminar on HCVF has been organized in Syktyvkar (1-2 Apr 2009) with special focus on situation of pristine forests in North-West Russia. Representatives (19) of International HCV Network and main NGOs interested in the pristine forest issue in North-West Russia have participated in the seminar. Results of the seminar have been presented to the main forest stakeholders (30) of the Komi Republic.
- F. Tourist potential of pristine forests and Koigorodok region has been evaluated in cooperation with representatives of Syktyvkar State University – May-Dec 2009.
- G. Forest Units Syktyvdinskij, Syktyvkarskij and Ust Vymskij have been checked for presence of pristine forests. The pristine forests have not been found. Jul 2009.

- H. Development of some long-term scenarios of logging and reforestation in Udora region has been postponed for 2010.
- I. Field expedition to the Pysskij massif of pristine forests in Udora region has been organized. The task was to assess conservation value of forest along Pyssa River, as well as to evaluate traditional use of forest and modern logging impact. The expedition lasted 10 days, 5 persons from Silver Taiga, one forest consultant, Professor Jorgen Randers from Norway and 4 local guides participated. Aug 2009.
- J. Several discussions and negotiations have been carried out about protection of the most valuable areas of untouched landscapes with interested parties (leaseholders, local administration of Udora and Koigorodok regions, Forest Committee of State Forest Service, Ministry of Industry, Association of Wood Industry KR and Ministry of Environment of KR) – Apr-Dec 2009.
- K. Work of Silver Taiga and approaches toward HCVF has been presented during meeting of Minister of Environment (MinPriroda) of KR and Director of ST
- L. Maps of pristine forests of Kortkeros and Ust Kulom regions have been actualized based on remote sensing data – Nov 2009.
- M. Representatives of ST participated in the meeting organized by Ministry of Environment of KR where detailed plan for protection of Southern (Koigorodok) Massif has been presented and discussed by relevant, state agencies. The proposal for the protection was based on assessment of conservation and landscape values and based on former negotiation process where many stakeholders participated. The proposal has been slightly modified by state agencies. The massif is planned as National park of federal importance – National Park Koigorodskij. It has been decided to set aside this area for establishment of the National Park. The decision has been submitted to Ministry of Environment of Russian Federation. Sep 2009.
- N. Consultations with Mondi Syktyvkar have been made about protection and leasing policy of Pysskij and Karpogorskij massifs of pristine forests. Mondi took decision to suspend roads construction and logging planning in the most valuable areas until their protection status is not clarified. Sep-Oct 2009.
- O. Contribution together with WWF Russia to the proposal of “Common position of NGOs and wood industry about legal questions concerning environmentally sustainable forestry”. The proposal has been discussed during St Petersburg Forum of Wood Industry in Oct 2009. The position and related resolution in attachment.
- P. New proposals about protection of large massifs of pristine forests (HCVF) in Udora region taking into account the conservation value and current situation in leasing and industrial operations has been developed and presented to representatives of Forest Committee, Ministry of Industry and Ministry of Environment. Nov 2009.

- Q. Representatives of ST participated in 6 meetings of 2 Working Groups (business planning and biodiversity conservation) of UNDP project on protection of pristine forests in the Komi Republic. May, Sep and Dec 2009.
- R. Meeting with Michael Appleton, consultant in nature conservation of UNDP project and presentation of Silver Taiga approaches to protection of untouched landscapes, Oct 2009.
- S. Consultancy has been organized for: a) certification auditor company SGS-Vostok-Limited about HCVF in Ust Kulom region related to certification of “Leskom” company – Aug 2009; b) company “Geoinforesurs”, working with logging planning, on Russian standard of FSC with special attention for HCVF and Red Book species – Sep 2009; c) company “Lesozagotivitel'naja kompania” on protection of HCVF within its leasing area in Lokchim forest unit – Sep-Oct 2009.
- T. Information on HCVF has been disseminated by ST web side and by two publications in newspapers of Republican level.

Cooperating organizations (in the alphabetic order):

- Administration of Koigorodok region
- Administration of Udora region
- Association of Wood Industry
- Forest Committee of the Komi Republic (State forest administration)
- FSC Office in Russia
- Greenpeace Russia
- Koigorodok forestry unit
- Leskom - logging and wood company
- Ministry of Industry of the Komi Republic
- Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment of the Komi Republic
- Mondi Syktyvkar
- National Initiative of FSC in Russia
- Non-profit partnership “Transparent World” in Moscow
- SPOK - NGO from Karelia
- Syktyvkar State University
- UNDP-GEF Project in Komi
- WWF Russia

3. Transfer of Komi Model Forest experience to Baltic Region

(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. Forest.

Planned activities:

- 3.1. Contribution to development of the Baltic Landscape Project proposal to EU Interreg funding.
- 3.2. Contribution to development of research proposal for Baltic Landscape Project.
- 3.3. Development of innovative proposals from Silver Taiga and Komi Model Forest.
- 3.4. Contribution to innovative proposals from Kovdozerski Model Forest.

General comments:

Consultation work has been requested from ST to coordinate planning process for EU project Baltic Landscape aiming for innovative capacity and implementation of sustainable practices around Baltic Sea. Przemyslaw Majewski and Yourij Pautov took part in development of BL project. The work has been concentrated on 10 sites in four countries: Russia, Finland, Poland and Sweden. The Baltic Landscape sites are planned to be organized in accordance to the Model Forest formula. Planning went well and project application is advanced. Unfortunately Russian Federation did not signed agreement about cooperation with EU and funding for Russia has been suspended. In this situation Swedish Forest Agency as Leading Applicant decided to postpone the application to give a chance for Russian partners. Now there are indications that Russia is going to sign the agreement, but Baltic Landscape cannot wait anymore. The application is planned to be submitted in March 2010 with open option for Russia to join the project in case the agreement is signed. In case of positive development with the agreement it is very promising direction for Silver Taiga.

Detailed results:

- A. Preparation and participation in meetings of core group on planning of Baltic Landscape Project in Umea – Feb 2009.
- B. Problems in partnership in Polish Baltic Landscape Mazury has been assisted with positive results – trip for assistance in Apr 2009.
- C. P. Majewski coordinated development of the Baltic Landscape application, which is planned to be submitted in March 2010.
- D. The research proposal has been postponed due to Lead Applicant decision to shift of the application time by one year.
- E. Proposal from Silver Taiga concerning river management, general planning of forest use and carbon in forestry has been developed including budget and submitted to the Baltic Landscape project.
- F. Proposal from the Kovdozerski MF has been developed with contribution of Silver Taiga and submitted in time to the Baltic landscape Project.
- G. Proposal from Pskov Model Forest has been commented and assisted in submission to the Baltic Landscape Project.
- H. Participation in the planning meetings of Baltic Landscape in Kristianstad – Sep 2009

Cooperating organizations (in the alphabetic order):

- General Directorate of State Forest in Warsaw, Poland
- Kovdozerski Model Forest
- Pskov Model Forest
- Regional Directorate of State Forest in Olsztyn, 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

4. Model Forest as neutral platform of forest policy debate

(Dmitrij Kutepov (DK)/ Yourij Pautov (YP))

Objective:

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

Planned activities:

- 4.1. Strategic planning for the Komi Model Forest. (YP)
- 4.2. Participation in important meetings in the Komi Republic and in Russia concerning key issues of SFM. (YP)
- 4.3. Organization of seminars concerning important issues of SFM for representatives of administration and forest industry in the Komi Republic: (DK)
 - 4.3.1. Round table on pristine forest as HCVF.
 - 4.3.2. Round table on intensification of forest management.
 - 4.3.3. Round table on perspectives of certification of forest units.
- 4.4. Organization of cooperation with Syktyvkar Forest Institute. (DK)
- 4.5. Dissemination of information by mass media, publications and Internet. (YP)
- 4.6. Participation in program of Russian-Swedish cooperation in forest sector
- preparation of study manual on sustainable forestry. (YP)

Detailed results:

- A. Strategic planning aiming to develop directions for Komi Model Forest for next 10 years has been organized. A series of the seminars devoted for identification of different problems has been planned. The seminars gathered 12-16 forest stakeholders interested in innovative approaches from Komi Republic, Arkhangelsk and Murmansk regions. Two 3 days seminars have been organized on “Intensive forestry” – Nov 2009, “Carbon in forest management” and “River and watershed management” – Dec 2009 and “Complex approach toward use of forest resources” in the end of Dec 2009.
- B. Participation in Annual FSC meeting in Moscow - Apr 2009.
- C. Participation in meeting of National Initiative FSC in Russia with new director of FSC International which was organized in Moscow. Problems of certification in Russia in relation to the new National Russian Standard have been discussed – Sep 2009.
- D. Planned round tables on pristine forest as HCVF and on intensification of forest management have lost their meaning due to other meetings and seminars about this subjects.

- E. Meeting on “Perspectives of certification of forest units in the Komi Republic” - Organization together with Forest Committee of the Komi Republic – Apr 2009.
- F. Participation and presentation of certification experience of the Komi MF during international seminar organized by Estonian Association for Certification Support in Narva, Estonia. Jun 2009.
- G. Participation in organization of 2 seminars on forest road construction conducted by Forest Institute and Swedish Forest Agency with 2 presentations from Silver Taiga – Syktyvkar – Feb and Jun 2009.
- H. Participation in 2 meetings of Commission on priority investment projects in wood industry in the Komi Republic. During meetings the Commission discussed progress in implementation of the priority projects with consideration for certification and identification of HCVF. Jun and Sep 2009.
- I. Participation in organization, together with Forest Institute, Forest Committee and Ministry of Industry, in Syktyvkar, of seminar on intensification of forestry in the Komi Republic. Presentation on “Demonstration plots of intensive forestry” was prepared by Silver Taiga. Our foundation organized study tour for seminar participants to Komi MF. Oct 2009.
- J. Participation in development of Course of lectures on sustainable forest management for Forest Universities in Russia – second seminar of the Working Group in Sweden – Mar 2009.
- K. Presentation on experience of the Komi Model Forest has been made in Royal Forest Academy in Sweden – Mar 2009.

Cooperating organizations (in the alphabetic order):

- Forest Committee of the Komi Republic (State forest administration)
- Forest Institute in Syktyvkar
- Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences in Skinnskateberg

5. Regional recommendations on biodiversity conservation during logging

(Dmitrij Kutepov, since 1 Aug Yourij Pautov)

Objective:

Forest stakeholders of the Komi Republic are equipped with recommendations on biodiversity conservation during logging operations.

Planned activities:

- 5.1. Discussion of the Recommendations with main forest stakeholders.
- 5.2. Submitting of the Recommendations for legal approval to the State Forest Service.
- 5.3. Development of demonstration plot showing practical implementation of the Recommendations.
- 5.4. Preparation of brochure about Recommendations and its dissemination.
- 5.5. Dissemination of experience in Arkhangelsk region.

Detailed results:

- A. The Recommendations on biodiversity conservation during logging has been approved by Order of the Forest Committee of the Komi Republic. Apr 2009.
- B. Demonstration plot has been established in Komi Model Forest. The plot is presenting key biotops and biodiversity conservation as example of implementation of the “Recommendations on biodiversity conservation during logging. The plot’s area is 7.9 ha. Jun-Oct 2009.
- C. Experience of the Komi MF on biodiversity conservation during logging has been presented during field seminar in the Karelian Republic. The seminar was organized by conservation NGO “SPOK” for employees of holding “InvestLesProm” – Paper Mill Segezha. Sep 2009.
- D. Illustrated brochure “Methodic recommendations on biodiversity conservation during logging in the Komi Republic” has been prepared for printing – Nov-Dec 2009.

Cooperating organizations (in the alphabetic order):

- Karelian ENGO “SPOK”
- Logging company “Luzales”
- Mondi Syktyvkar
- Non-profit Partnership “Transparent World”
- Priluzje Forestry Unit
- State Forestry Service of the Komi Republic

6. Russian Model Forest Network (Yourij Pautov)

(low profile due to limited funding)

Objective

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

Planned activities:

- 6.1. Contribution to work of International Networking Committee.
- 6.2. Contribution to development of Circumboreal Initiative.
- 6.3. Contribution to development of concept of national model forest network in Russia.

Detailed results:

- A. Participation (by Skype) in meeting of Networking Committee of International Model Forest Network in Joensuu, Finland – Feb 2009.
- B. Participation and presentation “ Current situation and perspectives of Initiative Model Forest Network in Russia” during seminar “International principles of sustainable forestry: Implementation” – Moscow, March 2009.
- C. Presentation of experience of Komi Model Forest during seminar starting establishment of Model Forest “Volga Forestry” town Semionov – Apr 2009.
- D. Participation in All-Russian regional meeting on Model Forests in Yougorsk, Khanty-Mansijskij Region, Western Siberia, with presentation of experience of the Komi MF. May 2009.
- E. Participation in final seminar of the Pskov MF linked with transfer of the Pskov MF from WWF Russia to the Green Forest Foundation. Presentation of experience of the Komi MF for participants of the seminar.
- F. Development of expertise (37 pages + annexes) of program proposal for circumboreal network of Model Forest of Russian Federation. The consultancy has been made based on request of All Russian Forest Institute (VNIILM) acting on behalf of Russian Federal State Forest Agency. Sep-Oct 2009.

Cooperating organizations (in the alphabetic order):

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

7. Consultancy (Dmitrij Kutepov, responsibility for the report Elena Popova)

Objective:

Forest stakeholders have access to the consultations on questions of sustainable forestry.

Planned activities:

7.1. Consultations on forest certification - FSC.

7.1.1. Consultations for Mondi Business Paper on fulfillment of certification conditions in frame of consultation contract.

7.1.2. Other consultations on certification depending on demands.

7.2. Other consultations – project planning and management oriented for development, sustainable forestry, cooperation of forest stakeholders and others.

Detailed results:

- A. Identification of representatives sites of forest ecosystems in leasing areas of Mondi Group in accordance to Russian National Standard of FSC. May 2009.
- B. Stands which are potential habitats for red book species have been listed for leasing areas of the Mondi Group – Jun 2009.
- C. Development of maps which are presenting pristine forests within leasing areas of Mondi Group – Syktyvkar as background for their protection and sustainable use. May-Oct 2009.
- D. Indoor and field seminars on demands of forest certifications have been organized for employees of Mondi group – Syktyvkar and its subcontractors. Syktyvkar and Ust Kulom region – Nov 2009.
- E. High Conservation Value Forest of 5 and 6 categories has been identified and verified for Kortkeros and Ust Kulom regions, including leasing areas of Mondi Group – Syktyvkar. Nov-Dec 2009.
- F. Consultancy for auditor company SGS – Vostok – Limited about certification of company “Leskom” – Aug 2009.
- G. Consultancy for company “Geoinforesource” on demands of Russian National FSC Standard – Sep 2009.
- H. Consultancy for company “ Logging Company” about protection of HCVF and fulfillment of demands of Russian National FSC Standard in its leasing area in Lokchim State Forest Unit. Sep-Oct 2009.

Cooperating organizations (in the alphabetic order):

- Audit company “Nepcon”
- Audit company SGS Vostok-Limited
- Committee of Nature Protection in Kortkeros region
- Kortkeros Forestry Unit
- Logging company «Lesozagotovitel'naya kompania»
- Mondi Syktyvkar
- State Forest Committee for Komi Republic
- Ust Kulom Forestry Unit
- Ust Nem Forestry Unit

8. Training in Komi Model Forest

(Dmitrij Kutepov, responsibility for the report Elena Popova)

Objective:

Forest stakeholders are getting new knowledge and experience based on organized training seminars and demonstration plots in Komi Model Forest.

Planned activities:

- 8.1. Training on biodiversity for Finnish foresters during study tour in the Komi Model Forest.
- 8.2. Other seminars for forest stakeholders depending on request.

Detailed results:

- A. Seminar about natural dynamics and biodiversity of boreal forests has been carried out for 10 Finnish foresters and biologists in Komi Model Forest. Jul-Aug 2009.
- B. Seminar about natural dynamics and biodiversity of boreal forests has been carried out for employees of Silver Taiga Foundation in Komi Model Forest. May 2009.
- C. Seminar about consideration of recommendations on biodiversity conservation during planning of logging areas for employees of State Forest Unit Priluzje and Forest Management Company in Priluzje for 18 participants. Nov 2009.
- D. Organization and guiding of field trip in Komi MF for 25 participants of seminar on forest roads carried out by Syktyvkar Forest Institute in cooperation with Swedish Forest Agency. Feb 2009.
- E. Organization of study tour on demonstration trails and demonstration plots in Komi MF for leaders of Syktyvkar Forest Institute combined with discussion of cooperation plans with State Forest Unit Priluzje and Silver Taiga Foundation. Jun 2009.
- F. Organization together with Syktyvkar Forest Institute and Forest Committee of field study tour for demonstration plots for 8 participants of seminar on intensification of forest management. Oct 2009.

Cooperating organizations (in the alphabetic order):

- Administration of Koigorodok village
- Administration of Griva village
- Finnish Agency of Environment
- Finnish Forestry Service
- Logging company “Luzales”
- “Priluzje forestry unit” ltd.
- State Forestry Unit Koigorodok
- State Forestry Unit Priluzje
- Syktyvkar Forest Institute

9. Carbon integrated forest management (Przemyslaw Majewski)

(Low profile, depending on funding and partners)

Objective:

Main stakeholders gathered and cooperate on development of the carbon project in Komi.
(In case of funding opening – starting project in accordance to the plan presented in annex 3.)

Planned activities:

- 9.1. Information about planned project for main stakeholders – state forest service, research institutions, ministry of industry, main logging companies, federal NGOs, MF in Arkhangelsk.
- 9.2. Contribution to the funding proposals with Intercooperation (CH) and Baltic Landscape Project (EU).

Results:

- A. Information has been presented to state forest service, ministry of industry and paper mill Mondi with low profile due to slow and unclear progress with the application.
- B. The application has been made from Silver Taiga side and combined application of several partners has been produced by Intercooperation. New variant of the application was putting too much tasks for Silver Taiga in given time and funding. Intercooperation agreed to reduce Silver Taiga objectives and to develop new proposal. Slow progress has been noted. Direction is promising, but still all funding are going into conferences.
- C. Proposal to Baltic Landscape project has been developed and submitted. Currently it is suspended due to lack of cooperation agreement between EU and Russian Federation.

Additional results:

- D. Application from Komi has been developed together with some other partners to Europeaid organization. The application is based on carbon and HCVPF proposal.
- E. Mondi Group express strong interest to the carbon issue in forest management. They are ready to be partners and to invest into carbon management in practice. It is opening good opportunity to have strong partner in implementation of carbon oriented practices.

Cooperating organizations (in the alphabetic order):

- Intercooperation, Bern, Switzerland
- Moscow State Forest University (MSFU), Moscow;