



ENPI East FLEG II Program and World Bank–Russia Cooperation

Overview and opportunities



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- Activities implemented, on going and planned
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ENA - FLEG

St Petersburg Europe
and North Asia FLEG
Conference 2005

- 44 countries
- 29 point declaration
- Indicative list of actions



ENPI-FLEG I

- European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument East Countries
- EU funded program to help implement the St. Petersburg declaration
- FLEG I: 2008-2012, FLEG II: 2013-17
- European Union, World Bank, IUCN and WWF, ADA

ENPI East – FLEG I

- **Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine and Russia**
 - regional activities
 - Central Asian States observers to regional events
- Technical assistance, training, research, pilots
- Fora for national and regional collaboration
- FLEG II – Euros 9 million

ENPI East FLEG II Objectives:

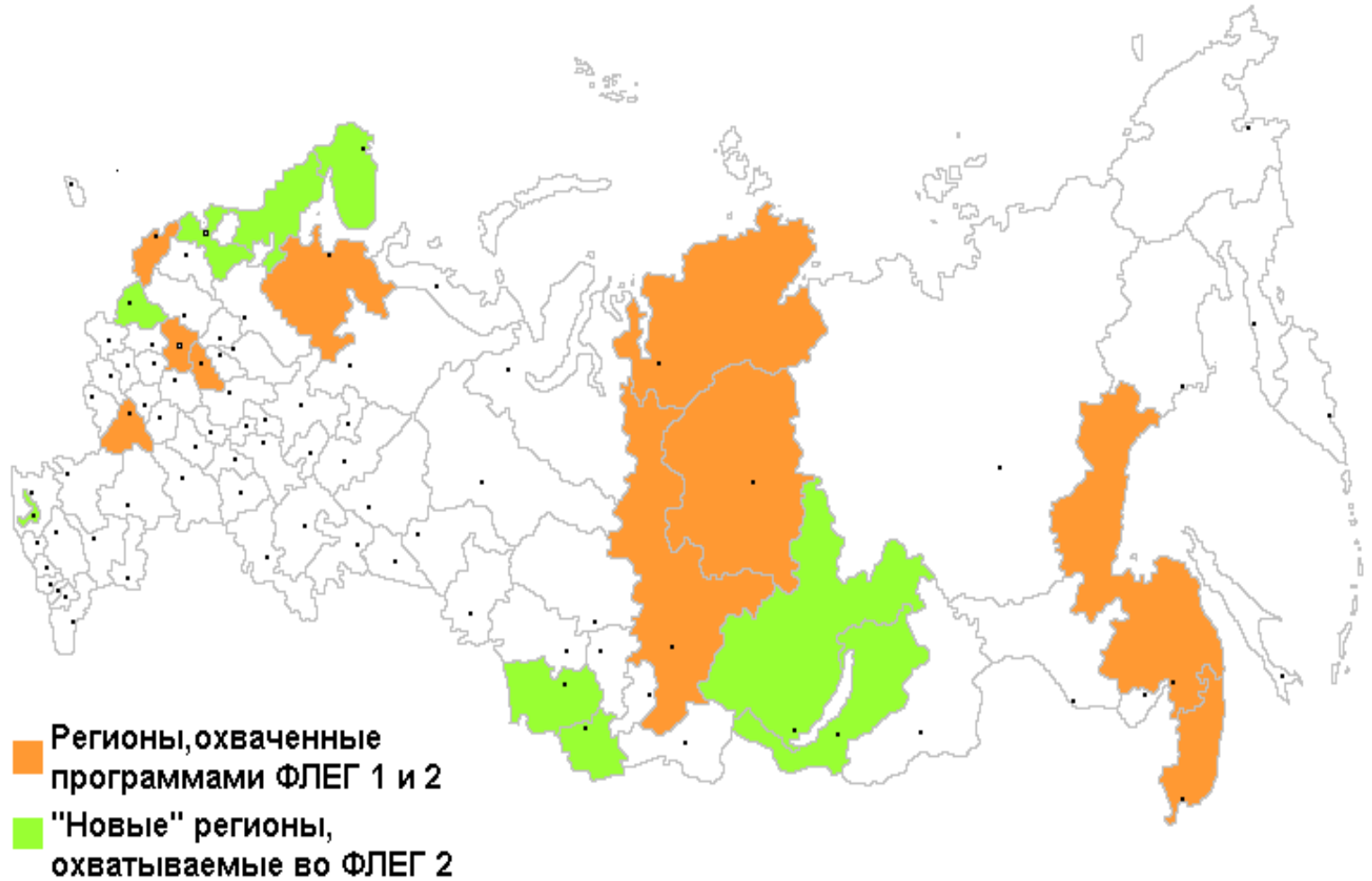
- *strengthening of forest governance through implementing relevant international processes,*
- *enhancing forest policy, legislation and institutions, and developing, testing and*
- *evaluating sustainable forest management models locally*

The **Specific Development Objectives** are to:

- implement the **2005 St. Petersburg FLEG Ministerial Declaration**, commit to a time-bound action plan and follow-up activities (**regional level**);
- **review/revise forest sector policies** and legal and administrative structures; **improve knowledge of and support for sustainable forest management and good forest governance (national level)**; and,
- test and demonstrate best practices for sustainable forest management and the feasibility of improved forest governance practices (**sub-national level**).



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Red - regions (subjects of Federation) of FLEG 1 and 2 activities implementation
Green – 'new' regions, added in FLEG 2 phase



WWF Activities under FLEG II Program in RFE

- Independent assessments to estimate illegal cuts and informing the public
- Information support to Russian forest companies to adjust to the new EU timber legislation
- Providing incentives for small and medium businesses to encourage multiple use of forest resources in compliance with the principles of sustainable forest management

IUCN's work in the RFE begins with governance of resources, based on knowledge of the true value of the Forest Resources – ENPI FLEG core value



Economic development and forest resource conservation are compatible – both can be done in a way that has a positive influence on communities and conservation.

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IUCN Activities under FLEG II Program focused on RFE

- Analysis of the potential for sustainable and legal forest resources use in the forest-dependent communities in the Russian Far East
(Primorski and Khabarovsk Krai are selected to facilitate local civic initiatives for developing alternative use models for local sustainable resource use)
- ... Based on the principles of Forest Functionality and using the “ Web of Causality”

Small Enterprise development and Locally-Controlled Forests

- Promoting best practices of local community sustainable development based on legal use of NTFRs (Best cases and practices of effective, legal, environmentally friendly and locally-controlled NTFRs use by remote forest-dependent communities across Russia are collected analyzed and provided for replication in the forest settlements of RFE.)
- Making the best use of local resources instead of losing the potential value

Forest Functionality related to Forest Landscape Restoration (FLR) as part of the Global Partnership for FLR

- Assessment of additional economic, climatic, ecological functionality and biodiversity conservation benefits which derive from converting conventional forest management practices into alternative and community-oriented forest resources use.

(Khabarovsk and Primorskiy Krai are the focus areas for joint work with the remote communities on assessments of the existing resources and revenues from implementation of community-oriented sustainable alternative forest resources use.)

World Bank – FLEG II

- *To improve forest governance and law enforcement to prevent forest fires and rehabilitate damaged and dying forests*
- Update data on dying forests and forest fires, practices in the economic use of dead stands, changes in regulatory and legal framework for forest fires prevention and rehabilitation of damaged and dying forests at regional level after 2011.

World Bank – FLEG II

- ***To improve efficiency of public planning and governance related to forest fire management***
- Analysis of indicators of forest fires: data on burnt forest area and characteristics of wild forest fires, structure of forest fund, status of forest stands, stock of pyrogenic forest materials, and other factors.
- Analyze and aggregate the data on forest fires. Data is to be collected in elaborated and agreed unified format

World Bank – FLEG II

- ***Improve the interventions to combat illegal forest use***
- Review data on illegal logging post-FLEG I. Analysis of dynamics of illegal forest use.
- Evaluate the impact of the implementation of Standard Guidelines on Preventing and Reducing Illegal Logging and Illegal Timber Trade in the Russian Federation. Adjustment of the proposed set of measures.
- Conducting Express-Questionnaire by the forestry-related stakeholders.

Regional Activities: FLEG II

- *Setting common baseline*
- *Cooperation with other programs*
- *Monitoring progress of participating countries to St Petersburg Declaration*
- *Technical level discussions ENPI East countries +*

Forest Fire Response Project - Development Objective:

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- improve forest fire prevention and suppression in select forest ecosystems, including targeted protected areas, and
- enhance forest management in pilot regions.

The project supports both forest fire management and sustainable forest management given their close linkages.

The Forest Fire Response Project

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- Five pilot regions, 13 PAs
- Includes Khabarovsk + 3 PAs in RFE
- Development of Model Forests
- Policy and legislation
- **Review of governance issues**



Russia Far East Gov Study

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- To take stock of the initiatives currently underway focusing on forest law enforcement and governance (by Forest Trends, Environmental Investigation Agency (EIA), WWF, FAO, EBRD, etc);
- identify gaps and inconsistencies,
- and propose work that should be taken up in the next stage.

Conclusions

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- WB works with Governments
 - Identify perverse incentives – support policy/legislation
 - Support for institutions
- Opportunities to work with both governments
- Work regionally to support St Petersburg declaration