

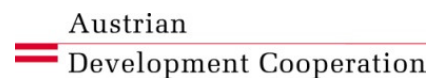
Addressing Harmful Incentives: A Case from Georgia



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What is ENPI-FLEG Program?

ENPI -- European Neighbourhood Policy Initiative
FLEG – Forest Law Enforcement and Governance
Program is supported by European Commission

“...supporting governments of participating countries, civil society and the private sector in the development of sound and sustainable forest management practices, including the prevention of illegal forestry activities”

Participant countries:

Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova,
Russia, Ukraine

Forest of Georgia



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All forests and forest land is state property.

- Total area of forest land – 3 005 300 ha
- Area covered by forest – 2 772 400 ha
- (about 40% of country territory)
 - Mountainous forest – 98 %
 - Lowland forest – 2%
- Total annual increment – 4,6-4,8 mln. m³
- Average annual increment per ha – 1,8 m³



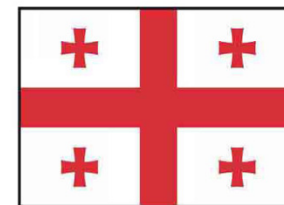
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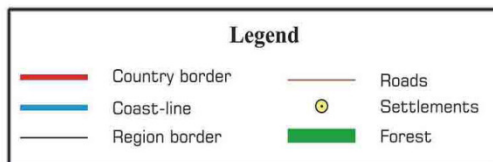


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Effects of Unsustainable Forest Management and Illegal Forest Activities

- Significant loss of revenue to governments, the private sector and rural communities (especially forest-dependent communities);
- Degradation of the environment and forest ecosystems;
- Loss of biodiversity;
- Loss of carbon stocks, further worsening effects of climate change.

Assessment of the Economic and Social Impact of Unsustainable Forest Practices and Illegal Logging on Rural Population

Conducted in Georgia by Vasil Gulisashvili Forest Institute



Pilot Municipalities



Surveys of Local Population

- Surveys of local population opinion were conducted in pilot regions;
- Preliminary composed questionnaires were used;
- People were asked about their neighboring forests;
- Opinion polls were anonymous;





Factors Causing Illegal Logging by Local Population

- High prices of fuel wood;
- Improper legal procedures for fuel wood harvesting;
- Lack of human resources/professionals in regional forest units;
- Delays in selection of felling sites.
- Absence of alternative economic activities as source of income



Recommended Pilot Projects

- Charcoal production;
- Sawdust briquettes;
- Collection, processing and realization of non timber products or/and secondary wood material;
- Development of forest related recreational and health resorts;
- Production of "christmas trees" from seeds of famous Caucasian Fir;
- Hazel-nut and acacia plantations;
- Development of small nurseries;
- Usage of rhododendron ponticum as fuel wood by local population.



Support of Alternative Livelihood Opportunities for Forest-dependent Communities

Sagarejo Municipality:

- Wood Art Workshop and Training Center in Manavi
- Charcoal Production in the Village of Kochbani

Borjomi Municipality:

- Bee-Keeping in the villages of Sakire and Tadzrisi
- Youth Wood Art Workshop in Borjomi



Don't Cut trees, Keep Bees!

Helping rural people in Sakire and Tadzrisi villages to find alternative livelihoods to illegal logging

Pilot project implemented by the consortium of TBSC and CENN

“I am very interested in this business and I am planning to develop it more and more. I plan to add three more bee families next year and transform my yard into a bee farm,” Mr. Malkhaz Gogoladze



“I learned a lot during the training. I want to do bee keeping and add more and more bee families in the future. My father and brother are supporting me in this”
Nodar Kapanadze



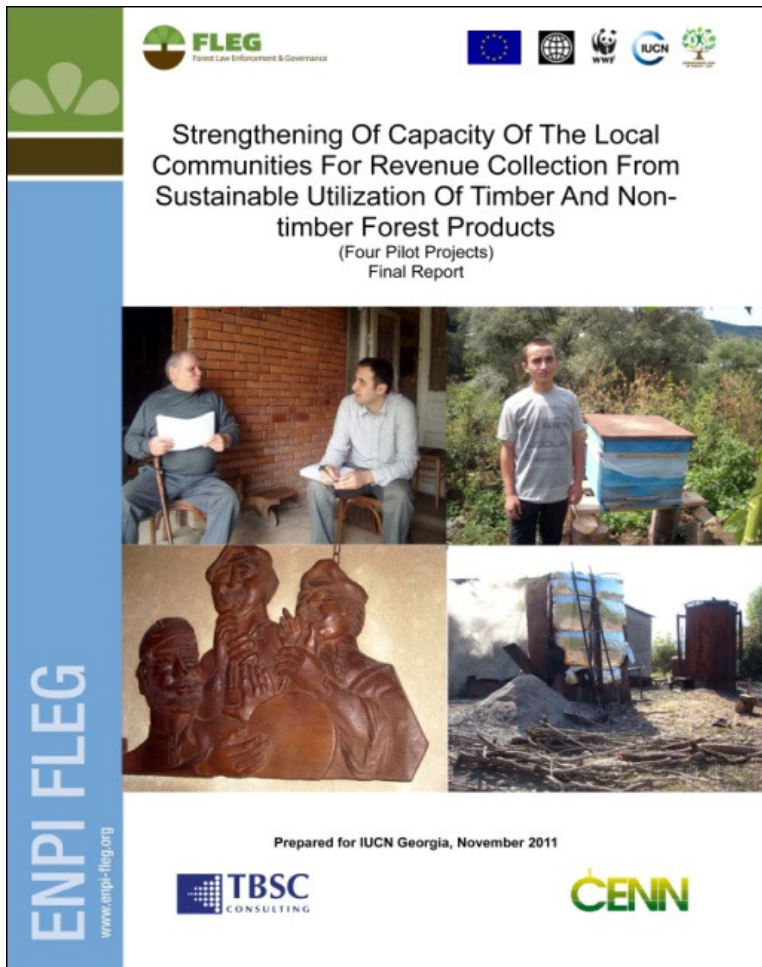
“To people who are interested in the development of honey-making businesses in the village, I would like to say that everything is possible” – Murman Tabukashvili



Mr. Giorgi Zuliashvili, from Manavi Village was featured in a popular TV program P.S. by the leading national channel.



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