



KOREAN PINE CARBON STORAGE PROJECT

within the framework of the German-Russian Climate Initiative

The project funded by the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU) and the German Development Bank (KfW) is run by WWF-Germany and WWF-Russia

Project Duration

2011—2015

Project Budget

4 798 000 Euros

Project Geography

Korean pine-broadleaf forests in Primorsky, Khabarovskiy, Evreiskaya and Amurskaya Provinces

Project Long Term Basis

Receiving climate investments (carbon credits) for reduced Co2 emissions; sustainable use of non-timber forest resources of Korean pine forests

Project Partners

GFA Invest, NGO «Transparent World»

Project Goals

- To establish a financial mechanism for generating income from climate functions of forests;
- To increase efficacy of protective forests through their exclusion from logging with simultaneous use of other forests functions;
- To use non-timber forest products on a sustainable basis

Project Tasks

- To establish new protected areas (PA) totaling up to 100 000 hectares and introduce a total ban on logging operations in existing PAs on a total area of 200 000 hectares;
- To establish conservation concessions in Korean pine nut harvesting zones (NHZ) on an area up to 350 000 hectares;
- To introduce a ban on logging in ecologically valuable Korean pine forests for timber companies pursuing FSC certification (up to 1 000 000 hectares);
- To restore degraded Korean pine-broadleaf forests

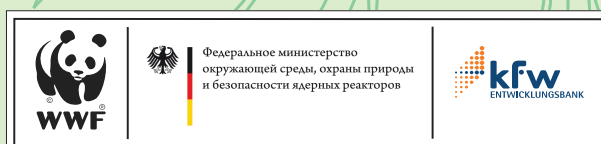


and implement sustainable forest use in Primorye Agriculture Academy scientific-experimental forestry unit (29 000 hectares). To involve the Academy students and doctoral candidates in scientific and practical work;

- To reduce logging operations in the intact massifs of valuable Korean pine forests through law amendments and law enforcement
- To develop and adopt financial mechanisms for the conservation of Russian protective forests by their sustainable use;
- To develop a GIS- and satellite-based monitoring system to assess the state of Korean pine forests and the project's climate impact

Project Support

- compliance of the project concept with the Climate Doctrine of the Russian Federation (a letter of support from the Forestry Department, the Russian Ministry of Agriculture, dated 20.05.2010, № 6-6/335);
- project presentation at the bilateral meetings of the German and Russian Government as part of the International Tiger Forum held in Petersburg in November, 2010;
- project support from the Russian Ministry of Natural Resources (a letter dated 25.01.2011);
- in July 2011, A. Merkel, the chancellor of Germany, and D. Medvedev, the president of Russia, signed a Memorandum on assistance to project implementation as part of Russian-German cooperation



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