



UKRAINE

Sustainable Forest Inventory (SFI)

The project supports the national forest inventory, works on forest management procedures and makes recommendations to strengthen forest policy.

Agroforestry in Ukraine

Based on the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement, the SFI project will further develop the forest policy framework and the state forest administration according to the requirements for a European integration of Ukraine. The SFI project will support the application of modern remote sensing-based methods in the implementation of the national forest inventory. Any additional war-related expenses or losses are to be financially compensated by replacement purchases.

The Project

The SFI project supports the national forest inventory and facilitates the alignment of the forest policy with the EU. Russia's war in Ukraine imposes enormous additional challenges on forest sector development since the government funding for forest inventory has suffered significant reductions, while access to forests has been severely restricted. Remote sensing-assisted forest inventory will provide inventory data faster and at lower cost across all forest areas. This information is significant for both forest restoration and the forest-timber value chain.

Project Goals

1. Crucial information for forest management and the forest-timber sector is obtained due to modern forest inventory procedures
2. Forest policy recommendations and improved normative documents support the development of adapted, EU-compliant forest policies
3. A high level of acceptance and impact is achieved through joint method development as well as effective information and communication strategies



The utilization of remote sensing assisted-methods in the national forest inventory facilitates quicker results when employing modern techniques. Vitaliy Storozhuk, the national coordinator of the SFI project, is supporting a field team from the National Forest Inventory in collecting data.

PROJECT TITLE
 Technical Support to Forest Policy Development and National Forest Inventory Implementation

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The total forest area in Ukraine is 10.4 million ha or 15.9% of the country's territory. Forests are mainly located in the Polissya region and in the Ukrainian Carpathians. There is considerable potential for the development of sustainable forestry and strong timber industry.

Results and Successes

- Advising the Committee of the Ukrainian Parliament on the reform of forest management in Ukraine
- Supporting the improvement of transparency in public relations of the forest administration
- Leveraging the expertise accumulated over decades in the federal forest inventory in Germany by experts from the Thünen Institute
- Establishing an expert group focused on "remote sensing-supported national forest inventory"

During the yearly project meeting, all project partners come together to discuss the project's progress and challenges during its implementation. They collaboratively agree on strategies and work plans for the upcoming months.



Project Partners and Cooperations

- Ministry of Environmental Protection and Natural Resources of Ukraine (MEPR)
- Committee of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine on Environmental Policy and Nature Management
- State Forest Resources Agency of Ukraine (SFRA)
- Forest Planning Agency (Ukrderzhlisproekt)
- Center for National Forest Inventory (CNFI)

Project Partner on Operational Level

- Ukrainian State Forest Planning Agency (Ukrderzhlisproekt)

Implementing Organisation

- unique land use GmbH
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SFI Sustainable Forestry Implementation



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