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Editorial

A forest is born, it grows up and - sometimes ñ it dies. It dies when it cannot resist and adapt to changing conditions. Forest fires, climate change, illegal logging and smuggling - what on Earth can oppose the passion and force of Man... But humans can also help to protect and bring relief - they can simply love the forests. While there is love and care for nature, there is a chance for human survival. The new edition of Arboreum Georgia will explore what men are doing to protect and save the forest - in other words, to protect and save ourselves.

ENPI FLEG Program News

INVESTING IN ENVIRONMENTAL INVESTIGATION FOR BETTER FUTURE

On 23-26 October 2010, in Telavi (Georgia), IUCN organized TRAINING IN ENVIRONMENTAL CIVIL AND INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM. Journalists from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine and Russia were trained in civil journalism and environmental investigation skills. A total of 22 journalists from different media channels (TV, radio, internet, published media etc) were trained.

The training included theoretical sessions in environmental investigation skills; search and analysis of relevant actual information on forest/ environment issues, based on regional speciýcs; information dissemination through new media sources ñ creation of blogs, working in social media;

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REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON TRANS-BOUNDARY TIMBER FLOW HELD IN GEORGIA

The Regional Workshop on Transboundary Timber Flow took place in Tbilisi, Georgia, on 17-18 November 2010.. About 50 representatives of Governments, NGOs and the private sector of the seven countries involved in the Program (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, the Russian Federation and the Ukraine) plus Turkey, participated.

The main objectives of the workshop were:

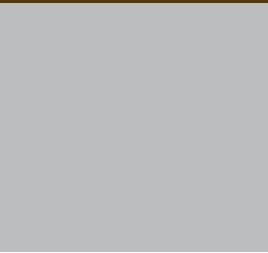
- Ç To assess the current situation with respect to transboundary timber trade in the countries of the ENA FLEG region and
- Ç To identify existing problems / weaknesses in terms of legislation, relevant documentation, customs procedures and capacities, which create favourable



Environmental News in Georgia



FINLAND TO GIVE €2.000.000 TO RESTORE FOREST BURNT BY WAR



The Minister of Environment Protection and Natural Resources Goga Khachidze invited the Finnish Ambassador Petri Olavi Salo to a meeting in Georgia. Members of the Government of Finland and representatives of the Ministry of Environment also attended the meeting. At the meeting, the parties discussed ongoing environmental projects to be realized through Finland's assistance. The €2.000.000 amount allocated by the Government of Finland will be used for the following priority projects: the rehabilitation of forest areas burnt down during military operations,

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Environment Protection, attended the examination.

“In the broad reform which the Forestry Agency is currently undertaking, this competition is of top importance. We believe that duly selected staff is a precondition for the effectiveness of the work of the Ministry”, - Papuna Khachidze said.

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regional forestry, and also 50 Ha of forest land in Kvareli District forestry have been devastated in 2010.

The employees of the Forestry Agency, the Inspection of Environment Protection, together with the representatives of the emergency department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs inspected the site (aerotechnics applied). Local residents and up to 500 military personnel also joined their efforts to combat forest fire. Chairman of Forestry Agency Papuna Khachidze said.

Khachidze also stated that currently the investigation on devastated forests will reveal whether natural rehabilitation is enough or artificial forest plantations are necessary for each specific area.

are protected by the Inspection of Environment Protection. When an offence is reported, legal sanctions are applied against the infringer.

The following are the volumes established by the law: up to 130,000 cubic meters of yrewood and up to 180,000 cubic meters of construction timber.

International News

MEDIA MONITORING REPORT

A media monitoring report was prepared by IUCN Southern Caucasus Office in the framework of ENPI FLEG Program. The reports

About ENPI FLEG Program

The ENPI FLEG program supports governments of participating countries, civil society and the private sector in the development of sound and sustainable forest management practices, including the prev

