Republic of Moldova  
Agency „Moldsilva”  

National Advisory Committee of ENPI FLEG Program  
(NPAC)  

Resolution  

January 9th, 2012, Chişinău

Upon presentation and discussions among local stakeholders (Agency “Moldsilva”, Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Finance, Forest Enterprises, ONG community) and PCT Moldova (WB, IUCN) present at the meeting, the National Program Advisory Committee adopts the following resolution:

1. Take note of the Summary of the International Year of Forests 2011 (UN’s declaration) in Moldova and the implementation of “National Action Plan on combating illegal logging and other forest contraventions for the period of 2009-2011 (approved by Moldsilva’s Order Nr. 11-P from 30.01.2009), and the work done in cooperation with ENPI FLEG Program, the results of these being (reported by Mr Tudor Botnaru, Vice director of Agency “Moldsilva”):
   - By the end of the NAP FLEG most of activities are considered implemented, including established cooperation with the line-departments (Ministries, Ecological Agencies), local authorities owning forests, ONG community, academia sector, local population.
   - Issued a special Order of Agency "Moldsilva" Nr.73-P from 14.03.2011 on “Celebrating the IYF 2011 in Moldova”, resulting in a number of implemented activities throughout 2011, such as:
     - developed and disseminated publications, raised awareness;
     - organized a competition «Forests - our chance for the future»;
     - organized two international events/symposiums:
       a) «Nature Reserve Codrii – a pillar in the protected area system of the Republic of Moldova” (the anniversary of 40 years of its activity);
       b) «Sustainable development of the forestry sector - new objectives and priorities».
     - as part of the undertaken action „A tree for our existence, edition 2011”, Moldsilva granted cca 1 million of planting trees/seedlings from its nurseries to local public authorities and other institutions for planting campaigns throughout villages and district towns during autumn 2011.
   - Recommendations for harmonizing and improving forestry legislation were developed and proposed to Moldsilva (some legislative documentation developed beyond recommendation status and already entered into force).
   - Undertaken a professional training process and eco-forest awareness of population;
   - Finalized two analytical studies of (i) real wood consumption and import-export trends and (ii) real situation and scale of the illegal logging in Moldova;
   - Developed a digital map of forest vegetation managed by Agency “Moldsilva”, based on orthophoto approaches and application;
   - Forestry personnel of Moldsilva’s entities provided with new forest hummer markers, approved by Moldsilva and public notary, that will help control the logging and reduce illegalities.

2. Take note of the Report of the Moldovan team’s visit to Brussels for the third Operational Committee Meeting, information presented jointly by Mr Arcadie Capcelea, WB CPC Moldova ENPI FLEG; Mr Aurel Lozan, IUCN CPC ENPI FLEG / Forestry Consultant WB; and Mr Petru Rotaru, FLEG Focal Point from Agency „Moldsilva”. Presented NPAC audience was informed about EU intentions, results of regional cooperation among the 7 countries, perspectives of FLEG extension.

3. It is proposed that a new NPA FLEG for a period of 2013-2016 in Moldova needs to be developed.
4. Take note of some organizational measures of developing the “Forestry Institutional Reform Strategy in Moldova” (FIRSM), presented by Mr Dumitru Galupa, Director of Forest Research and Management Institute (ICAS Chișinău). Moldsilva welcomes the intention of IOs (World Bank and IUCN) and ADA (Austrian Development Agency) to help the country develop the FIRSM. Taking into consideration the continuous pressure on forests associated with increased level of forest ecosystem degradation as well as socio-economic demands from the population and necessity for maintaining the forests as indispensable habitat for the great biodiversity, the Forestry Sector of Moldova needs to be reorganized and a reform strategy to be developed in this respect.

5. It is proposed to establish a FIRSM Working Group that will include 3 international consultants (2 from WB and 1 of IUCN’s) and a local team experts (5 members, by one per each of specific area of expertise, such as forest management, institutional reform in forestry, legal and normative frame in forestry, economics, biodiversity conservation). It was also proposed that IUCN will take care of a (i) survey with professionals and/or other personnel in order to have all opinion taken into consideration, (ii) content analysis of the FIRSM documentation that would result from this activity, and (iii) organizing communication activities around FIRSM. It is also proposed to establish a Expertise Committee, with larger memberships within than Working Group, and will be composed of representatives of the Parliament, Government, Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Economics, Ministry of Agriculture and Food Industry, LPA, ONG community, academics, and representative of the World Bank. The Expertise Committee will analyze the proposed FIRSM documents by assessing its real applicability, suitability for national economy, its contribution to development, conservation and rational utilization of forest resources.

6. Take note of the presentation “Map of forests managed by Agency Moldsilva”, done by ONG “Silva Mileniu III” in cooperation with Division of Cartography and Cadastre of ICAS Chisinau.

7. Take note of the presentation “Database use concept”, done by ONG “Silva Mileniu III”.

8. As perspectives of FLEG program extension for the period of 2013-2016, it is proposed to include the following in the National Plan of Activities that will jointly be developed in cooperation with local stakeholders and PCT within the next few months:
   • Continuing developing community and private forestry sector, including practical activities as establishing local units of forest management and extension of forest vegetation on degraded lands and other types of land managed by LPA and/or privates;
   • Conducting forest management planning work in various forestlands regardless their ownership, including building capacity of forest authority in this respect;
   • Undertaking delimitation work on forest lands, especially in highly conservational forests, in order to prevent illegal logging and other forest contraventions;
   • Analysis of existing conflicts of interests and other interrelationships in order to combat corruption on local level and reduce the involvement of local population in various schemes of forest contraventions;
   • Raising awareness of the large public, educational and communication campaign, especially employing young generation and re-launching Foresters School units.

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