ENPI FLEG II in Georgia - Successes and Lessons Learned
How to Move Forward?

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Presentation Structure

- About FLEG program
- Key Successes
- Lessons learned
- Our future plans
About FLEG Program - A bit of History

- 2005 - St. Petersburg Ministerial conference;
- Representatives of 44 governments (ENA);
- The St.Petersburg Declaration signed: committing governments to address illegal logging and improve forest governance
The Two ENPI FLEG Programs

ENPI FLEG I:
• In 2008, the EC, the World Bank, WWF and IUCN teamed up to implement the first ENPI FLEG Program
• Timeframe: 2008-2012;
• Budget: 6 million EUR.

ENPI FLEG II:
• The ENPI Forest Law Enforcement and Governance II (FLEG II) Program supports good forest governance, sustainable forest management and forest protection in the ENPI East region;
• Timeframe: 2012-2016;
• Budget: 9 million EUR.
ENPI East FLEG II Explained

- European Neighborhood and Partnership Instrument (ENPI) East Countries Forest Law Enforcement and Governance (FLEG) II Program
- Promotes sustainable forest governance, management, and protection, ensuring the contribution of the region's forests to climate change adaptation and mitigation, to ecosystems and biodiversity protection, and to sustainable livelihoods and income sources for local populations and national economies
- FLEG II is funded by the EU and ADC/ADA (in Georgia and Armenia) and implemented by the WB, WWF and IUCN
Program Priorities

- Improving Forest Law and Policy
- Improving sustainable forest management
- Improving sustainable use of forest resources
- Human resource capacity building
- Increasing communication/visibility and raising awareness

Program Partners:
- Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection of Georgia: National Forestry Agency, Forest Policy Service, Agency of Protected Areas, Environmental Information and Education Center;
- Target municipalities;
- NGO sector/Civil Society;
- Other key parties.
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- **Key Successes of the Program:**
  - Reports and analysis – establishing base for sustainable forest management;
  - Human resource capacity building – work with media and state forestry authorities;
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- Lessons learned
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Reports & Analysis – FLEG I

- Media Monitoring Report (2)
- FAO Model Code of Forest Harvesting
- Forestry Standards and Practices in Georgia
- Impacts of Illegal Logging on Rural Population of Georgia
Reports & Analysis – FLEG II

Support local forest governance in Georgia (on the case of Tusheti Protected Landscape):

- Baseline study for forest management in the area has been conducted;
- Methodology for forest management planning has been developed;
Assessment of forest pests and diseases in Georgia:
Study on Forest Dependency of local population Georgia:

- Tianeti
- Akhaltsikhe
- Akalkalaki
- Chokhatauri
Assessment of Firewood Consumption and Firewood Production Potential in Georgia:

- Firewood is the main source of heating;
- Its share as a fuel source ranges from 75-96% by region.
Human resource capacity building

**FLEG I:**
Trainings for journalists
Media tours
Media seminars
Collection of photo/video materials
Preparation of movie clips, articles, blogs etc.

**FLEG II:**
First ever cooperation between Judiciary and Protected Area authorities:
Training for the protected area Rangers/Law enforcement
FLEG I, national media training: Presentation of IUCN activities during journalists training in Abastumani
FLEG I, national media training: Journalists are collecting photos of illegal logging activities during training.
FLEG I, national media training: Journalists working on media materials
Best Blogger nomination/
Sheraton Metechi Palace
FLEG I, Regional media training: Leading national TV channels covering the training: interviewing journalists
FLEG I: Telavi regional training in civil environmental journalism – journalists and 900-year old tree
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Increasing communication/visibility and raising awareness

FLEG I: Georgian web site of ENPI FLEG, Quarterly newsletters, mailing list, Facebook etc.
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- Lessons learned/Our future plans
The most valuable lessons learned

• Production of analytical reports, provision of expert advice and facilitation of knowledge transfer through FLEG Program proved capable of making change towards better forest governance in the country

• FLEG Program has been instrumental in fueling cooperation among various sectoral stakeholders, facilitating consensus on key issues, and boosting exchange among professionals of FLEG countries.

• FLEG Program safeguarded continuity of reform and sectoral transformation processes through the years of exceptional managerial turnover in the National Forest Agency.
What are our plans?

- Building on FLEG experience – using the solid information and data gathered by FLEG and providing continuous support to the state forest sector;
- Utilizing IUCN’s experience in Forest Landscape Restoration (FLR);
- Step by step and natural transition of FLEG to Forest Landscape Restoration initiative;
Thank You