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ForestCom
for better nature and life

NGO "FOREST INITIATIVES AND COMMUNITIES"

ABOUT US

The NGO “Forest Initiatives and Communities” was founded in February 2020 and has been an active defender of nature in Ukraine since its inception. We promote “green” practices, implement innovative approaches to sustainable forestry development, and support real changes in environmental policy. Founded by scientists and experts, including representatives of the National Forestry University of Ukraine and other universities and related industries, our team includes more than 10 specialists in the fields of forestry, ecology, forest monitoring, law, urban greening, eco-education, and policy development.

OUR GOAL

The goal of the organization is to implement good initiatives that contribute to the protection of nature and improve the quality of life of Ukrainians. We believe that only through the implementation of scientifically sound solutions, the involvement of new ideas and a constant dialogue between experts and communities can significant changes be achieved. To this end, we are actively developing the following areas:

Forest Monitoring Laboratory – systematic observation and analysis of the state of forest ecosystems.

Wood Science Laboratory – identification and research of wood samples to control wood circulation.

Forest Restoration Center – initiatives to restore forest areas and support natural regeneration.

Department of Public Initiatives – involving local communities and volunteers to jointly solve humanitarian problems.



OUR MISSION

To care for nature and protect forest ecosystems, promoting environmental values among broad segments of society. We strive to contribute to creating a healthy and sustainable living environment for current and future generations.

OUR VALUES

Love for nature, intolerance to corruption and illegal (barbaric) deforestation, assistance to communities, business, the state, empowerment of people, openness, transparency, competence.

STRATEGIC GOALS AND PRIORITIES:

- promoting the reduction of illegal logging and illegal timber trafficking in Ukraine;
- supporting sustainable development of forestry and multifunctional forest use;
- promoting the preservation of valuable natural ecosystems;
- assisting in socio-ecological development and meeting the socio-humanitarian needs of communities, volunteering;
- forming environmental values in society through information and educational activities;
- developing the institutional capacity of the public sector.

Dear friends,
here comes another year of life.
Life takes place not only in conditions of continuous war, but also in conditions of searching for solutions.

How to cope with challenges and how to help survive, how to fight and how to overcome, how to preserve and how to restore?

Each of us searches for answers to such questions every day, and then we plan and act!

Action is the main thing!

It is easier for us, together with our organization, because we are united.
United to protect, to gain, to win – to change the world around for the better!
In this report – part of our achievements, which we share with you.
Let's unite in good deeds!
Let's unite! Together we can do more, together we are strength!



**Dmytro Karabchuk,
Executive Director of the NGO "ForestCom"**



PROJECTS THAT THE ORGANIZATION IMPLEMENTED IN 2025:



1

Advocacy for Forest Protection Against Illegal Logging: Removing Legal Barriers for Efficiency

2

Ukrainian Carpathian National Nature Park: Development of Verkhovyna National Nature Park as an Attractive Tourist and Rehabilitation Hub

3

Minimizing the risks of illegal timber when shipping from Ukraine

4

FSC Risk Assessment for Ukraine

5

Supporting sustainable natural resource management and economic development through engagement with local communities in Ukraine

6

Transformational Learning Network for Resilience - Enabling Ukrainian higher education to ensure a sustainable and robust reconstruction of (post-war) Ukraine (TransLearn)

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Modernizing master programs to support forest sector transformation towards Ukraine's post-war green rebuilding – ForestPost

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Local Humanitarian Initiative

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GREEN HANDS: Preserving Forest Ecosystems through Energetic Learning and Thoughtful Action – Forest Educational Initiatives

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Book oases of Stryiskyy Park

ADVOCACY FOR FOREST PROTECTION AGAINST ILLEGAL LOGGING: REMOVING LEGAL BARRIERS FOR EFFICIENCY

Project Goal:

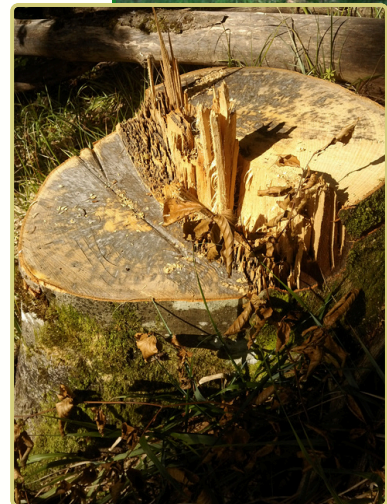
to strengthen the impact of civil society on the development and implementation of state forest protection policies through an advocacy campaign aimed at improving criminal legislation, increasing transparency, ensuring a unified approach to recording illegal logging, and enhancing collaboration between civil society organizations and law enforcement agencies.

Implementation period: 01.07.2025 – 30.06.2026

More details at the [link](#)

Donor:

the Askold and Dir Fund as a part of the Strong Civil Society of Ukraine - a Driver towards Reforms and Democracy project, implemented by [ISAR Ednannia](#), funded by Norway and Sweden



КЕЙС 2: Системні незаконні рубки на Самбірщині (продовження)

Квітень 2025
Завантажено майданчик, де невстановлені особи завантажують незаконно заготовлену деревину без маркування та грузовий автомобіль. Інформацію передано НПУ, але за попередньою інформацією кваліфіковано як адміністративний злочин

Кейс Самбірщини — це модельний приклад того, як затягування розслідування призводить до знищення доказів, продовження злочинної діяльності. В результаті відбувається ескалація конфлікту та прямий тиск на громадських активістів. Система не просто повільна, а створює умови для процвітання беззаконня.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S4o7izcflU>

Participants: ForestCom, Yuriy Skrylnyk, Oksana Pavlishchuk, Микола Гонтарук (Д..., MykBashtovyi_Гетьма..., Юрій, НПП "Дворічанський...", Наталія Капля, read.ai meeti..., read.ai meeting notes, Олександр..., iPhone Вика, Ната, Марія Біруля Лісові I...

ADVOCACY FOR FOREST PROTECTION AGAINST ILLEGAL LOGGING: REMOVING LEGAL BARRIERS FOR EFFICIENCY

RESULTS 2025:

- 2 analytical reports were prepared.
- A draft bill on amendments to Article 246 of the Code of Ukraine was developed.
- A draft of a unified reporting form on the volume of illegal logging for forest users and detailed instructions for it were updated.
- At the request of the State Forestry Administration and the State Bureau of Investigation, 2 botanical and arboricultural examinations were conducted. 18 forest plots were surveyed, information on 3 cases was transferred to law enforcement agencies.
- Criminal proceedings were initiated in one case under Article 246 of the Code of Ukraine.
- A roundtable was organized with the participation of representatives of state bodies to discuss current issues of increasing the effectiveness of the fight against illegal logging.
- A webinar on illegal logging statistics and a press conference with a presentation of key findings were held.
- A series of speeches were made and expert comments were provided on the need to amend the legislation on illegal logging.



DEVELOPMENT OF VERKHOVYNA NATIONAL NATURE PARK AS AN ATTRACTIVE TOURIST AND REHABILITATION HUB

The project is aimed at addressing the key problems facing the Verkhovyna National Nature Park in the Ukrainian Carpathians, including lack of financial and material support for the full implementation of nature conservation measures, inadequate tourism infrastructure (including inclusive infrastructure), and insufficient information support.

The current stage of the project consists of 4 main areas of activity, covering 7 planned tasks:

1. Establish an entrance gate for the national park in Perkalab, adjacent to the Verkhovyna National Natural Park.
2. Support the development of supplementary infrastructure for the Verkhovyna National Natural Park and other protected areas.
3. Design and construct trails originating from the national park's entrance gate in Perkalab.
4. Support conservation programs for the Verkhovyna National Natural Park and other protected areas.
5. Develop the Verkhovyna rehabilitation and tourism hub within the core of the Carpathian National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
6. Communicate and disseminate project outcomes
7. Coordinate the project.



Implementation Period:

April 1, 2024 – March 31, 2026.

More details can be found [at the link](#).

Donor:

Global Conservation Organisation



DEVELOPMENT OF VERKHOVYNA NATIONAL NATURE PARK AS AN ATTRACTIVE TOURIST AND REHABILITATION HUB

RESULTS 2025:

Camping area development:

- A meter and pole for connecting the site to the electricity supply network have been installed.
- A gazebo and toilet have been equipped for visitors' comfortable rest.

Tourist trail development:

- 5 information stands and 5 benches have been installed along the trail to Klyauza.

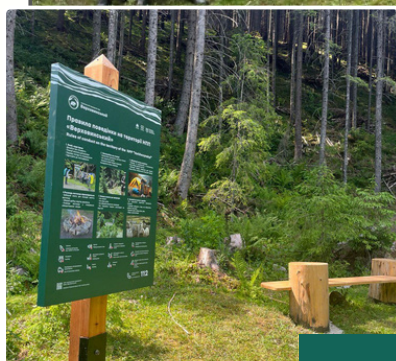
Park expansion:

- The land management project to expand the park by 15% (1695.5 hectares) remains in the final stage.
- The documentation has been completed and submitted for consideration - we are waiting for approval by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine.

Partnership development:

- Comprehensive project presentations have been prepared to attract potential partners to the construction of a camping pavilion.

A land plot with an area of 0.62 hectares has been officially transferred to the ownership of the Verkhovyna National Park.



ЕКОНОМІЧНА ПРАВДА

III ПУБЛІКАЦІЇ КОЛОНКИ ІНФРАСТРУКТУРА ФІНАНСИ СПЕЦПРОЕКТИ ІНТЕРВ'Ю WEEKLY CHARTS ЗЕМЕЛ

У Карпатах вперше передали приватну ділянку до природно-заповідного фонду

ВІКТОР ВОЛОКИТА — 20 ЛИСТОПАДА, 16:00



Рідний Київ

Життя Політика Культура С

Історичний крок у Карпатах: приватну землю вперше було передано державі для створення інклюзивного хаба для ветеранів

MINIMIZING THE RISKS OF ILLEGAL TIMBER WHEN SHIPPING FROM UKRAINE

Project Goal: To provide information that can help decision-makers understand how to avoid illegally harvested timber entering the producer and seller supply chains.

RESULTS 2025:

- Experts from the NGO “ForestCom” participated in a series of trainings for over 100 representatives of the Ukrainian Association of Furniture Manufacturers (UAM) on EUDR compliance.
- A guide for furniture and woodworking companies was developed to help understand EUDR requirements, assess risks and prepare businesses for exports to the EU.
- Over 100 consultations were provided to European stakeholders on the compliance of Ukrainian timber with EU legislation (EUTR).

Implementation period: 2021 – present (ongoing)

Donors:

interested parties.



Новини 02.10.2025

ЄС може відтермінувати EUDR знову





The project aims to update and improve the existing risk assessment using the latest Risk Assessment Framework FSC-PRO-60-006b of the Forest Stewardship Council® (FSC®) and by that align it with the EUDR (REGULATION EU 2023/1115 known as the European Union Deforestation Regulation).

RESULTS 2025:

The project involved 28 experts, including 10 key ones, including 8 experts from the NGO "ForestCom".

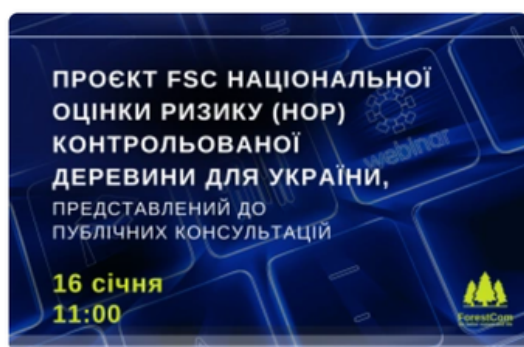
Public consultations were held and the final version of the study was prepared. The final version of the report on the National FSC Risk Assessment in Ukraine was submitted for consideration to the FSC international office.

Implementation period: 15.08.24 - 30.06.2025

For more details, see the [link](#).

Donor:

Forest Stewardship Council International Center (FSC IC)



Новини, Події 08.01.2025

Вебінар щодо проєкту FSC національної оцінки ризику (НОР) контрольованої деревини для України



Новини 14.02.2025

Звіт про громадські консультації щодо оцінки ризиків FSC для української деревини

SUPPORTING SUSTAINABLE NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT THROUGH ENGAGEMENT WITH LOCAL COMMUNITIES IN UKRAINE

The main goal of the project is to provide analytical and advisory support to strengthen the participation of territorial communities in sustainable management of forests and other natural resources.

Main objectives of the project:

1. Baseline mapping for community engagement in forest and other natural resource management.
2. Development of practical knowledge on community engagement in forest and other natural resource management
3. Dissemination of experience gained from opportunities for community engagement in forest and other natural resource management in Ukraine.

Implementation period: 01.06.2025 – 30.07.2026

Donor: The World Bank, with the support of the European Union, within the framework of the EU4Environment program in partnership with Particip (Germany)

The infographic features a purple and green color scheme. At the top left is the 'particip' logo, and at the top right is the 'ForestCom' logo with the tagline 'for better nature and life'. The main title in Ukrainian is 'Підтримка сталого управління природними ресурсами та економічного розвитку шляхом залучення місцевих громад в Україні'. Below this, it states the project is implemented by the World Bank with EU4Environment support. A section titled 'ЩО МИ ДОСЛІДЖУЄМО, ЩОБ ПІДТРИМАТИ РОЗВИТОК ВАШОЇ ГРОМАДИ?' (What we research to support your community's development?) lists three areas: 'Природні ресурси' (Natural resources), 'Люди і бізнес' (People and business), and 'Можливості' (Opportunities). Each area has a brief description of the research focus. At the bottom, the 'РЕЗУЛЬТАТ' (Result) is stated as a complex analytical report agreed upon with the community. The 'particip' logo is also at the bottom left.

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Підтримка сталого управління природними ресурсами та економічного розвитку шляхом залучення місцевих громад в Україні

Проект реалізує Світовий банк за підтримки Європейського Союзу в рамках програми EU4Environment

Інформаційна сесія

ЩО МИ ДОСЛІДЖУЄМО, ЩОБ ПІДТРИМАТИ РОЗВИТОК ВАШОЇ ГРОМАДИ?

Природні ресурси:
Які ліси, скільки гектарів, хто користувач, природоохоронні території, потенціал для лісорозведення, збереження самосівних лісів

Люди і бізнес:
Населення, зелений бізнес, вплив війни, ВПО, роль жінок. Дізнаємось, наскільки громада залучена до управління лісами (опитування)

Можливості:
Що можна розвивати (екотуризм, біоенергія, інше), які є бар'єри, як їх подолати.

РЕЗУЛЬТАТ: Підготовлено комплексний аналітичний звіт і погоджено з громадою пріоритетні напрями сталого розвитку

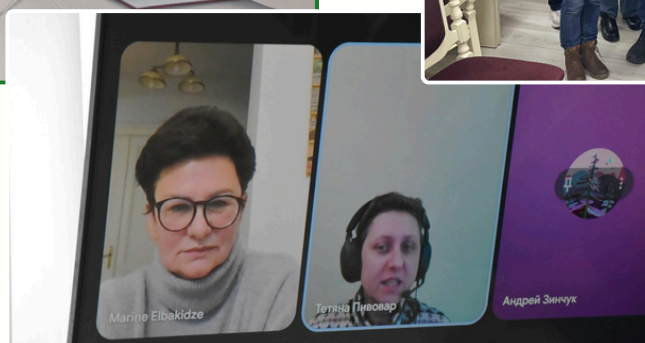
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RESULTS 2025:

Within the framework of the implementation of task 1. **“Baseline mapping of the level of community involvement in UPR”**

- A detailed project implementation plan (report) was prepared, which was approved by the World Bank.
- An analytical study was carried out to determine the relationships between territorial communities (TCs) and the natural resources in Ukraine on which they depend.
- 16 TC candidates were selected, representing the natural features of Ukraine, for potential participation in the project.
- An online information session was organized and held for candidate communities together with the project expert team and representatives of the World Bank in Ukraine.
- 8 TCs were selected and preliminary communication was conducted.
- Visits were made to two communities, during which project details were presented and a memorandum of cooperation was signed, which identified ways of cooperation.





TRANSFORMATIONAL LEARNING NETWORK FOR RESILIENCE - ENABLING UKRAINIAN HIGHER EDUCATION TO ENSURE A SUSTAINABLE AND ROBUST RECONSTRUCTION OF (POST-WAR) UKRAINE

The main objective is to strengthen the social and political leadership role of Ukrainian universities in order to support a sustainable transformation of Ukraine. An established inter- and transdisciplinary educational network will foster innovative approaches in teaching and applied research and support Ukrainian universities on their way to sustainable university management.

RESULTS:

- A powerful transformational educational network with over 500 participants was created.
- 25 higher education institutions from Ukraine and Europe were involved.
- Partnerships were formed with 21 associated partners.
- Innovative sustainable development training courses were developed and tested.
- Students were trained as change agents for the sustainable transformation of Ukraine.
- An online platform TransLearnN was created to support the network.

More details can be found at the [link](#).

Implementation period: 01.10.2023 - 30.09.2025

Donor:

EU's programme Erasmus +



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ForestPost

ForestPost brings together innovation, local voices, and natural solutions to create secure forest use.

EXPLORE

7 MODERNIZING MASTER PROGRAMS TO SUPPORT FOREST SECTOR TRANSFORMATION TOWARDS UKRAINE'S POST-WAR GREEN REBUILDING – FORESTPOST

The primary objective is to foster synergy between higher education institutions and businesses/organizations within the forestry sector to collaboratively contribute to Ukraine's green post-war reconstruction. This will be achieved through the implementation of new academic disciplines based on dual education approaches, considering the most pressing global and national challenges facing the forestry sector and the need for students to acquire green skills.

NGO "ForesCom" is participating as an associated partner in one of the six work packages:

Work Package 6 (WP6) – "Quality Assurance, Monitoring and Evaluation" as part of the Erasmus+ ForestPOST project. WP6 is responsible for overseeing the quality assurance, monitoring, and evaluation processes throughout the project's duration. It is led by the Eberswalde University for Sustainable Development with the participation of all partners, including associated partners:

More details can be found at the [link](#).

Implementation period: 01.11.2024 - 31.10.2027

Donor:
EU's programme Erasmus +



NGO «ForestCom»





The primary objective is to provide basic necessities (food, hygiene products, clothing, shoes, etc.) to the population in communities that were most affected by the war and that hosted the largest number of internally displaced persons.

RESULTS 2025:

- 50 people provided with first aid kits.
- Over 200 people provided with winter clothing (scarves, gloves, children's hats).

Implementation period:

February 24, 2022 - ongoing.

Donors and partners:

benefactors in Ukraine and abroad



LOCAL HUMANITARIAN INITIATIVE: DELIVERY OF AID FROM TAIWAN TO UKRAINE



The goal of the project is to identify and meet the urgent humanitarian needs of people in the communities that have suffered/are suffering the most damage/destruction due to hostilities and/or those that receive the most significant number of internally displaced people (IDPs).

RESULTS 2025:

- 45 cubic meters of wood were purchased for shelter in the "Regional Center for Social Adaptation" in Brody;
- 5 tons of fuel pellets were purchased for shelter in the "Karpatski Luky" complex in Truskavets;
- Industrial solid fuel boiler - for shelter in the "Dzherelny" sanatorium in the village of Modrychi, Lviv region.

Implementation period:

1.01.2023 – 1.04.2025

More details can be found at the [link](#).

Donor: Ministry of Foreign Affairs, ROC (Taiwan)



中華民國外交部
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN)

GREEN JOURNEYS: FORESTCOMSUPPORTING VETERAN AND FAMILY RECOVERY

The aim of this project is to facilitate the psychological recovery and social adaptation of veterans and their families through nature-based therapeutic activities in forest environments.

RESULTS 2025:

- A program of eco-walks was developed to improve the emotional state and reduce stress levels among participants, activate social ties between veterans and their families, and form a caring attitude towards one's own physical and mental health;
- 10 walks were organized in various locations in Lviv and the region, with the participation of 80 participants (veterans and their family members);
- thematic postcards with photos of the venues and coloring calendars were developed and printed for all participants of the event.

Implementation period: 6.06.2025 - 10.01.2026

More details can be found at the [link](#).

Donor and partner:

Institute of Mental Health of the Ukrainian Catholic University with the support of the Ukrainian-Swiss project "Mental Health for Ukraine".



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GREEN HANDS: PRESERVING FOREST ECOSYSTEMS THROUGH ENERGETIC LEARNING AND THOUGHTFUL ACTION – FOREST EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES



The goal of the project is to foster environmental awareness and understanding of sustainable forest management principles among schoolchildren in Kamianka-Buzka through interactive, practice-oriented environmental education.

RESULTS 2025:

- 45 eco-education lessons were held, 17 of them in classrooms and 28 outside the school premises for 180 students from three schools of the Kamianka-Buzka community;
- a school "nursery" was created, bird feeders and houses were made and installed together with the children;
- practical skills of interaction with nature were formed, the foundations for the development of environmental awareness and understanding of the therapeutic value of forest ecosystems were laid.

Implementation period: 02.06.25 - 30.06.26

More details can be found at the [link](#).

Donor:

SWISS KRONO





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BOOK OASES OF STRYISKYI PARK

The goal of the project is to activate reading among children and adults, to promote an increase in the level of eco-education and cultural development through access to books in citizens' favorite places of rest, in particular, in Stryiskyi Park; to create a cultural and educational environment through the establishment of four open libraries that will popularize bookcrossing and promote interaction within the community.

RESULTS 2025:

A second bookhouse was manufactured according to the developed design, which will be installed in a designated location in Stryiskyyi Park.

Our goal: to collect 100 thousand hryvnias for the full implementation of this initiative.

Implementation period: 3.12.2023 - present (ongoing)

Partners:

Stryiskyi Park; Woodluck Social Workshop; Lviv City Council; Bookstores and publishing houses; Environmental and cultural public organizations.

Donors:

voluntary donations from individuals and legal entities

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RESULTS OF PROJECT ACTIVITIES

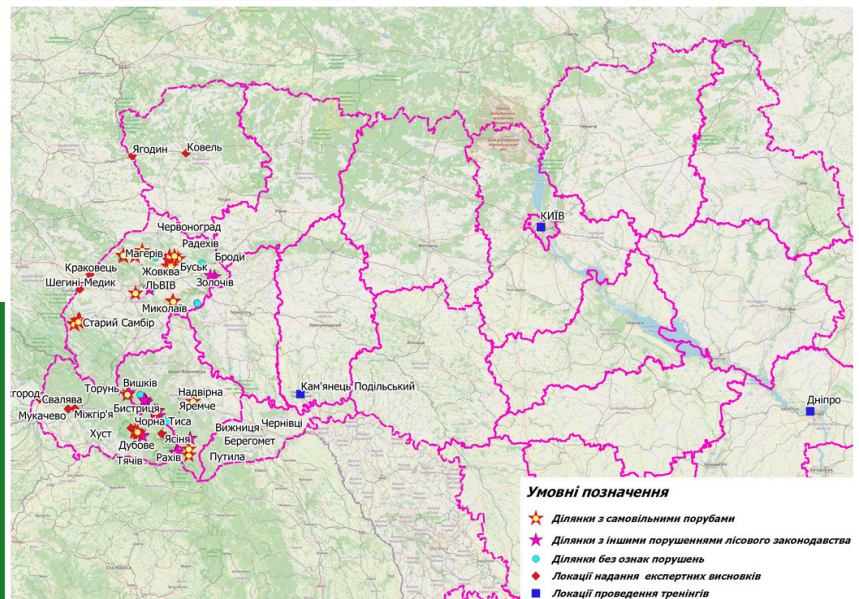
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Monitored changes in forest cover:

- carried out remote monitoring of forest cover changes in four regions of the Ukrainian Carpathians using satellite imagery.

Forest monitoring area covered by experts from the NGO "ForestCom":

- 1,752,293.8 ha - total monitoring area,
- 50,273.6 ha - monitoring of old growth forests,
- 1,717,000 ha - monitoring of forest cover changes in the most forested regions.



The sites were checked for legal grounds for logging and selectively surveyed.

Незаконні рубки, Новини 03.10.2025

Супутниковий моніторинг лісів
(липень-серпень 2025 року)

WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION WE

Forest violations identified:

Unauthorized deforestation has been documented, with total damages exceeding 300,000 hryvnias.



Незаконні рубки, Новини 18.12.2025

Лісопорушення у
Брустурянському надлісництві:
коли екосистеми знищують ті,
хто мав би їх захищати

Ботанічний заказник "Странзул" Мокрянське лісомисливське господарство



жовтим показано вирубану територію заказника (за ел. лісовими картами)



- 2 botanical and arboricultural examinations were conducted at the request of the State Environmental Protection Agency and the State Bureau of Investigation.
- 20 forest areas were surveyed.
- Information on 3 cases was transferred to law enforcement agencies.
- Criminal proceedings were opened in 1 case under Article 246 of the Criminal Code of Ukraine.
- 2 cases of illegal logging were identified.
- In cooperation with FSC and the State Enterprise "Forests of Ukraine", protection of mountain rivers from unequipped crossings was activated in the "Vygoda Forestry Enterprise" with the successful completion of the case on the arrangement of crossings across watercourses.



Незаконні рубки, Новини 15.04.2025

На Львівщині знову виявлено
кричущі факти незаконної
вирубки лісу

Незаконна вирубка на Старосамбірщині
триває. У лісах поблизу села Стрільбичі
(Самбірський район) вже вкотре виявляють
ознаки незаконної рубки.

WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION WE

learned from experiences and shared knowledge on biodiversity conservation:

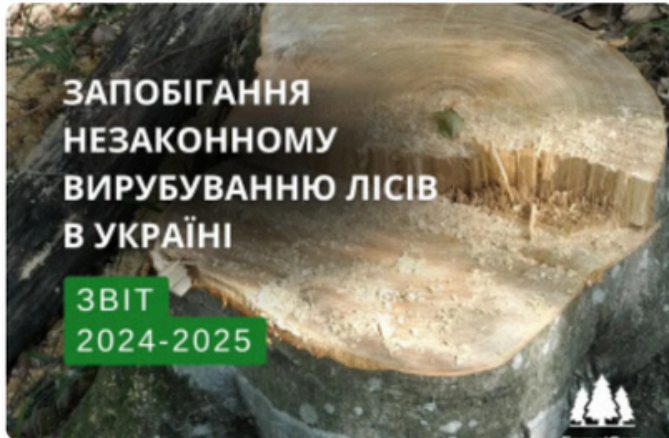


Tetyana Pyvovar, an expert from the NGO "ForestCom", participated in the regional seminar "Strengthening Biodiversity Protection in the Eastern Partnership Countries: Studying EU Best Practices", which took place in Bratislava (Slovakia) within the framework of the EU4Environment program. The main goal of the seminar is to strengthen the potential of the Eastern Partnership countries to preserve biodiversity, improve the management of protected areas and study the principles of the functioning of the Natura 2000 network.



Taras Kharachko, an expert in environmental education and head of the Forest Restoration Center of the NGO "ForestCom", as part of the work: "Involving youth in protecting and increasing biodiversity", conducted a number of thematic lessons in schools in Lviv and the region.

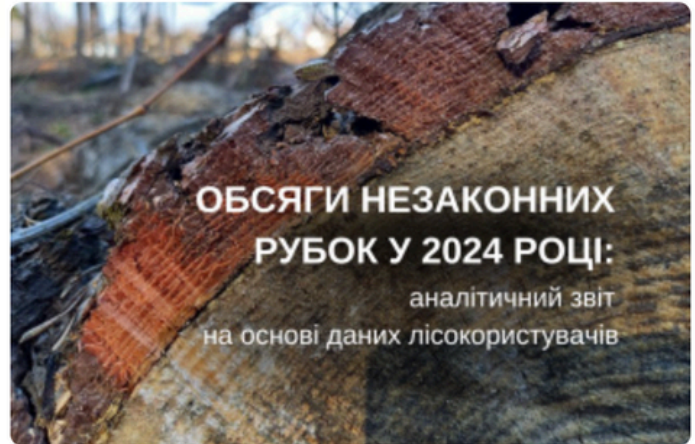
Published research:



Illegal-logging, News, Publications
16.01.2026

NGO ForestCom Uncovers UAH 6.4 Million in Forestry Violations from 2024-2025: Comprehensive Forest Monitoring Report

ForestCom has released key findings from its monitoring of illegal logging in Ukraine, gathered through its proprietary monitoring system during 2024-2025. The data reveal significant violations and s...



Illegal-logging, News, Publications
08.09.2025

Illegal Logging in Ukraine Surges by a Third in 2024

In 2024, Ukrainian forest users recorded the highest levels of illegal logging in the past four years, exceeding 39,600 cubic meters of timber. This represents a 30.7% increase compared to 2023.

- **Report on the Volumes of Officially Documented Illegal Logging in Ukrainian Forests in 2024 is available [here](#).**
- **Prevention of illegal deforestation: report on the activities of the NGO "ForestCom" for 2024 - 2025 - [here](#).**
- **Liability for Illegal Logging in Protected Areas: Proposals for Decriminalization - [here](#).**

WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION WE

Проведено 2 тренінги, 14 вебінарів, 6 волонтерських і 3 шкільні заходи, 3 проєктування до відкриття.

Organized environmental, educational and volunteer events:

- ecoquest "Adventures of an Explorer" on the occasion of International Children's Day and tree planting in Strytskyi Park;
- together with partners of the NGO "Lviv Center for Social Protection and Rehabilitation of Persons with Disabilities "SOZARIN" organized a spring toloka in the area near "Sozarin".
- in order to develop environmental awareness and care for children who were left without family warmth during Christmas and New Year, experts from the public organization "ForestCom" visited students of the Children's Support Center, which operates at the "Prosvita" Lyceum of the Lviv Regional Community;



- through own volunteer efforts, we carried out renovations in the organization's new office space on the Sozarin territory.



WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION WE

Round tables were held:

- **21.03.2025: «Forests as a Source of Food and Community Well-being»**, timed to coincide with the International Day of Forests, the purpose of which was to emphasize the unique role of Ukrainian forests as a source of food security, the well-being of local communities, and national cultural heritage; to draw public attention to the role of Ukrainian forests in food security, traditional culture, and ensuring sustainable development of communities; and to hold an expert discussion on the sustainable use of non-timber forest resources.
- **08.09.2025: "Developing a Joint Action Plan to Improve the Effectiveness of Combating Illegal Logging and the Circulation of Illegally Harvested Timber"**, the purpose of which was to collectively develop and agree on proposals that would unite the efforts of authorities, the expert community and civil society to systematically address the problem of illegal logging and trafficking in illegally harvested timber by making relevant amendments to the legislation.



Contributed to the development of legislation:

The NGO "ForestCom" proposed to the deputies and the Ministry of Economy legislative amendments aimed at ensuring the harmonious development of renewable energy while preserving the unique natural ecosystems of the Carpathian region and other valuable natural territories of Ukraine. These amendments concern:

- a) the Law of Ukraine "On the Nature Reserve Fund of Ukraine": to supplement Article 40. "Basic requirements for the regime of protected zones of territories and objects of the nature reserve fund" with a provision on minimum distances for the placement of wind power plants;
- b) the Law of Ukraine "On Alternative Energy Sources", supplementing it with an article on special conditions for the placement of wind power plants;
- c) the Law of Ukraine "On Environmental Impact Assessment", supplementing Article 6 "Report on Environmental Impact Assessment" with a requirement for mandatory inclusion;
- d) Methods for determining the belonging of territories to natural monuments of primeval forests, approved by order of the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine No. 162 dated May 18, 2018; e) "Procedure for determining territories prohibited for the placement of wind energy facilities" (proposal for the development of a document and its approval at the level of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine).

Proposals were also submitted to the Ministry of Economy:

- 1) to develop and approve a unified reporting form on forest management violations and the volume of illegal logging by forest users of all forms of ownership and the Instructions to it;
- 2) to develop and approve a Methodology for converting tree diameters into stump heights, which should contain scientifically based tables for converting stump diameters into tree diameters (and vice versa), developed taking into account species composition, age, type of felling and forest vegetation conditions, permissible regulatory errors in measuring stump and tree diameters, a unified gradation of diameters (2 cm or 4 cm - depending on the average diameter of the stand) to ensure comparability of distribution materials and inspection data of regulatory bodies.

MEDIA ACTIVITY



415 posts on social media pages



41 publications in external media mentioning the NGO "ForestCom"



8507 followers on social networks



1 publication in print media



1 television plot



Audience reach:

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Number of publications:

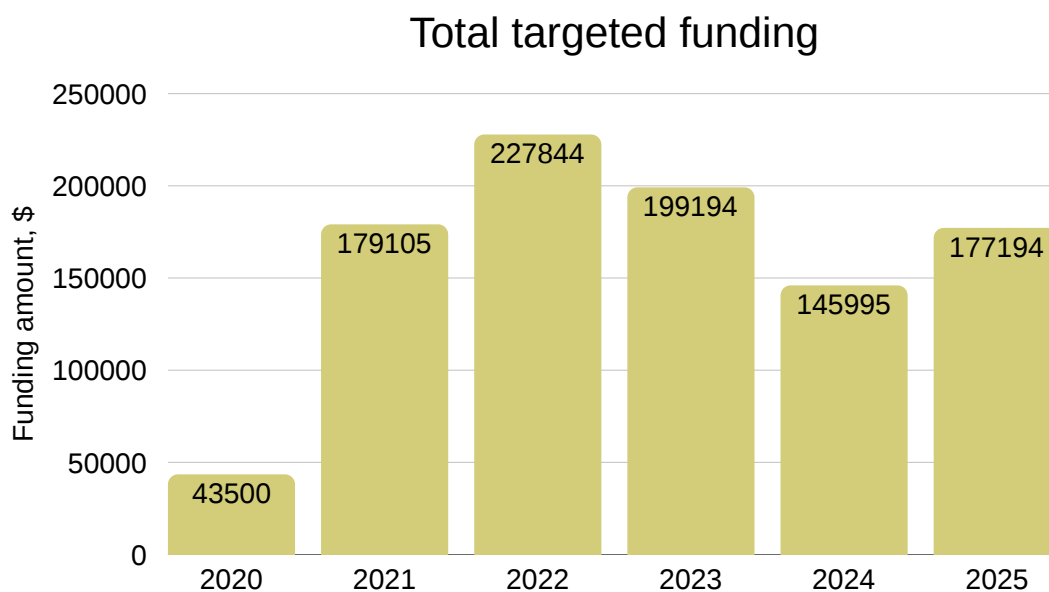
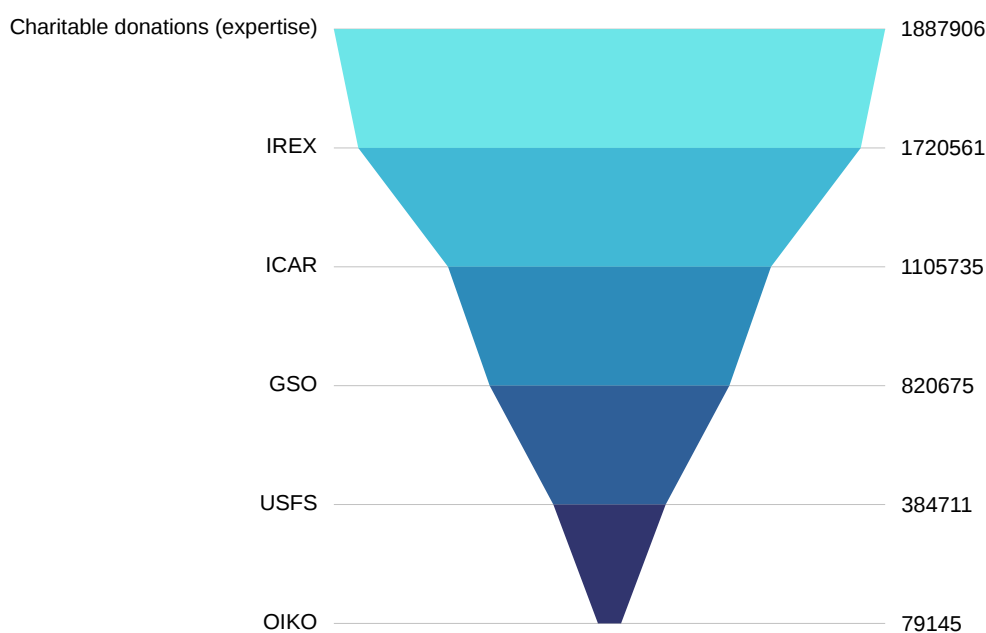
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Total revenues in 2025 – UAH 7,264,965.13

Total expenses in 2025 – UAH 5,998,734.06

Balance carried over to 2026 – UAH 1,394,646.08



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