

FORESTRY OF THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

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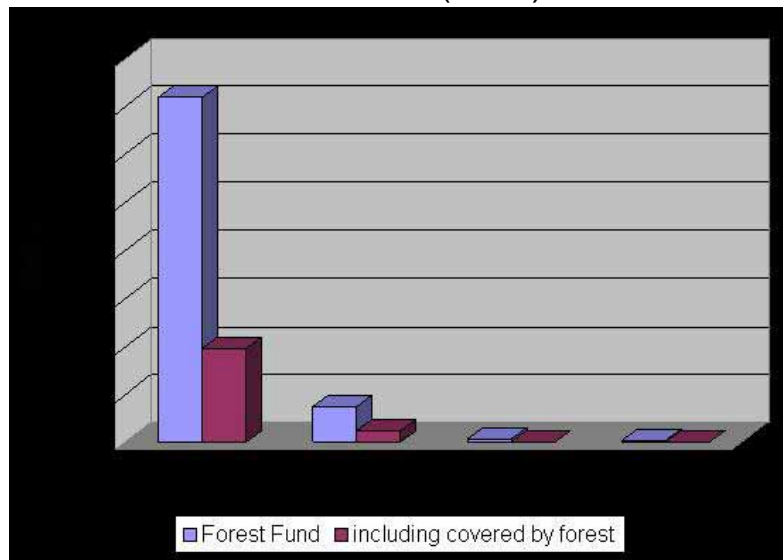
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Forest distribution



Forest Fund (MFD)



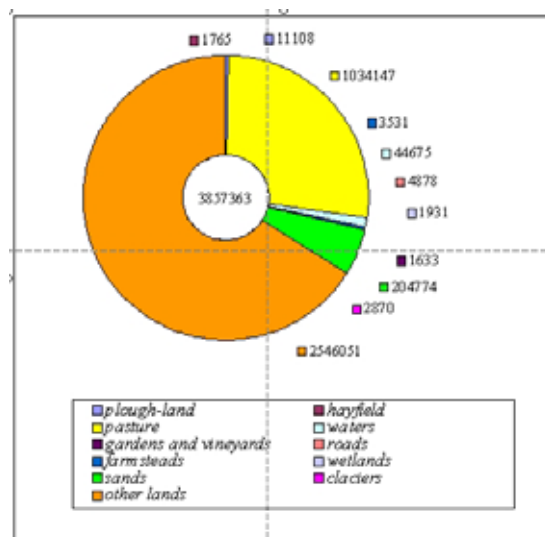
Distribution of the total area of the Forest Fund (MFD) as of 1.01.2002 (1000 ha)

Republic of Karakalpakstan	4567.1	Samarkand Region	57.3
Andijan Region	3.4	Surkhandarya Region	413.2
Bukhara Region	508.8	Syrdarya Region	7.7
Djizak Region	274.8	Tashkent Region	453.8
Kashkadarya Region	222.1	Fergana Region	21.8
Navoi Region	2081.5	Khorezm Region	95.1
Namangan Region	68.8		
Total:		8775.4	

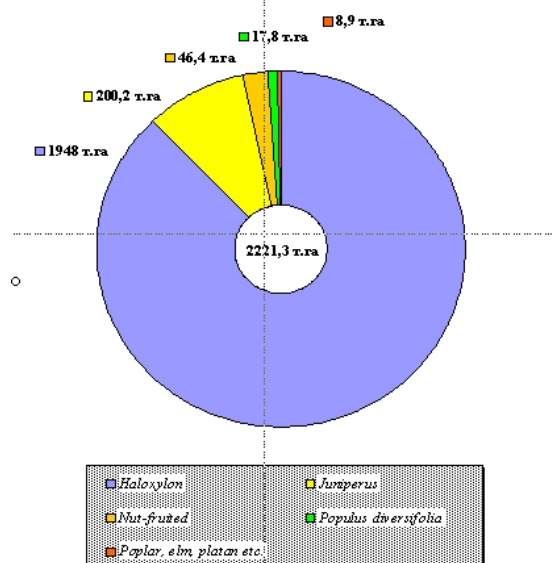
Forested land

Category	Area, 1000 Ha (1990)	Area, 1000 Ha (2000)	Area, 1000 Ha (2004)
Covered by forest	1895.3	3210.9	3314.8
• including forest plantations*	222.4	413.3	563.92
Sparse forest stands	1306.1	1594.74	731.44
Forest nurseries	0.7	0.86	1.06
Uncovered by forest	1781.6	2158.6	702.5
Total:	4983.7	6963.1	4749.8

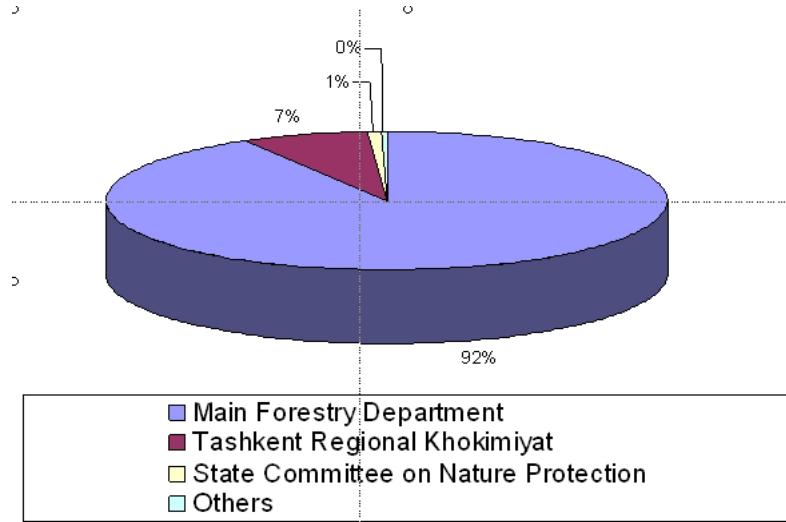
Distribution of lands non-covered by forests



Main forest-forming species of the Republic of Uzbekistan (1000 ha)



Distribution of Forest Fund of the Republic of Uzbekistan amongst the main forest stakeholders (as of 1.01.2002)



Income from wood and non-wood forest products (MFD)

Product/Service	USD	%
Industrial timber	184.8	58.8
Woodfuel	49.3	15.7
Medicinal plants	27.02	8.6
Aromatic plants	0.94	0.3
Raw material for colorants and dyes	1.29	0.4
Hunting	38.43	12.3
Fishing	12.31	3.9
Total	314.09	100

Institutional structure

	Forestry enterprises	Specialized forestry enterprises	Specialized farms	Reserves	Hunting enterprises	National parks
Main Forestry department	67	8	10	6	5	1
Tashkent Regional Khokimiyat	2	-	-	1	1	1
State Committee on Nature Protection	-	-	1	1	-	-

Problems in the forestry sector

- Shortage of funds for development
- Lack of qualified specialists working in the forestry enterprises, reserves and other forestry institutions
- No National Forest Program for Uzbekistan
- No common system of inventory of forests between all stakeholders
- Old methods of forest management and forest resources monitoring
- Weak relations between forestry sector and manufacturers of furniture and paper-and-pulp products etc.

Possible ways of problems solution

- Review and improvement of existing forest legislation for SFM
- Development of the National Forestry Program for the Republic of Uzbekistan
- Fundraising with purpose to get additional funding from government, investments from various international organizations and concerned institutions
- Creation of the Forest Database accessible for all stakeholders
- Study of the market of wood and non-wood products for the further use of the results for SFM

Possible ways of problems solution

- Involvement of community to the process of the forest restoration and protection
- Increasing of education level and public awareness
- Development of inter-sectoral projects, involving the forestry, water management, agricultural, cattle-breeding and other sectors, etc.

First steps have been done

- Data collection for FRA 2005
- FOWECA
- Projects funded by FAO, UNDP, WB, GEF, ADB
- Creation of database for ecological indicators including the indicators related to forest sector