



PRIVATE FOREST OWNERS WORKSHOP MACEDONIA, 28 -29 June 2006

1. Background

There are about 10% of forest land owned by the private forest owners in the Republic of Macedonia. The average area of forest holdings is about 0.5 ha. It is difficult to manage such small fragmented areas on a sustainable basis, especially as the private forest owners are completely unorganized. They are in need of a national organization that will represent them in their dealings with the government, help them to establish contacts with forest owners' associations in Europe and negotiate possible financial support and organize training for forest owners.

The Implementing Organization (Forestry Institute – Macedonia / Balkan Foundation for Sustainable Development) will provide the necessary technical knowledge and expertise to ensure the formation of a National Forest Owners' Association.. This national Association will represent all private forestry owners in the Republic of Macedonia.

2. Terms of Reference

2.1 Description of Activities/Services

The Implementing Organization will

- i) select a region where most of private forest owners are situated
- ii) select at least 40 participants from among forest owners from all over the country who have signified their willingness to form a national association;
- iii) draft an appropriate program and timetable for a workshop of at least 2 days' duration;
- iv) recruit a resource person/facilitator for the workshop;
- v) select a suitable meeting place for the workshop;
- vi) conduct the workshop;
- vii) prepare and distribute the workshop report in Macedonian and English
- viii) prepare in a participatory way the statutes of the National Forest Owners Association to be established
- ix) submit a report to FAO; and
- x) render a final account of expenditure to FAO.

2.2 Definition of Outputs

- i) Proceedings of the workshop on Establishment of National Forest Owners Association in Macedonia

- ii) Proposed Statutes defined in a participatory way, to be considered by the National Forest Owners Association to be established.
- iii) At least 40 forest owners informed on the advantages of national association to participate in national forest policy implementation; motivated to engage in the establishment of the national association.

The Implementing Organization will provide a report for the legal constitution of a voluntary organization in accordance with the Law on Voluntary Organizations/Associations of Macedonia.

2.3 Duration and Timing

The Workshop will be held over a period of two days in June 2006.

2.4 Reporting

The Workshop will be held in Macedonian and all final documents will be prepared in Macedonian and English.

Concept page :

Implementing Organizations: Forestry Institute – Macedonia (FIM) and Balkan Foundation for Sustainable Development (BFSD)		
Participants: Representatives of forest owners from Macedonia		
Date: 28-29 June 2006		Duration: 2 days
Place: Strumica	Language: Macedonian/English	Facilitator: Bojan Rantasa - FAO
Concept proposal		
Support for the establishment of a National Association of Private Forest Owners in Macedonia, in order to strengthen their representation in dealings with the government, help them to establish contacts with forest owners' associations in Europe, and negotiate possible financial support and organize training for forest owners.		
The Workshop consists of three main segments:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. Introduction II. Establishment of National Private Forest Owners Association III. Future activities/actions 		
Expected outputs: Finalized Statute for an Association, created on participatory way by forest owners themselves; the Statute will contain description of all purposes, goals and activities of the National Association of Private forest owners; prepared all necessary documents for registration.		
Segment	Description	Working methods-materials
I – Introduction	The introductory part of seminar: the present situation related to private forestry in Europe, organization; CEPF and FAO work; experiences, challenges and models from abroad; to present most common problems that occurs in private forest sector in Macedonia.	- presentations/lectures - distribution of written documents and materials on organized private forestry in Europe
II – Association	“ <i>Why National Associations?</i> ”- Learn from participants what are their perceptions of National Association; their ideas and expectations	- group work (participatory methods) - group presentation

	on how could they benefit from an establishing of own National Association;	- summary/overview - case study
	To present cases of successful National Associations in Europe ; give ideas to the participants on how an association could help and improve situation; provide information on possibility for funding activities and projects of an Association;	- presentations/lectures
	Present and (discus in details), registration procedure for establishing of Association; work with participants on preparation, and finalize Statute and necessary documents for registration.	- presentations/lectures - group work on Statute and registration documents (participatory methods) - prepared template of reg. documents; examples of Statutes
III – Future activities	Define future actions related to establishment and work of the National Association; Identify communication channels with: FAO, MAFWE – Forestry Department, PE Macedonian Forests, CEPF. Define future means of support to the process of organizing private forest owners in Macedonia.	- presentations - discussion