

**Protocol Related to Forestry Between the Ministry of Forestry of the  
Republic of Turkey and the Ministry of Forestry of the  
Republic of Uzbekistan**

It has been agreed upon the following topics which are aiming to strengthen and improve the cooperation on forestry by the Ministry of Forestry of The Republic of Turkey and the Ministry of Forestry of The Republic of Uzbekistan which will be mentioned below as "The Parties".

**Article.1**

Having regard to similarity of climatic and nature conditions and to close multilateral relationships,

Whereas forests should be conserved and managed to provide for economic, social and cultural development to the people of today and next generation and sustainable growing of forests has been vital importance,

Whereas multilateral cooperation should be useful for the parties and is very important to carry out all responsibilities on conservation and improvement of global and regional forest resources,

The Parties have agreed on following matters concerning sustainable forest management:

1. The Parties will guarantee that cooperation is base on equality and mutually interest principles.
2. The Parties will provide that NGOs and private sector will be able to join this cooperation.
3. The following topics defined as cooperation fields shall be;
  - 3.1. to design and/or revise forestry master plans which include all forestry activities,
  - 3.2. to evaluate existing forest regulations considering International organizations and regulations,
  - 3.3. to design modern management plans for sustainable forest resource management,
  - 3.4. to design silviculture plans which are comply with modern management plans regarding multiple use of forests,
  - 3.5. to develop production mechanization and to plan, built and maintain the production and conservation roads,
  - 3.6. to combat with forest fires and diseases.

- 3.7. to produce and cultivate non-wood forest products,
  - 3.8. harvesting and marketing of wood and non-wood forest products,
  - 3.9. establishment of industrial plantations with fast growing tree species, dry land afforestation, erosion control and sand dune fixation activities, wind belts and gallery plantations,
  - 3.10. to improve seedling production techniques and modernization of existing nurseries,
  - 3.11. to use mechanization techniques in afforestation activities,
  - 3.12. tree improvement of forest trees which have economic value,
  - 3.13. rehabilitation of non-productive forest areas and energy forestry,
  - 3.14. to revise and develop legislative systems based on rural development,
  - 3.15. to develop and implement alternative projects for improving economic conditions of rural people,
  - 3.16. to determine and protect natural resources which have value of biological and genetic diversity,
  - 3.17. to determine and protect endangered flora and fauna and design natural resources management plans,
  - 3.18. to observe, evaluate and improve existing forest resources and national parks regarding hunting and eco-tourism,
  - 3.19. to define necessary criteria for determining national parks and other conservation areas, and design these areas,
  - 3.20. to act in common for conserving natural ecosystems which are under the risk of desertification and provide supports from international organizations and funding agencies,
  - 3.21. to adapt international forestry policies and implementations to observe collaborative actions in global or regional level.
4. Priority programs included in the fields of cooperation shall be;
- 4.1. Research programs, forestry policies, and information exchange on forestry legislation's and implementations,
  - 4.2. Exchange of reproductive material (seed, cuttings, seedling etc.),
  - 4.3. Exchange of experts to be employed in mid-term or long-term,
  - 4.4. Appropriate technology use and transfer on research and forestry activities, short term mutual study- tours between top level personal for improving cooperation,

- 4.5. Organization of joint meeting, workshop and seminar on cooperation fields for experts and authorities,
  - 4.6. Organizing joint training programs for training experts on cooperation fields,
  - 4.7. Organizing seminar, symposium, conference on cooperation between parties.
  - 4.8. Elaborating joint training program in order to train qualified expert on cooperation.
5. Parties will appoint one coordinator and establish a working-group which is consist of two representatives. These working groups, under the leadership of coordinators, will meet in a short time and determine working method, principles and cooperation programs.

#### Article II

On the exchange of forestry experts, the costs that will occur in the country will be paid by host country. All the travel costs will be paid by the country sending expert.

#### Article III

This protocol will enter into force after completing national formalities and be announced to the parties. This protocol will remain in effect for a period of five years. Unless one of the parties gives a written statement to terminate the protocol six months before the beginning of the period. This protocol may be changed by mutual consent of the parties at any time and may be renewed for another five year by a written statement.

This protocol was signed in duplicate in Turkish and English on the date of 15 October 1997 in Antalya.

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