Preparation of articles on the best forest management practices in Belarus for the Ustoichivoye Lesopolzovaniye (Sustainable Forestry) Magazine

1. Background

ENPI East FLEG II – European Neighborhood and Partnership Instrument East Countries Forest Law Enforcement and Governance II Program is implemented by WWF in partnership with the World Bank and the International Union for Conservation of Nature. Seven countries of European and North Asia region, including six countries of European Neighborhood Policy Initiative (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine) and the Russian Federation are participants of the Program.

The program ultimately target putting in place the enhanced forest governance arrangements through the effective implementation of the main priorities set out in St. Petersburg Ministerial Declaration and in Indicative Plan of Actions for the Europe and North Asia Forest Law Enforcement and Governance (ENA FLEG).

The Program has three specific Objectives listed below:

1) To make progress implementing the 2005 St. Petersburg FLEG Ministerial Declaration in the participating countries and support the participating countries commit to a time-bound action plan to ensure its implementation and follow-up activities (regional level);

2) To review or revise (or establish a time-bound action plan to review or revise) forest sector policies and legal and administrative structures; improve knowledge of and support for sustainable forest management and good forest governance (including the impact of related EU regulations) in the participating countries (national level);

3) To test and demonstrate best practices for sustainable forest management and the feasibility of improved forest governance practices at the field-level on a pilot basis in all participating countries (sub-national level).

This assignment provides an input into Goal 3 and position 4.3.2 of the Work Plan for implementation of the Program in the Republic of Belarus.

2. Purpose

The purpose of the assignment is in dissemination of the information about best practice in the field of forest management in the Republic of Belarus through the preparation and publication of two articles in Sustainable Forest Management Magazine.
3. Scope of Services

3.1. Prepare 2 popular science articles on the best forest management practices in Belarus, for publication in “Ustoychivoye Lesopolzovanie” (“Sustainable Forestry”) http://www.wwf.ru/resources/publ/magazines/forest_mag, and specifically focusing on:

- Article 1 - ENPI East FLEG II program’s outcomes in the Republic of Belarus;
- Article 2 - Wild fire management experience in the Republic of Belarus.

The articles can be prepared either by the Consultant independently or be co-authored by other authors. All copyright issues and responsibility before third parties will be the responsibility of the Consultant. All rights relating to the articles and illustrations provided by the Consultant to the Client as part of these Terms of Reference, will be the owned by the Client.

The target audience of the periodical includes readers with expert knowledge and staff of forest management bodies, private forestry companies, nongovernmental organizations, forestry colleges and research institutions.

4. Reporting and Approval Procedures

4.1. The total duration of the assignment is 30 days. Upon signing of the contract, the Consultant shall provide the Client with the outcomes according to a 2-step timeline (one article per step). Articles will be presented in MS Word according to the following timeline:

- Article 1 - ENPI East FLEG II program’s outcomes in the Republic of Belarus - within 15 days after signing of the contract;
- Article 2 - Wild fire management experience in the Republic of Belarus - within 30 days after signing of the contract;

4.2. The articles should strictly observe the Ustoichivoye Lesopolzovanie editor’s requirements.

The articles will be reviewed by representatives of WWF and the Ministry of Forestry of Belarus and all comments should be cleared by the author. The articles should have a proper reference to the ENPI FLEG 2 Program.

4.3. Each article must contain the list of references according to GOST 7.1.84; the intertextual references should be designated as square bracketed numbers, whereas Internet links should be presented as footnotes. The references to illustrations (figures, tables, photos) will be designated as numbers. The articles shall be written in Russian language.

4.4. The articles should 10 to 15 pages maximum and have the format of MS Word, Times New Roman 12, space 1.5, page margins standard (for text). The articles have to be original, not published before.
4.5. The articles should contain full-color photos depicting the state of forestry in Belarus. All illustrations (figures, tables, photos) will be provided as separate files. They should contain short captions and references to authors of the photos (first and last names). Photo resolution: 300 dpi minimum.

4.6. The possible findings that may be found by the editorial staff when reviewing the articles will be closed by the Consultant within 2 weeks time.

4.7. The articles will be reviewed for style and literary correctness by the staff of the Ustoichivoye Lesopolzovanie. The final version of the articles will be agreed with the Consultant.

The Consultant must send the electronic versions of the articles and illustrations to Nikolay Smatkov nshmatkov@wwf.ru.

5. Client’s Input

The Consultant will perform these Terms of Reference using its own resources and equipment.

6. Qualification Requirements

The Consultant has to know Russian, have higher education related to the field of the assignment. The Consultant should have experience of writing forestry-related articles and have the knowledge of the forest management sector of Belarus on a profile of the main work. The Consultant must provide minimum of 5 own articles published during 2010-2015 as evidence of the experience meeting these qualification requirements.