



# FAO forestry-related activities in the Europe and Central Asia region

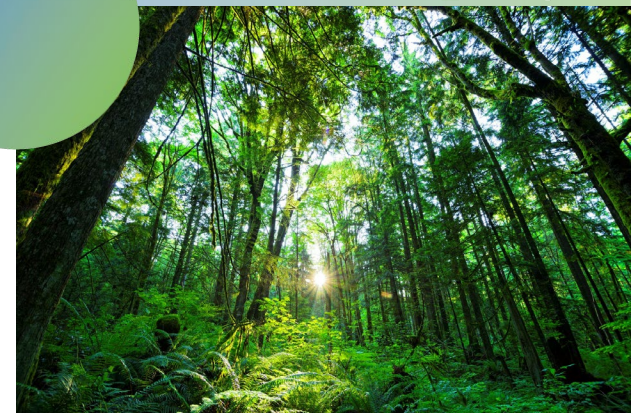
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# Decentralized FAO Offices in the Region

- **Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia (REU)**  
Budapest, Hungary
- **Subregional Office for Central Asia (SEC)**  
Ankara, Turkey
- **Country offices**  
[Albania](#), Armenia, [Azerbaijan](#), Georgia, Kyrgyzstan, [Moldova](#),  
[Tajikistan](#), Uzbekistan
- **Partnership and Liaison offices**  
Brussels, Belgium / Geneva, Switzerland / [Moscow, Russian Federation](#)

# Challenges for Forestry in the region

## REU

- **Climate change impacts** on forests and land resources
  - Pest and diseases, invasive species
  - Forest fires
  - Biodiversity loss
  - Forest and Landscape restoration

## SEC

- Forest governance (policy, legal and institutional structures)
- Biodiversity loss and decline
- Forest/tree resources assessment and monitoring system
- Land-tenure security and forest ownership
- Deforestation and degradation of forests (fuelwood, grazing)
- Restoration and sustainable management of mountain and riparian forests
- Climate change impact on forests and land resources

# FAO REU normative work

- **REUFIS – Forest Invasive Species Network for Europe and Central Asia**
  - Regional training programme on contingency plans for forest pest outbreak emergencies in the region (REUFIS webinar, 24 Nov 2021)
  - 2022 annual REUFIS network meeting and training on monitoring methods (hybrid event, 27 – 30 June 2022, Sopron, Hungary)
  - 2023 annual REUFIS network meeting (TBC)
- **Forest health**
  - Regional study on contingency planning/pest specific response plans, 2021
  - Regional study on Early Warning Early Action (EWEA) systems for invasive species outbreak prevention and mitigation, 2021/22
  - Development and implementation of guidelines for management of invasive species - using chestnut as a model in Europe and Central Asia, 2022/23

# FAO REU normative work

- **NWFPs – Non-Wood Forest Products**
  - Regional study on the status of non-wood forest products (NWFPs) in selected Western Balkan countries (2021)
  - Analysis report on available information on NWFPs to support decision making on natural resources management (2022)
  - Non-wood forest product survey developed and tested in pilot communities of the region to support information collection and sharing and to assess income generation opportunities for rural people (2022/23)
- **Preparation of MRV model scheme for the forest sector**

# FAO REU project assistance – Regular programme

- **TCPF - Technical Support for Revision of the National Forest Policy and Strategic framework (TCP/ARM/3801/C1)**
- **TCP - Assistance for establishing the National Forest Monitoring and Assessment System (TCP/ARM/3807)**
- **TCPF - Potentials of fast-growing plantation forests (TCP/BIH/3802/C2)**
- **TCP - Formulation of a GCF project proposal on climate change adaptation and mitigation in forestry (TCP/MOL/3806)**
- **TCPF - Forest Resilience to climate change and biodiversity loss via mitigation and adaptation investments (TCP/SRB/3801/C1)**
- **TCPF - Enhancing the resilience of Serbian forests and the carbon storage potential (in pipeline)**
- **TCP - Strengthening the resilience of pine forest to bark beetle outbreaks and associated dieback (TCP/RER/3801)**

# FAO REU project assistance – Extra-budgetary

- **Forest resilience of Armenia, enhancing adaptation and rural green growth via mitigation (GCP/ARM/012/AUS)**
- **Support to strengthening sustainable and multipurpose forest management to improve rural livelihoods and address climate change in Kosovo (GCP/KOS/007/SWE) and (GCP/KOS/008/EC)**
- **Contribution of Sustainable Forest Management to a Low Emission and Resilient Development in Serbia (GCP/SRB/002/GFF)**
- **Enabling environment at policy, field and market levels for Forest Landscape Restoration (FLR) to achieve Land Degradation Neutrality (LDN) in Serbia (MSP) (GCP/SRB/007/GFF)**
- **Forest resilience of Armenia, enhancing adaptation and rural green growth via mitigation (GCP/ARM/008/GCF)**

# FAO SEC normative work

- Biodiversity conservation
  - Distribution map of native tree species stands and guidelines for conservation of genetic biodiversity in Central Asia and associated Training workshop (2021)
  - Guidelines on forest biodiversity monitoring methodologies in the sub-region and training for different target groups of stakeholders (ongoing 2022)
- Climate change impact
  - Training on fire management (2021)
  - Guidelines on climate change impact on sustainable forest management in Central Asia and related Conference (2021)
  - Guidelines on implementation nature-based solutions to combat impact of climate change on forestry in the sub-region developed and associated training for different target groups of stakeholders (planned for 2023)



# FAO SEC project assistance – Regular programme

- **TCPF - Integrating pollinators into Sustainable Forest Management Plans (TCP/AZE/3802/C1 )**

# FAO SEC project assistance – Extra-budgetary

- **Central Asian Desert Initiative (CADI) - Conservation and adaptive use of cold winter deserts in Central Asia (MTF/SEC/012/UOG)**
- **Forest Restoration Improvement for Environmental Development and Sustainability (FRIENDS) (GCP /SEC/021/TUR)**
- **Strengthening network of protected areas through advanced governance and management (GCP/AZE/004/GFF)**
- **Sustainable Land Management and Climate Friendly Agriculture (GCP/TUR/055/GFF)**
- **Conservation and Sustainable Management of Turkey's Steppe Ecosystems (GCP/TUR/061/GFF)**
- **Contributing to Land Degradation Neutrality (LDN) Target Setting by Demonstrating the LDN Approach (GCP/TUR/065/GFF)**
- **Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Forest Management in Kaz Daglari (GCP/TUR/904/GFF)**
- **Sustainable management of forests in Mountain and Valley areas in Uzbekistan (GCP/UZB/004/GFF)**



# THANK YOU

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