Improving Wildlife Policy, Institutions and Legislation for Sustainable Use and Conservation of Wildlife Resources

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Main problems of sustainable use and conservation of wildlife resources in your country prior to the 2006 workshop in Prague

• Old Soviet hunt regulations as inheritance of former USSR
• Absence of national hunt regulations
• Absence of hunting economies
Benefits of workshops in Prague and Antalya for your country

• Sharing experience with other countries that was reflected in the:

1. Law on Hunt and Hunting Economies adopted on 9 April 2007
2. Law on Change to the Law on Fauna adopted on 14 June 2008

3. Decree of Prime Minister N754 of 19 October 2007 on Measures that will secure implementation of the Law on Hunt and Hunting Economies adopted on 9 April 2007
Benefits of workshops in Prague and Antalya for your country

• Sharing experience with other countries that was reflected in the:

4. Government Decree on Administrative Authorities responsible for Hunt and Hunting Economies

Ministry of Nature Protection except of forested areas
Ministry of Agriculture in forested areas

5. Proposals of following Government Decrees are submitted to the Government:
- Об утверждении и о порядке сдачи охотничьего минимума (exam on hunt)
- О порядке содержания и использования в неволе и полувольных условиях диких животных, в том числе и занесенных в Красную книгу
Benefits of workshops in Prague and Antalya for your country

• Sharing experience with other countries that was reflected in the:

6. Proposals of following Government Decrees are expected to submit to the Government in 2009-2010:
- Об утверждении порядка проведения государственного мониторинга охотничьих животных (game monitoring)
- Об утверждении порядка ведения государственного кадастра охотничьих животных (game cadastre)
- Об утверждении списка охотничьих угодий,
- Об утверждении порядка деятельности комиссии по созданию охотничьего хозяйства,
- Об утверждении порядка определении плат за аренду территорий для организации охотничьего хозяйства (fees for land use under hunting economy)

7. The following Orders of the Minister of Nature Protection are adopted or planned to be adopted in 2008-2009:
- Об утверждении образца единого удостоверения охотника
- Об утверждении образцов договоров и разрешений на проведение охоты
- Правила охоты и перечень охотничьих животных
- Об утверждении состава комиссии по приему охотничьего минимума
Current and expected problems of sustainable use and conservation of wildlife resources in your country

- Weak legislation
- Weak legislation enforcement
- Weak institutional facilities
- Absence of hunting economies
- No data on game species
- Financial constrains
- Lack of public participation in decision making processes
- Absence of professionals and specialists

Actual conflicts of hunting, environment and human society

- Poaching
- Negative approach to hunt from many environmental NGOs
- Weak organization of hunt and hunt management
Area of problems where help of international experts is needed the most in your country

- Assistance in development of national hunting legislation
- Organization of hunting economies
- Hunting tourism development
- Assistance in survey of game resources
- Assistance in hunt manpower development
- Etc.