

## The adaptation of requirements of NEPCon Global Non Timber Forest Product Certification Addendum to forestry in Ukraine

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Global Non Timber Forest Product Certification Addendum (effective from: 19 December 2014) consists of 10 principles, 29 criteria and 43 indicators.

Principle 1 specifies the requirements according to: implementation of the applicable legislation in the context of the use of non-timber forest products (NTFPs); observance of requirements of international biodiversity conservation agreements.

The provisions on cooperation with local communities in the field of NTFPs' marketing and use of local knowledge are considered in Principle 2.

The priority should be given to: NTFPs' harvesters from local communities; observance of the safety rules of them; assessment of social impact (Principle 4).

The process of long-term forest management encouraging; the use of advanced technology for NTFPs' harvesting and processing; the harvesting impact on the forest diversity are given in Principle 5.

Minimizing the impact on forest management regulation and NTFPs' harvesting; maintenance of the natural composition and structure of the populations of target NTFP species and properties of high conservation value forests (HCVF); preservation of NTFPs' resources for local communities are stated in Principle 6.

Requirements for the development of a management plan and also issues related to the NTFPs' harvesters are discussed in Principle 7.

Monitoring changes in conditions associated with NTFP species populations; socio-economic aspects of the use and procurement of NTFPs are required by Principle 8.

The administration of the forest management unit (FMU) should give the status of socially important forests for local communities to HCVF, in which NTFP species grow (Principle 9).

Intensive management or cultivation of NTFPs-understory in natural forests should not be affected to rights of local communities, reduce water quality or adversely impact soil fertility (Principle 10).

Below are some approaches that will allow adapting some surpluses to the forest management system in Ukraine.

The administration of FMU provides jobs for representatives of local communities (4.1.NTFP.1) and establishes a contractual relationship with them (2.2.NTFP.2).

Data on the area and volume of NTFPs' harvest should be included in the process of forest management planning (4.4.NTFP.1).

Market analysis and potential buyers indicate which certification systems should be used in addition to FSC certification (5.2.NTFP.2).

Maintenance of viable populations of target NTFP species (5.6.NTFP.2) regards the conformity of the harvesting methods of these types of resources (6.3.NTFP.2).

The above requirements of Global Non Timber Forest Product Certification Addendum will be taken into account in the final draft of the National Forest Stewardship Standard for Ukraine in 2018.