

United Nations Development Programme

Country: **Belarus**

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Project Title: Clima-East: Conservation and sustainable management of peatlands in Belarus to minimize carbon emissions and help ecosystems to adapt to climate change.

UNDAF Outcome: 3.1. National capacity to mitigate and adapt to climate change enhanced. 3.2. National capacity to protect and use the country's biological diversity in a sustainable way is enhanced.

Expected CP Outcome: Outcome 3.1. Country's capacity to mitigate and adapt to the climate change strengthened; Outcome 3.2. Sustainable use of the country's natural resources promoted.

Expected Outputs: 3,500 ha of peatland territory cleared of shrubs, reeds, and trees; 2,500 tons of biomass harvested; 3 projects developed for other peatlands based on the pilot successful experience; systems for (i) monitoring of the efficiency of biomass harvesting and (ii) for precise identification of the carbon dividends are in place.

Executing Entity: Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection of Belarus.

Implementing Entity: UNDP.

Brief Description

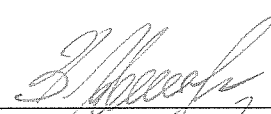
This project aims to address the most critical problems of peatland conservation and management in Belarus, seeking to demonstrate innovative approaches to ecosystem-based climate mitigation and adaptation at peatlands. The project will be implemented in Zvanets and Sporovo peatlands in Drogichin and Bereza district in Belarus. Zvanets and Sporovo are the largest natural fen mires in Europe (single massives of 15,000 and 18,000 ha). With appropriate technologies and equipment, the project will cut shrubs, reeds, and trees at about 3,500 ha during the project life, producing about 2,500 tons of dry biomass. It is expected that the project will result in avoided emissions of 15.6 tCO₂-eq/ha/year by replacing fossil fuel use with peatland biomass. Retention (non-deterioration) of fen peatland carbon capacity will amount to 360 tC/ha.

Programme Period:	2011-2015
Key Result Area (Strategic Plan):	Mainstreaming environment and energy.
Atlas Award ID:	00070895
Project ID:	00084642
PIMS ID:	5196
Start date:	July 2013
End Date:	April 2017
PAC Meeting Date:	7 February 2013
Management Arrangements	National Execution

Total resources required	EUR 1,498,000
Total allocated resources:	EUR 1,498,000
o EU project	EUR 1,400,000
o GMS	EUR 98,000

Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection of the Republic of Belarus

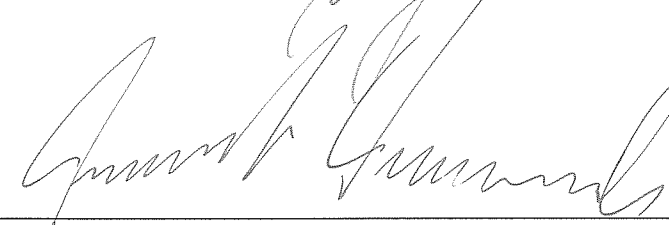
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Date

UNDP:

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Resident Representative



Date

24/7/2013