



## Community-based forest management

The Government of the Republic of Belarus has issued a Decree No. 133 "On the State Policy in the Field of Forest Management and Protection of Forests" dated 15.03.2007, which provides for the introduction of community-based forest management in Belarus. According to the Decree, community-based forest management is a system of forest management and protection of forests based on the principles of sustainable development, which is carried out by local self-government bodies in accordance with this Decree, in order to improve sustainable forest management, among other things, including:

- to conduct the National Forest Inventory and the State Forest Survey;
- to improve the system of forestry financing and development;

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