Forest Protection and Reforestation Project

The workshop was conducted on May 21, 2005 in Kyzylorda city in conference-hall of Aiganym hotel. Twenty-six persons took part in the workshop, including representatives of regional working groups, officials of local executive bodies, independent experts on forestation on the DAS and pastoral management (the list of participants is enclosed).

The structure of the workshop can be represented in the following way:

- Hearing of the reports of the representative of Kyzylorda regional territorial department for forestry and hunting, Project Coordinator (Workshop Moderator), Specialist of the IBRD Representative Office in the RK, environmental assessment expert, experts on forestation on the DAS and pastoral management expert in the first half of the day; and

- Conduction of two working groups in the second half of the day according to the following topics:
  1) Forestation on the DAS (Moderator – Mr. Kaverin)
  2) Improvement of Pasture Management in Kyzylorda oblast (Moderator – Mr. Kussayev)

The agenda is also attached.

The fundamental report in the workshop was report disclosing the environmental assessment matters. Specifically Mr. K. Nurymgereyev – expert of consulting group on environmental assessment made a presentation of the following reports:

- Fundamental Environmental Assessment Report;
- Report on the DAS environmental assessment;
- Report on Biodiversity.

The afore-mentioned reports were discussed and scheduled activities under the component supported by the workshop participants. The brief summary of the discussions on the environmental assessment can be presented in the following way:

- Plantations on the DAS will have significant positive impact on the ecology of the region with regard to the restraining of desertification processes, land degradation and biodiversity conservation;

- Only the planting itself will cause considerable rehabilitation of vegetation cover in rather a short period of time. Once the planting is established a favorable microclimate for the natural vegetation of the Dry Aral Sea bed will be created;

- It is necessary to conduct accurate environmental monitoring at all stages of the amelioration works: from the site planning phase to the stage of control over conservation of planted areas.

On the whole the environmental assessment report was assumed as a high-quality paper and seconded by the participants.

In general the workshop was held effectively; all the workshop participants expressed their support of the significance and need for conduction of activities of Environmental Amelioration in Kyzylorda oblast component. It has to be marked that members of working groups are well familiar with project preparation process and its main components.
Besides, members of working groups assented from their part to inform local communities living in the vicinity and in the project area about the project objectives and tasks as well as scheduled timings of its implementation.

In addition the workshop participants demonstrated great interest to the Competitive Grant System.

During the workshop the participants expressed the following requests:
- In order to perform field work under the project it is necessary to involve first of all only local population and local contractors, as they know actual situation in the area better as well as they have experience in executing similar tasks in the field;
- It is necessary to procure planting machinery for Leskhozy under the project rather than rent it;
- There is a need to conduct research on sale/market of livestock production to ensure farmers' interest in participating in pastoral management subcomponent;
- It is essential to envision procurement of Seed Pelleting Equipment under Kyzylorda component;
- In view of the fact that planting operations will start in 2007, provided there appear some problems with procurement of planting material, Syrboiy Ormany LLP will have the capacity of approximately 1 million seedlings for sale by the time of actual project planting.

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The Forestry and Hunting Committee of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Kazakhstan

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Grant TF051351 for project preparation

Project Implementation Plan Discussion Workshop

Kyzylorda city, May 21 2005

Agenda

9:00 Participants’ registration

9:40 Welcoming word, introduction of participants
The importance of the project implementation for forestry sector of the Republic of Kazakhstan.
Mr. M. Zhunusov, Deputy Head of Kyzylorda regional territorial department for forestry and hunting

9:50 Current status of project preparation process
Mr. Muratbekov, Project Coordinator (Workshop Moderator)
Questions and comments

10:00 Access Restriction Framework
Mr. Urazov, Specialist of the IBRD Representative Office in the RK

10:10 Presentation of the report on the outputs of the Environmental Assessment Component
* Principles and examples of the environmental assessment
* Objectives, arrangements, outputs
The Dry Aral Sea bed (DAS) Environmental Situation
Mr. Nurymgereyev, environmentalist
Questions and comments

10:40 Coffee-break

11:10 Project impact upon rangelands condition improvement in the region
Mr. Kussayev, pastoral management expert
Questions and comments
11:30 Environmental amelioration on the DAS and its role in environmental condition improvement in Aralsk region
Mr. Kaverin, saxaul rehabilitation expert
Questions and comments

11:50 National Institutional Development under the Project
Mr. Zh.Muratbekov, Project Coordinator

12:00 Summary of results, introduction of tasks of the working groups, assignment of the participants according to the following working groups:
• Forestation on the DAS (Moderator – Mr. Kaverin)
• Improvement of the Pasture Management in Kyrgyz (Moderator – Mr. Kussayev)

12:20 General questions and answers

12:40-14:00 Lunch

14:00 Subject-matter group work

15:30 Coffee-break

15:45 Presentation of groups

16:15 Conclusion and prospects
Mr. Zhunusov, Deputy Head of Kyrgyz regional territorial department for forestry and hunting
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