

Project Update: May 2019

Field research of oak forest sites - Done

Nearly 200 old oak forest sites were visited by at least one team member; Red list species were found in 101 oak forest sites. See *first update at 01.10.18 for more information.*



Providing the results of the research to forest enterprises - Done

This step means involving state forest enterprises staff to joint field visits with aim to show red list findings and to provide confidence for foresters about their existence. 48 places with red list species were shown to foresters during nine joint field visits with foresters.

Promoting protected status establishment - Done

Data about red list species together with signed by foresters documentation about presence of red list species were submitted to Ukrderzhisproekt, forestry institution which is responsible for including of data to forestry database. Official response was obtained from this institution, that our data will be included to forestry database. Technically this process will be done during first half of 2019 year.

Meeting with heads of all state forest enterprises of Kyiv region was held in the regional forestry office in Kyiv at November 2018. The aim was to present briefly our results and to

discuss about more close future cooperation. Despite some hard discussion about possibility of non-intervention regime at our target sites, deputy head of regional forestry office expressed the willingness of forest enterprises of Kyiv Region closely cooperate in the future.

Development educational materials about importance of oak forests - Done

The short movie about oak forests and poster about their importance were created.

The movie is on Youtube on this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IQtiKsSVw8M> , and in Facebook here:

<https://www.facebook.com/wwfukraine/videos/426680001416148/>

It was shared via WWF web-pages and pages in social networks and now altogether it has more than 1000 views.

Poster about importance of oak forests is here: https://d2ouvy59p0dg6k.cloudfront.net/downloads/save_forest_2_prew_size.pdf

It was printed and now is on the process of sharing for state forest enterprises and other key stakeholders. Online version of poster was shared via link in article about the project on WWF web-page:

<http://wwf.panda.org/uk/materials/hotnews//?344752/oak-forest-Polissia>

