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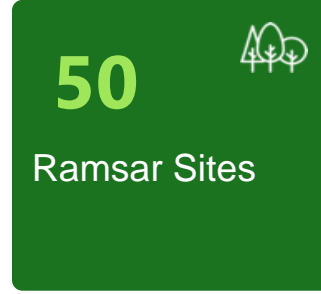
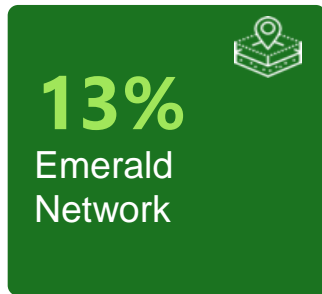
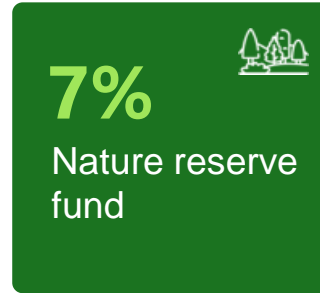
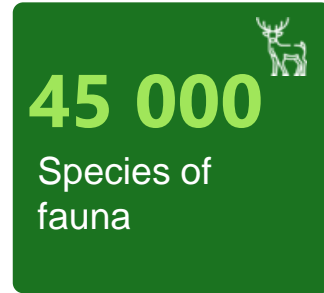
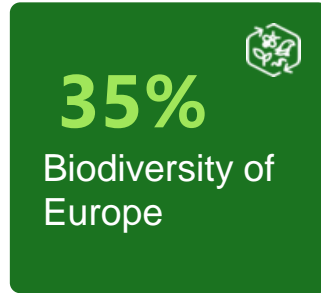
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Occupied more than

500 Territories and objects
(0,80 million ha) of Nature Reserve Fund

In addition, **82 Emerald Network Sites** covering **1,9 million ha**

Impacted by war

900 Territories of Nature Reserve Fund

160 Territories of Emerald Network sites

183 Thousands of hectares of burned forests



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Activities of the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Natural Resources related to the project

1. National Biodiversity Conservation Strategy and Action Plan

2. Ensuring preservation of species and habitats of flora and fauna requiring specific protection measures in Europe

3. Legislation and implementation of measures regarding invasive alien species

5. Implementation of climate policy

4. A national system for monitoring biological and landscape diversity

6. Implementation of the State Forest Management Strategy of Ukraine until 2035

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Support to protect biodiversity and natural ecosystems (Emerald Network)

Development of recommendations for Emerald Network management plans

Status: preparation to launch procurement process for consultancy services

Key tasks:

- Develop methodological guidelines on preparing Emerald Site Management Plans and pilot Management Plans for 3 selected sites
- Develop training program to build institutional capacity

Expected:

Creation of methodological recommendations for effective management of the Emerald Network sites

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Promoting sustainable natural resources management, economic development and participation at local community level

Community involvement and engagement on forests and other natural resources management

Status: developed technical task for discussion with the Ministry and other interested stakeholders

Key tasks:

- Conduct baseline mapping for community engagement in forests and other NRM
- Support 8 targeted communities with developing business plans for economic activities to engage in better forest and natural resources management

Expected Impact:

Development of practical approaches to involve communities in effective sustainable management of forests and other natural resources

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Support to the promotion of legal trade and preventing illegal trade in wood products

- **Strengthening timber/wood trade control systems**

Status: Developed ToR for consultancy services to develop recommendations for technical task design of the updated Unified State Electronic Timber Tracking System 2.0

- **Promoting innovation and technology to strengthen export and trade controls over timber/wood**

Status: Draft ToR prepared for consultancy services to develop the Concept of Timber Operations Declaration System in Ukraine

Expected impact:

Establishment of the framework for the comprehensive state system for ensuring the legality of the origin of timber and its products in Ukraine

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Enhancing strategic financing to the forest and natural resource management sectors

Scoping report on identification of climate finance and carbon pricing opportunities in the forestry sector of Ukraine

Status: selection of the consultancy provider

Key tasks:

- Scoping of climate finance and carbon pricing readiness options for the forestry sector
- Evaluation of MRV existing arrangements for forestry sector, gap analysis, and improvement recommendations

Expected Impact:

Strengthening the country's climate change mitigation potential in the forestry sector, as well as facilitating implementation of the international climate commitments

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Enhancing strategic financing to the forest and natural resource management sectors

Developing country investment and financing plans for natural capital conservation and sustainable utilization

Status: selection of the consultancy provider

Key tasks:

- Baseline assessment of forest and ecosystem services values and financing needs
- Develop recommendations on the integration of ecosystem services in national legislation
- Conduct a study to estimate the value of ecosystem services and perform a comparative economic analysis of traditional forest management practices and forest conservation measures (including the restriction of forest management) under the condition of compensating ecosystem services
- Undertake an analytical study to identify the role of forests and other ecosystems in meeting climate mitigation and adaptation targets as formulated in the NDC, assess investment needs for maximizing realization of this potential, and identify sources of funding for such investments

