

## New approaches to sustainable intensive forest management and their practical implementation within the forestry regulatory framework



**Aim of study tour:** To exchange best practices experiences of intensive forest management, that increase productivity and ensure sustainability within the forestry regulatory framework.

**Overarching question:** How can secondary forests be managed more productively and sustainably within the forestry regulatory framework?

### Key underlying questions that will focus the study tour:

1. What barriers inhibit sustainable forest management intensification under the new forestry regulatory framework, and which solutions can enable it?
2. What is sustainable intensive forest management, and which innovative best practice examples demonstrate it?
3. What biodiversity conservation best practices could be applied within the framework of IFM?
4. What should an intensive forest management database consist of, and how could it be used for successful introduction of intensive forest management?
5. What could a 'Boreal Forest Academy' look like, and how would it work to develop a skilled workforce to increase productivity, but ensure sustainability?

### General Information

- We encourage all participants to use closed shoes, regarding field conditions, and to bring protective wear
- The transfer bus to Kotlas hotel leaves Syktyvkar **on June, 24 at 11.30. Meeting point:** Syktyvkar airport arrival gate.

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# AGENDA

## Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> of June

12:30	<b>Meeting</b> of the workshop participants in Syktyvkar
13:00 – 18:00	Bus transfer to Kotlas
18:00	<b>Arrival to Kotlas</b> , accommodation in Sapphire hotel



## Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> of June

from 07:00	Breakfast
08:30 – 09:00	Welcome coffee break
09:00 – 10:00	<b>Workshop opening</b> <i>Conference hall of Sapphire hotel (Kotlas)</i>
10:00 – 11:10	Transfer to Cheryomyshskoye forestry unit in Kotlas forest district
11:10 – 11:50	<b>Forest site visit</b> where thinning with merchantable wood removal took place. - discussion of even approach to thinning operations - discussion of tree selection intensity
11:50 – 12:00	<b>Transfer</b> to forest compartment 113 of Cheryomyshskoye forestry unit
12:00 – 13:30	<b>Forest site visit:</b> - biodiversity conservation, key biotopes, group activity ‘collection of herbarium’ - green targeting: international practices of forest zoning and FM planning
13:30 – 14:00	<b>Transfer</b> to café ‘Severyanka’ in Koryazhma
14:00 – 14:40	Lunch
14:40 – 15:30	<b>Transfer</b> to forest compartment 115 of Kotlas forestry unit
15:30 – 16:10	<b>Forest site visit:</b> - thinning with merchantable wood removal; - thinning equipment and technology; - discussion: challenges and opportunities of thinning with merchantable wood removal;
16:10 – 16:25	<b>Transfer</b> to forest compartment 139 of Kotlas forestry unit
16:25 – 17:00	<b>Forest site visit</b> of thinnings in pine stands conducted in 2013. Discussion of thinning results and required intensity of thinnings.
17:00 – 17:40	<b>Transfer</b> to Sapphire hotel
17:40 – 18:35	<b>Football: Russia vs Uruguay (2nd half)</b>
19:00	Dinner at Sapphire hotel restaurant

## Tuesday, 26th of June

from 07:00	Breakfast, hotel check out
09:00 – 09:40	<b>Transfer</b> to Koryazhma, meeting with Ilim Group
09:40 – 11:30	<b>Transfer</b> to forest compartment 49 of Kuratovskoye forestry unit
11:30 – 12:30	<b>Visit</b> of demonstrational forest site Shirokiy Priluk where thinnings in mixed pine and spruce stands were conducted in 2013. Discussion of thinning results and required intensity of thinnings.
12:30 – 13:30	International practices of FM planning regarding minimization of its impact on freshwater ecosystems
13:30 – 14:10	Lunch in the forest
14:10 – 15:30	Practical exercises
15:30 – 17:00	<b>Transfer</b> to Vizinga, Mondi nursery
17:00 – 18:00	<b>Mondi Nursery visit:</b> Discussion of closed root seedling production; zonation of seed plantation; forest-seed establishment
18:00 – 19:00	Coffee break. Transfer to Finno-Ugric Ethnopark
19:00 – 19:30	Check into Finnougoria hotel
from 20:00	Dinner

## Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> of June

from 07:00	Breakfast
08:00 – 10:00	Transfer to Noschul
10:00 – 11:00	<b>Visit of forest sites</b> after commercial thinning
11:00 – 12:30	<b>Visit of forest sites</b> – demonstration of excavator soil cultivation, scarification, ball-rooted trees transplantation
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch in logging camp. Transfer
13:30 – 17:00	<b>Forest site visit</b> with discussion of agrotechnical and silvicultural tending. Topics to discuss: thinning in forest plantations and natural young stands; planning and road infrastructure – roads, bridges, etc.
17:00 – 19:00	Coffee break Transfer to hotel
19:00 – 20:00	<b>Working in groups</b>
from 20:00	Dinner

## Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> of June

from 08:00	Breakfast, hotel check out and load bags on bus
09:00 – 12:30	<b>World Café &amp; marketplace</b> that brings together the discussions from the week to finalize ideas and solutions to the 5 study tour questions. Coffee during the discussions.
12:30 – 14:00	Natural park visit, interactive activities
14:00 – 16:00	Informal closing words and open air lunch
16:30 – 18:00	Bus transfer to Syktyvkar airport