

MODERN SOCIO-ECONOMIC APPROACHES TO THE FOREST MANAGEMENT IN UKRAINE

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The article is devoted to the modern social and economic approaches to the forest management in Ukraine. A comparative analysis of the state forest management and a participatory forest management are represented. The participatory forest management in comparison to the traditional forest management by the state authorities is more flexible, which contributes to closer integration between forestry, economy and society.

The main types of community-based forest management are considered. The difference between the participatory forest management and community-based forest management is explained by different range of stakeholders. The participatory forest management introduces not only the local community, but also people outside the community. According to Ukrainian legislation, local community is a set of people, combined by permanent residence within the village or town, which is independent administrative-territorial unit, or a voluntary association of residents of several villages with a single administrative centre. Recognition and iden-

tification of all stakeholders and promotion of their participation in forest management is particularly important for rural development and development of forest industry in Ukraine.

The author pays attention to the main advantages and disadvantages of the participatory forest management. The main costs for the implementation of the participatory forest management are costs on scientific research and preliminary assessment, costs for communication and awareness, costs on stakeholders training, costs for preparing specific plans and strategies.

For implementing of the participatory forest management in Ukraine, forestry enterprises should develop and realize programs of active involving all stakeholders at different stages of the forest management. The participatory forest management in Ukraine will increase the transparency of decision making in forestry, ensure equitable regulation of forest conflict, proper use and conservation of forest resources in the long term.