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"Maleshevo" - Berovo

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"Osogovo" - Kriva Palanka

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"Plachkovica" - Radovis

"Plachkovitsa" - Vinica

"Belasica" - Strumica

"Salandzak" - Valandovo

"Kozuv" - Gevgelija

Demir Kapija - Demir Kapija

"Bor" - Kavadarci

"Black Bor" - Prilep

"Babuna" – Veles

"Forestry" - Sveti Nikole

"Kajmakchalan" - Bitola

"Bigla" - Demir Hisar

"Lipa" - Krushevo

"Prespurvo" - Resen

"Galicica" - Ohrid

"Jablanica" - Struga

"Stogo" - Debar

"Lopusnik" - Kichevo

"Sandanski" - Makedonski Brod

"Shar" - Gostivar

"Leshnica" - Tetovo

"Karadzica" - Skopje

"Kumanovo" - Kumanovo

"Golak" - Delchevo

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More information in English is available from the Public Enterprise 'Makedonski Sumi' webpage: http://www.mkdsumi.com.mk/index_mkd_sumi_en.php?page=1

Forest resources – Forests in Macedonia

Forests occupies almost one third of dry land of the planet Earth and as a rule are found at those locations where, because of unfavorable climate, sterile land, inaccessible regions and land configuration, are inconvenient for agricultural production or other use. According to survey of absolute of 35% and relative forested area of 0,47ha per citizen, Republic of Macedonia, with area 2 571 000 ha and number of citizens 1 909 000 and forest covered land 835.055,82ha, is on the lowest part of surveys in the region(in front of Slovenia and Monte Negro).

The natural conditions of R.M conditioned by location, climate, relief, geologic structure of terrain, hydrologic-hydrographic features and similar, enable existence and growth of great number of plant and animal species. Because of that, our country belongs to countries with rich biodiversity. A great number of plant and animal species are relics and endemic as well.

The flora representing the forests in R. M comprise 319 sorts of trees and bushes with more than 80 subtypes and varieties within 119 genes and 54 families, and 16% of total number of species are endemic or sub endemic on the Balkans. According to the previous explorations wood sorts of trees and bushes create 81 wood phytocenosis within 31 associations, 11 genes and 6 classes.

Republic of Macedonia occupies 2.543 200 ha of the land.

According to the latest data of the Special plans of woods management which are for commercial use (statement,2008), total forest area in RM amounts to 1.091.857,59 ha, from which 835.055,82 ha are totally forest covered area and 256.801,77 ha of the forest is non-covered forest area (bare lands).

It should be mentioned that there are still 80.000 ha or 7,32% forest and forest land with small commercial importance for which are no processed Forest-commercial bases.

The forest covered area occupies 255.444,74 ha high trunk forest plants, 546.179.40ha low trunk forest plants, 14.459,50 ha forest herbs and 18.978,18 ha are under bushes.

Total forest reserve according to the same data base amounts to 75.939.573 m³, that is 91 m³/ha. Total annual growth amounts to 1.616.782 m³, that is 1.93 m³/ha.

Total anticipated growth for 10 years amounts to 10.948.149 m³, or annually 1.094.815m³. Its exploitation amounts to 75%.

According to the statistical year book of Republic of Macedonia 2004 (January.10.Forestry), Public statistics institute of Republic of Macedonia, 90,14% of the total forest area in RM are in public ownership, while in the total wood reserve the Public sector participates with 92,20%. Private forests participate with 9.86% of total forest area and participate with 7.8% of the total wood reserve.

Forestry in Republic of Macedonia is economic branch which in gross national product participates with 0.3 to 0.5 %, however if we give value to the generally useful functions, the contribution is considerably greater.

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