



HCVF process in Bulgaria

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Development

- 2003-2004 the HCVF toolkit was adapted for Bulgaria
- 2004-2005 first field test in 3 forest areas:
 - First was done by independent party (Swiss-Bulgarian Forest Programme)
 - The rest two were for FSC certification process
- 2005 the toolkit was finished and distributed





Development

- The Toolkit include identification, management, monitoring parts
- As much simplified as possible
- Deliver as many practical information as possible
- Annexes for each HCVF category
- Identification of HCV2 on national level





Implementation

- Introducing the Toolkit in the National FSC FM Standards
- Using of the Toolkit by FSC Certification Bodies
- Wide national recognition: ENGOs, UNDP, WB, State Forest Administration
- Lobby to be part of the legislative provisions
- Using as base for FM Planning
- Already implemented in 16 FMUs
- Identification and mapping of HC VF in 2 more FMUs in the moment
- Base for mapping of Biodiversity Important Forests of BirdLife project for Bulgaria and Romania (HCV 1-3)





News and Next steps

- Improvement of the species Annexes for HCV 1.2 in 2007:
 - 2 more plant species included in the list;
 - Non-disturbance zones for animals within and out of the reproduction periods
- Opportunity to influence/include EU High Nature Value Areas for farmland and forests
- Opportunities to use for PES schemes
- Including in the assessments important for local communities eco-tourism and recreational functions (HCV5)
- Practical methodology for NTFP inventory and sustainable use under development (HCV5)

