The experience and problems of environmental audit

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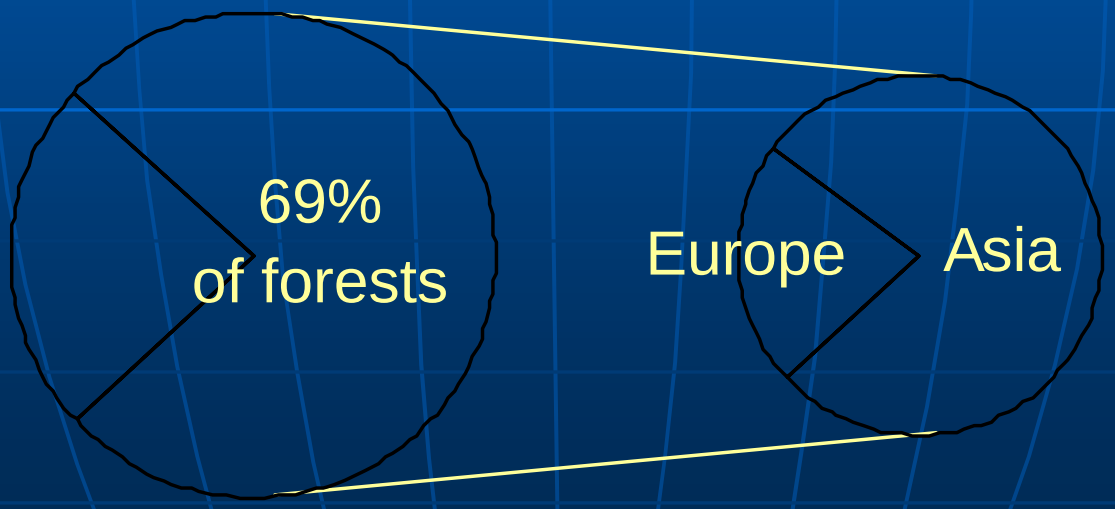
The main types of environmental audit

1. expert and analytical measures to assess the efficiency of the use of different kinds of natural resources (waters, forests, subsurface resources, water biological resources).
2. environmental audit as an integral part of checking the efficiency of the use of public funds aimed at the protection of the environment and natural resources.
3. international parallel environmental audit.

The forest reserves of Russia

- The forest reserves of the Russian Federation occupy more than 1 billion hectares, which is 69% of its territory, and herein, 78% of the forests are situated in the Asian part, and 22% in the European part of the country.
- About 600 cubic meters of wood fall to one Russian citizen.



Environmental audit

- Efficiency audits to check the application of funds allocated for the implementation of measures within the target programs Regeneration of the Volga and Protection of the Baikal Lake.
- Efficiency audits to check the application of funds allocated to ensure safety of major water development facilities in the Northern Caucasus and the Urals (the Krasnodarskoye, Tsimlyanskoye and Yumaguzinskoye water reservoirs).

International parallel environmental audit

- Two international parallel environment protection audits in the Baltic Sea based on the Helsinki Convention (the terms of conducting the audits: 2000-2001 and 2004-2005).
- An international parallel audit in cooperation with the following countries: Ukraine, Romania, Bulgaria, Turkey, - to control the fulfillment of the obligations resulting from the Convention on the Protection of the Black Sea against Pollution (the Bucharest Convention).
- An efficiency audit to check the application of public funds allocated for environmental measures in Kaliningrad Region and in the Neman river basin.