

Export of biomass from Russia in the context of climate change policies

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Core activities

- Sustainable development of the forest sector
- Customs cooperation
- Timber port logistics
- Trade facilitation procedures
- Biomass trade logistics



Recent activities in 2003

 Conference on "Sustainable development of the Forestry Complex of Northwest Russia and expanding interaction with EU countries in environment protection"

(11- 12 September, St. Petersburg)

- Workshops at the 5th International Forestry Forum "Russian Timber Complex in the XXI century"

On Timber Port Logistics

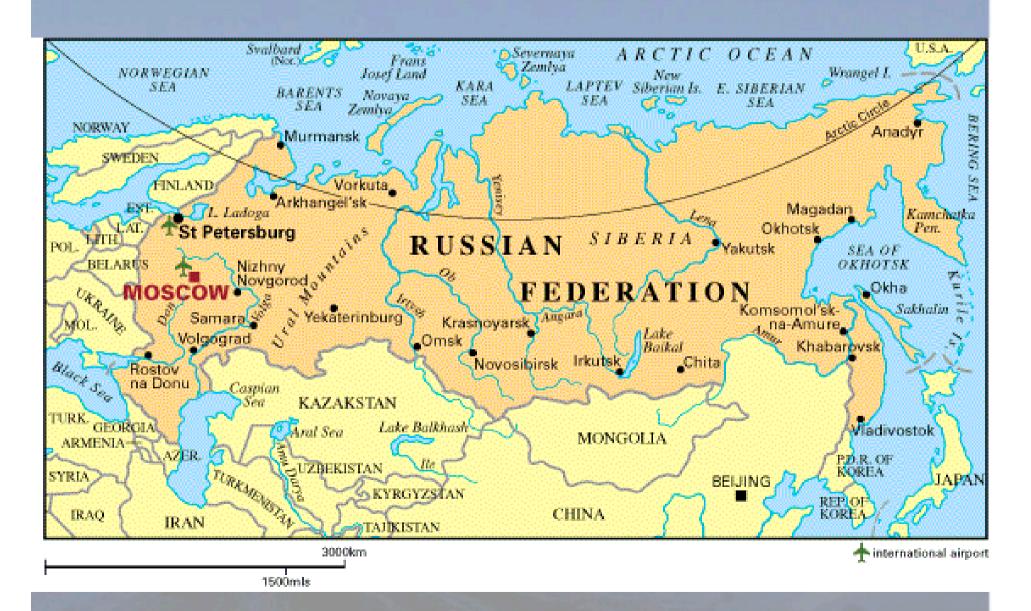
On Sustainable Development

(14-18 October, St. Petersburg)

- Conference on "Sustainable Development Strategies at enterprise level"

(9-10 December, St. Petersburg)

The Russian Federation

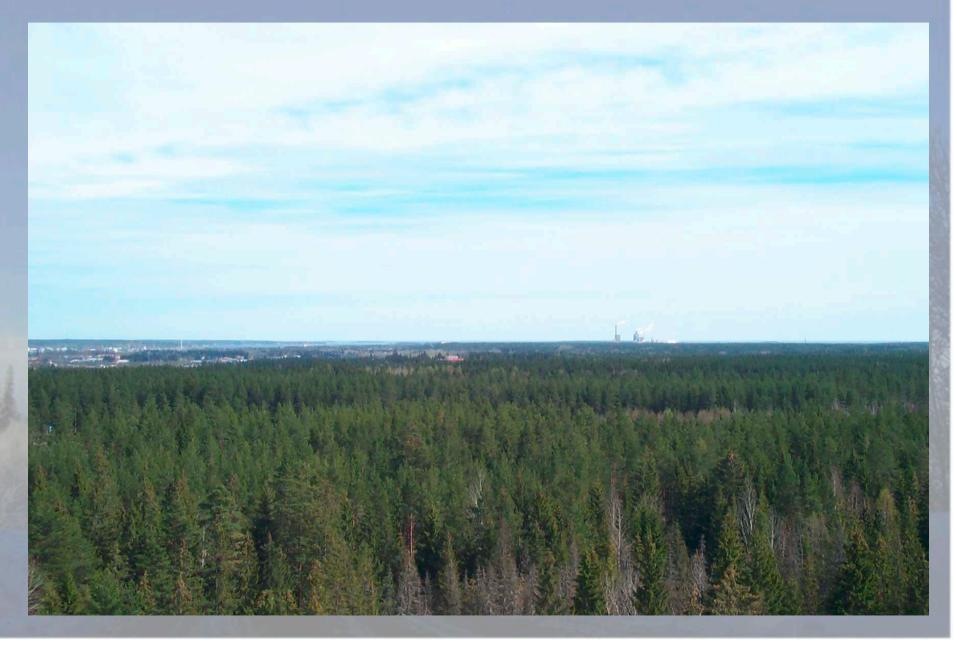




Biomass as Alternative Energy

"Organic matter available on a renewable basis including forest residues, wood and wood waste."

Vast forests resources

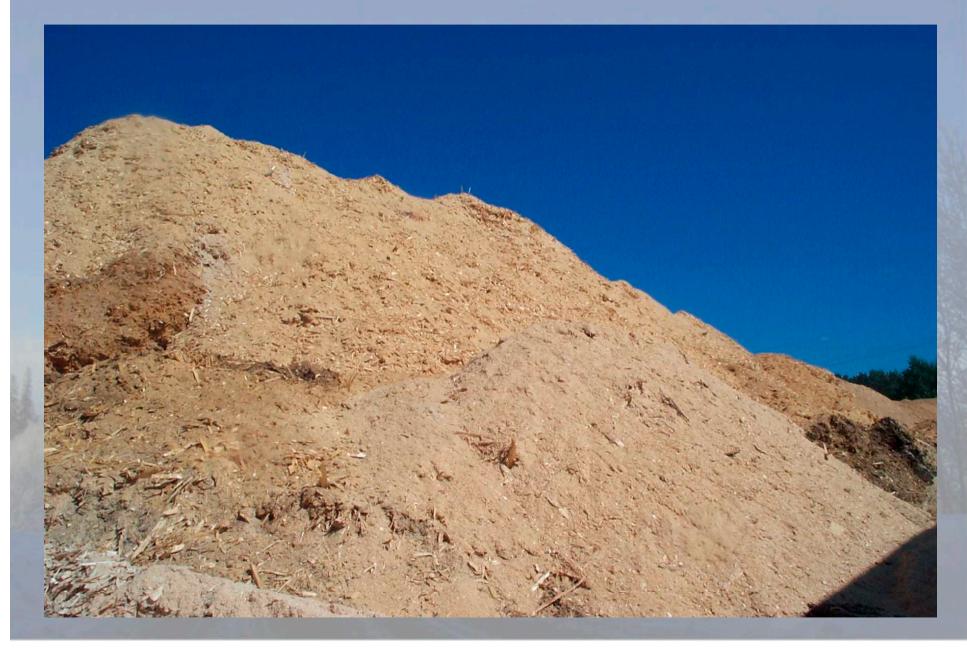




Timber Resources of Russia



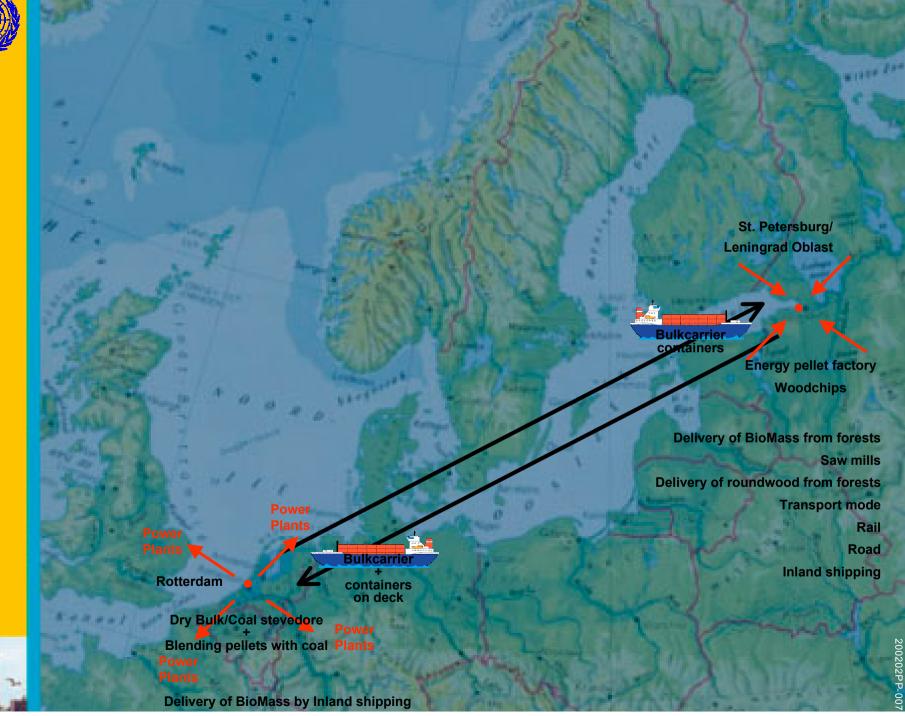
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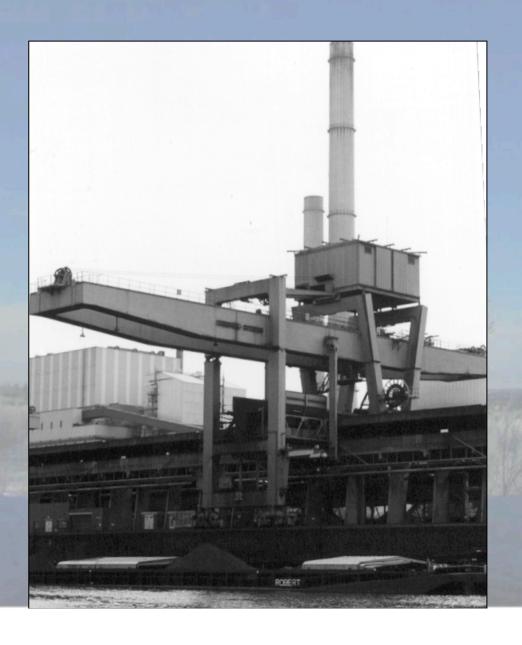
EMO terminal Rotterdam



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One of the final destinations



Amer powerplant water depth 4 m. expected volume biomass approx 1 million tons



Large scale international bio-energy trade

Advantages:

- CO₂-neutral biomass resources are utilised efficiently on a large scale
- New markets may generate substantial income sources for relatively poor world regions
- Energy markets world-wide may become more stable due to a large number of energy suppliers compared to the current situation



Bio-energy trade

- Direct transport of biomass materials (chips, logs, bales)
- Intermediate energy carriers (such as bio-oil or charcoal)
- High-quality energy carriers
 (such as ethanol and methanol, or electricity)



A new market opportunity

Bio-trade schemes have a very large potential to mitigate GHG emissions and contribute to sustainable development



They could be a key component of the future world's energy system



Opportunities

- Sustainable logistics chain
- Certification of woody biomass
- Coordinated approach
- Training at enterprise level



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