

Multi-level and multi-stakeholder governance of non-timber forest products? Cases from Ukraine and the Russian Federation

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AIM To analyse and compare the governance arrangements related to NTFPs in the two largest post-Soviet countries in transition economies



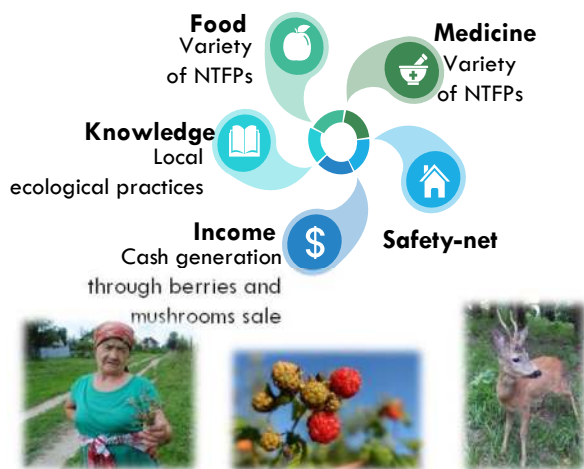
METHODS

Analysis of institutional frameworks:

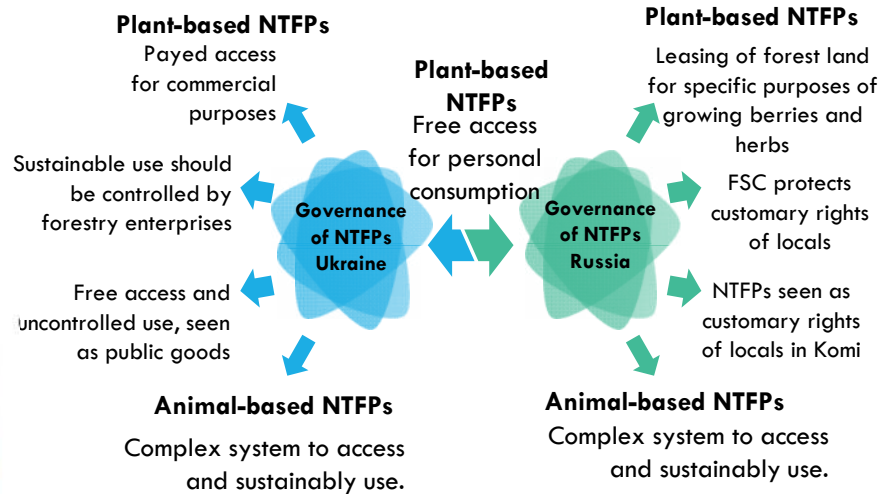
- 17 legal documents
- FSC forest certification standards
- 48 expert interviews

RESULTS

Role of NTFPs for local livelihoods

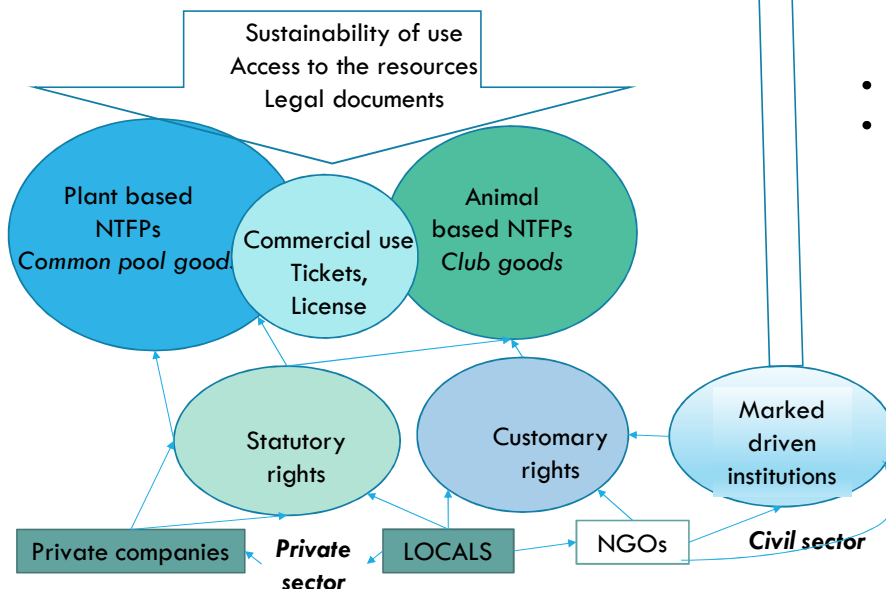


Case studies in Ukraine and Russia



NTFPs GOVERNANCE

Public sector: Government agencies at multiple levels



Challenges in governance of NTFPs:

- include many plant- and animal-based sub-categories
- have economic, social, cultural, and ecological importance for diverse range of stakeholders
- Complex and obscure legislation
- Under-estimated values of NTFPs contribution

New governance arrangements are needed to empower local communities:

- to find ways to protect their rights,
- to sustain the resources,
- to produce value-added products
- Involve into forest management



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