

Project Update: March 2017

Complete raw data and preliminary results on economic valuation of ecosystem services and biodiversity conservation in the Codru forest

The research component of the Codru Quest project has progressed further. There are now 100 responses to the choice modeling survey on economic valuation of ecosystem services in the Codru Nature Reserve and the Codru forest in Moldova collected. These responses and the Willingness-to-Pay (WTP) data provided by the respondents have been analysed and a publication with the first raw data and preliminary results entitled „*The Codru Quest: Phase I Results. Second edition*” has been released. It is now available for reading, downloading, and using at https://issuu.com/megageneration/docs/mega_-_the_codru_quest_-_phase_i_re_7d8864fd8d80bd.

Besides the WTP data, the survey allowed us to collect valuable feedback and suggestions on improving the economic valuation study in general and the choice modelling survey in particular. We will use these suggestions in preparing the survey for a larger-scale research during the second and third phases of the Codru Quest.

What comes next is processing of the WTP data obtained, calculation of values of ecosystem services and biodiversity conservation in the Codru forest, and presentation of the results, as well as their inclusion in our upcoming environmental education activities.