

Sustainable Forestry in Krasnoyarsk Region, 1993-1996

At the invitation of Pacific Environment, in 1993 Susan and Herb Hammond spent three weeks as part of a group of foreign experts visiting the Russian Far East and Krasnoyarsk Region to visit various forest communities and operations. In Krasnoyarsk, the group met with scientists from the Scientific Research Institute, government foresters, and the head of operations of a village sawmill.

In 1994, five of the Russians visited by the Hammonds came to Canada to learn more about Silva's method of working with communities to prepare ecosystem-based conservation plans. While visiting the Silva office, the Russians were hosted by local Doukhobors whose ancestors immigrated from Russia in the early 1900s. The Russians were amazed that the Doukhobors still speak Russian after so many years in Canada.



Russian forestry practitioners visit Silva and stay with local Doukhobor families.

In 1995, Herb Hammond returned to Russia, again to the Krasnoyarsk region and also to the area near Barnaul not far north of the Mongolian border.

In 1996, Russians from Krasnoyarsk region made a return visit to Canada.