



ENSURE ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

TARGETS:

- 1. Integrate the principles of sustainable development into national policies and programmes and reverse the losses of environmental resources;*
- 2. Halve by 2015 the proportion of people without sustainable access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation*
- 3. Have achieved by 2020 significant improvements in the lives of people in terms of safety of their dwellings*

STATUS OF PROGRESS:

The territory under forests has been reducing between 2001 and 2004, with some stability of about 38% over the recent years. A Strategy on Sustainable Development of Forestry has been adopted and it is assumed that the implementation of the planned measures will lead to slight increase in the percentage of territory under forests in the forthcoming period. The cumulative area of protected territories has been steadily increasing: in 2006 the number of protected areas was 16, amounting to 80% of the entire Emerald Network. CO2 emissions per capita in the country are lower than in other transition countries. Between 1997 and 2007, over 97% of the total ODS consumption were eliminated. The proportion of the population (households) using solid fuels was 79.9% in 2007 and has had an upward trend owing to the social circumstances in the country. A high percentage (88.9%) of the total number of households receives drinking water from public water supply systems, while 59.9% have access to public sewage.