

## Data Sheet

<b>USAID Mission:</b>	Ukraine
<b>Program Title:</b>	Environment
<b>Pillar:</b>	Economic Growth, Agriculture and Trade
<b>Strategic Objective:</b>	121-0416
<b>Proposed FY 2004 Obligation:</b>	\$474,000 FSA
<b>Prior Year Unobligated:</b>	\$182,000 FSA
<b>Proposed FY 2005 Obligation:</b>	\$0
<b>Year of Initial Obligation:</b>	FY 2003
<b>Year of Final Obligation:</b>	FY 2005

**Summary:** This Special Objective introduces progressive practices that promote sound environmental management for increased environmental protection and sustainable development. The objective includes providing technical assistance and training to the government, industry, and NGOs: to strengthen Ukraine's environmental policy, legal, and regulatory framework; to increase environmental investments and promote environmentally sound technologies; to improve environmental management at public and private facilities; and to involve citizens and NGOs in improved environmental decision-making.

### Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

#### FY 2004 Program:

Land and Resource Management (\$374,406 FSA). USAID will continue support to the Ukrainian Land and Resource Management Center (ULRMC) with an emphasis on increasing public understanding of environmental problems and sustainable management of natural resources. The goal of USAID assistance is to strengthen Ukrainian capacity to use remote sensing, geographic information systems (GIS), and internet technologies for effective public policy development and decision-making. The ULRMC applies remote sensing and GIS technologies to prevent, prepare for, and respond to natural or man-made disasters; develop policies for the sustainable use of natural resources; preserve biological diversity and protect natural areas; and communicate and manage environmental health risks. The prime implementing partners are the Altarum Institute and the U.S. Geological Survey.

Project Design and Management (\$99,594 FSA, \$181,689 FSA carryover). These resources provide USAID/Ukraine with essential staff and technical support for monitoring and management of respective activities under this special objective.

#### FY 2005 Program:

**Performance and Results:** In FY 2003, USAID-funded environmental activities in Ukraine continued to emphasize addressing environmental problems at the local level. USAID activities promoted increased investment in environmental technologies and improvements in environmental management, facilitated environmental policy development, and increased citizen participation in environmental decision-making. FY 2003 results indicate that combining environmental training and study tours in order to develop individual action plans is a cost-effective approach for improving the capabilities of regional and local authorities, NGOs and facility managers while addressing specific local environmental problems.

Local environmental action plans are under public discussion in each of the project's communities. As a direct result of a particularly receptive response to an on-going Local Environmental Action Program (LEAP), local community leaders chartered the formation of 22 new environmentally-associated NGOs, which exceeded the expectations of the initial work plan. Three LEAP centers of excellence and four information repositories were also established.

The USAID-supported ULRMC applied remote sensing and GIS technologies to assist Ukraine in managing such problems as flooding and fires near the Chernobyl exclusion zone, flooding in the Tysa River basin, forests in the Carpathian Mountains, biodiversity in the Azov Sea - Black Sea corridor, and protected areas in Crimea and Transcarpathia.

Other Developments: USAID continued to help Ukraine meet its commitments under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), stimulated investment in projects for the mitigation of green house gas (GHG) emissions, improved Ukraine's GHG emissions inventory by completion of the inventory for the power sector, and raised public awareness about the problem of global climate change. USAID's EcoLinks program, completed in July 2003, resulted in improved environmental management and efficiency at public and private enterprises.