

The time has finally come to forbid any logging of Siberian nut pine whatsoever in the south of the Primorskiy Kray for at least twenty years. The sooner we do this the faster the taiga will be able to recuperate after many years of depletionary exploitation.

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Siberian Nut Pines Acclimatized to Life in Archangel Oblast

Experts from the Archangel Oblast Forestry Administration have completed an inventory of Siberian nut pine plantings in the northern part of the Oblast. The young groves cover 650 hectares. The forestry enterprises are protecting all the groves, plots and individual trees.

These measures were taken because of concern over the fate of these Siberian transplants: the stands had begun to thin. The White Sea taiga is not within the Siberian nut pine distribution zone. Nevertheless, local foresters have long been attempting to grow these strong and beautiful trees here. The oldest groves of the evergreens, which were planted in the grounds of the old Solovkov and Siy monasteries, have produced pine nuts.

O. Kalin, Chief of the Reforestation Section of the Forestry Administration, noted that 15 kilogrammes of seeds were recently harvested there. "These seeds will be used to grow seedlings in our greenhouses. We have devised a full set of measures for protecting these trees."